

SOVEREIGN 1911

Chapter 1911: No Difficulty Is Insurmountable If Your Heart Is Set Into It

A young man standing near Duan Ling Tian glanced indifferently at the altar's surroundings before he shifted his eyes back to the two Bronze Flame Elders and asked curiously, "What are they doing?"

One of the Bronze Flame Elders raised a brow and said nonchalantly, "They're comprehending the high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier, of our Black Turtle Sanctum!"

"Black Turtle's Barrier!" At once, the eyes of the group of new Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples, including Duan Ling Tian, brightened.

Some of them had come to the Fire Worship Sect for the sake of the religion while some of them came for the sake of a better future.

Put everything aside, just by becoming the disciples of the Four Symbols Sanctums that was ranked quite low in the Fire Worship Sect, one would be given the chance to comprehend the high-grade Divine Ability that was passed down since ancient times in each Sanctum.

In the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums, apart from outstanding disciples with high innate talent who would be given a chance to enter the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land and become a disciple there, any disciple who managed to successfully comprehend the high-grade Divine Ability would instantly be given a permit to enter the Saint Land and become a disciple even if their innate talent was not so good!

The Fire Worship Sect's disciples were separated into outer disciples and Saint Land disciples.

The outer disciples consisted of the Four Symbols Sanctums' disciples.

The Saint Land disciples, on the other hand, were disciples who cultivated in the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land. They were considered as elite disciples in the Fire Worship Sect.

Entering the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land to become a Saint Land disciple was the dream of every Four Symbols Sanctums' disciple.

The Saint Land held many things that they could only dream about. If they managed to enter the Saint Land, their chance of becoming a true powerhouse in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land would increase greatly!

Soon after, someone else took a deep breath before asking excitedly, "Elder, I heard that the Black Turtle Sanctum's high-grade Divine Ability is the best among the four high-grade Divine Abilities in the Four Symbols Sanctum. Is this true?"

"It's true." One of the Bronze Flame Elders nodded. "The Black Turtle's Barrier in our Black Turtle Sanctum is a defensive Divine Ability. In terms of grade, it's much higher than the other three high-grade Divine Abilities from the other three Sanctums. However, since it's of a higher grade, the difficulty to comprehend it is a lot higher as well!"

“It’s said that in the current times, there are less than ten people who have successfully comprehended the high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier. Is this true as well?” Somebody asked again.

“Less than ten people?”

“No way! So few?!”

“Currently, I heard there are more than ten thousand people who have left the Black Turtle Sanctums, but there are less than ten people who have successfully comprehended the high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier. This can’t be true, right?”

“I find it hard to believe as well.”

“It can’t be true! It’s just too absurd!”

Before the two Elders could respond, the people had already begun to discuss among themselves. They all felt it could not be true. Even Duan Ling Tian found it hard to believe.

‘It can’t be that difficult to comprehend a high-grade Divine Ability, right?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Apart from the high-grade Divine Ability, the Golden Crow’s Wings, that Elder Huo passed down to him using a special method, he remembered that he had easily comprehended and mastered the high-grade Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the Otherworldly Celestial.

It was good that nobody could hear Duan Ling Tian’s thoughts. Put the others aside, even the two Bronze Flame Elders standing nearby, would feel like slapping Duan Ling Tian if they knew what he was thinking!

There was actually someone who felt it was easy to comprehend a high-grade Divine Ability?

“It’s true!” When the group of Black Turtle Sanctum’s new disciples, including Duan Ling Tian, shifted their eyes back to the Black Turtle Sanctum’s elders, one of the elders nodded solemnly. “Currently, there are less than people in Fire Worship Sect who have successfully comprehended the high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier!”

“It’s true?”

Duan Ling Tian and the others were greatly shocked.

It took a while before they regained their senses and broke into an uproar!

“My goodness! How difficult is it to successfully comprehend our Black Turtle Sanctum’s high-grade Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier? There are many people from the Black Turtle Sanctum in the Fire Worship Sect, but there are less than ten people who have successfully comprehended it?”

“Initially, I thought it’s best to enter the Black Turtle Sanctum since I can comprehend the best high-grade Divine Ability Black in the Four Symbols Sanctums. Now that I look at it, it’s going to be difficult to successfully comprehend the Black Turtle’s Barrier!”

“Although one doesn’t need to rely on one’s Innate Spiritual Root, the rate of successfully comprehend the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, is still one out of 1000. I know myself well, I’m sure it’ll be difficult for me to comprehend the Black Turtle’s Barrier!”

“Why wasn’t I selected by the Azure Dragon Sanctum, White Tiger Sanctum or the Vermilion Bird Sanctum’s elders? Although the Divine Abilities from the other three Sanctums are slightly inferior, it’s easier to comprehend!”

Many people complained about how they were not chosen by the elders from the other three Sanctums.

“Hurmph!” The two Bronze Flames Elders snorted before they smirked.

One of them said indifferently, “As the number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect, it’s only natural that it’s going to be difficult to comprehend. However, do you think it’s so easy to comprehend the Divine Abilities from the other three Sanctums?”

“Exactly!” The other Bronze Flame Elder smirked and chimed in, “For the Divine Abilities from the other three Sanctums, whether it’s the Azure Dragon Sanctum’s assist-type Divine Ability, the White Tiger Sanctum’s offensive Divine Ability or the Black Turtle Sanctum’s movement Divine Ability, although they’re not considered as the number one offensive, movement or assist-type Divine Ability in our Fire Worship Sect, they’re still in the top three. Although they’re not like the Black Turtle’s Barrier where less than people have successfully comprehended it, there are still less than thirty people who have successfully comprehended them! A high-grade Divine Ability is not as easy to comprehend as you think it is!”

‘Are high-grade Divine Abilities so difficult to comprehend?’ Duan Ling Tian was puzzled. In his opinion, it was not difficult for him to successfully comprehend the two high-grade Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the Otherworldly Celestial. It should not be difficult for him to comprehend other high-grade Divine Abilities as well. The hardest part was mastering a high-grade Divine Ability to the highest stage. Only then would the Divine Ability’s full power could be displayed.

However, based on the current situation, it seemed like it was difficult for others to comprehend a high-grade Divine Ability?

Duan Ling Tian was puzzled. As usual, he turned to Elder Huo when there was something he did not understand. He instantly asked him, “Elder Huo, why did they say it’s difficult to successfully comprehend a high-grade Divine Ability? Is it that difficult? Why don’t I find it difficult? I comprehended the Elementary Devouring Tactic and Otherworldly Celestial quite easily.”

“You really fail to appreciate your blessings!” Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Elder Huo could not help but smile wryly. “Do you know the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword, that your master passed down to you is an ultimate tactic that cultivates both sword and heart? As the saying goes, ‘No difficulty is insurmountable if your heart is set on it’. Comprehending Divine Abilities is closely related to a person’s heart. You’ve not made much progress with the Sovereign Heart Sword, but your heart seems to be thoroughly tempered. It’s naturally easy for you to comprehend Divine Abilities! If you can comprehend the Sovereign Heart Sword to the highest stage, it’ll

only take you three days and three nights at most to successfully cultivate a high-grade Divine Ability!” When Elder Huo was speaking, envy could be heard in his tone. “I’ve told you before that your master is a peerless genius even in the Devata Realms! You’re extremely lucky for obtaining the Sovereign Heart Sword!”

“The Sovereign Heart Sword benefits me in this way as well? Isn’t this too amazing?!” Upon hearing Elder Huo’s words, Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. He felt as though this was his first time hearing about the Sovereign Heart Sword.

At this moment, he finally understood why it was so easy for him to comprehend the high-grade Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and the Otherworldly Celestial. As it turned out, it was all thanks to the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Taking a deep breath to suppress his excitement, Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo, “Then, does this mean that my heart will be further tempered and my Divine Ability comprehension speed will also be faster if I can comprehend the third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword?”

“Of course,” Elder Huo replied with certainty.

At once, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up as the excitement in his heart increased. ‘Then, does this mean the Black Turtle Sanctum’s high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, that ordinary people find difficult to comprehend will be easy for me to comprehend? I can’t believe the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, is the number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect! This Fire Worship Sect is one of the three most powerful sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. The Black Turtle’s Barrier that’s considered as the number one defensive Divine Ability here, should also be a top-tier defensive Divine Ability in the entire Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!’

Duan Ling Tian was excited because he would soon obtain a top defensive Divine Ability in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

“Black Turtle’s Barrier... The number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect?”

“No wonder it’s so difficult to successfully comprehend it!”

“Although the three Divine Abilities from the other three Sanctums are not as powerful as the Black Turtle’s Barrier, it doesn’t mean they’re not extraordinary as well. It’s not much easier to comprehend them compared to the Black Turtle’s Barrier!”

“Looks like it’ll depend on one’s comprehension skill no matter which Divine Ability one wants to comprehend.”

“Comprehension skill is not dictated by one’s Innate Spiritual Root. It’s still a mystery whether any of us will be able to successfully comprehend the Black Turtle’s Barrier!”

Upon hearing the replies from the two Bronze Flame Elders, the group of Black Turtle Sanctum’s new disciples no longer complained.

“I’m sure all of you have seen the palaces around the altar. Each of these palaces has its own functions. After we’ve arranged your accommodation, you can come and have a look and learn about them. Now,

follow us to the residence you'll be staying in!" Under the guidance of the two Bronze Flame Elders, Duan Ling Tian and the others made their way toward their future residence.

Chapter 1912: The Residence Of The Black Turtle Sanctum's Disciples

The residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples was located in the west of the Black Turtle Sanctum.

Many small thatched cottages that appeared shabby were erected on a vast land.

When one looked upward, one could see many islands suspended in the air. These suspended islands did not look very big. There were wooden houses on these islands. Although the wooden houses were bigger than the thatched cottages, it was only slightly bigger.

These suspended islands with wooden houses were all suspended on the same level. It would be difficult for one to tell how many suspended islands there were in just a glance.

Above these islands, one could see other suspended islands that were much bigger in size. There were houses with a small courtyard on these islands. In the courtyards that were filled with plants, a stone table and chair stood on it.

Compared to the wooden houses and thatched cottages below, the environment here was much much better.

As one continued to look upward, one would see ten huge islands. There was a mansion on each of the ten islands. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy looked like fog around the islands.

From afar, one could tell that the richness of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy around the houses with a courtyard, wooden houses, and thatched cottages could not compare to the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy on the ten suspended islands.

Duan Ling Tian and the others had followed the two Black Turtle Sanctum's Bronze Flame Elders to the outside of the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples.

Their eyes were all fixed on the mansions on the tens islands that were suspended on the highest level.

