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Chapter 2009: Ke'er's Sister? Gan Ru Yan?

If Yang Wen who was at the Netherworld found that Duan Ling Tian had stepped on his body figuratively to become a true disciple, he would very likely be so furious that he would throw up blood.

After replacing Yang Wen to become a true disciple, Duan Ling Tian obtained the right to reside in Yang Wen's previous residence. It was a standalone floating island around the Saint Island with a huge mansion.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, this is where Yang Wen previously stayed." Liu Yun had led Duan Ling Tian to Yang Wen's previous residence.

When Duan Ling Tian attended the ceremony to become a true disciple, Liu Yun was also the one who had accompanied him. After becoming familiar with each other, they soon became close friends.

Liu Yun was someone who was outwardly cold but was a warm person on the inside. He was much friendlier to people he considered his friends and not as cold as he was to outsiders.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, please come in and have a seat." Duan Ling Tian motioned to him and smiled.

"Perhaps, next time," Liu Yun replied politely, "You've been busy for half a day so it's time for you to rest as well."

"I'm not tired," Duan Ling Tian shook his head before saying, "Senior Brother Liu Yun, there are a few questions I want to ask you. If it's convenient, can you please come inside? Otherwise, I will have to look for you next time."

"It's not inconvenient for me." Liu Yun shook his head. "I'm merely worried you're tired. Since you have questions, I'll, naturally, answer them to the best of my ability, Junior Brother Ling Tian."

Liu Yun then followed Duan Ling Tian and flew toward the mansion on the floating island.

The mansion was extremely huge. It even had a Restriction Formation on it. This Formation was equivalent to a great door that could only be unlocked with a key. One would not be able to enter it if one did not have the key. Naturally, anyone at the Saint Celestial Stage or above could enter by force if they wanted to. However, if that happened, they would alert the patrolling elders in this area and would be sent to the Enforcement Hall to receive severe punishment.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, an order token appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand. It was the identity token of a true disciple.

When he infused his Sun Saint Energy into the identity token, a mysterious force surged out of it before it hit the air before him.

The air above the mansion trembled immediately before it spread out in a ripple-like fashion. An entrance seemed to have opened up in the air.

“What an amazing Formation!” Duan Ling Tian exclaimed in surprise.

Although he had heard that a true disciple’s residence had a Formation that needed a key, which was the identity token, to enter but not when exiting, he could not help but exclaim in surprise when he experienced the wonder of the Formation before him.

After that, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun passed through the ripples that served as the entrance. After they entered, the ripples in the air disappeared as well. The Restriction Formation had closed.

After entering the mansion, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun arrived at the front courtyard. The front courtyard was very vast. Apart from having all kinds of vegetation, there was also a pond with fishes in it. If one walked on the pebbled lane, one would discover a pergola situated at the end of it. In the middle of the pergola, there was a stone table surrounded by three stools.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, please take a seat.” Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun walked into the pergola. After motioning to Liu Yun to sit, Duan Ling Tian sat down as well.

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, what is it you want to ask me?” Liu Yun asked without beating around the bush as soon as they were seated.

“Senior Brother Liu Yun, although I’ve just arrived at the Saint Land not too long ago, I heard a rumor a few days ago. I’m very curious about this matter. If you know anything about it, I hope you can enlighten me, Senior Brother Liu Yun,” Duan Ling Tian said solemnly.

“Don’t worry, Junior Brother Ling Tian. As long as it’s something I know, I’ll tell you everything I know without any reservations!” Liu Yun said solemnly and sincerely.

Although Liu Yun knew Duan Ling Tian only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root and his future achievements might not surpass his, he had acknowledged Duan Ling Tian as a friend due to his cousin and after spending time with him.

Naturally, there was also another reason he acknowledged Duan Ling Tian. He had an intuition that Duan Ling Tian’s accomplishment would not stop here. However, it was still just an intuition. He found it hard to believe since Duan Ling Tian only possessed a yellow Innate Spiritual Root. Even then, it did not change the way he treated Duan Ling Tian.

“I feel rest assured now that I have your words, Senior Brother Liu Yun.” Duan Ling Tian smiled before his expression turned solemn. “Senior Brother Liu Yun, the other day, I heard a few Saint Land elite disciples discussing in secret that some Saint Girl or something has been imprisoned. What are they talking about?”

