

**Chapter 2041: A Dumbstruck Gan Ru Yan**

“Yes,” Meng Qi responded quickly to Gan Ru Yan’s question. He did not dare to dally.

“He only entered the Fire Worship Sect not too long ago, right? How did he get so many Contribution Points?” Gan Ru Yan asked in confusion. She had an astonished expression on her face as well.

Meng Qi replied, “Although it has only been less than a year since he entered the sect, almost all the news in the sect that have caused a commotion have something to do with him...” He paused for a moment before he continued to say, “As for the one million Contribution Points, he earned it in the Palace Of Death when he first arrived in the Saint Land!”

“Almost all the news that caused a commotion have something to do with him?” Gan Ru Yan was stunned when she heard this. She was even more puzzled when she heard the second half of Meng Qi’s words. “The Palace Of Death? Since when can we earn so many Contribution Points in the Palace Of Death? Why haven’t I heard of such a good thing?”

“Well, what happened was when he first joined the Four Symbols Sanctum’s Black Turtle Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect...” Meng Qi recounted how Duan Ling Tian had killed Yang Wen, the second son of the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect when he first arrived in the Fire Worship Sect. He also told her about how a true disciple, Yang Wen, was the eldest son of the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect!

There were over 170 true disciples. However, Gan Ru Yan had a vague impression of Yang Wen. Although Yang Wen was also a true disciple like her, he was not strong enough to be ranked on the True Ranking. For this reason, she did not pay him much attention. It was only natural a true disciple like Yang Wen would not catch her attention.

“Yang Wen’s actually the eldest son of the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sects?” Gan Ru Yan was shocked when she learned about this. She did not expect Yang Wen would hide this so well. Naturally, even if she knew then that Yang Wen was the eldest son of the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, she still would not have paid much attention to him. After all, in terms of strength and background, he was inferior to her!

“Due to the reason Duan Ling Tian had killed Yang Wu, Yang Wen went to look for trouble with him as soon as he arrived in the Saint Land. However, Duan Ling Tian instantly challenged him to a Death Duel. In the end, they both went to the Palace of Death to sign a Death Pact,” Meng Qi mused, “In the beginning, Yang Wen and everyone else thought Duan Ling Tian was just boasting. However, they’re proven wrong when Duan Ling Tian killed Yang Wen!”

Gan Ru Yan was not surprised when she heard that Duan Ling Tian had killed Yang Wen. She had witnessed Duan Ling Tian’s strength earlier. Even she was no match for him, let alone Yang Wen who was inferior to her!

As Meng Qi continued to recount what had happened, Gan Ru Yan finally learned how Duan Ling Tian had managed to obtain a million Contribution Points. As it turned out, he had won it by placing a bet on himself!

'The bow he used as collateral is not simple. Otherwise, Elder Nie Zui wouldn't have given him 200,000 Contribution Points to him,' Gan Ru Yan thought to herself.

Nie Zui was from the same lineage as her and her master, Guardian Qing Huo. In terms of seniority, the custodian of the Palace Of Death, Nie Zui, could be considered as her senior brother. Due to this reason, she knew Nie Zui well. She knew he was not someone to act kindly if there were no benefits.

After Gan Ru Yan learned about how Duan Ling Tian obtained one million Contribution Points, she looked at Meng Qi and asked, "Earlier you said all the news that caused a commotion in the sect in the past one year have something to do with him? Tell me about it!" She was slightly curious about what Duan Ling Tian had been up to.

Meng Qi patiently recounted what had happened to Gan Ru Yan.

Gan Ru Yan's expression was a sight to see when she listened to Meng Qi's stories. She did not expect that Duan Ling Tian would cause so many issues in less than a year after entering the Fire Worship Sect.

The moment he entered the Four Symbols Sanctum's Black Turtle Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect, he had offended the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An. Then, he even killed in the Vermilion Bird Sanctum! However, he was not severely punished by the Enforcement Hall because he possessed a blue Innate Spiritual Root.

"Wait a minute. A blue Innate Spiritual Root? You said he has a blue Innate Spiritual Root?" Gan Ru Yan immediately interrupted Meng Qi when she heard about Duan Ling Tian's Innate Spiritual Root. She had a baffled expression on her face as she asked, "Are you sure you're not mistaken?"

"I'm not mistaken." Meng Qi shook his head. "He should have a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Why? Did you also think he only has a yellow Innate Spiritual Root, Miss Ru Yan?"

Yellow Innate Spiritual Root? Gan Ru Yan did not bother with responding to Meng Qi's question.

Duan Ling Tian was only a year or two older than her but was much stronger than her and also raised his strength so quickly in just a few years. How was it possible for someone like that to possess a yellow Innate Spiritual Root? In fact, Gan Ru Yan suspected that Duan Ling Tian might not have a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Based on his cultivation speed, she thought it was possible that he might possess an indigo, or even violet, Innate Spiritual Root! After all, she knew what Duan Ling Tian's strength was like a couple of years ago.

"You said he should have a blue Innate Spiritual Root. Why did you use the words 'should have'?" Gan Ru Yan asked.

"There's a rumor going around the sect that he knows a technique to conceal his Innate Spiritual Root. It's possible that he possesses an indigo or even violet Innate Spiritual Root," Meng Qi explained. When he reached the end of his sentence, he added, "However, I think that's unlikely."

Unlikely? Gan Ru Yan inwardly disagreed with Meng Qi's comment. She had come to the conclusion that Duan Ling Tian possessed an indigo or violet Innate Spiritual Root.

Gan Ru Yan only felt slightly uncertain when Meng Qi spoke about the reason why Duan Ling Tian was so strong.

“His cultivation base is only at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage? He’s only able to suppress powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Stage due to the reason that he has mastered four high-grade Divine Abilities and a mysterious sword technique?” Gan Ru Yan was stunned again when she heard learned about this.

Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was only at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage?

When Duan Ling Tian had struck her with his sword earlier, she felt as though she had a close call with death. At that time, she had thought Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

However, Meng Qi had told her Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was only at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage. Just a mere Early Quintessential Saint Stage Martial Cultivator actually possessed strength comparable to a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?

Although Gan Ru Yan found it hard to believe, she had no choice but to believe it as Meng Qi continued to recount what had happened. Duan Ling Tian’s strength was indeed comparable to a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage even though his cultivation base was only at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage!

‘If his cultivation base is only at the Early Quintessential Saint Stage, then it’s possible that he only possesses a blue Innate Spiritual Root,’ Gan Ru Yan thought to herself.

Soon after, Gan Ru Yan learned about another shocking news. Duan Ling Tian was a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior! She, naturally, knew what being a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior meant. She did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior!

“Wen Yan? She did not dare to accept his Death Duel challenge? She was publicly beaten until her face was as swollen as a pig head?” When Gan Ru Yan heard of the dispute between Duan Ling Tian and Wen Yan, she was delighted.

‘Younger sister, it seems like you really found yourself a good man. For your sake, he entered the lion’s den and didn’t even hesitate to offend a Golden Flame Elder just for the sake of avenging you!’ At this instant, Gan Ru Yan’s impression of Duan Ling Tian had undergone an earth-shattering transformation.

Gan Ru Yan knew very well that Duan Ling Tian had taught Wen Yan a lesson because of her twin sister, not her.

A hint of dread appeared in Gan Ru Yan’s eyes when she learned that Duan Ling Tian had offended Dong Lin in order to serve in the Enforcement Hall.

Dong Lin was the only son of one of the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Masters. Duan Ling Tian had offended him and he would be staying in the Enforcement Hall for a month. He would not have an easy time in the future.

Dong Lin might not be as strong as Duan Ling Tian, but he did not have to personally make a move if he wanted to seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian in the Enforcement Hall.

“Elder Meng Qi, I have a favor to ask of you,” Gan Ru Yan said solemnly as she looked at Meng Qi.

“Please tell me what you want me to do, Miss Ru Yan!” Meng Qi smiled. The woman before him was like a great young miss to him. If he neglected her and Guardian Qing Huo found out about it, he would be flayed alive.

“Please pass this Voice Transmission jade token to my master.” Gan Ru Yan took out a Voice Transmission jade token and after transmitting voice into it, she handed it over to Meng Qi.

“Alright!” After Meng Qi took the Voice Transmission jade token, he instantly agreed to her request.

The message Gan Ru Yan left in the Voice Transmission jade token was very simple. She had asked her master to look out for Duan Ling Tian.

Naturally, Gan Ru Yan did not reveal that Duan Ling Tian was her brother-in-law. She merely said he was a friend she had made when she was training outside. She also told her master how Duan Ling Tian had mercilessly humiliated Wen Yan to avenge her. She had mentioned this so her master would be more inclined to look out for Duan Ling Tian since they shared a common enemy. After all, her master also hated Wen Yan who had reported her!

#### **Chapter 2042: Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, Dong Yuan Jin!**

Although Gan Ru Yan’s master hated Wen Yan, it was not convenient for him to act against Wen Yan. After all, her master was one of the three great Guardians of Fire Worship Sect. If he had acted against a Fire Worship Sect’s disciple, he would only be a laughingstock if word of it got out. In fact, the Fire Worship Sect might also become a laughingstock in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land if he had done so.

“Duan Ling Tian, I can only help you this much...” Gan Ru Yan muttered to herself after Meng Qi left with the voice transmission jade token.

While Meng Qi left the Prison Hall with the voice transmission jade token given to him by Gan Ru Yan and prepared to leave the Enforcement Hall, Duan Ling Tian had finally arrived at the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall. He went to see Liu Yun immediately when he arrived. He remembered what he had promised Liu Yu!

“Junior Brother Ling Tian, did you manage to see the Saint Girl and her daughter?” Liu Yun could not help but ask when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

“No.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head with a bitter smile. “They’re not imprisoned together with Gan Ru Yan so I only saw Gan Ru Yan.”

“What a pity.” Liu Yun sighed and comforted Duan Ling Tian when he heard his words. “Junior Brother Ling Tian, I’ll go back and look for my great-great-great-great grandfather... I’ll see if there’s anything I can do to help you meet the Saint Girl and her daughter.”

“Thank you, Senior Brother Liu Yun.” Although Duan Ling Tian knew Liu Yun would not be able to help him in this matter, he still thanked him. After all, he knew Liu Yun had good intentions. Duan Ling Tian’s

expression changed before he finally gritted his teeth and called out, "Senior Brother Liu Yun!" It was as though he had made up his mind.