"Do you see the ten mansions? Those are the Primus houses that Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples stay in. Each of the houses has more than ten large-scale Spirit Gathering Formations so the cultivation environment there is not inferior to the cultivation environment of Lord Sanctum Leader, the Silver Flame Elders, and Bronze Flame Elders!" One of the Bronze Flame Elders explained to Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Ten large-scale Spirit Gathering Formations?

The cultivation environment was not inferior to Lord Sanctum Leader's residence?

The moment the Bronze Flame Elder finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened immediately. He was filled with excitement when he looked at the ten suspended islands.

The others took a deep breath when they stared at the mansions on the ten suspended islands with a burning gaze.

“The Primus house is the best residence for Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples, and they belong to the ten strongest disciples in the Black Turtle Sanctum,” the other Bronze Flame Elder chimed in.

The moment his words left his mouth, it seemed to have transformed into a bucket of cold water that was splashed on Duan Ling Tian and the others. They regained their senses and smiled wryly.

“No wonder... I was just thinking that not anyone can stay in such a place!”

“My goodness! The ten strongest disciples in the Black Turtle Sanctum must be at the Quintessential Saint Stage at the very least, right?”

“Of course! There are three methods for disciples from the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums to enter the Saint Land and become a disciple there!”

“I’ve heard about this as well. The first way is to comprehend the high-grade Divine Ability from their respective Sanctum. Second, if one has a high innate talent, one might be able to obtain special permission from their respective Sanctum Leader to enter the Saint Land. The final way is to pass the Saint Land’s assessment. Among the three methods, the Saint Land’s assessment is the most difficult!”

“That’s right! It’s said that one’s cultivation base has to be at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage in order to pass the Saint Land’s assessment. Not only that, but some of the Four Symbols Sanctums’ disciples who have just broken through to the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage could not pass the Saint Land assessment as well. It’s just too difficult!”

A few of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s new disciples who already knew about the ins and outs of the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums discussed among themselves.

“Doesn’t this mean the ten Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples staying in the mansions possess cultivation base at the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage? In fact, it’s very likely that some of them have cultivation base at the Mastery Quintessential Saint Stage. With my current strength, it’s impossible for me to stay in the Primus house to cultivate...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself when he heard their discussion. He was aware of his own strength, and he was not bothered that he would not be able to stay in a Primus house for the time being.

The fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda had been restored, and according to Elder Huo, the cultivation environment was very different from the third level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Who knew if it would surprise him?

Naturally, the cultivation environment outside would affect the cultivation environment inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda to a certain extent. Duan Ling Tian wished he would be able to cultivate in the Primus house as soon as he possibly could.

After learning that the ten Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples staying in the Primus houses were at least at the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s new disciples around Duan Ling

Tian no longer dared to harbor wishful thoughts. This was because their current strength was not a level where they could compete with the ten disciples living in the Primus houses.

Among the new disciples, the strongest was only at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. He was still far from breaking through to the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, let alone the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage.

They all instantly shifted their eyes to look at the 100 courtyards located at the bottom.

At the same time, the voice of one of the Bronze Flame Elders resonated in the air. "These 100 suspended courtyards are also one of the residences for our Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples. They're called Secundus houses. Although the cultivation environment is not as good compared to Primus houses, they have five large-scale Spirit Gathering Formations. That's half of what the Primus houses have!"

Secundus house!

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up as an eager expression appeared on his face.

The ten Primus houses belonged to Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who were at the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage or above.

The 100 Secundus houses must house Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who were at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage and the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage.

He was no match for the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, but he knew he stood a chance going against disciples at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage!

Among the new disciples, the few powerhouses at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage shared the same thought as Duan Ling Tian.

'With my cultivation base at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage, I should be able to stay in a Secundus house!'

"I don't believe I'm no match for the disciples living in the Secundus houses who have cultivation base at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. I must defeat one of them so I can stay there!"

"There should be a place for me in the Secundus houses!"

A few of the Black Turtle Sanctum's new disciples who were at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage said confidently.

However, one of the Bronze Flame Elders sneered when he saw how confident they were.

As the Black Turtle Sanctum's new disciples who were at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage looked at him, he pointed at the place below the Secundus houses. "Can you see the wooden houses and thatched cottages? Those are called Tertius houses and Quartus houses! There's a total of 1,000 Tertius houses and 10,000 Quartus houses. Not only that, but the occupancy rate is more than 80%! In other words, there are currently almost 10,000 disciples in our Black Turtle Sanctum. Did all of you think there

are less than 100 disciples at the Quintessential Saint Stage among these almost 10,000 disciples? You wish to stay in a Secundus house with the little strength that you possess? How ridiculous!” When the Bronze Flame Elders finished speaking, he burst out laughing.

The few new disciples at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage blushed. They were so embarrassed that they wished the ground would open and swallow them up.

“Almost 10,000 people?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard the Bronze Flame Elder’s words. It did not cross his mind that the Black Turtle Sanctum had so many disciples. Black Turtle Sanctum was just one of the four Sanctums in the Four Symbols Sanctums.

‘Does this mean there are almost 40,000 outer disciples in the Four Symbols Sanctums alone? There are still Saint Land disciples and high-ranking officials that I’ve not taken into count!’ When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he gasped. He just realized how big the Fire Worship Sect was. In comparison, he was just one person and not worth mentioning at all.

This was definitely the biggest sect that Duan Ling Tian had encountered. “As one of the three strongest sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the Fire Worship Sect really lives up to its name! Not only that, but even in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, these 40,000 people in the Fire Worship Sect can be considered as elites, let alone the outstanding powerhouses who’re standing above their peers. Those people are likely leaders in the Upper Province!”

“The Tertius houses contain three Spirit Gathering Formations, and there’s one Spirit Gathering Formation in the Quartus houses,” the Bronze Flame Elder said.

“I’m sure most of you have figured out the rules in this place. Apart from killing and intentionally crippling someone, you’re allowed to fight! As long as you’re strong enough, you’re allowed to seize a house from a Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple.” The Bronze Flame Elder’s words managed to rouse the spirit of the new Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples, including Duan Ling Tian.

“Everyone, please look for a Quartus house and change into the Black Turtle Sanctum’s uniform. After that, you can begin to look for a place to stay in. It’s fine if you have your eyes on residences that are occupied. You can take possession of it if you can defeat the owners!” The two Bronze Flame Elders instructed Duan Ling Tian and the others before they left.

Duan Ling Tian and the others quickly made their way to the Quartus houses.

The occupancy rate of the Quartus houses was indeed more than 80%. Only a little more than 1,000 thatched cottages were vacant.

“The news disciples are here?”

A few people walked out of the Quartus and Tertius houses and stared at the new disciples who had walked out of the Quartus houses after they had changed into their uniforms.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian walked out, he heard a familiar voice say, “I want to challenge you!”

When he lifted his head, he saw Gu Chun whom he had a small dispute with earlier hovering in front of a Tertius house. A Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple stood opposite him. Gu Chun possessed a green Innate Spiritual Root.

After that, Duan Ling Tian saw the other new disciples who also possessed green Innate Spiritual Roots. "They're here as well?"

Chapter 1913: The Donkey In A Lion's Skin

"Are you challenging me?" That Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple whom Gu Chun challenged seemed stunned.

Although he was not the strongest among all the disciples living in the 1,000 Tertius houses, he was ranked in the middle as a Mastery Exemplary Saint Stage Martial cultivator. However, a disciple who had just entered the Black Turtle Sanctum dared to challenge him for the ownership of the Tertius house he lived in?

When he regained his senses, he looked at Gu Chun with a cold gaze.

'Gu Chun's only at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, but he actually dares to challenge a senior disciple staying in a Tertius house?' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he narrowed his eyes. He could not figure out where Gu Chun got his courage from.

Among the senior disciples in Black Turtle Sanctum who lived in Tertius houses, there should not be many of them at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage. Most of them should be at the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage or above. Gu Chun had just arrived, but he dared to arbitrarily issue a challenge to a senior disciple?

The group of Black Turtle Sanctum's new disciples, including Duan Ling Tian, and some of the senior disciples from Black Turtle Sanctum quickly gathered around to watch the show.

"Wang Jiu, it seems like you look weak. To think that a newbie regards you as a soft persimmon!"

Many of the senior disciples from Black Turtle Sanctum laughed and mocked the disciple whom Gu Chun had challenged.

Wang Jiu's face turned green when he heard his companions mocking him. His gaze turned colder as he looked at Gu Chun. "Boy, I, Wang Jiu, accept your challenge! Come on! Show me how strong you are. To think you're so bold as to challenge me!"

As soon as he finished speaking, killing intent surged out of his body.

Gu Chun did not seem like he was going to make a move even when he saw Wang Jiu gathering his energy. Instead, he hovered in the air and stared at Wang Jiu calmly. "You're Wang Jiu?"

"What? You took the initiative to challenge me, are you afraid to make a move now?" Wang Jiu chuckled contemptuously with a disdainful expression on his face.

"Sometimes, there's no need for one to make a move to win a challenge. Who knows you might even take the initiative to admit defeat later, Senior Brother Wang Jiu?" Under the watchful eyes of the others, a faint smile appeared on Gu Chun's face. He seemed certain that he was going to win.

Upon hearing Gu Chun's words, Wang Jiu was stunned. However, he quickly regained his senses and smirked. "Admit defeat? Are you dreaming?"

"Admit defeat? Gu Chun is overestimating himself too much, right?" Many new disciples shook their heads. They looked at Gu Chun as though they were looking at an idiot.

"Is Gu Chun crazy? He's a new disciple at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage. Why is he so confident the senior disciple is going to admit defeat? He's daydreaming!"

"Does he really think he's invincible just because he possesses a green Innate Spiritual Root? How ridiculous!"

The new disciples with yellow Innate Spiritual Roots who came with Duan Ling Tian mocked Gu Chun. Nobody knew why, but the new disciples who came with Gu Chun remained silent.

A few of them seemed to be deep in thought as they looked at Gu Chun with a slight frown on their faces.

"Early Exemplary Saint Stage?" The senior disciples present on the scene soon learned of this from the discussion among the new disciples from Black Turtle Sanctum.

They looked at Wang Jiu and mocked him again.

"Wang Jiu, did you hear what they said? This junior brother's cultivation base is only at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, but he has a green Innate Spiritual Root. He's not someone you can offend!"

"That's right! Hurry up, and admit defeat! Although this junior brother is not as strong as you are now, it doesn't mean he can't surpass you in the future!"

"Wang Jiu, be sensible! If you don't want to suffer in the future, it's better if you admit defeat and give up your house!"

The group of senior disciples from Black Turtle Sanctum seemed to be advising Wang Jiu with good intentions, but in truth, they were all mocking him.

