

2161 Time Flies

Although the high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect had always known that the Saint Girl had a high status in the Sect Leader's heart, they never thought the Sect Leader would not hesitate to personally make a move to search for the person who had tainted the Saint Girl in the Lower Province!

"Lord Sect Leader." At this time, Hall Master Leng Yin of the Enforcement Hall stepped up to inform Tang Xuan about something he was not privy to. "Currently, all the Inter-province Transportation Formations in the Upper Province have stopped working. We can no longer travel to the Lower Province."

Although Tang Xuan was the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect, he had been in closed-door cultivation for a very long time. Therefore, he was unaware of some things that had happened in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

"The Inter-province Transportation Formations have stopped working? We can no longer travel to the Lower Province?" Upon hearing Leng Yin's words, Tang Xuan frowned before he asked in a deep voice, "What happened?"

Following that, Leng Ying told Tang Xuan about the rumors that were going around in the Dao Martial Saint Land. He told Tang Xuan about how the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile might have invaded the Lower Province, causing the Inter-province Transportation Formations to stop working.

"If that's the case, it's indeed possible that the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile have invaded the Lower Province again!" Tang Xuan's expression turned solemn after he heard Leng Ying's explanation.

Subsequently, Tang Xuan looked at the two Vice Sect Leaders of the Fire Worship Sect. "Although we aren't entirely sure that the Devil Clans have invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land again, we can't dismiss the possibility that it has happened. Did you send the elders and disciples out to collect resources?"

"Lord Sect Leader, we have ordered men to collect many resources... Even if the Devil Clans manage to invade the Upper Province, the Fire Worship Sect will be able to sustain itself as we go to war with them," one of the Vice Sect Leaders said hurriedly.

The other Vice Sect Leader nodded.

"Very well." Tang Xuan nodded in satisfaction, and then, he turned to look at Leng Ying. He said coldly, "Hall Master Leng, bring me to Ru Yan! After visiting her, we shall meet the Fire Worship Sect's Saint Girl who has been missing for so many years and her daughter with that unknown man from the Lower Province!"

When Tang Xuan mentioned the man from the Lower Province, not only anger rose from the depth of his heart, but the anger could be seen in his eyes as well. He could not imagine how angry 'that person' would be if he learned that the Saint Girl had been with another man and had even given birth to a daughter. Tang Xuan had experienced how terrifying 'that person' was a few decades ago. Until now, Tang Xuan could still vividly remember it.

"Yes, Lord Sect Leader," Leng Ying answered respectfully and turned around to lead the way.

Before Tang Xuan left with Leng Yin, he glanced at Qing Huo and said, "Guardian Qing Huo, if Ru Yan is willing to cooperate, I'll turn a blind eye to her previous mistakes and see it as her being protective of her sister! However, if she isn't willing to cooperate, I'll have to punish her according to the sect's rules!"

When Qing Huo heard Tang Xuan's words, he only smiled bitterly. He knew his direct disciple very well. She would not betray her sister's secret unless she was given permission to do so.

"Senior Brother Qing Huo, you spoil your disciple too much." Hong Yun sighed. Although Hong Yun might seem young, she was only slightly younger than Qing Huo. She was from the same generation as Qing Huo.

That day, news of Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect, coming out from closed-door cultivation after breaking through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage began to spread in the sect before it spread across the Western Region, shocking everyone.

"Lord Sect Leader from the Fire Worship Sect has broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form?"

"After the Great Guardian of the Fire Worship Sect had passed the Heavenly Tribulation and ascended, we finally have another powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the sect?"

"Since Lord Sect Leader from the Saint Sect manages to break through, it means there are currently four powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

In the Western Region, those who regarded the Fire Worship Sect as their Saint Sect and their religion were ecstatic upon learning that Tang Xuan had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

As time passed, news spread out from the Western Region to the rest of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

For a time, the entire Dao Martial Saint Land was buzzing!