"Hm?" Liu Yun was confused when he saw Duan Ling Tian's solemn expression. He asked, "Junior Brother Ling Tian, is there anything else?"

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, although we've not known each other for long, there's trust between us."

Liu Yun could not help but laugh when he saw Duan Ling Tian speaking with such a solemn expression. However, he stopped laughing when he heard Duan Ling Tian's next sentence.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, from now on, we should stop being friends!"

Liu Yun looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief. "Junior Brother Ling Tian... What do you mean? Do you think I'm unworthy of being your friend?" Liu Yun's tone began to change as he spoke.

"Of course not!" Duan Ling Tian knew Liu Yun had misunderstood him. He smiled bitterly as he said, "Senior Brother Liu Yun, you'll always be my senior brother in my heart, and you'll always be my friend... However, you're not alone. You have your family to consider. Even if you're alone, I'll still make the same decision. Although I haven't been in the Fire Worship Sect for long, I've offended quite a number of people... Dong Lin whom I've offended recently is the son of one of the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall! Although I'm not afraid of him, I don't want to implicate you and your family." Duan Ling Tian's words were sincere.

"Did great grandfather put you up to this?" Liu Yun asked in a low voice. He seemed to have figured out something.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, if I didn't want to do it, no one could change my mind. This is my decision. I'll always keep our friendship and my friendship with Liu Mu in my heart, but I think it's best if we maintain a distance for now," Duan Ling Tian said seriously, "I guarantee that one day, this won't be an issue. At that time, we can meet up and drink. There won't be anything for us to worry about at that time!"

Various expressions flitted across Liu Yun's face as Duan Ling Tian spoke.

"Worst case scenario, I'll leave my clan!" Liu Yun clenched his teeth and made up his mind to leave the Liu Clan. With this, he no longer had to worry about implicating the Liu Clan.

"Senior Brother Liu Yun, don't do that!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he heard this. A hint of warmth enveloped his heart. He did not expect Liu Yun would decide to leave the Liu Clan for his sake and for his family's sake.

Duan Ling Tian had to feign anger before Liu Yun reluctantly agreed to listen to Duan Ling Tian and do as he said.

On that day, shocking news spread from the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall. Duan Ling Tian had a fallout with his good friend, Liu Yun. Not only that, but he had injured Liu Yun as well. After that, an elder from the Liu Clan who was also a Silver Flame Elder in the Enforcement Hall had taught Duan Ling Tian a lesson. From then on, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun went their separate ways!

The Fire Worship Sect was in shock.

“Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian and Senior Brother Liu Yun had a fallout?”

“Why? Weren’t they close? Why did they fall out so suddenly?”

Many Saint Land disciples were baffled when they heard the news.

“Brother Yun and Junior Brother Ling Tian... had a fallout?” Liu Mu was deeply affected by the news. He had known Duan Ling Tian longer than his cousin did. He was the one that introduced them after all. Based on his impression of Duan Ling Tian, he knew Duan Ling Tian was not someone who would simply look for trouble. Could it be that his cousin brother was in the wrong?

Liu Mu felt really anxious. He wished he was also at the Enforcement Hall so he could help Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun reconcile. However, Fire Worship Sect’s elders and disciples were forbidden from entering the Enforcement Hall for personal matters. Therefore, regardless of how much he wanted to see Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun at the Enforcement Hall, he could not do so. He had to wait a month for Duan Ling Tian and Liu Yun to return from the Enforcement Hall before he could ask them what happened.

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Inside the Main Hall of the Enforcement Hall.

The Main Hall occupied a vast area. As a Bronze Flame Elder, Dong Lin’s residence was also located inside the Main Hall.

“Duan Ling Tian fell out with Liu Yun?”

Dong Lin was stunned when he heard this news. Then, he sneered. ‘Duan Ling Tian, you’re really a loner... You had one friend, but you even had a fallout with him. It’s a pity Elder Liu Yu didn’t punish you harshly. However, just because he didn’t punish you harshly doesn’t mean I’ll do so as well.’ Dong Ling left his residence soon after he thought about this.

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On the eastern side of the Enforcement Hall was where the forbidden area of the Enforcement Hall was located. This was where the Hall Master and the few Vice Hall Masters usually cultivated. One could not enter this area without a valid reason. However, Dong Lin was an exception to this. This was because he was the only son of one of the Vice Hall Masters, Dong Yuan Jin. No one said anything even though he frequently went in and out of the place.

In a quiet mountain valley, birds were chirping, and the flowers were in full bloom. One could hear the faint sound of a waterfall as well. There was a mansion on the land near the waterfall. The entire place was very tranquil.

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The sound of wind whistling heralded Dong Lin’s arrival in front of the mansion.

“Young Master!”

A figure appeared before Dong Lin as soon when he arrived in front of the mansion. The figure belonged to an old man wearing plain clothes. The old man was as skinny as a tree branch.

“Elder Yang,” Dong Lin addressed the old man respectfully despite his simple appearance. The old man was his father’s attendant. However, he knew the old man’s strength was not inferior to his father. He would definitely obtain the position of a Golden Flame Elder if he joined the Fire Worship Sect.

“Young master, are you here to look for master?” The old man asked with a slightly hoarse voice. It sounded as though he was on his last breath.

“Yes.” Dong Lin nodded as a hint of hatred flashed in his eyes.

Dong Yuan Jin was one of the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Masters. He had the appearance of a middle-aged man, and he had a strong build. He looked like an iron tower as he stood in the backyard of the mansion.

“Father!” Dong Lin who was brought to the backyard by Elder Yang bowed respectfully when he saw Dong Yuan Jin

“Hm.” Dong Yuan Jin was quite strict with his son. Although he loved his son deeply, he tried to be strict with him so he would not be spoiled. He was afraid if he doted on his son too much, his son would slack in his cultivation. That was not something he was willing to see.

In this world where only the fittest survived, the strong ones ruled.

Before Dong Yuan Jin entered the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he might die. At that time, he would be unable to protect his son.

“Father. I...” Dong Lin began to speak. However, before he could finish, he was interrupted by Dong Yuan Jin.

“You came today because you want me to order someone to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson?” Dong Yuan Jin asked indifferently. His eyes seemed capable of seeing through everything.

“Yes.” Dong Lin clenched his teeth and nodded.

“As your father, I hope that you’ll be able to solve this matter on your own... However, I heard that kid, Duan Ling Tian, has many tricks up his sleeve, and you’re simply no match for him.” Based on Dong Yuan Jin’s words, it was obvious he had heard of Duan Ling Tian. It was obvious he did not think Duan Ling Tian posed any threats even though he was strong enough to defeat a powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and had strength comparable to a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

After all, Dong Yuan Jin, as the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall in the Fire Worship Sect, was even stronger than most Golden Flame Elders. He already had one foot in the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Even a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was nothing in his eyes, let alone someone whose strength was comparable to a powerhouse at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

## Chapter 2043: An Unkempt Zhu Lu Qi

"I'm useless. I've embarrassed you, father." Dong Lin lowered his head in embarrassment when he heard Dong Yuan Jin's words. However, a hint of coldness flashed in the depths of his eyes. Naturally, this was directed at Duan Ling Tian, not his father. If it was not for Duan Ling Tian, would he have to ask his father for help to resolve this matter? Would he have to hear the disappointment in his father's voice if not for Duan Ling Tian?

Dong Lin blamed Duan Ling Tian for everything. He did not think about his own incompetence nor did he think that he was the one who had gone to look for trouble with Duan Ling Tian. It could be seen that he had no dignity at all. He could have diligently cultivated and avenge himself, but he chose to seek help from his father instead.

"Both of you possess blue Innate Spiritual Roots... I hope you'll be able to avenge yourself with your own strength and not ask me for help!" Dong Yuan Jin looked at Dong Lin solemnly and said, "Just this once, I'll ask Elder Yang to speak to Tian Dong. Go and look for Tian Dong tomorrow!"

"Elder Tian Dong?!" Dong Lin's eyes lit up instantly when he heard Dong Yuan Jin's words. He was delighted.

Tian Dong was the strongest Silver Flame Elder in the Enforcement Hall! Dong Yuan Jin had once helped him so he could be considered as under his father's command.

Dong Lin was, naturally, delighted when he heard his father said he was going to get Tian Dong to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson.

Dong Yuan Jin seemed even more disappointed when he saw how delighted Dong Lin was. He shook his head as he turned to enter the mansion. Although he was disappointed, there was nothing he could do. Regardless of whether his son was capable or not, his son was the most important person in his life. Naturally, he could not bear it when someone else bullied his son. However, Duan Ling Tian did not cross the bottom line when he humiliated his son. Therefore, it was inconvenient for him to act against him.

"Take care, father!" Dong Lin said respectfully when he regained his senses and saw his father departing figure.

"Elder Yang, I'll take my leave first. Tomorrow, I'll look for Elder Tian Dong... Please remember to see Elder Tian Dong today!" Dong Lin reminded Elder Yang.

"I'll go see him now." Dong Lin nodded in satisfaction after he heard Elder Yang's answer.

Elder Yang sighed as he looked Dong Lin's departing figure. He muttered to himself, "Can't blame master for being disappointed with how this young master acts..."

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that Dong Lin had gone to seek help from his father, Dong Yuan Jin, one of the Vice Hall Masters of the Enforcement Hall.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian was focused on cultivating in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. His goal was to break through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage! At that time, he could



defeat an ordinary powerhouse at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage without even using the Jasper Celestial Sword.

However, talented powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage like Wen Yan were not people he could deal with without the help of the Jasper Celestial Sword even after he broke through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage, let alone those on the same level as Gan Ru Yan.

The difference in strength between powerhouses at the Second Form Saint Celestial Stage was wide. There were powerhouses like Gan Ru Yan who were strong enough to be ranked on the Supreme Saint Ranking, and there were powerhouses who did not even qualify like Wen Yan and Liu Yun.

‘After breaking through to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage, I should be able to defeat Senior Brother Liu Yun without using the Jasper Celestial Sword... Once I break through to the Mastery Saint Stage, I should be able to defeat Wen Yan without using the Jasper Celestial Sword!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘As for people like Gan Ru Yan, I’m afraid I’ll have to break through to the peak of the Exemplary Saint Stage to defeat her without the Jasper Celestial Sword!’