So what if Gu Chun had a green Innate Spiritual Root? Just based on this alone, he was not eligible to live in a Tertius house as soon as he arrived.

"Green Spiritual Root?" Wang Jiu was angered when he heard his companions' words. His face turned red as he vented his anger at Gu Chun. "So what if you have a green Innate Spiritual Root? It's not enough for me to admit defeat! You're just an Early Exemplary Saint Stage cultivator, but you dare to look down on me? If I don't teach you a lesson today, my surname is not Wang!"

When he reached the end of his sentence, his voice turned colder. It seemed as though the temperature in the surroundings had dropped as well.

Gu Chun remained calm as he replied indifferently, "That's right. My Innate Spiritual Root is not enough to scare you into giving up your house, but what if I tell you my master is the Silver Flame Elder Li An

from the Black Turtle Sanctum?” Gu Chun sneered when he finished speaking. His gaze turned colder as well when he looked at Wang Jiu.

Li An!

The moment his words left his mouth, apart from those new disciples with green Innate Spiritual Roots who had an expectant expression on their faces, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, widened their eyes. Some of them had fear in their eyes as well.

Wang Jiu’s anger was like a fire that had been doused with water as soon as these words left Gu Chun’s mouth.

If he was the disciple of one of the other four Silver Flame Elders in Black Turtle Sanctum, it would be okay if he did not give up his house since the other four Silver Flame Elders were not so petty as to take offense. However, Li An who was known as the strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum was different. He was famous for being vengeful in the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect.

Those who offended him usually did not have a good ending.

For this reason, in the Black Turtle Sanctum and the Fire Worship Sect, no one would offend Li An and his disciples unless they had someone stronger as a backing.

This was the reason why Wang Jiu’s anger had disappeared. He shuddered when he heard Li An’s name.

“He’s Elder Li An’s disciple?”

“It has been a long time since Elder Li An had last taken in a disciple. Why did he suddenly accept a new disciple who only has a green Innate Spiritual Root?”

“As far as I know, Elder Li An’s three other disciples have blue Innate Spiritual Roots. Why would Elder Li An take someone with only a green Innate Spiritual Root as his disciple?!”

Many of the senior disciples were baffled when they heard Gu Chun’s words.

Since when did Elder Li An’s judgment become so bad?

Naturally, they did not think Gu Chun was lying since no one from the Black Turtle Sanctum would dare to joke using Elder Li An’s name!

“What’s going on?”

“How did Gu Chun become Elder Li An’s disciple?”

“Don’t tell me it’s because his performance is so outstanding during the strength assessment that Elder Li An took a liking to him?”

The group of new disciples who possessed yellow Innate Spiritual Roots looked at the new disciples with green Innate Spiritual Roots curiously. It was as though they were trying to get answers from them.

When the senior disciples heard this discussion, they turned to look at the new disciples with green Innate Spiritual Roots.

“Gu Chun did not perform outstandingly well during the strength assessment. The only reason he managed to become Elder Li An’s disciple is due to his promise to Elder Li An to help him deal with Duan Ling Tian!” One of the new disciples with green Innate Spiritual Roots replied indignantly. When he spoke, he had intentionally looked at Duan Ling Tian.

“It’s all because of Duan Ling Tian?” All the new disciples instantly shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian.

“My goodness! How much does Elder Li An hate Duan Ling Tian? Just because Gu Chun flattered him and told him he would help him deal with Duan Ling Tian, he took him as a disciple?”

“It seems like he’s really furious over the fact that Duan Ling Tian killed his best friend’s son in front of him!”

“That’s ridiculous! Elder Li An is not that petty, right? Isn’t this ridiculous?”

The group of new disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian strangely as they whispered among themselves.

They were not the only ones who found it baffling. Even Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded when he learned of the reason Li An had taken Gu Chun as a disciple.

It was a little too much, was it not?

At the same time, the senior disciples finally understood what was going on when they heard about how Duan Ling Tian had killed Yang Wu, the son of the Northern Plethora Sect’s fifth elder. He was also Elder Li An’s best friend.

The senior disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian with approval.

Someone who dared to oppose Elder Li An regardless of the consequences was someone they sincerely admired.

“Elder Li An must hate him very much. To think he arbitrarily accepted a disciple with a green Innate Spiritual Root just to seek revenge from him?”

The senior disciples were confused as well. In the end, they only concluded that Elder Li An hated Duan Ling Tian very much.

Meanwhile, some of the new disciples standing near Duan Ling Tian began to move away from him, avoiding him as though he was a plague.

“I admit defeat!” At the same time, Wang Jiu who had suppressed his anger took the initiative to surrender out of fear toward Silver Flame Elder Li An. Subsequently, he left his Tertius house dejectedly with his head hung low.

“Those who can adapt and act according to the situation are wise!” Gu Chun said arrogantly. The moment his words left his mouth, he shifted his cold gaze from Wang Jiu to Duan Ling.

Other people thought Li An had taken him as his disciple because he had flattered him and promised him to help him seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian. However, only he knew there was another reason as well. He had told him he would be able to recommend another person with green Innate Spiritual Root who would be 100% willing to become his disciple.

Gu Chun had promised Li An this through Voice Transmission.

“Hurmph!” When Duan Ling Tian saw Gu Chun enter the Tertius house and was about to shut the door, he snorted coldly. Then he appeared in front of the Tertius house quickly and lifted his hand to stop the door from closing.

Chapter 1914: Devouring The Innate Spiritual Root!

Gu Chun entered the Tertius house and was about to close the door when he saw a flash before his eyes. A figure had appeared in front of his door and stopped him from closing the door. His eyes landed on the figure. When he saw the figure stopping him from closing the door was none other than Duan Ling Tian, a hint of dread appeared in his eyes.

Earlier, he had learned from the people who had participated in the strength assessment with Duan Ling Tian that Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage. He knew that he was no match for Duan Ling Tian now.

Put everything else aside, just the powerful Divine Ability that Duan Ling Tian had cast during his battle with Yang Wu was enough to make Gu Chun feel ashamed of himself. He had no choice but to admit he was no match for Duan Ling Tian.

For this reason, Gu Chun felt slightly anxious when he saw Duan Ling Tian. He was no longer arrogant like before when he was speaking to the senior disciple, Wang Jiu. “What a-are you trying to do?!”

Although he was no match for Wang Jiu as well, he was not afraid Wang Jiu would make a move on him since his master was Li An, the strongest elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

However, Duan Ling Tian was different! Based on his actions yesterday, it was not difficult for him to see that Duan Ling Tian was not afraid of his master, Li An. For this reason, he had subconsciously lowered his voice and his voice had turned softer when he was faced with Duan Ling Tian.

Wang Jiu was so angered that he almost threw up blood when he saw this. He was a senior disciple, but it seemed as though he was not as scary as a new disciple. He felt as though he had lived in vain!

Wang Jiu had heard the discussion among the new disciples earlier. He knew the new disciple, Duan Ling Tian, had fallen out with the strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum, Li An, even though he had just entered the Sanctum. Duan Ling Tian did not fear Li An, let alone his disciple, Gu Chun!

“Duan Ling Tian seems like an okay person.” Wang Jiu turned to leave. He felt happy when he saw Gu Chun’s grave expression. In a way, Duan Ling Tian’s actions were akin to seeking revenge for him. For this reason, his regard of Duan Ling Tian had risen.

In fact, Wang Jiu was not the only one who felt the way. The other senior disciples’ opinion of Duan Ling Tian rose as well when they saw his actions.

They were disgusted by Gu Chun who used someone else’s authority to get ahead. However, they did not dare to show their disgust because they were afraid of Li An.

They did not expect Duan Ling Tian to stand out and do something they did not dare to do. It felt as though he was avenging them. This was why they began to like Duan Ling Tian. Even the new disciples who thought Duan Ling Tian was only pretending to be young changed their opinion when they saw his actions.

Duan Ling Tian did not expect the people's opinion would change so quickly.

"What am I trying to do?" Duan Ling Tian sneered when he saw the anxious Gu Chun. "What should I do? I've taken a liking to your Tertius house. I want to challenge you!"

Upon hearing that, horror dawned on Gu Chun. He could not help but tremble when he saw Duan Ling Tian's cold and sharp gaze.

'A wise man doesn't fight when the odds are against him. I'll let him have his way for now and deal with him later. It's no loss for me to yield and give him this Tertius house. With my backing, I can stay in any Tertius house I want.' Gu Chun walked out of the house as soon as he thought of this. It was obvious he was going to yield and give the house to Duan Ling Tian.

"This person is Elder Li An's new disciple? He's an embarrassment to Elder Li An!"

"If I were Elder Li An, I would cut off ties with him!"

"Doesn't he find it embarrassing? He has the green Innate Spiritual Root, and yet, he's acting so cowardly in front of someone with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root."

When the senior disciples and new disciple saw Gu Chun leaving the Tertius house without putting up a fight, they began to mock Gu Chun to their hearts' content. Since there were so many of them mocking Gu Chun, they were not afraid Li An would seek revenge from them.

Gu Chun's expression turned graver when he heard their words. He fisted his hands and gritted his teeth as a vein appeared on his forehead. It was obvious he was angry and mortified.

'Endure! I must endure this! Currently, I'm no match for him at all. If I attack him now, I'll only suffer. I have to endure this for now! I can always seek revenge from him when I get stronger!' Gu Chun thought to himself as he gritted his teeth. He was consoling himself inwardly.

'He only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, and I have a green Innate Spiritual Root. It won't be difficult for me to surpass him!' In Gu Chun's opinion, it was only a matter of time before he surpassed Duan Ling Tian since his Innate Spiritual Root was superior in comparison to Duan Ling Tian's Innate Spiritual Root.

If he raised his cultivation base and became stronger, was there a need for him to be afraid of Duan Ling Tian's Divine Ability at that time?

Although Duan Ling Tian was heavily injured yesterday, he managed to kill Yang Wu when he cast the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Gu Chun might not have known what Divine Ability it was, but it left a great impression on him. It was also because of this he knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian even if their cultivation base was at the same level.

“Did I say you can leave?” Duan Ling Tian said when Gu Chun walked out of the Tertius house to leave. He looked at Gu Chun coldly.

Gu Chun came to a halt when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Gu Chun had targeted him since the beginning. However, he did not take offense. Who would have thought Gu Chun would try to get into Li An’s good grace by promising he would work with him to destroy Duan Ling Tian? He had used Duan Ling Tian’s name to become Li An’s disciple.

Was there a need for Duan Ling Tian to be courteous to Gu Chun when Gu Chun had made it clear he was working with Li An to deal with him?