The Fire Worship Sect finally had a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

It was huge news in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

One should know that prior to this, only the Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect had a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in their respective sect. The strongest person in the Fire Worship Sect was merely a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, and he was Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect. Naturally, Tang Xuan was not just an ordinary powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

In the Dao Martial Saint Land, in addition to being ranked fourth on the Supreme Saint Ranking, Tang Xuan was the strongest among those below the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

In the past, the powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from Black Kshetra Sect and Heaven Divination Sect had intended to join forces and kill Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect, before dividing the cultivation resources among themselves. However, Tang Xuan managed to escape even though the two powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage

had joined forces! This was because Tang Xuan had mastered an extremely advanced movement Divine Ability. Moreover, it was an extremely rare escape-type Divine Ability. Once it was cast, it would be difficult for even powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to catch him.

Naturally, after Tang Xuan escaped the two powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he turned around and threaten them. If they dared to attack anyone from the Fire Worship Sect, he would break into their sects and attack the others in their sect with this escape-type Divine Ability!

With Tang Xuan's strength and that mysterious escape-type Divine Ability, no one in the two sects, apart from the two powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, was a match for him. The two sects would definitely suffer a great loss if Tang Xuan decided to act on his words and fight to the end! Although the two powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were very strong, it was impossible for them to protect everyone in their sects.

For this reason, the Fire Worship Sect remained safe and stood on even ground with the other two sects.

One could say the reason the Fire Worship Sect managed to stand firm until now was due to the mysterious escape-type Divine Ability that Sect Leader Tang Xuan mastered!

"Tang Xuan has broken through?"

"Damn it! He actually broke through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!"

"When his cultivation base was merely at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he was already unafraid of our Great Oracle of the Heaven Divination Sect because of his movement Divine Ability... Now that he has broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, I'm afraid with his movement Divine Ability, he's now a match for our Great Oracle!"

"I wonder where he found that movement Divine Ability... That Divine Ability is a lot more powerful than the high-grade movement Divine Abilities in the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

"Yes. If there's a Divine Ability superior to all those high-grade Divine Abilities, it has to be that movement Divine Ability that Tang Xuan mastered!"

"Fortunately, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect didn't share that movement Divine Ability with other people... Otherwise, even if just a few people from the Fire Worship Sect mastered that Divine Ability, they would be able to wreak havoc in the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

When word about Sect Leader Tang Xuan of the Fire Worship Sect had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, the Celestial Ascension Form, reached the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect, a group of elders and disciples was shocked.

Many of them were worried Tang Xuan would seek revenge from them and look for trouble with their respective sect, the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect! In the past, Tang Xuan did not do so because he was not strong enough to defeat their sects' powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage even with the help of the movement Divine Ability he had mastered. Things might change

now since Tang Xuan was no longer at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Except for Tang Xuan alone, no one in the Dao Martial Saint Land knew how he managed to obtain that mysterious movement Divine Ability! Only he knew that the movement Divine Ability he had mastered did not belong to the mundane realm, but it belonged to a realm higher than the mundane realm! This Divine Ability was passed to him by a mysterious powerhouse who appeared in the Fire Worship Sect several decades ago.

At that time, that mysterious powerhouse had asked Tang Xuan for a few favors. In return, he had passed this movement Divine Ability to Tang Xuan as a reward. With the help from that movement Divine Ability, he was able to become the strongest person among those below the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land. Moreover, he also succeeded in keeping the Fire Worship Sect who had lost their powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage safe under the threat of the two sects.

All this was a secret that Tang Xuan kept to himself. He would never tell anyone about this. At the very least, he would not tell anyone from the Fire Worship Sect about this.

Time passed quickly. It was as slippery as sand, making it difficult to hold onto as it slipped through one's fingers.

Inside the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, Duan Ling Tian did not know how much time had passed. He only focused on cultivating.