Duan Ling Tian had learned a lot during his stay in the Fire Worship Sect. Among the things he had learned was the strength of powerhouses at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

“Gan Ru Yan can’t even be considered as the strongest among those at the Second Form Saint Celestial Stage... If I want to defeat those powerhouses at the peak of the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage without using the Jasper Celestial Sword, my cultivation base would have to be at the Intermediate Quintessential Saint Stage at least!” Duan Ling Tian knew his own strength very well.

Although they were all at the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, those at the peak of the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were a lot stronger.

The difference between all Nine Forms of the Saint Celestial Stage was huge! It was comparable to the difference between a powerhouse at the Exemplary Saint Stage and a powerhouse at the Quintessential Saint Stage or a powerhouse at the Divine Saint Stage and a powerhouse at the Exemplary Saint Stage.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian cultivated diligently. He knew he had to improve his cultivation base as fast he could if he wanted to save Ke’er and their daughter. He had to be strong enough to rescue them before the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship comes out of closed-door cultivation! Who knew what would happen once he came out of closed-door cultivation?

A day passed quickly.

To Duan Ling Tian, a day outside was equivalent to five days in the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda. He continued to cultivate as his cultivation base moved closer and closer to the Intermediate Exemplary Saint Stage.

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While Duan Ling Tian prepared himself to leave his residence in the Main Hall and to report for duty, an extremely unkempt looking Zhu Lu Qi was at an unknown and dark location.

That’s right! It was Zhu Lu Qi, the former Palace Master of Mystical Sky Mansion’s Heaven Palace, a quasi third-rate force in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Previously, he had cultivated

the Devouring Dark Devil Technique and was exiled by the people from Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Somehow, he had followed Duan Ling Tian to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land and joined one of the three great sects, the Fire Worship Sect. He had joined the White Tiger Sanctum.

Previously, before Duan Ling Tian entered the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Land, he had asked for help from the Black Turtle Sanctum's Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong to send Zhu Lu Qi back to the Lower Province using an Inter-province Transportation Formation.

Duan Ling Tian asked Zhu Lu Qi to return to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to warn the Azure Cloud Mansion. After all, he had offended Li An from the Fire Worship Sect and Yang Chong, the fifth elder from a first-rate force, the Northern Plethora Sect. Since he had exposed his identity as a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, it was possible for Li An and Yang Chong to find out he was from the Lower Province. If Li An or Yang Chong sent someone to investigate him in the Lower Province, they would easily find out about his background. Duan Ling Tian's name was famous in the Lower Province. It would not be difficult for Li An or Yang Chong to find out he was from the quasi third-rate force, the Azure Cloud Mansion. If that happened, disaster would befall the Azure Cloud Mansion!

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian had asked Zhu Lu Qi to go to the Azure Cloud Mansion in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to warn them of the impending danger. Duan Ling Tian believed that if his father learned of this, he would be able to make necessary arrangements to avoid the danger.

However, Duan Ling Tian would never expect that Zhu Lu Qi would meet with an accident after he entered the Inter-province Transportation Formation. He was not sent to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Instead, he was sent to an unknown creepy location.

The place was dark. There was no day nor night. Zhu Lu Qi very quickly got used to this.

"Where is this? It doesn't seem to be the Lower Province or the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land..."

Zhu Lu Qi looked up at the sky. A blood-red moon lit the sky. It looked extremely eerie.

"The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here is worse than the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land... It feels like I've been here for a few months. However, I've not seen a beast here, let alone another human."

He walked aimlessly in the woods. Zhu Lu Qi felt extremely depressed. He felt he was going to go crazy.

Since there was no day or night, Zhu Lu Qi did not know how long he had been here. However, he felt as though a long time had passed.

Naturally, Zhu Lu Qi had not been there for long. Due to how eerie the place was and the lack of living things, it was only natural he felt he had been here for a long time. He was tired of this place, but he did not know how to return.

“What happened to the Inter-province Transportation Formation? Why was I sent to this hellhole... Where’s this?” Zhu Lu Qi was extremely frustrated. He was on the brink of a breakdown. However, he forcefully calmed himself down and began to observe his surroundings.

After a while, Zhu Lu Qi discovered he had been walking endlessly in the same place as though he was trapped in a loop.

“Illusory formation?” Zhu Lu Qi was shocked. He stopped moving because he knew it was pointless. He would only end up in the same place.

“It seems like you finally noticed it.” As soon as Zhu Lu Qi stopped moving, creepy laughter rang in the air.

### **Chapter 2044: The Devil Clan**

As the creepy voice rang in the air, two monsters that looked like minotaurs with black mist surrounding them appeared before Zhu Lu Qi.

At the same time, Zhu Lu Qi discovered that apart from the dark sky and blood-red moon lighting it, the dead trees in his surroundings had disappeared. He was at a valley. The two monsters stood in the air before him, and they were glaring at him with their red eyes.

“You... Who are you?” Upon seeing the two monsters, Zhu Lu Qi felt chills running up his spine. The two monsters emitted a dangerous vibe. Moreover, the Devil Qi in their bodies was even purer than his even though he was a Devil Cultivator!

“Human?” The two monsters looked at each other in shock when they heard Zhu Lu Qi speak.

“H-he asked us who are we?” One of the monsters said excitedly.

“Yes.” The other monster was excited as well. “When I cast the art of charm, I discover the Devil Qi in his body isn’t pure. As it turns out, he’s human!”

“Why would a human appear in the Exiled Realm? Could he be from the legendary Saint Province Realm?”

“According to the ancient legends, apart from the Devata Realms and the other mundane realms, only the Saint Province Realm next to our Exiled Realm has humans!”

“However, isn’t there a space barrier between the Exiled Realm and the Saint Province Realm? Powerhouses from the Exiled Realm have dreamt of breaking the barrier for hundreds of thousands of years but they’ve never succeeded.”

“Could it be that this human has discovered a tear in the space barrier and came from the Saint Province Realm?”

The two minotaur-looking monsters discussed among themselves as though there were no one else present. Their words confused Zhu Lu Qi. He had heard of the Devata Realms and the mundane realms. However, he had never heard of the Exiled Realm or the Saint Province Realm! He could faintly guess the Saint Province Realm the minotaurs mentioned referred to the Dao Martial Saint Land. He had never heard of the Exiled Realm in the Dao Martial Saint Land!

Zhu Lu Qi took a deep breath and mustered his courage before he asked, "You're not human. What are you?!" He was curious after all.

Based on their words, they were not human. Zhu Lu Qi did not think they were Saint Beasts. Saint Beasts would usually be in their beast form or human form. They would not be in such a weird state. It was his first time seeing these minotaur-looking monsters. Not only was this his first time seeing such creatures, but he had never heard of the existence of half-human half-beast creatures.

"He just asked us what are we?"

The monsters began to talk among themselves again.

"Hasn't he heard about devils?"

"That's possible. Otherwise, he would've known we're devils."

"If he can't even tell we're devils, he definitely doesn't know we're from the Ox Devil Clan."

"That's for sure!"

Zhu Lu Qi heard the monsters' words and his expression instantly changed.

"Devils? You're from the Devil Clan?" Zhu Lu Qi looked as though he had seen a ghost. He said, "If you're from the Devil Clan... Then, this place should be the Land of Exile that people spoke of in legends in the Dao Martial Saint Land?"

Zhu Lu Qi had only learned about the Land of Exile when he was in the White Tiger Sanctum of the Fire Worship Sect's Four Symbols Sanctums. Apart from cultivating, he liked reading ancient books. While he was in the White Tiger Sanctum, he had once read an extremely old book about the Land of Exile. According to legend, there was once a great Human-Devil War that happened in the Dao Martial Saint Land a very long time ago!

There were all kinds of Devil Clans that invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land during that era. That era was known as the Human-Devil Era! The Land of Exile was where the Devil Clans came from!

During the Human-Devil Era, the great Human-Devil War had wreaked havoc in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Humans eventually defeated the devils during the war. Ever since then, the devils were no longer seen on the Dao Martial Saint Land. It was during that time that the three great sects and Devil Cultivators began to appear. The Devil Cultivators were humans who managed to master the Devil Clans' cultivation technique.

The devils all retreated back to the Land of Exile. The days turned peaceful and people gradually forgot about the devils who had once invaded the land. Soon after, the Dao Martial Saint Land was divided into the Upper and Lower Province.

At that time, people began to forget about the Land of Exile. What remained was only some information recorded in books that were kept in the three great sects.

'In the legend, it was said that devils managed to invade the Dao Martial Saint Land from the Land of Exile was because they had spent millions of years to set up a powerful Devil Formation that destroyed the space barrier between the Land of Exile and the Dao Martial Saint Land!' Zhu Lu Qi recalled the information he had read. 'After that, the Great Human-Devil War happened, but the devils suffered a huge defeat and was chased back to the Land of Exile... Back then, those powerful figures had paid with their lives to set up the Grand Seal Formation and forcefully closed the opening in the space barrier! If the devils want to invade the Dao Martial Saint Land again, it would take them several hundreds of thousands of years or even several million years to make an opening in the space barrier. Only tens of thousands of years have passed since the Human-Devil Era! Was I sent here by mistake?' Zhu Lu Qi's expression turned grim when he thought of this. He did not expect he would be so unlucky to be transported here.

The Land of Exile was not a good place.

"The Dao Martial Saint Land?" The two monsters heard Zhu Lu Qi's words, and they looked at him.

"The Dao Martial Saint Land is rumored to be the main continent in the Saint Province Realm!"

"It seems like he's really from the Saint Province Realm... We should bring him back to the clan. Maybe the Ox Devil Clan can find the entrance to the Saint Province Realm through him!"

"According to legend, the Saint Province Realm is extremely rich in resources. Not only is their cultivation environment many times better than ours, but they even have Saint Stones and Saint Veins!"

The two monsters' eyes were shining brightly as they looked at Zhu Lu Qi.

As soon as they finished speaking, Zhu Lu Qi began to move in an attempt to escape. However, he merely managed to take a few steps before one of the monsters had caught him.

Their strength was not at the same level!

Both of the monsters have a strong physique, and they were three meters tall. One of them held Zhu Lu Qi as though he was a piece of luggage.

"Let's go! We'll bring him back to the clan."

Following that, the two monsters left with Zhu Lu Qi who was defenseless before them. After listening to their conversation, he knew they were members of the Ox Devil Clan, and they were Ox Devils.