“Duan Ling Tian, I have yielded and given you the Tertius house. W-what more do you want?” Gu Chun turned to look at Duan Ling Tian who was approaching him. Horror dawned on him as he retreated a few steps in panic.

Due to his fear, his aura was easily suppressed by Duan Ling Tian. He could not resist at all. Every step Duan Ling Tian took felt like he was stepping on his heart.

“Don’t act recklessly. My master is Silver Flame Elder Li An. His position is just below Lord Sanctum Leader!” Gu Chun panicked when he saw Duan Ling Tian approaching him. He began to speak whatever came to his mind. At this moment, he seemed to have forgotten that Duan Ling Tian was not afraid of his master, Li An, at all since the beginning.

“Relax, I won’t kill you. The Fire Worship Sect’s law forbids me from killing you! I’m just going to teach you a lesson you won’t forget,” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently. His voice became softer and softer until Gu Chun was the only one who could hear it in the end.

“No—” Gu Chun cried out in horror before he stopped speaking abruptly.

At the moment when he stopped speaking, he was enveloped by a golden light.

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples present on the scene could not see what was going on due to the golden light. However, they could tell this bright light that suddenly appeared was Duan Ling Tian’s Territory.

“What Territory is this?”

Put aside the force of the Territory for the moment, just the dazzling golden light was enough to block their sights.

“Duan Ling Tian is not going to kill him, right?” A Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple asked in shock.

“I don’t think so. One would be severely punished if one were to break the rules in the Fire Worship Sect by killing and maiming another person!” A senior disciple said.

“Unfortunately, Duan Ling Tian’s Territory is too blinding. I can’t see anything at all!”

“I wonder what he’s doing?”

“I suspect he’s blocking our sights on purpose. Based on this, I’m sure Gu Chun is doomed!”

“It serves him right for trying to masquerade as a lion!”

A hint of delight could be heard in the voices of the senior disciples and new disciples as they discussed among themselves.

The golden light in front of them was none other than the 10,000 Sword Territory. It was formed from the Sun Saint Energy, and it was as bright as the sun.

Inside the 10,000 Sword Territory, Duan Ling Tian stood very still.

Gu Chun had fainted next to his leg. He was like a lamb that was waiting to be slaughtered!

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian did not intend to kill him. However, there was a reason why he had blocked everyone’s sight.

“Elder Huo, if I want to devour his Innate Spiritual Root, what should I do next?” Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo, revealing his intention.

Gu Chun’s green Innate Spiritual Root was a level higher than his yellow Innate Spiritual Root.

If he could devour Gu Chun’s green Innate Spiritual Root, theoretically, his yellow Innate Spiritual Root would turn into a green Innate Spiritual Root.

Duan Ling Tian was not sure if it would work. He was anxious as he waited for Elder Huo’s answer.

Soon after, Elder Huo replied, “With your current cultivation base, there’s no way for you to locate his Innate Spiritual Root using your Divine Consciousness so I’ll use mine to guide your Divine Consciousness to look for his Innate Spiritual Root. When you find it, you can cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic!”

“Okay!” Duan Ling Tian immediately agreed to Elder Huo’s suggestion.

At the same time, he took a deep breath as he prayed inwardly, ‘I hope this method works... If possible, I really don’t want to waste my strength looking for the Spiritual items that are scattered all over the place!’

Chapter 1915: It’s A Success!

When Elder Huo imparted his knowledge about Spiritual items that could raise the level of Innate Spiritual Roots to Duan Ling Tian so he could identify them when he looked for them, Duan Ling Tian discovered that he had never heard of or seen these Spiritual items before! For this reason, he knew it was going to be extremely difficult for him to find them.

He did not want to search for the Spiritual items if there was another way to raise the level of his Innate Spiritual Root. He was elated when he heard he could devour other people’s Innate Spiritual Roots using the high-grade Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, to strengthen his Innate Spiritual Root! However, this was only in theory. Duan Ling Tian would have to discover it for himself to see if it worked or not.

“Gu Chun, you can only blame yourself for trying to go against me. If you didn’t try to oppose me, I wouldn’t have set my eyes on your Innate Spiritual Root!” Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Chun whom he had knocked out. He raised an eyebrow as he said indifferently, “You came knocking on my door asking to be a lab rat. Don’t get angry at me, okay?”

“Elder Huo!” Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo, “What should I do now? Is there anything I should look out for?”

This was his first time trying to devour an Innate Spiritual Root. He could only ask Elder Huo since he did not know anything about the process of devouring an Innate Spiritual Root.

Perhaps, Elder Huo might not know how to devour an Innate Spiritual Root using the Elementary Devouring Tactic nor did he see it before as well. However, he must have heard about it before.

“Place your palm on his head and then fuse your Divine Consciousness with his soul. I’ll guide you with my Divine Consciousness and locate his Innate Spiritual Root. When we find it, you can use your Divine Consciousness to capture it before you cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic using your hand that’s placed on his head,” Elder Huo said to Duan Ling Tian.

“Okay!” Duan Ling Tian did not question Elder Huo and immediately squatted down and placed his right hand on Gu Chun’s head.

Duan Ling Tian was filled with anxiety, and his heart was beating very fast. He would soon find out if this method worked or not!

If it worked, he would be able to raise the level of his Innate Spiritual Root quickly. If he failed, he would have no choice but to look for the Spiritual items and slowly raise the level of his Innate Spiritual Root.

The speed of him raising the level of his Innate Spiritual Root would affect him greatly since it dictated his cultivation speed.

If his cultivation speed was fast, it meant he could get stronger faster and save Ke’er and his daughter soon. If his cultivation speed was slow, it would take him a long time to save Ke’er and his daughter.

‘I hope it will turn out well! No, it must turn out well! I must succeed!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself repeatedly as his Divine Consciousness entered Gu Chun’s mind under Elder Huo’s guidance. Duan Ling Tian could not wait to devour Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root and strengthen his own Innate Spiritual Root!

Two Divine Consciousness entered Gu Chun’s soul.

“His Innate Spiritual Root is located just ahead of us. With your current cultivation base, it’s impossible for you to sense its presence using your Divine Consciousness. However, now that we’re in his soul, you’ll be able to sense it’s subtle aura as long you remain calm. The aura contains a little of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. Now, try and see if you can sense it,” Elder Huo said to Duan Ling Tian as his Divine Consciousness stopped moving.

“Alright,” Duan Ling Tian replied. He stopped moving his Divine Consciousness as well and began to sense the aura around him using his Divine Consciousness.

Initially, he could not sense anything special with his Divine Consciousness. However, under Elder Huo's guidance, he finally managed to locate Gu Chun's green Innate Spiritual Root.

"I found his Innate Spiritual Root! Elder Huo, what should I do next?" Duan Ling Tian quickly asked Elder Huo as he tried to suppress his excitement.

Elder Huo might be able to easily sense the aura of Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root, but it was not easy for Duan Ling Tian to sense it. It would have been impossible for him to locate Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root without Elder Huo's guidance.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian was very excited when he discovered his Divine Consciousness had found Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root.

"After you capture his Innate Spiritual Root with your Divine Consciousness, you can cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic with your right hand and let it enter him. Guide it to his Innate Spiritual Root. This process won't be difficult once you've captured his Innate Spiritual Root," Elder Huo said in response to Duan Ling Tian's question.

The moment Elder Huo finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian quickly did as he was told.

Elementary Devouring Tactic!

This was not Duan Ling Tian's first time casting the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. However, previously, there were no technical skills needed when he devoured the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. Devouring Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root with the Elementary Devouring Tactic would need skills since he was not just devouring the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy but someone's Innate Spiritual Root!

The Innate Spiritual Root was hidden deep in one's soul. If one was not at the Saint Celestial Stage or above, it would be impossible for one to sense its presence through Divine Consciousness, let alone capturing it. However, with Elder Huo's guidance, Duan Ling Tian managed to successfully capture Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root.

The entire process was very easy.

'Devour!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as the Elementary Devouring Tactic brushed against Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root. He controlled it as it swept out at the Innate Spiritual Root that had been captured by his Divine Consciousness.

Initially, Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root was shining with a faint green light, but it was completely extinguished by the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root had disappeared just like this!

"Elder Huo, I've already devoured his Innate Spiritual Root. I can sense a special energy. It must be the energy from the Innate Spiritual Root after I have devoured it. However, this energy seems to be leaking continuously. I've already brought the energy to my soul. What should I do now?" Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo as he brought the energy back to his own body and soul.

His Innate Spiritual Root was also hidden in his soul. Even without Elder Huo telling him, he knew he should bring the energy back to his own body.

“Guide the energy into your soul and fuse it with your Innate Spiritual Root. It’s alright if you can’t sense your Innate Spiritual Root. You only need to bring the energy close to your Innate Spiritual Root. It won’t destroy your Innate Spiritual Root. Let your Innate Spiritual Root absorb the energy from his Innate Spiritual Root...” Elder Huo said, “We’ll have to wait and see if you can raise the level of your Innate Spiritual Root after that since I can’t guarantee that it’ll work!”

Since the beginning, Elder Huo had already said he was uncertain if this method would really work. It was theoretical.

Duan Ling Tian had already mentally prepared himself for it.

“We’ll just have to wait and see if it works!” Duan Ling Tian knew he would find out in the next moment whether this method was a success or not when he heard Elder Huo’s words. His heart was beating very fast.

He had done everything according to Elder Huo’s instruction.

“Elder Huo, the energy from Gu Chun’s green Innate Spiritual Root seems to have disappeared. I’ve already withdrawn the Devouring Energy... Can you help me see if there are any changes to my Innate Spiritual Root?” Duan Ling Tian asked Elder Huo anxiously after he had taken a deep breath. He could not wait to find out what the results were.

“If you want to know if there are any changes to your Innate Spiritual Root, why don’t you try resonating with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy? His green Innate Spiritual Root should be a great nourishment to your yellow Innate Spiritual Root!” Elder Huo said, “If you have successfully devoured his Innate Spiritual Root, the speed of you resonating with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy will be much faster than before!”

Duan Ling Tian immediately tried to resonate the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy when he heard Elder Huo’s words.

“This is...” Soon after, Duan Ling Tian was frozen. He stood rooted to the ground as though he was scared of something.

Then, a bright smile appeared on his face. It was obvious that he was wild with joy!

“Elder Huo! The speed of me resonating with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy seems to be two times faster than before! D-does this mean... it’s a success?” Duan Ling Tian was excited. However, he did not dare to have high hopes.

“I’ll take a look at your Innate Spiritual Root.”

As soon as Elder Huo finished speaking. Duan Ling Tian felt a powerful Divine Consciousness entering his soul. Duan Ling Tian did not resist and let it enter his soul.