During this time, Duan Ling Tian had breakthroughs, met with obstacles, and continued to cultivate. With his lightning-fast cultivation speed thanks to his violet Innate Spiritual Root and the time flow on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, what could obstruct him?

Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Duan Ling Tian already had one foot in the Second Form of the Saint Celestial Stage so it was not difficult for him to make a breakthrough!

Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Duan Ling Tian continued to break through it!

The Fourth Form of Saint Celestial Stage? It was a little difficult, but Duan Ling Tian managed to break through as well!

The Fifth Form of Saint Celestial Stage? So what if it was a lot harder, Duan Ling Tian still managed to make a breakthrough!

The Sixth Form of Saint Celestial Stage?

Duan Ling Tian who was hovering cross-legged in the air inside the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda suddenly opened his eyes and exclaimed, "I've broken through!"

In just an instant, a vast and powerful aura surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body!

2162 Duan Ling Tian Comes Out From Closed-door Cultivation!

As the vast and powerful aura surged out of Duan Ling Tian's body, he opened his eyes. They were shining so bright as though they were two small suns. It was fortunate no one was around. Otherwise, they would have been blinded by how bright his eyes were.

As the light in Duan Ling Tian's eyes gradually dimmed, he could not help but begin to laugh heartily. At this moment, it seemed as though all the frustration and sadness he had bottled up had disappeared! This was because he had successfully broken through to the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! The Sixth Form of Saint Celestial Stage was also known as the Heavenly Soul Form. This stage allowed one's soul to be one with the universe, allowing one's soul to be advanced and be refined. It was also the foundation of the Seventh Form of Saint Celestial Stage, the Heaven Defying Form. Apart from possessing a body that no longer aged, a large part of the reason why powerhouses at the Seventh Form Saint Celestial Stage had endless life was due to their souls becoming one with the universe when their cultivation base was at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

When my cultivation base was at the Fifth Form of Saint Celestial Stage, I could create an opening in the space barrier between this pseudo realm and the Upper Province by using all my strength and the Jasper Celestial Sword... Now that my cultivation base is at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, I should be able to create an opening in the space barrier without using the Jasper Celestial Sword!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself before he straightened his body and landed on the ground.

I don't know how much time has passed while I was in closed-door cultivation.' With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian went to look for Elder Huo.

"Not bad... You've broken through to the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. The Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage means your soul will be one with the universe of this mundane realm. If you use your soul attack, I think no one under the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would be able to defend against it!" Elder Huo said as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian.

The soul attack Elder Huo mentioned was the soul attack Duan Ling Tian discovered in the past by combining his evolved Spiritual Energy with his Strange Pupil! In the past, Duan Ling Tian had mostly used that move to harass and distract his opponents.

After listening to Elder Huo, Duan Ling Tian realized his soul attack had become a lot stronger after he had broken through to the Sixth Form Saint of the Celestial Stage, the Heavenly Soul Form!

"Elder Huo, how long was I in closed-door cultivation?" This was what Duan Ling Tian wanted to know most. He wanted to know how long he had spent in closed-door cultivation. After all, if he had taken too long, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect might have already come out of his closed-door cultivation.

Once the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect came out from his closed-door cultivation, Ke'er and their daughter would definitely be in danger! This was not something he wished to see!

"Three years," Elder Huo answered immediately as though he could hear the urgency in Duan Ling Tian's voice.

Three years!

Upon hearing Elder Huo, Duan Ling Tian's expression turned solemn. "It took so long..." He knew very well that when Elder Huo said three years, he was referring to the time outside. Three years in the outside world were three decades on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda!

Three years... Do you think the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect has come out from his closed-door cultivation?' Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened. 'I hope he hasn't... After all, for a powerhouse at his stage, it's not unusual for them to be in closed-door cultivation for eight to ten years.' Although he tried to console himself with this thought, he still felt restless.