'Duan Ling Tian, I'm afraid I can't help you pass the message...' Zhu Lu Qi thought to himself helplessly. He was certain he would die now that he was caught by the Ox Devils. He hoped Duan Ling Tian would somehow discover that he had failed to deliver the message to his family, and he would personally go to the Lower Province to warn his family. Naturally, he knew the chances of that happening was slim.

As the saying went, 'When it rains, it pours'. While Zhu Lu Qi was captured by the Ox Devils back to the Ox Devil Clan, the Black Turtle Sanctum's First Silver Flame Elder Li An and the men given to him by the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect had arrived in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“Greetings, my Lords!” When the Dao Martial Saint Land’s Watcher saw Li An and the other men, he bowed respectfully.

He was merely a Martial Cultivator at the Quintessential Saint Stage. The people before him were at the Saint Celestial Stage at least.

“Have you seen this man before?” Li An raised his arm and unfolded a portrait, revealing the portrait of a handsome young man.

It was Duan Ling Tian’s face after he had disguised himself. This was his appearance in the Fire Worship Sect.

“It’s very likely that he’s from the Lower Province... If he’s from the Lower Province, you must have seen him before. Do you have any impression of him?” Li An said in his deep voice. At the same time, he released his aura, causing the Watcher to turn pale. However, the Watcher shook his head and spoke truthfully, “I’ve never seen him before.”

“He’s called Duan Ling Tian... Are you sure you’ve never seen him before?” Li An asked once again.

“Duan Ling Tian?” The Watcher was stunned when he heard the name. A hint of surprise could be seen in his eyes.

#### **Chapter 2045: Azure Cloud Mansion’s Crisis**

Li An who was astute noticed the astonishment in the Watcher’s eyes even though it had only flashed in his eyes for a second. An oppressive energy surged out of his body and suppressed the Watcher as he asked, “Why? Do you know Duan Ling Tian?”

In just a second, the Watcher’s face turned pale. Li An had extended his Spiritual Energy into his brain as he cast the Soul Searching Secret Tactic! The Watcher was instantly put under Li An’s control.

After Li An gained control of the Watcher, he asked in his deep voice, “Do you know Duan Ling Tian?”

“Yes.” The Watcher’s eyes were lifeless and he seemed like he was in a daze as he nodded the instant he heard Li An’s question.

When Li An heard his words, his eyes lit up and his expression turned solemn, “Then why did you say you’ve never seen the person in the portrait I’ve shown you earlier?”

“It’s true. I’ve never seen that person in the portrait before,” the Watcher replied.

“The Duan Ling Tian that you know doesn’t look like this?” Li An could not help but frown when he heard the Watcher’s words.

Was it possible the Duan Ling Tian that the Watcher knew was a different person from the Duan Ling Tian in the Fire Worship Sect? Li An was certain Duan Ling Tian did not put on any disguise at all, and he was certain the Watcher was not lying since he had cast the Soul Searching Secret Tactic on him.

“He doesn’t look like this,” the Watcher replied frankly, in a daze, when he heard Li An’s question. The Duan Ling Tian he knew did not look like the person in the portrait.

“Tell me everything about this Duan Ling Tian whom you know. Don’t hide anything from me,” Li An commanded.

Although Li An was quite certain the Duan Ling Tian the Watcher had mentioned was a different person from the Duan Ling Tian he knew, he wanted confirmation.

After all, Duan Ling Tian was not a common name. Moreover, since the Watcher knew Duan Ling Tian, it meant that the Duan Ling Tian he had mentioned was not an ordinary person in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Duan Ling Tian from the Fire Worship Sect was not an ordinary person too. Li An felt that things were too coincidental. Therefore, he continued to interrogate the Watcher.

Since the Watcher was under the control of the Soul Searching Secret Tactic that Li An cast, it was only natural that he answered Li An’s questions truthfully. He began to reveal everything he knew about Duan Ling Tian. From the Watcher’s words, Li An learned that the Duan Ling Tian from the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was an ultimate genius. However, that was only limited to the Lower Province. In the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, only those who possessed violet Innate Spiritual Roots were qualified to be called ultimate geniuses.

“He has gone to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land through the Inter-province Transportation Formation not long ago?” Li An’s eyes brightened immediately when he heard that Duan Ling Tian had gone to the Upper Province not long ago.

“He knows a mysterious Disguising Secret Tactic. No matter how one uses one’s Divine Consciousness or Spiritual Energy to probe him, one wouldn’t be able to discover he’s in disguise?” When Li An learned about this from the Watcher, he was almost certain the Duan Ling Tian the Watcher knew and the Duan Ling Tian who had offended him in the Fire Worship Sect was the same person.

Duan Ling Tian must have used a Disguising Secret Tactic on himself. Due to how extraordinary the disguise was, even Li An did not see through his disguise!

“Duan Ling Tian is the Young Mansion Master of the quasi third-rate force, the Azure Cloud Mansion, in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land?” Li An’s eyes shone coldly when he was certain that both Duan Ling Tians were the same person. “Doesn’t this mean his family is in the Azure Cloud Mansion? Where’s the Azure Cloud Mansion located?” Li An asked eagerly as he looked at the Watcher.

As soon as Li An had gotten his answer from the Watcher, he quickly rose into the air and flew to the Azure Cloud Mansion. The group of Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses sent by Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, followed Li An’s lead. The group of people flew toward the Azure Cloud Mansion ostentatiously.

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Currently, the Azure Cloud Mansion was tranquil. None of the people knew a storm was about to hit them. A huge crisis would soon hit the Azure Cloud Mansion, a quasi third-rate force in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Duan Ling Tian who was in the Fire Worship Sect in the far away Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was completely unaware of this. He thought Zhu Lu Qi had warned his father, Duan Ru Feng, and his father would make arrangements to hide.

It did not cross Duan Ling Tian's mind that Zhu Lu Qi would be transported to the Land of Exile where the devils lived when he was in the Inter-province Transportation Formation.

The Land of Exile was another realm located adjacent to the realm where the Dao Martial Saint Land and the three great Mortal Continents belonged to. Both of these realms were actually one mundane realm.

Since Zhu Lu Qi had been sent to the Land of Exile where the devils lived, Duan Ru Feng and the others at the Azure Cloud Mansion did not receive Duan Ling Tian's warning. They were unaware that a huge danger was heading their way.

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"Patrolling the Enforcement Hall is really boring." Currently, Duan Ling Tian was on duty, patrolling the Enforcement Hall. In the next one month, his duty was to patrol a particular area in the Enforcement Hall.

"Huh?" Duan Ling Tian who was patrolling suddenly looked up into the distance as though he had noticed something. It was the direction where the Main Hall was located.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian looked over, two figures flew over to him rapidly and appeared before him in just a blink of an eye.

"Dong Lin?" When the incomers appeared before Duan Ling Tian, he instantly identified one of them. It was none other than Dong Lin, the only son of the Enforcement Hall's Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin, who had come looking for trouble with him in the Fire Remuneration Palace previously. However, he did not know who the other person was.

The other person was a middle-aged man with an ordinary appearance and a medium build. His appearance was so ordinary that one would not be able to pick him out from a crowd of people. He was looking at Duan Ling Tian calmly at this moment. Nobody could tell what was running through his mind at this moment.

"It's Elder Dong Lin!"

"My goodness! It's Elder Tian Dong! Why is he here?"

As soon as Dong Lin and the middle-aged man appeared near Duan Ling Tian, the few Bronze Flame Elders on patrol duty began to gather.

Based on their words, it could be seen that they were shocked.



“Elder Tian Dong?” Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow when he heard their words. He was not unfamiliar with the name Tian Dong. When he had severed his friendship with Liu Yun, Liu Yun had mentioned this person.

Tian Dong was an elite powerhouse among the Fire Worship Sect’s Silver Flame Elders. Among the Silver Flame Elders, his strength could be ranked in the top three! In the Fire Worship Sect’s Enforcement Hall, Tian Dong was undoubtedly the strongest Silver Flame Elder. He’s the Enforcement Hall’s First Silver Flame Elder!

Duan Ling Tian was slightly stunned when he found out the man standing next to Dong Lin was Tian Dong. It did not occur to him that Dong Lin would be able to get such a strong Enforcement Hall’s elder to help him. To be more precise, he did not think Dong Lin’s father was so influential that he could get someone so strong to help Dong Lin.

Before Duan Ling Tian found out the middle-aged man’s identity, he had already suspected Dong Lin had brought the middle-aged man here to deal with him. Everything was just as he had expected. After he came to the Enforcement Hall, Dong Lin had brought someone to look for trouble with him. Although they could not kill or cripple him, they could still torture him in different ways.

“Duan Ling Tian, we meet again.” Dong Lin looked at Duan Ling Tian with a smug smile on his face. His eyes were burning as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was as though it could burn through anything.

Currently, Dong Lin was no longer humble like when he had apologized to Duan Ling Tian. He was smug as though he had already achieved his goal. He had only dared to confront Duan Ling Tian because of Tian Dong. With Tian Dong here, he stood with his back straight. If Tian Dong was not here, he would not have dared to act so arrogantly.

“That’s right! We meet again.” Duan Ling Tian remained calm when he saw how arrogant Dong Lin was. He did not seem afraid even though Dong Lin managed to find someone like Tian Dong to help him.

Dong Lin was angered when he saw how calm Duan Ling Tian was. However, he still forced a smile on his face as he asked, “Duan Ling Tian, do you know why I came here today?”

“Well, you’ve found someone to help you teach me a lesson,” Duan Ling Tian answered indifferently.

“You know?” Dong Lin was stunned when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s reply. “Since you know why I’m here, aren’t you afraid? Perhaps, you don’t know the person standing next to me?”

“I know who he is...” Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly as he looked at the middle-aged man standing next to Dong Lin, “He’s Tian Dong, the Enforcement Hall’s First Silver Flame Elder.”

Duan Ling Tian’s words stunned Dong Lin and the few Bronze Flame Elders watching by the side. How could he remain so calm even though he knew Elder Tian Dong?

## **Chapter 2046: Rabid Dog!**

Although Tian Dong was not shocked like Dong Lin and the few Enforcement Hall’s Bronze Flame Elders watching by the side, his gaze had changed when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He was not unfamiliar with the name Duan Ling Tian since he had heard about the things he had done after he entered the Fire Worship Sect. Moreover, like most of the Silver Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect, he had thought

about accepting him as his direct disciple. However, he dismissed this idea when he learned that Duan Ling Tian had a master who was a sectless cultivator and he would not accept another master unless he obtained permission from his master.