“It’s a success!” Elder Huo said.

Duan Ling Tian became excited when he got the confirmation from Elder Huo. His face was red with excitement. “It’s a success! It’s really a success!”

For the reason that many things were hinging on his success, he lost his composure when he learned that it was a success.

“Yes, it’s a success! However, your Innate Spiritual Root did not turn green. Originally, your Innate Spiritual Root was yellow, now it has turned darker. Although it did not turn into a green Innate Spiritual Root yet, there are still some changes to it. If you want to change your Innate Spiritual Root into a green Innate Spiritual Root, you’ll need to devour another green Innate Spiritual Root at least!” Elder Huo said.

Chapter 1916: The Fourth Level of The Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda

‘It has not transformed into a green Innate Spiritual Root yet?’ Duan Ling Tian widened his eyes in shock when he heard Elder Huo’s words. ‘My Innate Spiritual Root hasn’t turned green but my speed of resonating with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is already two times faster than before... Once my Innate Spiritual Root turns green, does it mean that my speed of resonating with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy will be even faster?’ Duan Ling Tian gasped when he thought of this.

He did not think there was such a huge difference between a green and yellow Innate Spiritual Root.

‘If the green Innate Spiritual Root is so amazing, won’t the blue, indigo, and violet Innate Spiritual Roots be even more amazing?’ Duan Ling Tian’s breathing quickened when he thought of this.

‘The method of devouring other people’s Innate Spiritual Roots with the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, to strengthen my Innate Spiritual Root is a success. In other words, as long as I devour enough Innate Spiritual Roots, my Innate Spiritual Root would be able to turn blue, indigo, and even the rare violet. The speed of resonating and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy with a green Innate Spiritual root is at least several times faster than my previous speed. If I have the violet Innate Spiritual Root, the speed is going to be ridiculously fast! With the help of the violet Innate Spiritual Root and the time flow in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, who in the Dao Martial Saint Land would be able to match my cultivation speed?!’ As Duan Ling Tian’s train of thoughts shifted its course, his eyes lit up. He felt as though his future was going to be very bright.

‘Naturally, to achieve all that, I’ll have to transform my Innate Spiritual Root into a violet Innate Spiritual Root!’ Duan Ling Tian finally calmed down after a long time as he recalled what had happened earlier. ‘Gu Chun possessed the green Innate Spiritual Root. By right, when I devoured his green Innate Spiritual Root with my yellow Innate Spiritual Root, my Innate Spiritual Root should have turned green. However, much of the energy from Gu Chun’s green Innate Spiritual Root had dissipated when I was devouring it. In fact, it’s likely that I only devoured half of the energy from his green Innate Spiritual Root. This must be why my Innate Spiritual Root did not turn green. Elder Huo said that my Innate Spiritual Root that was originally yellow has turned darker. I can sense that my speed of resonating and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is two times faster. It seems like the yellow Spiritual Root is further divided into several ranks. There are yellow and dark yellow Innate Spiritual Roots so there must be light yellow Spiritual Roots as well!’ Duan Ling Tian thought long and hard about this.

“I really want to see what kind of expression Gu Chun would make when he discovers the speed of him absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy becomes slower than a tortoise. I’m sure even in his

wildest dreams he did not think I would be able to devour his green Innate Spiritual Root!” Duan Ling Tian sneered as he looked at Gu Chun who was lying unconscious on the ground.

He did not feel remorse devouring Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root. If he allowed Gu Chun to grow stronger, he would only become a threat to him in the future. It was better for him to kill such an enemy in the cradle.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

With just a thought, the 10,000 golden swords in the 10,000 Sword Territory flew around Gu Chun and left ten thousand cuts on his body. However, these cuts were superficial, and he did not bleed much.

“Ahhh!” Although the 10,000 sword rays only injured Gu Chun lightly, it was extremely painful. The sharp and intense pain woke Gu Chun up as he yelled.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian withdrew the 10,000 Swords Territory.

His figure, along with Gu Chun’s injured figure, instantly appeared before the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples’ eyes.

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples could not help but gasp when they saw Gu Chun’s body that was covered in cuts. Their eyes were filled with dread when they looked at Duan Ling Tian again. They did not think Duan Ling Tian would be so ruthless! Although the wounds on Gu Chun’s body would not kill or maim him, the pain he felt must have been excruciating.

This could be seen from Gu Chun’s expression.

“With your strength, you think it’s enough to promise Li An that you’ll deal with me? You’ve overestimated your strength!” Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Chun coldly before he entered the Tertius house he had snatched from him.

The crowd only shifted their attention to Gu Chun after Duan Ling Tian had closed the door.

When they saw the wretched expression on Gu Chun’s face and heard his scream, they shuddered.

“Duan Ling Tian’s really ruthless!”

“Unless it’s absolutely necessary, it’s better for us to stay out of his way. He’s a lunatic who doesn’t even fear Elder Li An!”

“You know what I think? Instead of Duan Ling Tian, he should call himself Crazy Duan!”

The crowd regained their senses and began to whisper among themselves. A hint of dread could be seen in their eyes as well.

From this moment onward, Duan Ling Tian’s name began to spread among the almost 10,000 Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples.

Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of this. After he entered the Tertius house, he instantly went in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. "I've not been on the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda after it's repaired. I'll go and have a look now!"

Duan Ling Tian did not have an opportunity to enter the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda after it was repaired. Now that he found a place to stay in the Black Turtle Sanctum, he finally found a chance to enter the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

"The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is really rich!" As soon as Duan Ling Tian entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he instantly sensed how rich the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was more than two times richer than the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Tertius house that had three Spirit Gathering Formations.

Duan Ling Tian knew this was all thanks to the three Spirit Gathering Formations in the Tertius house. Since the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was located inside the Tertius house, its cultivation environment was naturally affected by the cultivation environment of the Tertius house. This was greatly beneficial to Duan Ling Tian.

"The fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda..." Duan Ling Tian began to look around the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He saw fog everywhere he looked. Only an inkstone that was neither big nor small floated in the middle of the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

There was a black ruler on top of the inkstone. The ruler was three-foot-long.

Duan Ling Tian could not look away from the ruler as soon as he saw it.

"This is the Celestial Supreme Treasure of the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, the Universe Ruler?" After a long while, Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath when he regained his senses. His gaze was burning as he looked at the ruler.

He had long heard about the seven treasures inside the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda from Elder Huo. The Celestial Supreme Treasure on the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was none other than the Universe Ruler.

According to Elder Huo, the Celestial Supreme Treasure would be higher in grade the higher the level it was on.

It was said that the War Heaven Spear that was stored on the seventh level of Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda could even conquer the universe. Just how strong was it to be able to conquer the universe?

"Although the Universe Ruler is not heavier than a sword, I don't think I'll be able to lift it yet..." Duan Ling Tian attempted to lift the Universe Ruler with all his might, but he only managed to move it slightly. He was already panting even though it had only moved a little.

"Apart from the Jasper Celestial Sword that I can wield easily thanks to the Sovereign Heart Sword, I'll have to break through to the Saint Celestial Stage if I want to use the other Celestial Supreme Treasures in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! Even if I break through to the Saint Celestial Stage, I might not

be able to use the other five Celestial Supreme Treasures in the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda! They are weapons used by Celestials after all!”

A Celestial was a powerhouse who was even stronger than Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses!

When a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse had cultivated to the last form, the Ninth Form, Celestial Ascension Form, he would have to undergo the Celestial Ascension Calamity. He would only be considered as a true Celestial after he had undergone Transcendence to the Devata Realms!

Celestials were different from human. Their lives were infinitely long if they did not encounter any mishaps.

However, apart from the Celestials, in the Dao Martial Saint Land, the people whose cultivation base had already entered the Saint Celestial Stage’s Seventh Form, the Heaven Defying Form, also had an infinitely long life span. It was called the Heaven Defying Form because it defied the life span that had been determined by Heaven.

‘Now that I managed to transform my Innate Spiritual Root, coupled with the cultivation environment, my cultivation speed is going to be much faster!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he sat cross-legged in the air and began to cast the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

It quickly circulated a great Qi cycle to raise his cultivation base, delighting Duan Ling Tian.

“What a fast cultivation speed! With my cultivation speed, I’ll be able to break through to the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage in just two years!” Duan Ling Tian felt extremely confident.

Naturally, two years referred to two years in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. Two years in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda were only two months outside of the pagoda.

Chapter 1917: Comprehending The Divine Ability Black Turtle’s Barrier

Everyone knew that cultivating would only get more difficult the further one progressed.

If Duan Ling Tian was still restricted by his Innate Spiritual Root and his cultivation environment, he would not be able to break through to the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage from the Early Divine Saint Stage without at least taking eight to ten years. However, because he had raised the level of his Innate Spiritual Root and the amazing cultivation environment he had, it would only take him two years to break through to the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage from the Early Divine Saint Stage!

‘If I have a green Innate Spiritual Root now, my cultivation speed would be much faster. If I have an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, it’ll only take me a few months to break through to the Intermediate Divine Saint Stage from the Early Divine Saint Stage in this cultivation environment!’ Duan Ling Tian’s breathing quickened when he thought of this.

He could not wait to find a genius with an indigo Innate Spiritual Root so he could devour his Innate Spiritual Root!

'Even in the Fire Worship Sect, I don't think there are many geniuses who have indigo Innate Spiritual Roots. I wonder if there are any geniuses with violet Innate Spiritual Roots in the Fire Worship Sect? I'm certain if I devour a violet Innate Spiritual Root, my Innate Spiritual Root will turn dark indigo even if half of the energy is wasted!' A dark indigo Innate Spiritual Root was just a step below the violet Innate Spiritual Roots. Duan Ling Tian became excited when he thought of this and found it hard to concentrate on cultivating.

At this moment, all he wanted to do was to look for people so he could devour their Innate Spiritual Roots to strengthen his Innate Spiritual Root.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian only thought about it. He had no intention of casually devouring people's Innate Spiritual Roots. He was not a cold-blooded animal so he would not devour other people's Innate Spiritual Roots for no reason if they did not look for trouble with him.

"Since I can't calm down, I might as well go and take a look at the altar. I can also familiarize myself with the palaces around the altar and try to comprehend the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier!" Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he left the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with just a thought. He left the Tertius house after he put the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda away.

When he walked out of the Tertius house, he discovered the people gathered outside had already left. Only a few Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were standing there discussing something.

The people did not notice him at all since he had appeared quietly.