Currently, all Duan Ling Tian wanted to do was to hurry to the Fire Worship Sect to rescue Ke'er and their daughter! After that, they would have to think of a way to return to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Three years had passed. Duan Ling Tian was afraid the Devil Clans had completely occupied the Lower Province! His family and friends were still in the Lower Province after all.

"Elder Huo, I have to leave this place now... I need you to guide me so I can avoid the Killing Formations," Duan Ling Tian said to Elder Huo. He did not even wait for Elder Huo to respond before he left the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda with just a thought and appeared in the pseudo realm created by the three Eminent Devils.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel wistful appearing in the pseudo realm again after three years.

Three Devils who have ascended left such a pseudo realm behind to kill so many of our Saint Province Realm's powerhouses... We, humans, have lost so many powerhouses. We'll definitely be at a disadvantage when we face the Devil Clans!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a heavy heart.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian made up his mind. 'After leaving this place, I'll go to Sin City before returning to the Fire Worship Sect!'

Although there was nothing Duan Ling Tian wanted more than to return to the Fire Worship Sect as fast as he could to rescue Ke'er and their daughter, he felt like he was on pins and needles when he thought about the fact that the Devil Clans had invaded the Lower Province, but the people in the Upper Province were completely unaware.

Although it has been rumored that the Devil Clans might have invaded the Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land and is likely to invade the Upper Province soon, most people in the Upper Province were only slightly nervous. After some time, they weren't even bothered anymore. However, I can confirm now that the Devil Clans have invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land, and their first stop is the Lower Province,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'Everyone in the Upper Province has to know about this. I'm sure everyone has already found out about the deaths of the powerhouses in this pseudo realm. However, they might not know that it's caused by three Eminent Devils!'

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian planned to go to Sin City to reveal the truth before he returns to the Fire Worship Sect!

Everyone in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land deserved to know the truth!

“Let’s go.” Elder Huo’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ear to remind him to head to the space barrier between the pseudo realm and the Upper Province.

After that, Duan Ling Tian kept the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda and made his move.

There’s no shortage of powerhouses above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who died here three years ago... Those powerhouses must have a lot of valuable cultivation resources in their Spatial Rings. It’s a pity that even their Spatial Rings were destroyed by the Killing Formation. All those cultivation resources have disappeared just like that.’ Duan Ling Tian sighed when he thought about this. Once a Spatial Ring was destroyed, it was only natural the things kept inside were destroyed as well.

Under Elder Huo’s guidance, Duan Ling Tian avoided one Killing Formation after another. Eventually, he reached the area near the space barrier.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have discovered something as he cried out in surprise, “Eh?”

As it turned out, when Duan Ling Tian arrived near the space barrier, he found a large amount of dried blood. Based on the texture, it was apparent it had been there for a few years now.

It seems like people came in to investigate the deaths of those powerhouses... I’m afraid those who came to investigate have died as well!’ Duan Ling Tian could not help but sigh again. ‘I hope not many people came to investigate. Otherwise, our Saint Province Realm would have lost another group of powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!’

Duan Ling Tian knew very well that people who were able to create an opening in the space barrier had to be at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage at least! The dried blood must belong to those powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that only two people had broken into the pseudo realm, and they did not die even though they had to pay a heavy price. He would not have sighed if he was aware of this!

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At some point, a sword appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s hands. It was the Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword he obtained when he just arrived in Sin City from the Ground Ax Alliance’s men.

Go!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as Sun Saint Origin surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s body like an angry dragon into the Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword that he held in his hands. Xiu!

The Thousand Inscription Saint Sword flew out on its own with the third stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword and slashed the air.

Suddenly...

Rip!

The sound of a tear rang in the air as an extremely small crack appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian. The crack was less than a foot long.

Now that my cultivation base is at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, my Sun Saint Origin is stronger than the Saint Origin of ordinary powerhouses at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. However, it's still weaker compared to the Saint Origin of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.' Duan Ling Tian discovered this from his attack.