This news had long been circulating among the high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect, that was why he knew about all of it.

“Duan Ling Tian, how dare you?!” Dong Lin said loudly when he regained his senses, “You know who Elder Tian Dong is, yet you still addressed him by his name. How dare you be so disrespectful to him?!”

Tian Dong looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly after Dong Lin finished speaking. It felt as though the temperature in the surrounding had dropped several degrees. Naturally, this was not because of the disrespect that Dong Lin mentioned. There was only one reason he had come today. It was to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson and seek revenge for Dong Lin!

The few Bronze Flame Elders watching by the side felt chills running up their spines when they saw this. They had long heard about the dispute between Duan Ling Tian and Dong Lin. Today, when they saw Dong Lin and Tian Dong, they all knew he had come to seek revenge. He was so courageous because he had brought Elder Tian Dong, the First Silver Flame Elder in the Enforcement Hall, with him.

Apart from being the Enforcement Hall’s First Silver Flame Elder, Tian Dong’s strength was in the top three among all the Silver Flame Elders in the Fire Worship Sect. He was ranked at 109th place on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

Most importantly, as the Enforcement Hall’s elders, these Bronze Flame Elders had long heard that Elder Tian Dong was a rabid dog under the command of the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin. He would bite whoever Dong Yuan Jin asked him to bite! He was usually calm but when he acted, he acted swiftly.

“Duan Ling Tian!” Tian Dong snarled as soon as Dong Lin finished speaking. He strode forward. His oppressive aura surged out his body and shrouded Duan Ling Tian as though it was trying to crush him.

Unfortunately, just the mere aura of a powerhouse at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would not affect Duan Ling Tian. He did not even have to mobilize the Sun Saint Energy in his body. The instant he used his sword aura that contained the Sovereign Heart Sword, he managed to repel Tian Dong’s aura.

A hint of astonishment flashed in the depths of Tian Dong’s eyes when he sensed this.

‘This Duan Ling Tian is quite capable. However, since he has offended Lord Vice Hall Master, he has to be taught a lesson today!’ Tian Dong’s eyes gleamed coldly after he recovered from the shock. He had been ordered to find an excuse to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson and make him feel that he would be better off dead.

“Ever since I became a Silver Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect, this is my first time encountering a disciple who addresses me without my title. How bold! It seems like you don’t have any manners. I’ll have to teach you a lesson on behalf of your master who’s a sectless cultivator!” Tian Dong said as he moved toward Duan Ling Tian.

The Bronze Flame Elders felt as though Tian Dong was stepping on their chests with every step he took. They were all nervous as well. In their opinion, Duan Ling Tian was doomed!

It was obvious Tian Dong was here to seek revenge for Dong Lin. Now that he had found an excuse, he could teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson to his heart's content.

"Sectless cultivator?" Duan Ling Tian was momentarily stunned when he heard Tian Dong's words. Then, he realized Enforcement Elder Guo Xiong must have spread the news about him having a sectless cultivator as his master. Otherwise, Tian Dong would not have known his master was a sectless cultivator. He had only mentioned this to Guo Xiong. He had also told him that he would not accept another master unless he had obtained permission from his master.

Duan Ling Tian had told Guo Xiong this because, at that time, Guo Xiong had wanted to recommend him to be the disciple of the Sanctum Leader of the Black Turtle Sanctum! Unfortunately, he, Duan Ling Tian, already had a master. His master was the Sword Saint, Feng Qing Yang! Although he had never met his master before, he felt very grateful to his master. The Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword that his master left behind helped him achieve what he had achieved so far in a short period of time.

'This is good. Since Elder Guo Xiong spread this news, I'm sure no one's bothered about becoming my master,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

At this instant, not only was Duan Ling Tian not offended that Elder Guo Xiong had spread word about this, but he felt slightly thankful.

"Hurmph!" Duan Ling Tian regained his senses and looked at Tian Dong who was making his way to him. Duan Ling Tian's eyes were cold as he said, "He who has a mind to beat a dog will easily find his stick! Since you came with Dong Lin, you know better than anyone else why you're really here. Since you plan to seek revenge for Dong Lin, is there a need for me to be respectful to you? Perhaps, in the eyes of the others, you're the lofty First Silver Flame Elder of the Enforcement Hall. However, in my eyes, you're nothing but a rabid dog!"

Gasp! Gasp! gasp!

The Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders gasped in unison when they heard Duan Ling Tian's brash words. They looked at him as though they had just seen a ghost.

Although almost everybody in the Enforcement Hall knew that Tian Dong was Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin's dog, nobody dared to say it to his face.

Duan Ling Tian was definitely the first person to do this!

"Duan Ling Tian's crazy!"

"Is he seeking death?"

"Perhaps, he thinks Elder Tian Dong wouldn't show any mercy so he decided to just act however he wants."

The few Bronze Flame Elders looked at Duan Ling Tian sympathetically.

When Dong Lin heard Duan Ling Tian's words to Tian Dong, he was momentarily stunned as well. It was obvious he did not think Duan Ling Tian was crazy enough to speak to Tian Dong this way and call him a rabid dog!

"Duan Ling Tian, you can't blame others when you're the one seeking death!" Dong Lin gloated as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. It was obvious he took delight in Duan Ling Tian's misfortune.

"W-What did you call me?" Tian Dong was stunned for a long time before he regained his senses. His eyes were filled with a terrifying killing intent when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

The moment Tian Dong spoke, the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian again.

They were curious if Duan Ling Tian was bold enough to repeat what he had just said. They quickly obtained the answer to their question.

"I said that in my eyes, you're merely a rabid dog! Do you hear me? Do you need me to repeat myself again?" Duan Ling Tian answered coldly. He spoke unreservedly.

Duan Ling Tian's words caused chills to run the Enforcement Hall's elders' spines. In their opinion, Duan Ling Tian was crazy!

"You're seeking death!" The delight in Dong Lin's eyes was apparent,

"You're seeking death!" Tian Dong shouted when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. In the next moment, his body moved toward Duan Ling Tian like a bolt of lightning.

As soon as Tian Dong moved, Duan Ling Tian said coldly, "Tian Dong, if you make your move now, don't regret it later!" His words that were spoken so coldly caused Tian Dong to come to a halt several meters in front of him.

"Regret?" Tian Dong suppressed the rage in his heart as he looked at Duan Ling Tian warily. He asked coldly, "What do you mean?"

'Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian has stronger backing?' The few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders thought to themselves.

"Elder Tian Dong, don't believe him! He just likes to kick up dust! Make your move! Teach him a proper lesson!" Dong Lin who was standing nearby chimed in.

As soon as Dong Lin finished speaking, Tian Dong's eyes flashed coldly as he prepared to make his move again. However, Duan Ling Tian suddenly burst out laughing loudly.

Everyone was still in shock when he just abruptly stopped laughing.

The laughter that sounded like rain stopped as quickly as it came.

“Tian Dong!” Duan Ling Tian looked at Tian Dong coldly as he said, “You better think this through. You can only torture me but you can’t kill me or cripple me. If you dare to make a move on me, I’ll return everything you’ve done to me to Dong Lin!” When he reached the end of his sentence, he turned to look at Dong Lin.

### **Chapter 2047: Duan Ling Tian’s Courage**

Tian Dong shuddered when he saw Duan Ling Tian’s cold gaze. He felt as though he had fallen into a thaw hole.

Meanwhile, horror dawned on Dong Lin. It did not cross his mind that Duan Ling Tian would dare to threaten the Enforcement Hall’s First Silver Flame Elder Tian Dong. He dared to threaten Tian Dong using him! He took a deep breath as he looked into Duan Ling Tian’s eyes. He saw the unwavering determination in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes so he did not doubt his words. At this moment, fear began to rise in his heart. He felt a little regretful that he went to look for his father so he could get someone to help him seek revenge! If he had not done so, he would not be in this predicament. It was difficult for him to extricate himself from this situation now that it had escalated to this point.

Swoosh!

Horror also dawned on Tian Dong when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s threats. Similar to Dong Lin, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so bold to threaten him using Dong Lin! He had no choice but to take Duan Ling Tian’s threats seriously! Tian Dong had experienced a lot so he could tell Duan Ling Tian was not making empty threats!

“If you don’t care about Dong Lin, I’ll look for those who are close to you. It might be your children or your direct disciples! I’m going to treat them exactly how you treat me today!” Duan Ling Tian said coldly as he turned back to look at Tian Dong.

“Unless you kill me today, I’ll be a nightmare to those who are close to you in the future. Whether it’s Dong Lin or the people you care about, you can’t be by their sides to protect them all the time, right?” Duan Ling Tian continued to ask threateningly as his body emitted cold killing intent. It seemed as though the temperature in the surroundings had dropped a few degrees.

Threat!

A blatant threat!

Tian Dong’s started seeing red as horror dawned on him when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. His body began to emit a terrifying killing intent as well. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so unpredictable! Apart from having two direct disciples, he had a son and a daughter. All of them were equally important to him. They were people he wanted to protect. Duan Ling Tian’s threats struck at his Achilles’ heels!

“Duan Ling Tian a-actually threatened Elder Tian Dong? H-he’s really unyielding!”

“As expected from someone who dares to offend the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder Li An the moment he arrived in the Fire Worship Sect! I really admire Duan Ling Tian!”

“Me too!”

When the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders saw this, they were stunned. They could not help but muse among themselves.

In their eyes, Duan Ling Tian was abnormal! He was bold enough to threaten the Enforcement Hall's First Silver Flame Elder Tian Dong? Was this something an ordinary Fire Worship Sect's disciple dared to do? They felt Duan Ling Tian was really smart as well. It seemed as though he had abandoned all logic, but in truth, it was a huge psychological move!

Judging by Tian Dong's constantly changing expressions and how he had yet to make his move, they could tell the Enforcement Hall's First Silver Flame Elder had been intimidated by Duan Ling Tian's threat and did not dare to recklessly make a move against Duan Ling Tian! They would react like Tian Dong if they were in his position as well!

Tian Dong had a son, a daughter, and two direct disciples. Although they were quite strong, they could not compare to Duan Ling Tian at all!