'I wonder how long it'll take my heart that has been tempered by the Sovereign Heart Sword to comprehend the number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect, the Black Turtle's Barrier? It won't be longer than the time I took to comprehend the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, right?' As Duan Ling Tian made his way to the altar, his mind was completely focused on the high-grade defensive Divine Ability Black, the Turtle's Barrier, in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

Although he had already become famous in the Black Turtle Sanctum and many disciples from the Black Turtle Sanctum had heard of him, they did not recognize him since he had just entered the Sanctum.

"Hey, did you hear about it? There's a rebel in our Black Turtle Sanctum!"

"You mean Duan Ling Tian?"

"You've heard about it?"

"Apart from outsiders and disciples who haven't come out of their closed-door cultivation, I think everyone in the Black Turtle Sanctum has heard of him, right?"

"I've been in the Black Turtle Sanctum for six years now, but this is my first time hearing about a disciple bold enough to oppose Elder Li An in public! Elder Li An is the First Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum! Even the other four Silver Flame Elder don't dare to offend him for no reason!"

"That's right! Elder Li An is only inferior to one person as he ruled over 10,000 people in the Black Turtle Sanctum! Duan Ling Tian wouldn't have a happy ending for opposing him!"

“Well, it’ll be okay if he has a blue or indigo Innate Spiritual Root... But, I heard he only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root!”

“A yellow Innate Spiritual Root? Someone with a yellow Innate Spiritual Root dares to openly oppose Elder Li An? He’s seeking death!”

As Duan Ling Tian made his way to the altar, he heard many similar discussions. Not only that, but news of him torturing Gu Chun, Li An’s new disciple, had spread out as well.

Most of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples felt that Duan Ling Tian would at least be flayed, if not killed, for offending Li An!

Duan Ling Tian merely shook his head with a calm expression on his face when he heard the discussion. He was not bothered by it at all.

Yesterday, Yang Wu, the son of the fifth elder of Northern Plethora Sect, had looked for trouble with him, and the Black Turtle Sanctum’s Silver Flame Elder, Teng Shan, had acted fairly when he meted out punishment. The incident would have had a happy ending if it had ended there. However, Li An had appeared and wanted to kill him without thinking about what was right or wrong. He had said that it took two people to quarrel and accused Duan Ling Tian of being at fault as well.

If Elder Teng Shan did not intervene in time, and if he was not physically strong, he would have been killed by Li An’s strike! For this reason, he had regarded Li An as his enemy and did not care about Li An’s threat when he killed Yang Wu.

He had killed Yang Wu domineeringly under everyone’s watchful gaze. By doing that, he was clearly opposing Li An.

Since both he and Li An would not rest until one of them died, it was no loss for him even if he further offended Li An.

“The Black Turtle Altar!” Soon after, the altar on the vast field appeared before Duan Ling Tian’s eyes. The huge and life-like Black Turtle statue caught his attention immediately.

‘The high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, is recorded in the Black Turtle statue?’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he flew to the Black Turtle statue.

At this moment, many people were comprehending the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, around the Black Turtle statue... Most of them were standing or sitting on air. Some of them closed their eyes as though they were deep in thoughts while some of them stared at the Black Turtle statue as though they were in a daze.

‘I’ll take a look at the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, recorded in the Black Turtle statue...’ Duan Ling Tian felt confident when he remembered that his heart had been tempered by the Sovereign Heart Sword. “I can memorize the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier, first and slowly comprehend it when I return to the Tertius house and enter the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. I’ll be able to save a lot of time by doing that. After all, the flow of time is

really slow in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he looked at the Black Turtle statue.

As he extended his Divine Consciousness into the Black Turtle statue, a wave of information began to slowly appear in his mind. It was information regarding the high-grade defensive Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier.

Duan Ling Tian could clearly sense that at that instant when he extended his Divine Consciousness into the Black Turtle statue, a heavy aura suddenly swept out of the Black Turtle statue.

This aura pressured him as it shrouded him. He instinctively used his Sun Saint Energy to cover the surface of his body.

"It's the same with the others!" Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not notice that most of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples around the Black Turtle Altar had a layer of defensive Saint Energy that covered their bodies.

"If I'm not mistaken, this aura must help one in comprehending the Black Turtle's Barrier. No wonder so many of them stay here and didn't return to their own residence to comprehend the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier... Even so, this aura doesn't feel special to me..." After standing near the Black Turtle statue for some time, Duan Ling Tian discovered the aura from the Black Turtle statue did not help him at all. He made up his mind to leave as soon as he memorized the Black Turtle's Barrier.

'I'll go back and slowly comprehend it. As long as I can successfully comprehend the Black Turtle's Barrier, I can leave the Black Turtle Sanctum and enter the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land!' Duan Ling Tian no longer had the mood to stay near the altar when he thought about this. He turned around and left.

His wife and daughter were still imprisoned in the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land and were knee-deep in trouble!

After Duan Ling Tian returned to the Tertius house, he entered the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda again and began to comprehend the Black Turtle's Barrier.

One must admit that as the most precious treasure in the Black Turtle Sanctum and the number one defensive Divine Ability in the Fire Worship Sect, it was indeed difficult to comprehend.

At the very least, after Duan Ling Tian tried to comprehend it in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda for six months, he had only managed to scratch the surface of the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle's Barrier. He was still far from fully comprehending the Black Turtle's Barrier.

"It's actually much more difficult to comprehend than the Elementary Devouring Tactic?" Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he discovered this. He felt baffled as well. However, soon after, he discovered the cause.

'When I was in the Divine Ability Relic that contained the Divine Ability Elementary Devouring Tactic, I saw someone using the Elementary Devouring Tactic and even experienced the effect of the Elementary Devouring Tactic. For this reason, apart from the help of the Sovereign Heart Sword, I manage to quickly comprehend the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Whether it's the Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, or the Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, I saw how they were cast. That's why I have

some advantage when I comprehended the two high-grade Divine Abilities!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself and sighed.

“Half a year... About 18 days have gone by outside.” Duan Ling Tian closed his eyes again to comprehend the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier.

Meanwhile, in another Tertius house, Gu Chun who had recovered also began to cultivate.

“Duan Ling Tian, after I break through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage, I’ll definitely make you regret what you did to me that day!” Gu Chun began to cultivate in earnest for the sake of revenge.

However, when he tried to resonate with and absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, horror dawned on his face. “W-What’s going on? W-Why can’t I sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy?”

Chapter 1918: Gu Chun That Has Gone Insane

“Impossible! Impossible! I’ll try again! Try again! I can do it! I can definitely do it! I have a green Innate Spiritual Root. It’s impossible that I can’t sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy!” Gu Chun took a deep breath and suppressed the rising panic within him. He felt as though he was going crazy as he tried to calm himself down so he could try and sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Tertius house.

Due to the reason there were three Spirit Gathering Formations in the Tertius house, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in there was richer than it was outside. Even then, Gu Chun could not sense any Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy no matter how hard he tried. It felt as though he was in a room devoid of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

“Something must be wrong! Continue! Continue!” Gu Chun began to panic again. He gritted his teeth and continued trying to sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

Although he could not be considered as a genius, he was still above ordinary people since he possessed a green Innate Spiritual Root. With that, he had a high chance of breaking through to the Saint Celestial Stage in the future!

At that time, if he was willing to stay in the Fire Worship Sect, he might even become a Bronze Flame Elder. Gu Chun did not doubt that his future was bright prior to this. However, at this moment, despair began to rise in his heart.

“Found it!” At the moment when Gu Chun was about to give up in despair, he sensed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy and tried to guide it into his body.

After a while, he was shocked. Not only was the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy that he sensed extremely weak, but his speed when he guided the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy into his body was extremely slow as well. It was slower than a tortoise!

“Impossible! Impossible! I’m a Martial Cultivator with a green Innate Spiritual Root. This can’t be my speed of absorbing Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy! Even someone with a red Innate Spiritual Root wouldn’t be so slow when sensing and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy!” Gu Chun began to panic again.

He continued to struggle with detecting and the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. However, a day went by, two days went by.... After three days and three nights had gone by, he discovered his speed of detecting and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was still so slow.

Bang!

A loud bang resonated in the air as Gu Chun destroyed the door of the Tertius house when he went out.

He seemed to have gone crazy, and it naturally attracted many people's attention.

"What's wrong with Gu Chun? Look at him! He looks crazy! He didn't go crazy, did he?"

"It does seem like he has gone crazy."

"Huh? Why is he going to the pool?"

Soon after, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples discovered Gu Chun who seemed like he had gone crazy was making his way to the pool nearby. He stopped by the side of the pool and lied on the ground. Then he lifted his head to look in the pool as though there was a treasure in there.

Naturally, everyone knew there was no treasure in the pool. Even if there was, it would have been taken away by other people a long time ago. It would not stay there, waiting for Gu Chun to pick it up.

Upon seeing the familiar face reflected in the pool, Gu Chun became agitated again. He looked like he had gone crazy as he muttered to himself, "I'm still me! That's right! I'm still me! But why is my speed in sensing and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy so slow? Even someone with a red Innate Spiritual Root wouldn't be so slow! What happened? Why is this happening to me?"

Initially, he had thought his soul had entered the body of someone with low innate talent. However, when he looked into the pool, he saw that he was in his body.

After a moment, Gu Chun finally managed to calm himself down. After he calmed down, the figure of a handsome young man with dashing brows and bright eyes appeared in his mind.

"It's him! It must be him!"

The figure that appeared in his mind was none other than Duan Ling Tian!

'After he knocked me out, I didn't cultivate for more than twenty days in order to recover. When I began to cultivate today, I discovered my speed in sensing and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is ridiculously slow!' Gu Chun thought to himself as he gritted his teeth.

Then, he looked for some of the new disciples who were present on the day he was knocked out. He was desperate to find out and understand what had happened that day!

Although the new disciples disliked Gu Chun, they did not dare to protest since he was First Silver Flame Elder Li An's disciple. They told him everything they knew.

“Duan Ling Tian consolidated his Territory and blocked everyone’s sights before I was knocked out?” Gu Chun narrowed his eyes as he began to recall some of the things that had happened after listening to the new disciples.

‘Based on what I remember, I passed out as soon as I saw a flash of golden light... In other words, Duan Ling Tian blocked everyone’s sights and knocked me out when he consolidated his Territory. It’s unnecessary for him to knock me out just to consolidate his Territory. I’m sure he planned to do something objectionable that’s why he blocked everyone’s sights. He must have something to do with my cultivation speed becoming so slow!’ Gu Chun thought to himself as a chill ran up his spine.

Although he did know what Duan Ling Tian did to him, he could not help but shudder when he thought about it. Moreover, he had a feeling his Innate Spiritual Root had been damaged! Otherwise, why would his cultivation speed become so slow? Why did it seem like he had a very low innate talent?