Liu Yun’s expression changed immediately as soon as he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. After he looked at their surroundings warily, he said in a lowered voice, “Junior Brother Ling Tian, it’s fine to talk about the Saint Girl of the Fire Worship Sect between us. However, you shouldn’t say anything about this outside. If the Enforcement Hall catches wind of it, you’ll definitely be severely punished since the Enforcement Hall has prohibited us from talking about the Saint Girl.” Liu Yun’s expression was grave as he warned Duan Ling Tian.

"I can see that. Otherwise, those few elite disciples wouldn't have been so secretive when they spoke about this." Duan Ling Tian smiled nonchalantly. "Don't worry, Senior Brother Liu Yun. You're the only one I've spoken to about this. I'm just curious about the Saint Girl of our Fire Worship Sect. Previously, I thought I knew the sect quite well. However, I've never heard of the sect having a Saint Girl before," Duan Ling Tian replied.

He did not dare to tell Liu Yun the truth. It was not because he did not trust Liu Yun, but it was a serious matter and he did not want to implicate Liu Yun in this matter.

For this reason, he could only cautiously inquire about the matter regarding Ke'er.

"To be honest, I don't know much about the matter regarding the Saint Girl as well. What I know, I've also heard from the people around me," Liu Yun answered, "Rumor has it that several dozens of years ago, a Saint Girl was selected by our Fire Worship Sect when she was born. However, due to some unknown reason, that Saint Girl disappeared. It was only until a few years back that the Saint Girl was found and brought back to our Fire Worship Sect. The person who found her is Senior Sister Ru Yan!".

"Senior Sister Ru Yan?" Duan Ling Tian showed a stunned expression. He was certain Senior Sister Ru Yan must be Chi Mei who had taken Ke'er away at that time. It was that person who claimed to be Ke'er's elder sister. Duan Ling Tian still remembered Chi Mei's appearance was identical to Ke'er.

'I wonder if Chi Mei has discovered my presence now that my name has spread in the Fire Worship Sect,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes flashed coldly when he thought of Chi Mei.

At that time, Duan Ling Tian had been naive. He did not think Chi Mei would harm Ke'er after taking her away since she was Ke'er's twin sister.

'Chi Mei is such a ruthless person! To think she would even push her own twin sister into the fire pit!' The moment Duan Ling Tian thought about this, a flame of fury rose in his heart.

"It's normal for you not to know who Senior Sister Ru Yan is since you've only arrived in the Saint Land," Liu Yun continued to say, "Senior Sister Ru Yan's full name is Gan Ru Yan. Just like us, she's a true disciple as well. However, she's ranked 7th on the True Ranking and ranked 951st on the Supreme Saint Ranking!" A hint of respect could be seen in his eyes when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of Chi Mei when he heard this. As it turned out, Chi Mei's real name was Gan Ru Yan. Moreover, she was also a top-rated genius in the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land.

"Not only that, but Senior Sister Ru Yan is also one of the rare geniuses in our Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land. Her master is Guardian Qing Huo, one of the three great Guardians of the Fire Worship Sect!" Liu Yun continued.

Upon hearing that, Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel shocked. He did not expect Ke'er's sister to possess an indigo Innate Spiritual Root and was also the direct disciple of a Fire Worship Sect's Guardian.

'No wonder she'd push her own younger sister to the fire pit! As it turns out, she's the direct disciple of the Fire Worship Sect's Guardian! She must have wanted to take credit by sacrificing her own sister!'

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by the fact that Ke'er's sister possessed an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, but the flame of fury in his heart grew into a wildfire the more he thought about it.

"Most importantly, it's said that Senior Sister Ru Yan is the twin sister of the Saint Girl!" When Liu Yun said this, Duan Ling Tian imperceptibly narrowed his eyes as he pretended to look surprised.

"Twin sister? Even then, she still decided to push her own sister into the fire pit? It seems like this Senior Sister Ru Yan is a cold-blooded person," Duan Ling Tian said contemptuously.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you've misunderstood Senior Sister Ru Yan." Liu Yun shook his head.

"Misunderstood?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. "Senior Brother Liu Yun, didn't you say the Saint Girl was found and brought back to the Fire Worship Sect by Senior Sister Ru Yan? Now that the Saint Girl is imprisoned in the Enforcement Hall, don't tell me it's not her fault?"