"What're you going to do now?" Duan Ling Tian looked at Tian Dong and smirked coldly. "Are you going to make a move or are you going to stand at the side obediently like a statue? Since I'm a man with nothing, I'm not afraid of losing. I dare to harm Dong Lin, your children, and your direct disciples, if you dare to harm me!"

A man with nothing was not afraid of losing!

When the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders heard Duan Ling Tian's words, they felt that it was absolutely right!

Indeed. Currently, Duan Ling Tian had nothing to lose.

Unless Elder Tian Dong dared to kill Duan Ling Tian or even crippled him, Duan Ling Tian would be able to seek revenge once he had recovered.

Tian Dong was not alone after all. He had children and two direct disciples.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, was all alone in the Fire Worship Sect. There was nothing for him to fear at all.

They could tell this was where Duan Ling Tian's courage came from.

"Duan Ling Tian, don't you think you're crossing the line?" Tian Dong said coldly as his expression turned grave when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, "As the saying goes, 'Never involve family during war!' Aren't you afraid of being laughed at by doing so?"

"Laughed at?" Upon hearing Tian Dong's words, Duan Ling Tian was stunned for a moment. Then, he laughed loudly as though he had heard a joke

"Tian Dong! Do you really have the right to say such words in front of me?" Duan Ling Tian's gaze turned cold as he said with a cold smile, "I've never met you before this. The moment you appeared, you wanted to attack me. Aren't you afraid of being laughed at for bullying a true disciple using your status

as an Enforcement Hall's Silver Flame Elder? If you're not afraid, why should I be afraid? That's all I have to say for today!"

Duan Ling Tian's tone changed suddenly as he announced without the slightest trace of hesitation, "Unless you kill or cripple me today, even if you only touch a strand of my hair, I'll look for your children and direct disciples for a friendly match!"

Threat!

Another blatant threat!

However, no matter how infuriated Tian Dong was, faced with Duan Ling Tian's threats, he did not even dare to fart.

When Duan Ling Tian saw Tian Dong standing still, he walked toward Dong Lin as he said, "It's better if you just obediently stand aside and be a statue!"

Bang!

Bang!

Nobody knew if Duan Ling Tian had intentionally done so, but when he walked, it caused the air to vibrate and created loud noises.

Horror dawned on Dong Lin immediately when he heard the noises. Every step Duan Ling Tian took felt as though he was stepping on his chest. He felt as though he could not breathe.

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian was only several meters away from Dong Lin.

"Elder Tian Dong!" Dong Lin called out as his heart jolted when he sensed Duan Ling Tian's killing intent and saw the coldness in his eyes.

Whoosh!

Almost as soon as Dong Lin's words left his mouth, Tian Dong appeared in front of him, shielding him.

Dong Lin sighed in relief when he saw Tian Dong appearing before him like a shield. If it was before, he would have shouted for Tian Dong to attack Duan Ling Tian to vent his anger and hatred. However, when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's threats, the words were stuck in his throat.

Tian Dong could torture Duan Ling Tian until he wished he was dead, but Duan Ling Tian would vent all his anger on Dong Lin.

The moment Dong Lin thought of this, he was afraid! Although Dong Lin was clenching his teeth so hard it felt like they were going to break, he did not dare to urge Tian Dong to make his move.

"Duan Ling Tian, stop before you go too far!" Tian Dong said in his deep voice after he stood in front of Dong Lin and shielded him.

“Tian Dong!” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave when he saw Tian Dong blocking his path. “Don’t tell me you didn’t hear what I said earlier? I told you to obediently stand aside like a statue. Behave like a statue. Do you understand?!”

“Duan Ling Tian, do you really think I’m afraid to touch you?” Tian Dong’s expression was extremely grave. He could not just stand aside quietly as Duan Ling Tian tortured Dong Lin. If he had let it happen, he would have a hard time explaining himself to Dong Lin’s father, Vice Hall Master Dong. For this reason, he chose to act!

Originally, he came here to help Dong Lin seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian. Who would have thought Duan Ling Tian was this shameless and would threaten him using his children and disciples. Duan Ling Tian had made him hesitate when he wanted to make a move. He feared his retaliation after all.

“Indeed. I really don’t think you dare to touch me!” Duan Ling Tian smiled contemptuously when he heard Tian Dong’s words. He said, “Tian Dong, if you don’t want me to look for your children and direct disciples for a friendly match, you better move! After all, there’s no enmity between us nor do I wish to create one between us!”

The few Enforcement Hall’s Bronze Flame Elders were speechless when they heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

Duan Ling Tian was being too shameless, right?

He used Tian Dong’s children and direct disciples to threaten him. Was this not creating enmity between him and Tian Dong? However, he just said that he did not want enmity between him and Tian Dong?

“Duan Ling Tian, don’t cross the line!” Faced with Duan Ling Tian’s threats again, Tian Dong could not suppress the anger he felt. His eyes shone with killing intent.

“Elder Tian Dong, you better don’t move. Otherwise, I’ll definitely tell my father you switched sides and helped Duan Ling Tian!” Dong Lin began to threaten Tian Dong as well when he sensed Tian Dong’s frustration. He was afraid that Tian Dong might abandon him for the sake of his children and direct disciples. Without Tian Dong, he was no match for Duan Ling Tian at all.

### **Chapter 2048: Unease**

With Duan Ling Tian threatening him and Dong Lin threatening him, Tian Dong felt as though he was going to go insane! What sin did he commit in his past life? To think he would encounter these two unlucky stars in his current life!

However, in the end, Tian Dong still made a choice. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, “Duan Ling Tian, since you don’t want enmity between us, just go!” Based on his words, it was obvious he no longer planned to teach Duan Ling Tian a lesson.

Upon hearing his words, Dong Lin merely frowned a little. However, he soon thought this was the best outcome. Naturally, he still felt extremely unwilling in his heart!

“Tian Dong, are you deaf or something?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave as he said coldly, “I told you to move! Could it be for Dong Lin’s sake, you don’t even care about your children and direct



disciples?” Duan Ling Tian continued to threaten Tian Dong again as he clicked his tongue. “I wonder what your children and direct disciples would think if they know about your choice today!”

“Elder Tian Dong, you should know that if father finds out you and Duan Ling Tian join forces to go against me, he won’t let you go! He won’t let your children and direct disciples go as well!” Dong Lin began to threaten Tian Dong as well when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s threats. He was really afraid Tian Dong would abandon him when faced with Duan Ling Tian’s threat.

It had to be said that Tian Dong was far more afraid of Dong Lin’s father, Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin, than he was afraid of Duan Ling Tian.

For this reason, he quickly came to a decision. He glared at Duan Ling Tian indifferently. “Duan Ling Tian, I’m not going to touch you today, but I’m going to protect Dong Lin as well! If you dare to touch my children and direct disciples under such circumstances, even if I have to violate the rules of the sect and be punished, I’ll cripple you!” Tian Dong’s voice was extremely cold and resolute. His tone brooked no argument.

“Is that so?” Duan Ling Tian smiled coldly, “If I’m not mistaken, the Fire Worship Sect seems to have a rule that states high-ranking officials from the Enforcement Hall who violate the rules will be punished twice as heavily. Even if you don’t kill me and only cripple me, you’ll definitely die! You’re going to sacrifice your life for the sake of sparing your children and direct disciples a little pain? Do you think I’ll believe that?!” His smile turned even wider when he reached the end of his sentence. His gaze was filled with mockery when he looked at Tian Dong.

“Tian Dong, you better don’t make a choice you’ll regret!” Duan Ling Tian said again when he saw Tian Dong’s expression had changed drastically. At the same time, he charged toward Tian Dong. To be more precise, he was charging at Dong Lin. Tian Dong was merely an obstacle that was blocking his way.

Tian Dong paled and his eyes shone brightly when he saw Duan Ling Tian charging at him. Nobody knew what he was thinking.

Whoosh!

However, when Duan Ling Tian approached him, he moved away. In the end, he chose to compromise.

In his opinion, although Vice Hall Master Dong was much more terrifying than Duan Ling Tian, he still had his reputation to take care of so he would not make a move against his children or direct disciples. At most, he would just show Tian Dong an ugly expression. After all, Dong Lin was merely taught a lesson. He was not crippled nor killed! This did not touch Vice Hall Master Dong’s bottom line!

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, was different. Although he was not as terrifying as Vice Hall Master Dong, he had nothing to lose nor did he have anything to fear.

Tian Dong could only choose to avoid this madman! Otherwise, his children and direct disciples would definitely meet their doom! For this reason, during the critical moment, he changed his mind and moved aside.

“Elder Tian Dong!” Dong Lin’s face turned green instantly when he saw Tian Dong moving to the side at the critical moment, leaving him completely vulnerable. It did not cross his mind that Tian Dong would do this.

Slap!

Horror dawned on Dong Lin’s face as the crisp sound of slap resounded in the air!

Duan Ling Tian stood before Dong Ling and raised his hand to slap him. He left a clear palm print on his face, causing his face to swell.

“Y-You actually dare to slap me?!” Dong Lin was stunned. When he regained his senses, he looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief as though he had just seen a ghost.

“That’s right! I’m slapping you” Duan Ling Tian smiled coldly before he raised his hand to continue slapping Dong Lin.

If Dong Lin made any sound at all, he would increase his strength. In the end, Dong Lin could only keep quiet. His eyes were bloodshot as he endured it silently.

Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap! Slap!

The sound of slapping rang in the air, causing chills to run up the few Enforcement Hall’s Bronze Flame Elders’ spines.

Nobody dared to stop Duan Ling Tian at all.

What a joke!

Even the Enforcement Hall’s First Silver Flame Elder Tian Dong was just standing aside quietly. He did not even dare to fart. Even if they were stronger than Duan Ling Tian, they still would not dare to stop him, let alone the fact that they were weaker than him. Moreover, they all had children and direct disciples in the Fire Worship Sect. Who knew if Duan Ling Tian would look for trouble with them over this matter.

Duan Ling Tian was someone who acted without rhyme or reason. It was better not to offend someone like this!

“Crazy! He’s crazy!” Tian Dong who had moved aside saw Duan Ling Tian slapping Dong Lin until his face was as swollen as a pig’s head. He could not help the chills running up his spine. He felt as though Duan Ling Tian was insane.

Who was Dong Lin? He was the only son of the Enforcement Hall’s Vice Hall Master Dong Yuan Jin! Vice Hall Master Dong regarded this son of his as his life-line. If he knew his son was being humiliated like this, how could he not be furious?