Gu Chun knew this had something to do with Innate Spiritual Root because he knew one had to rely on one’s Innate Spiritual Root to sense and absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

Now that his speed of sensing and absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy had become so slow, it meant that something was wrong with his Innate Spiritual Root!

Naturally, he did not know exactly what was wrong. Even then, he could not help but shudder.

He had never heard of a person being able to damage another person’s Innate Spiritual Root before. Although a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse could sense the location of a person’s Innate Spiritual Root, he would not be able to mess with the person’s Innate Spiritual Root without injuring his soul.

Gu Chun could sense that his soul was in perfect condition.

‘I hope he didn’t destroy my Innate Spiritual Root and has merely put a restriction on it. Otherwise, my life is ruined!’ Gu Chun secretly prayed in his heart. His eyes gleamed coldly as he thought to himself. ‘Duan Ling Tian, when my cousin is here, I’ll make sure you die without a grave! At that time, I’ll definitely cut you into a thousand pieces and let you experience the greatest pain in this world before you die! Not only that, but I won’t let your two companions go as well. I remember how they look like even though they’re not in the Black Turtle Sanctum. I’ll make sure they die as long they remain in the Fire Worship Sect! You can only blame them for being your companions!’ A burning hatred rose in Gu Chun’s heart, and it spread like wildfire.

At this moment, not only was Gu Chun not sorry he looked for trouble with Duan Ling Tian, but he kept muttering about seeking revenge from Duan Ling Tian.

As for his Innate Spiritual Root, he felt that his master, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An, would definitely be able to help him.

“If you really destroy my Innate Spiritual Root, I won’t let your two companions die a fast and painless death! I’ll cut them up and make them watch as I feed their meat to the dogs!” It seemed as though Gu Chun had gone crazy again when he thought about how his Innate Spiritual Root might have been destroyed.

“I’ll look for Master!” After a moment, he left the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciple and made his way east to look for his master, Li An.

“Why are you in such a state?” Li An frowned when he saw how anxious and worried Gu Chun was. A hint of unhappiness flashed across his eyes.

In all honesty, he would not have accepted a disciple with a green Innate Spiritual Root. However, this person had promised him something he could not refuse. Gu Chun had promised Li An that he would ask his cousin to become Li An’s disciple.

According to Gu Chun, his cousin had a blue Innate Spiritual Root, and his cultivation base was at the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage. He was only a step away from breaking through to the Quintessential Saint Stage! His cousin would be coming to the Fire Worship Sect soon.

The Fire Worship Sect had a rule stating that whoever possessed blue Spiritual Roots or higher could enter the sect at any time and become a disciple of the sect! This rule had been around since ancient times. That was why there were so many powerhouses in the Fire Worship Sect.

In the Fire Worship Sect, even a Golden Flame Elder would be tempted by a genius disciple with a blue Innate Spiritual Root, let alone Li An who was only a Silver Flame Elder.

Li An had been a Fire Worship Sect’s Silver Flame Elder for thousands of years. During those years, he had only accepted three disciples whom nobody wanted with blue Innate Spiritual Roots. For this reason, when Gu Chun promised to ask his cousin to become his direct disciple, he immediately agreed to Gu Chun’s request of becoming his direct disciple.

In his opinion, he would only acknowledge Gu Chun’s cousin as his disciple. Gu Chun was merely tagging along.

“Master, can you please have a look at my Innate Spiritual Root? There seems to be a problem with it!” Gu Chun had a panicked expression on his face when he saw Li An. Anxiety filled his heart as well.

“Innate Spiritual Root? How can there be something wrong with it?!” Li An said with a frown when he heard Gu Chun’s words. He did not do as Gu Chun had requested him.

As a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse, Li An knew very well that if something was really wrong with his Innate Spiritual Root, he would not be able to live. On the contrary, Gu Chun looked very well as he stood in front of him!

Chapter 1919: A Visitor With Ill Intention

Innate Spiritual Roots were hidden in the soul. Most of the time, even Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses who had achieved the Ninth Form would not be able to touch someone’s Innate Spiritual Roots without affecting that person’s soul. Once the Innate Spiritual Root was touched, the person’s soul might be destroyed! There was a method that would allow one to touch or tamper with Innate Spiritual Roots, but that method only existed in legends. At the very least, Li An had never heard of anyone mastering that kind of technique.

“Master, the speed that I sense and absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy now can’t even compare to someone with a red Innate Spiritual Root! My Innate Spiritual Root seems to have disappeared. Can you take a look and see if there’s a problem with my Innate Spiritual Root?” Gu Li explained with a bitter expression on his face when he saw the disbelief on Li An’s face. He was burning with anxiety when he finished speaking!

“What?!” Li An was greatly shocked when he heard Gu Chun’s words. He could tell that Gu Chun was not lying. Apart from that, he believed Gu Chun did not dare to lie to him.

“Don’t block my Divine Consciousness!” Li An snapped as he extended his Divine Consciousness and guided it into Gu Chun’s body before entering his soul.

As a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse, Li An could locate the Innate Spiritual Roots with his Divine Consciousness.

However, when his Divine Consciousness entered Gu Chun’s soul, he could not find his Innate Spiritual Root at all even after he searched for it high and low.

In the end, he came to a shocking conclusion. Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root had disappeared.

“How did this happen?” Li An’s widened in disbelief and he had a shock expression on his face as he retracted his Divine Consciousness. His heart was in chaos as well.

He was certain Gu Chun had an Innate Spiritual Root. Not too long ago, he was there when Gu Chun participated in the innate talent assessment and was assessed by the Spiritual Pearl. He had seen with his own eyes when the Spiritual Pearl indicated that Gu Chun possessed a green Innate Spiritual Root!

However, currently, his Divine Consciousness could not find Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root in his soul at all!

There were only two possibilities that something like that would happen.

One, Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root was not in his soul but somewhere else.

Second, Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root had disappeared!

In Li An’s opinions, these two possibilities were absurd!

First of all, he had never heard of anyone whose Innate Spiritual Root was located anywhere else apart from in the soul. Second, he had also never heard of anyone’s Innate Spiritual Root disappearing without any rhyme or reason. Moreover, the person’s soul was not damaged at all.

Gu Chun’s expression turned horrified when he saw how surprised Li An was before he fell into a daze. However, he did not dare to disturb Gu Chun.

After a long while, he saw Li An still did not regain his senses. He called out weakly, “Maste...”

However, he did not get to finish his sentence. Li An interrupted him. “Try again!”

When Li An spoke, a Spiritual Pearl appeared in his hand suddenly. It was the Spiritual Pearl that was used to test one’s Innate Spiritual Root.

When Gu Chun saw the Spiritual Pearl, Gu Chun did not know why but he felt slightly uneasy. An ominous rose in his heart as well. After a while, he gritted his teeth and reached out to put his hand on the Spiritual Pearl.

Then, he held his breath as he stared intently at the Spiritual Pearl while he waited for the result.

The span of one breath passed...

The span of two breaths passed...

The span of three breaths passed by...

After ten breaths had passed, Gu Chun gasped.

"Huh?" Gu Chun was shocked when he realized the Spiritual Pearl did not react at all even after ten breaths had passed.

"Master, this is..." Gu Chun thought the Spiritual Pearl might be broken.

However, when he saw Li An putting his hand on the Spiritual Pearl, and after ten breaths, a light began to emit from the Spiritual Pearl, horror dawned on him immediately.

Gu Chun seemed to realize what was happening as he roared inwardly, 'No! Impossible... Impossible! Impossible!'

"If I'm not mistaken, your Innate Spiritual Root is gone!" Li An said as Gu Chun was roaring in his heart. He sentenced Gu Chun's Innate Spiritual Root to death immediately with his words.

Boom!

Li An's words killed the last shred of hope in Gu Chun's heart. It caused his body to turn weak and collapse on the ground.

"Why is it like this? Why is this happening to me? My Innate Spiritual Root is gone! It's over! It's over!" Gu Chun cried out in a low voice as he lay on the ground. He had a dismal expression on his face, and his eyes were filled with unwillingness.

"What happened to your Innate Spiritual Root? How can it just disappear?" Gu Chun only began to calm down when he heard Li An's words.

When he calmed down, Duan Ling Tian's face appeared in his mind again. He said through clenched teeth, "It's Duan Ling Tian! It's him! He's the one who destroyed my Innate Spiritual Root!" He was shouting when he reached the end of his sentence.

Originally, Li An thought Gu Li had met with a mishap that caused him to lose his Innate Spiritual Root. However, he realized he was wrong when he heard Gu Chun's words. Horror dawned on his face as he asked in disbelief, "Duan Ling Tian?"

"It's him! He's the one who destroyed my Innate Spiritual Root!" Gu Chun roared. He charged forward and hugged Li An's legs as though Li An was his last hope. "Master, you must avenge me! You must seek

revenge for me! I want Duan Ling Tian dead! I want him dead! I want to cut him into thousands of pieces and have his bones ground into dust! I want to catch his two companions so I can feed their meat to the dogs!" Gu Chun continued to howl. It was as though he was venting the pain he felt from losing his Innate Spiritual Root.

Losing one's Innate Spiritual Root meant one could no longer walk on the cultivation path.

His innate talent was currently worse than someone with a red Innate Spiritual Root. He was destined to stay at the Early Exemplary Saint Stage, no longer be able to progress.

How could he accept this?

"What happened? Tell me!" Li An asked in a low voice. He did not speak loudly, but the magic in his voice managed to overpower Gu Chun's howling and shouting. It caused Gu Chun to fall silent.

"Master, Duan Ling Tian..." Gu Chun began to recount what had happened to Li An, including the things he learned from the new disciples. He even told him about him passing out.

"He went out of his way to block other people's sights. It's obvious he's up to no good. It must have something to do with the disappearance of my Innate Spiritual Root!" Gu Chun said through clenched teeth after he finished recounting what had happened.

"What you said is not entirely without sense... It seems like the disappearance of your Innate Spiritual Root has something to do with Duan Ling Tian!" Li An's eyes gleamed coldly as he emitted a killing intent.

"Master, you must seek revenge for me!" Gu Chun begged sorrowfully as he looked at Gu Chun with anticipation in his eyes.

"Don't worry! If we can confirm Duan Ling Tian destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root, he'll definitely die!" Li An replied coldly.

"Isn't it obvious?" When Gu Chun heard Li An said that they needed confirmation about this matter, he could not help but frown.

As soon as he finished speaking, he felt as though he had turned lighter. As it turned out, Li An had brought him flying to the western area of the Black Turtle Sanctum where the disciples stayed.

Although there was still a distance to go before Li An arrived at the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple, he yelled angrily, "Duan Ling Tian!"