"Of course not!" Liu Yun shook his head. Duan Ling Tian's frown deepened before Liu Yun continued to explain, "Rumor has it that after Senior Sister Ru Yan brought the Saint Girl back, she had hidden her in her residence. It was after two or three years, that this matter was discovered by Wen Yan. After Wen Yan discovered Senior Sister Ru Yan was secretly hiding the Saint Girl, she reported it to the Enforcement Hall. Due to this reason, Senior Sister Ru Yan, the Saint Girl, and the Saint Girl's daughter who's slightly over two years old are taken away by Enforcement Hall and are imprisoned there until now." Liu Yun's voice sounded contemptuous when he mentioned Wen Yan

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Wen Yan!

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as it flashed coldly after he heard Liu Yun's words. Although it was his first time hearing this name, he already hated this person very much! It was all because of this woman that his wife and daughter were imprisoned in the Saint Land Enforcement Hall!

'It seems like I've misunderstood her.' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian realized he had misunderstood Gan Ru Yan, Ke'er's elder sister.

However, the flame of fury in his heart did not subside at all. It merely changed its target from Gan Ru Yan to Wen Yan.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, what kind of person is Wen Yan?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask after he took a deep breath to suppress the fury he felt in his heart.

"Wen Yan is also a true disciple of our Fire Worship Sect. She's ranked 9th on the True Ranking. She's also the only female disciple ranked in the top ten of the True Ranking apart from Senior Sister Ru Yan. However, despite being strong and having a high innate talent, she's known for her bad attitude," Liu Yun said disdainfully, "Put everything else aside, what she did was extremely shameless in regards to the matter about the Saint Girl. Due to the reason she's always competing with Senior Sister Ru Yan who's stronger than her, she would come up with all sorts of tricks just to cause trouble for Senior Sister Ru Yan. The matter regarding the Saint Girl was a good opportunity for her to cause trouble. Senior Sister Ru Yan's crime is so severe that even Guardian Qing Huo doesn't have any response for the time being.

Perhaps, everyone's just waiting for the Sect Leader to come out of his closed-door cultivation before they make a decision." Liu Yun sighed when he reached the end of his sentence.

'Wen Yan... I'll remember you.' Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly when he thought about Wen Yan.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, you said earlier that Senior Sister Ru Yan is ranked 7th on the True base?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"Similar to me, Senior Sister Ru Yan is a true disciple at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage," Liu Yun replied.

"She's only at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? You're also at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Isn't the gap between both of you too big? She's ranked 7th while you're ranked 27th on the True Ranking, Senior Brother Liu Yun." Duan Ling Tian was stunned.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you're unaware of this... Among the 100 true disciples ranked on the True Ranking, apart from those in the top three and those ranked in the bottom 30, all the true disciples' cultivation base is at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!" Liu Yun said, "Although we're all at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the gap between our strength is pretty ridiculous. Currently, in the Dao Martial Saint Land, apart from those at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, those who're ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking are all elite powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Among the true disciples in our Fire Worship Sect, only seven people are ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking. The person who's ranked 8th behind Senior Sister Ru Yan isn't even strong enough to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking. Due to the reason Senior Sister Ru Yan is a female cultivator, Wen Yan is jealous of Senior Sister Ru Yan, and she's always looking for trouble with Senior Sister Ru Yan. If something happens to Senior Sister Ru Yan, she would be able to replace Senior Sister Ru Yan and become the Big Sister among all the true disciples!" Liu Yun said in one breath, explaining the significance of the Supreme Saint Ranking.

'Ke'er's sister is widely acknowledged by the true disciples as Big Sister?'

Duan Ling Tian also learned that many powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage occupied half the places on the Supreme Saint Ranking!

In the Fire Worship Sect, Bronze Flame Elders were usually at the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage while Silver Flame Elders were usually at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The Golden Flame Elders were at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The two Vice Sect Leaders were at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

As for the powerful Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect and the three great Guardians, they were at the Seventh Form or higher of the Saint Celestial Stage. When one reached that stage, one's lifespan could be compared to the universe.

In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, the number of powerhouses at the Saint Celestial Stage was greatly different at every stage. There were so many powerhouses at the First Form of the

Saint Celestial Stage that they could be compared to a school of silver carps. Those who were at this stage were not eligible to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

As for those at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, although there were not as many of them compared to those at the First Form, there were many of them as well.