“Stop!” At this moment, although Tian Dong feared Duan Ling Tian might make a move on his children and direct disciples, he could no longer stand aside quietly and watch. He quickly went up to Duan Ling Tian to stop him.

Tian Dong began to regret his decision a little. Initially, he had thought Duan Ling Tian would only teach Dong Lin a small lesson. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian would slap him so many times until his face was almost unrecognizable. It was fine if nobody knew about it. However, if news of this spread out, how was Dong Lin going to raise his head in the Enforcement Hall and the Fire Worship Sect in the future? No ordinary person would be able to endure such a humiliation!

Duan Ling Tian stopped when Tian Dong intervened since he had vented almost all his anger. Before he left, he turned around elegantly and looked at Dong Lin coldly as he said, "Dong Lin, I've originally forgotten most of the matter in the Fire Remuneration Palace. I had no plans of getting even with you. Today, you came knocking on my door, looking to be beaten up, so don't blame me for this!"

"Elder Tian Dong, thank you for your cooperation!" Tian Dong had just sighed in relief when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he became furious again. Duan Ling Tian did not forget to pull him down with him even until the end.

"Duan Ling Tian... Duan Ling Tian... If you don't die, I swear I'm not human!" Dong Lin glared at Duan Ling Tian with his bloodshot eyes. He was so furious that his body began to tremble. Although it was difficult to see his expression since his face was so swollen, one could tell he was extremely furious.

Dong Lin turned to look at Tian Dong coldly after Duan Ling Tian disappeared from his sight. His mouth was swollen as well so he spoke with a stammer. "T-Tian Dong... I-I'll tell m-my father a-about t-this! Y-You just w—wait a-and see!" He flew away as soon as he finished speaking.

"Damn it!" Tian Dong's expression turned grim when he heard Dong Lin's words. He realized he had made the wrong choice since he did not expect Duan Ling Tian would humiliate Dong Lin to this extent. If he had known things would turn out this way, he would not have moved away at all.

If news of what happened today spread out, Dong Lin would probably wish he was dead! One could imagine that when Vice Hall Master Dong discovers that his beloved son was treated this way, he would not let Duan Ling Tian go. Not only that, but he would not let Tian Dong go as well.

"All of you better keep this in mind! If any of you dare to spread word of this, it won't just be me, but Vice Hall Master Dong won't let you go as well!" Tian Dong warned the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders as he looked at them.

"Don't worry, Elder Tian Dong, I won't tell anyone about this!"

"Don't worry Elder Tian Dong, I didn't see anything earlier!"

"What happened? I'm m-merely passing by... Really..."

Upon hearing Tian Dong's words, the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders quickly spoke up as though they were afraid they would be beaten if they did not quickly speak up.

At the same time, fear began to rise in their hearts.

'Duan Ling Tian really doesn't want to live anymore!'

'I've seen people who are not afraid of death but not to such an extent! That person he just humiliated is Dong Lin. He's not like Wen Yan!'

'He's going to die! Based on how much Vice Hall Master Dong loves Dong Lin, he won't let this matter go!'

These were the inner thoughts of the few Enforcement Hall's Bronze Flame Elders. They felt Duan Ling Tian was only seeking death by acting so recklessly.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was delighted. He did not feel guilty over today's matter at all. It was just as he had said earlier. If Dong Lin did not come looking for trouble with him, he would have let the enmity between them go. However, since Dong Lin had come looking for him, Duan Ling Tian was not going to let himself be bullied.

"Why do I suddenly feel a little uneasy?!" Duan Ling Tian's expression suddenly changed as though he had sensed something.

#### **Chapter 2049: I'm Li An!**

"By right, there should be no problem at Palace Master Zhu's side. However, why do I feel slightly uneasy? I keep having a feeling that something's about to happen." This was not the first time Duan Ling Tian had this feeling. Previously, when he suddenly felt uneasy, something would happen eventually.

Duan Ling Tian would never expect that Zhu Lu Qi whom he had sent to warn the Azure Cloud Mansion in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land had accidentally been transported by the Inter-province Transportation Formation to the Land of Exile.

Since Zhu Lu Qi was not around, it was only natural the Azure Cloud Mansion did not receive any warning.

Currently, Li An and his men were fast approaching the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Meanwhile, the people from the Azure Cloud Mansion were completely unaware of this.

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In the northern region of the Dao Martial Saint Land, a figure cloaked entirely in black was standing in front of an Inter-province Transportation Formation.

Three children, two girls and one boy, who appeared to be six to seven years old lay by his feet.

Among the two girls, one was clad in gold while the other was in white. Both of them still had baby fat on their faces, making them look very adorable. The boy, on the other hand, was dressed in black.

Compared to the black robe the standing man was wearing, the little boy's black clothes did not hide his face. His face appeared aloof and cute.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would be able to recognize with a glance that the two little girls and the little boy were none other than the human forms of the little gold mouse and the two little pythons. It was Little Gold, Little White, and Little Black.

“I really don’t know what the Old Prophet is thinking. To think that he wants me to kidnap these three fellows and bring them back to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land when Han Xue Nai is not paying attention...” The man covered in a black cloak muttered to himself. His voice was neither masculine nor feminine. It was difficult to determine his gender based on his voice alone. “If that lass finds out about this, I’m going to be doomed!” The soft voice sounded again. A tinge of annoyance could be heard in his voice.

This black-robed man was none other than Yue Wu Ying, the current successor of the Seven Absolutes Sect’s Fourth Absolute, the Dark Shadow Progeny!

The three little fellows who originally followed Han Xue Nai to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land were knocked unconscious and kidnapped by him. He had done so under the instruction of the Old Prophet, the heir of the Seven Absolutes Sect’s Second Absolute, the Prophet Progeny. He had been told to find an opportunity when Han Xue Nai was not looking and bring these three little fellows to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

According to the Old Prophet, he had managed to divine that these three little fellows would encounter good fortune in the Lower Province. Yue Wu Ying had no idea what the good fortune was.

Since the Old Prophet was afraid Han Xue Nai would stop him, he had instructed Yue Wu Ying to stealthily bring these three little fellows back to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Apart from that, he was told not to send them to the Greenwave Han Mansion or the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Yesterday, Yue Wu Ying finally found a chance to successfully kidnap the three little fellows.

“Don’t blame me, please. If you want to blame anyone, blame the Old Prophet! He’s the one who asked me to send three of you back to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint to fend for yourselves!” Yue Wu Ying shook his head as he raised his hand to bring the three little fellows with him as he flew into the Inter-province Transportation Formation.

As the Inter-province Transportation Formation flashed, Yue Wu Ying and the three little figures disappeared from sight.

After about half an hour, Yue Wu Ying returned from the eastern region of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. After he confirmed the direction, he continued to make his way north.

Yue Wu Ying had left with the three little fellows. However, he had returned alone!

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In the Land of Exile or also known as the Exiled Realm among the Devil Clan.

The Ox Devil Clan was a great clan in the Exiled Realm. They had many powerhouses in their clan. For many years, they had taken great pains to try and enter the Saint Province Realm, but they had failed time and time again.

The Saint Province Realm referred to the realm that housed the entire Dao Martial Saint Land and the three great Mortal Continents.

The estate of the Ox Devil Clan occupied a vast land. They had a huge public square in the center of the estate.

Today, the public square was filled with people.

No! To be more accurate, it was filled with Ox Devils!

The members of the Ox Devil Clan had very obvious characteristics since they all possessed human bodies but the heads of oxen. Apart from their heads, they were no different from humans. This included their intelligence.

Currently, the Ox Devil Clan's members surrounded the public square as they stared at a human who was tied up there.

That was right! A human being! There were no humans to be found in the Exiled Realm!

"This is a human?"

"It seems like it. I feel this human is quite similar to us. He has two hands and two legs!"

"Huh? How's he similar to us?! Our Ox Devil Clan is not so short! And he's so fair as well. He's just too ugly. Look at our tan and healthy skin. This is the skin a warrior should have!"

"Exactly! Look at how fair he is! He's a complete softie! No wonder he's caught by the warriors from our Ox Devil Clan!"

"Humans are weak!"

This was the first time the Ox Devil Clan's members had ever seen a human. They discussed among themselves as they pointed at the human tied up in the public square.

Not even in Zhu Lu Qi's wildest dreams would he expect that one day he would become a show-piece!

Zhu Lu Qi shuddered even though it was not cold when he looked at the monsters with huge builds. They all had the bodies of humans but the heads of an ox. They were one of the Devil Clans in the Land of Exile, the Ox Devil Clan!

He had also read about the Devil Clan's Ox Devil Clan in the ancient books in the Four Symbols Sanctum's White Tiger Sanctum. The members of the Ox Devil Clan were born warriors. They had huge builds and excelled in hand-to-hand combat!

During the Human-Devil Era, the Ox Devil Clan served as one of the vanguards during the Great Human-Devil War. They had killed and crippled many humans. They could be considered as enemies of humankind.

Zhu Lu Qi did not expect that one day he would meet the devils from the Ox Devil Clan in such a way. Moreover, he was currently a prisoner in the Ox Devil Clan!

“Huh?” Suddenly, Zhu Lu Qi realized that the group of Ox Devils had moved aside as a low growl sounded from outside. Then, he saw the two Ox Devils who had captured him.

The two Ox Devils were escorting another Ox Devil who was as huge as a small hill as they made their way to him.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

This Ox Devil was about seven to eight meters tall, two to three times bigger than an ordinary Ox Devil. With every step that he took, his gigantic body caused the ground to rumble and quake.

He gradually walked to Zhu Lu Qi. The closer he got to Zhu Lu Qi, the more Zhu Lu Qi felt the quake.

The instant he appeared, the group of Ox Devils in the public square had fallen silent. They all turned to look at this huge Ox Devil respectfully.

“It’s indeed a human being!” The huge Ox Devil stood near Zhu Lu Qi and looked at him. When he spoke, his voice rattled Zhu Lu Qi’s eardrums, causing him to feel pain.

‘How powerful!’ Zhu Lu Qi was being pressured by the huge Ox Devil’s aura.

In fact, the huge Ox Devil did not intentionally pressure Zhu Lu Qi with his aura at all. Based on this, one could tell how terrifyingly strong this Ox Devil was!