His angry voice was filled with a rolling energy that swept out quickly. In just a blink of an eye, it spread to every nook and cranny in the residence of the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples.

All the disciples, including those who were in closed-door cultivation, heard Li An's voice.

One by one, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples walked out of the Quartus houses. From afar, they looked like black clouds. There were at least several thousands of them.

Meanwhile, many Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples from the Tertius house also began to come out. There were several hundreds of them.

Apart from that, several dozens of people from the Secundus house also came out.

There were no movements at all in the Primus houses that were located at the top.

"What happened?"

"Who did Duan Ling Tian offend this time?"

"This voice sounds a little familiar, no?"

Li An's had spoken in the distance so he had not appeared yet. For this reason, the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were puzzled.

A Black Turtle Sanctum's disciple who walked out of a Tertius house seemed to recall something. His eyes brightened as he exclaimed, "I know that voice! It's Elder Li An's voice!"

Although his voice was not loud, many people still heard his words.

One spread to ten, ten spread to a hundred, and a hundred spread to a thousand.

After a few moments, all Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who came out to have a look learned who the voice belonged to. It was none other than Li An, the First Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum!

Li An's position was only inferior to the Sanctum Leader in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

"What did Duan Ling Tian do this time? Elder Li An even personally came here!" Many Black Turtle Sanctum's senior disciples looked at each other in shock.

They did not expect this new disciple would be so bold. He had just entered the Black Turtle Sanctum not long ago, but he had offended their First Silver Flame Elder Li An again and again.

"The fact that Elder Li An personally came here means it's not a small issue! It seems like Duan Ling Tian is doomed!" Many Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples agreed with these words.

After a while, under the watchful eyes of the others, Li An appeared with Gu Chun.

Li An let go of Gu Chun, and Gu Chun followed him from behind.

As Gu Chun stood behind Li An, his eyes were staring intently at one of the thousands of Tertius houses. His gaze was filled with a burning hatred.

The Tertius house naturally belonged to Duan Ling Tian, the person he could not wait to kill.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian who was on the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda was also alerted by Li An's arrival. "Li An?"

Chapter 1920: Confrontation

“What’s he doing here?” Duan Ling Tian frowned when he heard Li An and stopped comprehending the Divine Ability, the Black Turtle’s Barrier.

Currently, he had already spent six months comprehending the Black Turtle’s Barrier in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. However, he only managed to scratch the surface of it despite trying to comprehend it for six months. Perhaps, his progress would satisfy many of the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples, but it was not good enough for him.

Previously, when he comprehended the two high-grade Divine Abilities, the Elementary Devouring Tactic and Otherworldly Celestial, it did not take long for him to comprehend and master them. However, he had spent six months comprehending the Black Turtle’s Barrier, but he did not make much progress. It was only natural that he felt dissatisfied and unhappy.

No one knew how much progress Duan Ling Tian had made with the Black Turtle’s Barrier. Otherwise, the disciples who were diligently comprehending the Black Turtle’s Barrier but did not make any progress would be so jealous that their eyes might even turn red. If they could read Duan Ling Tian’s thoughts, they would probably feel like kicking him a few times to vent their anger.

“It seems like this concerns the matter with Gu Chun!” Duan Ling Tian suddenly remembered the matter concerning Gu Chun, and he managed to guess the reason Li An had come looking for him in anger. This was the only plausible reason.

Although Duan Ling Tian knew why Li An had come to look for him, he did not look worried at all. He was calm.

Swish!

With just a thought, he left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda.

After he put away the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, he opened the door and walked out of the Tertius house.

The moment he walked out of the Tertius house, he discovered thousands of eyes looking at him. It was obvious he was the focus of everyone’s attention.

Among all the eyes that were looking at him, two pairs of eyes felt a little different. The eyes were cold and filled with killing intent.

Before he even turned around to look at them, he already knew to whom those eyes belonged to. It had to be Li An and his disciple, Gu Chun!

It was easy for him to guess to whom those eyes belonged to because apart from Li An and his disciple, he had no enmity with other people in the Black Turtle Sanctum.

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian sympathetically.

“Elder Li An, is there a reason you came looking for me?” Duan Ling Tian rose in the air and stood near Li An. He looked at Li An calmly as though he did not know what was wrong.

The Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were shocked when they saw how calm Duan Ling Tian was. Li An's eyes turned cold as he shouted, "Duan Ling Tian, how dare you?!" His voice was thunderous, frightening the Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples who were watching.

Some Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples with lower cultivation were so shocked that they paled immediately.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, the party involved, remained calm from the beginning until the end. His expression remained unchanged even when Li An shouted, he did not even bat an eye.

"Duan Ling Tian seems to have angered Elder Li An!"

"I've been in the Black Turtle Sanctum for six years now, this is my first time seeing Elder Li An so angry... I really can't figure out what Duan Ling Tian has done to anger him to this point!"

"We'll find out if we continue to watch."

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Many Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples whispered among themselves as they watched the scene unfolding before their eyes. They knew this was going to be a good show.

"Elder Li An, what do you mean? I'm sorry, but I don't understand," Duan Ling Tian asked with a frown. He had a confused expression on his face.

Before Li An could reply, Gu Chun who stood behind him shouted, "Duan Ling Tian, stop acting! You destroyed my Innate Spiritual Root, but you're acting dumb now?!"

"I destroyed your Innate Spiritual Root?" A bewildered expression appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face when he heard Gu Chun's words. Then, he looked at Gu Chun before smirking coldly. "Gu Chun, if you're going to make accusations, you should at least come up with a better story, right? How can I destroy your Innate Spiritual Root? Do you think that's something I'm capable of doing? Do you think we're all idiots or do you think Elder Li An is an idiot?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Gu Chun as though he was looking at an idiot.

"You... You..." Gu Chun became even more angered when he saw Duan Ling Tian refusing to admit what he had done.

What angered him even more was apart from Duan Ling Tian looking at him as though he was an idiot, even the thousands of Black Turtle Sanctum's disciples were looking at him as though he was an idiot as well.

"Gu Chun said that Duan Ling Tian destroyed his Innate Spiritual Root?"

"What a joke! Who doesn't know that Innate Spiritual Roots are hidden in the soul? If one touches the Innate Spiritual Root one would inevitably touch the soul as well. Even a Saint Celestial Stage powerhouse can't destroy another person's Innate Spiritual Root without destroying that person's soul!"

"He should come up with a better story! Does Gu Chun think we're all stupid like him?"

“Even if he wants to accuse Duan Ling Tian of something, he should’ve come up with something more believable. He’s really bold!”

“To think Elder Li An personally came for this. Don’t tell me he believes Gu Chun’s story?”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples discussed among themselves.

Based on their discussion, it could be seen that none of them believed Gu Chun’s words at all since it defied everything they knew. Apart from that, many of them also looked at Li An with a strange gaze.

Li An was a Silver Flame Elder in the Black Turtle Sanctum. For this reason, the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples did not dare to say much about him. This was about Duan Ling Tian alone after all, there was no benefit for them if they spoke up for him.

Although they did not dare to speak up in front of Elder Li An, some Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples began to discuss among themselves through Voice Transmission.

“If Elder Li An really believes Gu Chun, then he must be an idiot like Gu Chun!”

“I don’t think Elder Li An believes Gu Chun.”

“If he doesn’t believe him, why would he come looking for Duan Ling Tian in anger as though he means to seek revenge from him?”

“Perhaps, he just wants a good excuse to get rid of Duan Ling Tian. Although we know it’s impossible for Duan Ling Tian to destroy Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root, Elder Li An can use this reason and frame him. If he’s found guilty, he would be considered as breaking the rules of the Fire Worship Sect since it’s maliciously harming a disciple of the sect.”

“That’s right! Why didn’t I think of this? If he can push the blame to Duan Ling Tian, he’ll be able to kill Duan Ling Tian! Elder Li An is really ruthless!”

Many discussions carried through Voice Transmission were similar in thought.

Many of the disciples looked at Li An in fear when they discovered how ruthless the First Silver Flame Elder of Black Turtle Sanctum was! This Silver Flame Elder would stop at nothing to achieve what he wanted.

Then, they shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian. Their eyes were filled with sympathy.

Many people sighed inwardly. They did not think Duan Ling Tian would be able to survive today.

“Duan Ling Tian!” Li An said under the watchful eyes of the others. His voice was cold as he said, “I know you won’t admit to destroying my disciple’s Innate Spiritual Root. However, it’s true that Gu Chun has lost his Innate Spiritual Root. This has also been confirmed by Lord Sanctum Leader!” His eyes glinted coldly when he reached the end of his sentence.

His words shocked the Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples. They did not expect Li An would bring up the Sanctum Leader of Black Turtle Sanctum!

The Sanctum Leader was the strongest person in the Black Turtle Sanctum. If Li An lied, it would be equivalent to him dishonoring the Sanctum Leader. If that was the case, the Sanctum Leader would not let Li An go. Due to this reason, they realized Li An was telling the truth.

Gu Chun really did lose his Innate Spiritual Root!

“H-How is this possible?!”

“I haven’t heard of anyone surviving after their Innate Spiritual Roots are destroyed... However, since Elder Li An dared to mention Lord Sanctum Leader, it has to be true!”

“What’s going on? Don’t tell me Duan Ling Tian really destroyed Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root?”

The Black Turtle Sanctum’s disciples whispered among themselves again as they shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian as fear rose in their hearts.

One must admit that as the First Silver Flame Elder of the Black Turtle Sanctum, Li An had many tricks up his sleeve! With just a few sentences, he managed to change the public’s opinion!

Even if Duan Ling Tian was unwilling, he had to admit Li An was dealing with the matter in a brilliant way.

“Elder Li An, since you mentioned Lord Sanctum Leader, I have no choice but to believe Gu Chun has lost his Innate Spiritual Root despite my unwillingness!” Duan Ling Tian looked at Li An as the disciples looked at him and said solemnly, “I believe Elder Li An won’t use Lord Sanctum Leader’s name so recklessly!”

“Lord Sanctum Leader is the master of Black Turtle Sanctum. Naturally, I won’t use his name casually. Moreover, I don’t have the courage to do such things!” Li An smirked.

If he did not need a good excuse to kill Duan Ling Tian, he would not waste so many words with Duan Ling Tian.

“Even then, what proof do you have that I destroyed Gu Chun’s Innate Spiritual Root, Elder Li An?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression was still as calm as ever. “Based on my knowledge, Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses or above can probe and sense someone’s Innate Spiritual Root. With my current cultivation base, it’s impossible for me to probe or detect one’s Innate Spiritual Root, let alone destroying an Innate Spiritual Root.”