This also proved Elder Huo was right when he said the Sun Force that fused with his body would not be as powerful the stronger he became!

When Duan Ling Tian successfully passed the Heavenly Tribulation in the future and managed to ascend to a Devata Realm, he would no longer have an advantage over people with the same cultivation base even though he had the Sun Force. The Sun Force would only have a small effect on his power.

It seems like if I don't use the Elementary Devouring Tactic or the Jasper Celestial Sword, I won't be able to create an opening in the space barrier and return to the Upper Province,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

When Duan Ling Tian thought of this, he instantly cast the assist-type Divine Ability. "Elementary Devouring Tactic!"

In just an instant, many whirlpools appeared around Duan Ling Tian as they absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings like a bottomless pit. It did not take too long before Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Origin was raised to its limit.

Duan Ling Tian cried out, "Go!" The Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword in his hand flew out again.

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Xiu!

The Thousand Inscriptions Saint Sword that contained Duan Ling Tian's Sun Saint Origin that was raised to its highest limit flew out under the control of the third stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword. It seemed as though it could cut through anything!

Rip!

The sound of something tearing rang in the air.

In just a blink of an eye, the original opening in the space barrier that had yet to close became wider. It went from being less than one foot long to several feet long.

Duan Ling Tian had used the same attack but its strength was raised to another level by the Elementary Devouring Tactic!

It's time to leave,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he flew through the opening in the space barrier and vanished from the pseudo realm created by the three Eminent Devils.

It was pitch black when Duan Ling Tian entered the opening in the space barrier. After a few moments, he finally saw light. When he could see properly again, he discovered he was in a familiar place. Three years ago, he had entered the pseudo realm from an opening located at this place.

“I’m out! I finally got out!” Although Duan Ling Tian knew he would leave the pseudo realm, he could not help but feel happy as though he had been given a second chance at life. He began to laugh loudly.

Only three years had passed in the outside world, but Duan Ling Tian had been cultivating diligently on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda for thirty years! It had taken him thirty years to raise his cultivation base to where it was today.

“From today onwards, I no longer have to hide myself in the Dao Martial Saint Land! I’m Duan Ling Tian. I no longer have to use any disguise or alias!” Duan Ling Tian removed the long and loose black robe he was wearing and changed into his purple robe. After that, he removed his disguise and reverted to his original appearance.

Sword-shaped brows and starry eyes! Handsome and graceful! This was Duan Ling Tian’s true appearance!

Now that Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base was at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, he felt he had nothing to fear as long as his opponent was not a cultivator at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! How many cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were there in the Dao Martial Saint Land anyway?

“Sin City!” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes gleamed as though he just remembered something as he looked south. It was the direction where Sin City was located.

Sou!

Duan Ling Tian moved like a gust of wind as he made his way to Sin City. He was finally in Sin City again after three years. It felt as though a lifetime had passed since he was there.

Only three years had passed in the outside world since Duan Ling Tian left Sin City. However, since he was cultivating on the fourth floor of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, it had been three decades since he was last in Sin City. Even the sea could turn into a mulberry orchard in thirty years. It was only natural that Duan Ling Tian felt that way.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian had returned to Sin City in a good mood. Perhaps, it was due to the fact that he did not have to hide and could openly enter Sin City with his true appearance.

In Sin City, Duan Ling Tian’s appearance caught many people’s attention.

“Eh? This guy... seems familiar!”

Yes. I think I’ve seen him before, but I can’t remember when or where!”

“I think he looks familiar as well.”

Duan Ling Tian heard many similar remarks in Sin City. Many people thought he looked familiar, but they could not recall when or where they had seen him before.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised. After all, it was only natural these people found him familiar since they had seen his portraits before. Three years ago, when he killed Elder Xie Zong from the Black Kshetra

Sect, he had incurred the wrath of Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas in the Black Kshetra Sect. Xie Kang Xun had tried to look for him everywhere by distributing his portraits. Apart from that, he had also promised to generously reward those who could provide information on Duan Ling Tian's location. People would definitely step forward and talk if they knew they were going to be rewarded.