“Tenth elder, he’s the human we found outside,” the two Ox Devils explained. Their tones were modest and respectful.

‘Tenth elder?!’ Zhu Lu Qi’s eyes widened in confusion. Based on what he knew, the strongest devil in the Ox Devil Clan was the Clan Leader. Under the Clan Leader, there were ten elders.

During the war, the number of human powerhouses who were slain by the ten powerhouses from the Ox Devil Clan was simply innumerable. Naturally, Zhu Lu Qi knew the current Clan Leader and the ten elders from the Ox Devil Sect were different from the devils before. Those devils had died as time passed! As for those extremely strong devils, once they attained immortality, they would ascend to a Devata Realm. In this regard, the Exiled Realm was similar to the Saint Province Realm.

“Good job! Both of you deserve credit for this. I’ll look for Lord Clan Leader later and ask him to reward both of you!” The Ox Devil, the tenth elder, said. His voice sounded like claps of thunder. He looked at Zhu Lu Qi curiously.

Zhu Lu Qi had prepared himself and used his Saint Origin to protect his ears so it was no longer as painful as before.

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In the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

A group of uninvited guests had shown up at the estate of the quasi third-rate force, the Azure Cloud Mansion.

This group of uninvited guests charged into the Azure Cloud Mansion without warning and left corpses of Black Armored Guards who tried to stop them in their wake.

Whether it was the Black Armored Army, the Decurion or the Centurion, none of them was a match for this group of people who was led by an old man!

The old man did not attack at all. He left it all to the people following behind him.

Since the people behind the old man were already so strong, everyone could tell the old man in the lead was even stronger.

“W-who are you?” The group of Black Armored Guards shuddered when faced with this group of menacing people. At the same time, they continued to retreat until they were close to the Main Mansion of the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, the old man in the lead came to a halt. The people behind him followed suit.

The old man in the lead looked at the Black Armored Guards and said indifferently, “I’m Li An!”

### **Chapter 2050: The Super Saint Weapon, The Asura Saber!**

“I’m Li An!” The old man in the lead announced his name. He was none other than the Silver Flame Elder from the Fire Worship Sect, one of the three great sects in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. He was also the Black Turtle Sanctum’s First Silver Flame Elder in the Fire Worship Sect’s Four Symbols Sanctums!

Li An had come to the Azure Cloud Mansion to deal with the true disciple, Duan Ling Tian. He planned to use Duan Ling Tian’s family to threaten Duan Ling Tian so he would leave the Fire Worship Sect. Once he had left the Fire Worship Sect, Li An would be able to kill him.

Originally, Li An should have arrived at the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Azure Cloud Mansion sooner along with the men Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, sent with him. However, he had heard a piece of shocking news that delayed his arrival.

The shocking news Li An had heard was about the Asura Saber, one of the ten Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking. The Asura Saber had appeared!

Some of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking were in the possession of the high-ranking officials from the three great sects while the others’ whereabouts remained a mystery. The location of the Asura Saber was one of the ones that remained a mystery.

Although Li An could not wait to go to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to investigate Duan Ling Tian’s background, compared to the Asura Saber, it was not as important. For this reason, he had instructed the group of Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses that Yang Chong assigned to him to look for the person who had obtained the Asura Saber. Li An did not stay idle either. It must be said that Li An was quite lucky. He managed to find the person fortunate enough to obtain the Asura Saber. The Asura Saber fell into his hands after he killed that person.

Li An was the only one who knew he had the Asura Saber in his possession. The group of Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses was unaware of this. Perhaps, this group of Saint Celestial Stage powerhouses might



not have the strength to snatch the Asura Saber from him, but they were definitely capable of spreading word of it. If news of it spread out, it would be impossible for him to hold on to the Asura Saber.

After all, Li An was not like Xie Zong who had snatched the Devilseal Tablet from Duan Ling Tian. Although Xie Zong was just an ordinary elder from the Black Kshetra Sect, his father was one of the four great Kamapas in the Black Kshetra Sect.

The positions of the four great Kamapas in the Black Kshetra Sect were equal to the three great Guardians in the Fire Worship Sect. They were all elite powerhouses in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

With the Black Kshetra Sect's Kamapa supporting Xie Zong, not many people would dare to openly snatch the Devilseal Tablet from him. Moreover, it was not certain the Devilseal Tablet was still in his hands. He might have handed it over to his father, the Golden Lion King, one of the four great Kamapas from the Black Kshetra Sect.

The Asura Saber was a famous Super Saint Weapon on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking. It was a 10,000 Inscriptions Saint Weapon that specialized in combat. It was strong enough to easily defeat a Thousand Inscriptions Saint Weapon easily!

Was there anyone who did not want such a Saint Weapon?

As a Fire Worship Sect's Silver Flame Elder who did not have any backing, would Li An be able to hold on to the Super Saint Weapon? He might have the Fire Worship Sect behind him, but the high-ranking officials from the sect like Golden Flame Elders might covet the Asura Saber as well. There was no way he would be able to keep the Asura Saber if that happened.

For this reason, after obtaining the Asura Saber, Li An decided he would not use the Asura Saber until he was strong enough to hold on to it or if he was in a life or death situation. After all, the Asura Saber was a great source of temptation for many people!

Although Li An was delighted he managed to obtain the Asura Saber, he did not forget his goal to go to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to investigate Duan Ling Tian's background!

After obtaining the Asura Saber, one of the ten great Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapon Ranking, he gathered the people that Yang Chong, the fifth elder of the Northern Plethora Sect, had assigned to him and came to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land through the Inter-province Transportation Formation.

Everything went smoothly for Li An. As soon as he arrived in the Lower Province, he instantly learned about Duan Ling Tian's background from the Lower Province's Watcher. After he learned about Duan Ling Tian's background, he instantly brought his men to the Azure Cloud Mansion, leading to the current situation.

"Li An?" The group of Black Armored Guards was puzzled when they heard Li An's name since they had not heard of him. However, that did not stop fear from rising in their hearts.

Based on the strength of the men the old man was leading, they had to be elite powerhouses from the Upper Province. Since Li An was leading them, he must be even stronger than the men he led.

Although they had never heard of Li An's name, they thought he might be a reclusive powerhouse from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!

"Lord, I wonder if there's a reason you came to the Azure Cloud Mansion?" A Black Armored Army's Centurion finally asked after he mustered up his courage.

"There's nothing important," Li An replied indifferently, "The main reason I came here is to invite your Young Mansion Master's family to go to the Upper Province to be my guests..."

Young Mansion Master? The Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land?

The group of Black Armored Guards could not help but gasp. Although Li An had spoken politely, they were certain he did not come just to invite the Young Mansion Master's family to the Upper Province to be his guests.

If Li An had come to invite them to the Upper Province as guests, was there a need for him to kill so many people?

"He's really a powerhouse from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

"He even mentioned Young Mansion Master. It seems like he has enmity with Young Mansion Master!"

"My goodness! How did Young Mansion Master offend a powerhouse like this? Not only that, but this person wants to bring Lord Mansion Master and the others to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to threaten the Young Mansion Master?"

"Isn't it obvious? How did Young Mansion Master offend this person to the extent this person actually came to kidnap his family? He had just left for the Upper Province not too long ago. Young Mansion Master is indeed the ultimate genius of the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

"Based on the situation, Young Mansion Master must have great achievements in the Upper Province. Otherwise, this person wouldn't have come here to kidnap his family to threaten him!"

When the group of Black Armored Guards discussed the matter among themselves, it could be seen that they did not blame Duan Ling Tian for bringing disaster to the Azure Cloud Mansion. Instead, they sounded proud,

The Black Armored Guards were all carefully selected by the Azure Cloud Mansion. The Black Armored Guards were ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the Azure Cloud Mansion!

"Bravo, Young Mansion Master!" One of the Centurions suddenly shouted. His tone was filled with excitement.

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would be able to identify this person was none other than Tong Zhong. He was the strongest powerhouse under the Exemplary Saint Stage in the Lower Province of the Dao

Martial Saint Land. He was also the direct disciple of Ku Mi who used to be the right-hand man of the Mansion Master of the Azure Cloud Mansion.

Previously, Ku Mi was killed by the Black Kshetra Sect's Elder Xie Zong. For this reason, Tong Zhong had been cultivating diligently. He had broken through to the Exemplary Saint Stage and became the strongest powerhouse after the Black Armored Army's Commander! He had also been appointed as the successor of the Black Armored Army's Commander too!

When the group of Black Armored Guards present on the scene heard Tong Zhong's words. They all called out one after another.

"Young Mansion Master!"

"Young Mansion Master!"

"Young Mansion Master!"

The Black Armored Guard cried out loudly. Their gazes had changed as well when they looked at Li An and his men. Initially, their eyes were filled with fear and helplessness. However, now it was filled with contempt.

"Do all of you really think I came to kidnap your Young Mansion Master's family because I fear his strength?" Naturally, Li An had heard the discussion of the Black Armored Guards. A flame of wrath rose in his heart immediately when he looked at them.

"Isn't that the case?" Tong Zhong smirked when he heard Li An's words.

"Isn't that the case?" The group of Black Armored Guards repeated Tong Zhong's words and smirked as well. Their eyes were filled with contempt when they looked at Li An.

"Hurmph! If I wasn't for the fact that your Young Mansion Master hides like a coward, I would've killed him. I only came to Azure Cloud Mansion to kidnap his family to lure him out so I can kill him. In my eyes, he's nothing more than an ant!" Li An snorted disdainfully.

As soon as Li An finished speaking, Tong Zhong burst out laughing loudly. "Geezer, Young Mansion Master isn't here so you can say whatever you like. You're so old, to think you can't even deal with our Young Mansion Master! If I were you, I'd dig a hole and hide in it. To think you actually came to the Lower Province to kidnap Young Mansion Master's family. You're pathetic!"

Tong Zhong was not polite with his words. There was no reason for him to be polite after all. He was prepared to die.

"You're seeking death!" Tong Zhong's words had infuriated Li An. The Saint Origin in his body surged out as he prepared to attack Tong Zhong.

At this moment...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Three figures were flying over at an extremely fast speed.

“Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses?” Although the speed of these three figures was not fast in Li An’s eyes, their presence still captured his attention since he noticed their speed was comparable to a powerhouse at the Quintessential Saint Stage.

From what Li An knew, Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses were rare in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. However, it seemed like there were three Quintessential Saint Stage powerhouses in the Azure Cloud Mansion!