Naturally, it was difficult for them to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking with their cultivation base at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Usually, only one in ten powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was qualified enough to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

Based on this, one could see how outstanding the powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who were qualified to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking were compared to ordinary powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Ke'er's sister, Gan Ru Yan, was this kind of outstanding person.

Further up, the number of those who were at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was a lot less. Although the number was a lot less, it was, naturally, not as little as the number of people at the Fourth Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage.

This could be seen from the rankings on the Supreme Saint Rankings.

Those who were at the Second Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage could be considered quite special as well in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They were like the backbones of the three great sects.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, apart from the three great sects, only the dragon clan and the phoenix clan were superior to the first-rate forces who had Guardians at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

The number of people at the Seventh Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage in the current dragon clan was not as many compared to the three great sects.

As for the phoenix clan, since they were very mysterious, no one knew how many powerhouses at the Seventh Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage they had. However, as a clan that was as ancient as the dragon clan, the strength of the phoenix clan was not inferior to the dragon clan.

These two clans were also clans that the three great sects did not dare to easily offend. This was because they had powerhouses at the Seventh Form or above of the Saint Celestial Stage guarding them.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, put everything else aside, just the last technique you used to kill Yang Wen is enough for you to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking!" Liu Yun said suddenly as though he had just recalled something, "The three Palace Of Death's Bronze Flame Elders and I couldn't catch a trace of your sword at all. I think only those elite powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage might be able to catch a trace of your sword, and powerhouses at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could capture the movement of your sword!" Liu Yun praised Duan Ling Tian. "For this reason, I think it's impossible to find someone at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who's a match for you. Even if there's one, it would be very difficult to find."

"I merely relied on the assist-type Divine Ability to cast that sword technique. For this reason, I feel that last sword was just a pure stroke of luck." Duan Ling Tian shook his head.

"Junior Brother Ling Tian, you're too humble. Strictly speaking, the assist-type Divine Ability is part of your strength as well!" Liu Yun shook his head with a smile. "Junior Brother Ling Tian, do you believe the battle between you and Yang Wen is enough to get you ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking? Moreover, your ranking wouldn't be low."

"It can't be, right?" Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded. He did not expect he would be qualified to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking as well.

"It really isn't absurd. You really possess that kind of strength. When the time your ranking on the Supreme Saint Ranking is revealed, the True Ranking in the Fire Worship Sect will probably change as well. If I'm not mistaken, you'll be able to rank in the top five on the True Ranking!!" Liu Yun continued to say.

The top five on the True Ranking?

Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded when he heard this. However, inwardly, he did not think so. When the time arrived, the truth would be revealed.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, since the Saint Girl of our Fire Worship Sect is Senior Sister Ru Yan's twin sister and Senior Sister Ru Yan has an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, why is she not qualified to become the Saint Girl? Then does this mean the Saint Girl's innate talent is not inferior to Senior Sister Ru Yan?" Duan Ling Tian thought of Ke'er's innate talent.

Ke'er's innate talent could be considered outstanding on Cloud Continent. However, that was because she had drunk the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk.

However, even after drinking the 10,000 Year Stalactite Milk, Ke'er's innate talent could only be considered as ordinary in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

With her innate talent, why was she selected to become the Saint Girl?

Duan Ling Tian could not figure out this matter no matter how much he thought about it. He was even more confused when he learned Ke'er's twin sister, Gan Ru Yan, possessed an indigo Innate Spiritual Root.

"Based on what I know, Senior Sister Ru Yan wasn't selected to become the Saint Girl of our Fire Worship Sect because her innate talent isn't as good as her twin sister..." Liu Yun instantly responded to Duan Ling Tian's question, "From what I heard, Senior Sister Ru Yan's twin sister, the Saint Girl, was discovered to possess a violet Innate Spiritual Root when she was a baby!" Liu Yun's expression was solemn when he spoke.

A violet Innate Spiritual Root!

It was as though a bolt of lightning had struck Duan Ling Tian when he heard Liu Yun's words.

Ke'er possessed a violet Innate Spiritual Root?

'How's it possible?!' Duan Ling Tian found it hard to believe. If Ke'er possessed a violet Innate Spiritual Root, why was her cultivation speed so slow?

Duan Ling Tian continued to ask, "Senior Brother Liu Yun, as far as I know, the Saint Girl is very weak. She hasn't even entered the Divine Saint Stage yet. What's going on? Doesn't she possess a violet Innate Spiritual Root?"