Duan Ling Tian was certain people would recognize him immediately if this was three years ago. They would have recognized him based on his figure if he did not hide them under a long and loose black robe, let alone if he did not disguise his appearance. At that time, he had experienced the madness of being hunted by many sectless cultivators in Sin City.

Sou!

Duan Ling Tian flew up into the air like a rocket not long after he entered Sin City. In just a blink of an eye, he was hovering in the air above Sin City.

At this moment, one of the sectless cultivators who found Duan Ling Tian familiar suddenly cried out, "I remember who he is now! H-he's Duan Ling Tian, the prodigy from the Fire Worship Sect. He killed the son of the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect!"

"Duan Ling Tian?!"

"You're right! He's Duan Ling Tian! I still carry his portrait with me. Look! It's the same face and figure!"

"Duan Ling Tian actually revealed himself?"

"Am I dreaming? Why is Duan Ling Tian openly walking around?"

"Duan Ling Tian vanished three years ago. Many sectless cultivators had turned Sin City upside down just to find him. However, it was all in vain. How dare he show himself now?"

"Maybe he thinks three years would make us forget him!"

"Naive! How naive!"

Many sectless cultivators began to discuss among themselves when they found out who Duan Ling Tian was. Some of them stared at him with eyes that were shining with greed. They had to stop themselves from rushing to Duan Ling Tian and bringing him to Xie Kang Xun in Black Kshetra Sect and claim the reward they had been dreaming about. However, no one was willing to be the first person to make a move.

"Greetings, people of Sin City... I'm Duan Ling Tian!" Duan Ling Tian began to speak as he hovered in the air above Sin City. Although his voice was not loud, almost everyone in Sin City heard him since his voice contained Sun Saint Origin.

A commotion broke out immediately.

"Duan Ling Tian?"

"This name sounds familiar..."

“How could it not sound familiar? Duan Ling Tian is the prodigy from Fire Worship Sect. The Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect is looking for him. In order to find him, the Golden Lion King keeps increasing the bounty on his head. The bounty is extremely high now!”

“It’s him?!”

“Is it really him? I feel like they’re two different people. If he’s really Duan Ling Tian, would he really show himself in Sin City so openly?”

“Whether they’re the same person or not, we’ll know after we go over there to see what’s going on!”

“The voice is coming from the city center... Let’s go!”

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Similar remarks could be heard all over Sin City.

Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou! Sou!

Meanwhile, many figures flew out from various places in Sin City. All of them shared the same destination. The center of Sin City!

“It’s really Duan Ling Tian! His appearance and figure match the portrait!”

“Isn’t he too bold? He dares to show himself in Sin City. Isn’t he afraid of death?”

“Is he crazy?”

“He might be... He must have suffered during the past three years from being hunted by the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect!”

More and more people gathered in the center of Sin City. All of them recognized Duan Ling Tian as the person that Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect, had placed a bounty on. He was Duan Ling Tian, the prodigy from the Fire Worship Sect!

Suddenly, the sound of laughter rang in the air from afar as it slowly grew closer and closer.

“Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t expect you to reveal yourself... Since you’re here, come with me to see the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect. He wants to see you really badly!” A middle-aged man with a sturdy figure appeared. Flames seemed to shroud his body as he flew toward Duan Ling Tian like a fireball.

“It’s Kong Zhen!”

Many sectless cultivators recognized the middle-aged man.

“Kong Zhen? The person ranked 93rd on the Supreme Saint Ranking? A powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?”

“It’s him! It’s really Kong Zhen! He’s at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and is ranked 93rd on the Supreme Saint Ranking!”

“I didn’t expect him to make a move first!” One sectless cultivator exclaimed when he saw Kong Zhen approaching Duan Ling Tian. “As the prodigy of Fire Worship Sect, Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent is quite high. However, I don’t think his cultivation base has improved much. Only three years have gone by... Moreover, during this time, he has been hunted by the Golden Lion King. Where would he find the time to concentrate on cultivating?”

Three years ago, he was hundreds and thousands of miles away from being a match Lord Kong Zhen... After three years, it would be even more impossible for him to be a match for Lord Kong Zhen, especially since he didn’t have time to cultivate!”

“I think so too... After all, Kong Zhen is at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!”

2164 Fake News

Many sectless cultivators discussed among themselves when Kong Zhen showed up. Based on their conversations, it seemed like most of them thought Duan Ling Tian would be captured by Kong Zhen to see the Golden Lion King, Xie Kang Xun, in the Black Kshetra Sect. He was doomed! The reward that Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, promised was more than enough to tempt a powerhouse at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

“It’s a pity both of the Super Saint Weapons he had were taken away by the Supreme Elder from the Black Kshetra Sect. Otherwise, Kong Zhen would get his hands on more than just the reward that the Golden Lion King promised. He would’ve been able to obtain two Super Saint Weapons!”

You’re overthinking it! If Duan Ling Tian has the Super Saint Weapons, do you think Kong Zhen will be able to lay his hands on it?”

“That’s right! Although Sin City has lost quite a number of powerhouses at and above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, there are still a few of them around. They would’ve acted first if Duan Ling Tian still has the Super Saint Weapons!”

Yes. The Super Saint Weapons are, naturally, a huge temptation!”

When Duan Ling Tian overheard their discussion, he was dumbfounded. ‘When did the Supreme Elder from the Black Kshetra Sect take away my Super Saint Weapon?’ He even looked in his Spatial Ring to make sure the Deviseal Tablet was still there.

Duan Ling Tian was baffled. Who spread this rumor? Based on the sectless cultivators’ conversations, it seemed like they believed the rumor.

Duan Ling Tian had heard of the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect. He knew the Supreme Elder was a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and was ranked second on the Supreme Saint Ranking, a place below the strongest person in the Dao Martial Saint Land, Nie Wu Tian! He had never even seen the Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect, how did rumor about the Supreme Elder snatching the Super Saint Weapon began to circulate?

Duan Ling Tian found the entire matter strange!

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect had issued a statement six months ago stating that he had forced Duan Ling Tian to hand over the Super Saint

Weapons to him. He had said Duan Ling Tian had hidden the Super Saint Weapons and that he managed to obtain it by threatening to kill by Duan Ling Tian. There was even a rumor that the Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect had sworn a lightning penalty oath to prove the veracity of his words. Since the statement had been put out by Black Kshetra Sect, it was only natural that people did not doubt their words.

Naturally, there were a few people who doubted the truth of the statement. However, once Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect, reduced the reward of the bounty he placed on Duan Ling Tian's head, those people who had doubts were instantly convinced.

In the beginning, people were hesitant to do anything even though the Golden Lion King kept increasing the reward. At that time, rumors were flying that Duan Ling Tian possessed Super Saint Weapons. How could any reward be more valuable than two Super Saint Weapons? That was why no one had bothered with the bounty he placed on Duan Ling Tian.

However, once they learned that Duan Ling Tian had lost the Super Saint Weapons, they became interested in the reward that Xie Kang Xun had promised.

Nobody would expect the Supreme Elder of the Black Kshetra Sect had lied about snatching away the Super Saint Weapons from Duan Ling Tian to prevent others from obtaining it. He had come up with a clever plan and asked Xie Kang Xun to reduce to reward to make the rumor more convincing.

Kong Zhen was just a few meters away from Duan Ling Tian when Duan Ling Tian said coldly, "Stop right there!"

Duan Ling Tian had spoken so abruptly that it stunned Kong Zhen for a moment, causing him to stop moving subconsciously.

Before Kong Zhen regained his senses, Duan Ling Tian said again, "If you come any closer, you'll have to bear with the consequences!" His voice was cold and filled with certainty, and his words were extremely domineering!

Everyone fell silent when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Oh, God! Is Duan Ling Tian crazy? He dares to challenge Lord Kong Zhen!"

"In my opinion, he wants to anger Lord Kong Zhen so Lord Kong Zhen will kill him... In that case, he doesn't have to face the Golden Lion King from the Black Kshetra Sect."

"I think so as well. The Golden Lion King wouldn't let him die so easily. He would definitely torture him first. Xie Zong was the only son of the Golden Lion King after all!"

Many people stared at Duan Ling Tian, horrified. Many of them thought Duan Ling Tian had intentionally sought death! However, was Duan Ling Tian really seeking death?

Kong Zhen scoffed. A hint of hate could be seen in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, I won't kill you. I'm going to exchange you for the reward that the Golden Lion King promised. I'll even ask permission from the Golden Lion King to watch as he tortures you to death!" Based on his

words, he was certain Duan Ling Tian would die since he did not think the Golden Lion King would let Duan Ling Tian go.

“This is the last time I’ll say this... You’ll have to bear with the consequences if you come any closer!” Duan Ling Tian said, annoyed, when he saw Kong Zhen flying toward him despite his warning. His voice was extremely cold.

“Bear with the consequences? I want to see what makes you think you can say such arrogant words!” Kong Zhen sneered as Saint Origin began to surge out of his body. His robes began to flutter in the air. In the next moment, he moved and pounced at Duan Ling Tian.

Kong Zhen only had one goal in mind. He wanted to catch Duan Ling Tian and bring him to the Golden Lion King in the Black Kshetra Sect and claim the reward.

“Seeking death!” When Duan Ling Tian saw Kong Zhen did not heed his warning, a flash could be seen in his left eye. It was the Strange Pupil. A Soul Attack shot out at an extremely fast speed in the form of a divine dragon toward Kong Zhen.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian attacked, Kong Zhen seemed to have discovered something as his expression changed drastically. “Oh, no!” It was the last expression he had in his life.

Before Kong Zhen could react, the Soul Attack in the form of a divine dragon had reached him, piercing his soul without leaving any physical marks on his body.

Duan Ling Tian’s current cultivation base was at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! The improvement from the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was more than just the increase in Saint Origin, most of the improvement was on one’s soul!

The Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was also known as the Heavenly Soul Form. Breaking through to this stage would allow one’s soul to evolve and be one with the universe.

Therefore, Duan Ling Tian’s soul was much stronger than Kong Zhen who was only at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. His Soul Attack had easily killed Kong Zhen.

Sou!

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Kong Zhen who was flying toward Duan Ling Tian suddenly stopped moving and fell from the sky!

Bang!

Kong Zhen’s body landed with a loud noise!

This scene caused many sectless cultivators’ expressions to change. Those with higher cultivation bases looked at Duan Ling Tian as though they had seen a ghost.

“How did Duan Ling Tian become so powerful? Kong Zhen was at the Fifth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and was ranked 93rd on the Supreme Saint Ranking!”

“I didn’t see Duan Ling Tian make a move, but Kong Zhen fell from the sky as though he had lost control of his body and fell to his death!”

“You didn’t see him make a move? Did you not sense the aura of Duan Ling Tian’s soul? He had used a Soul Attack!”

“Soul Attack? Impossible! I don’t think Duan Ling Tian knows how to use a Soul Attack. You must be mistaken!”

Based on the sectless cultivators’ conversations, it could be seen some of them thought Kong Zhen’s death had nothing to do with Duan Ling Tian, and some were certain Duan Ling Tian had killed Kong Zhen. There was a divide in their opinion.

Duan Ling Tian ignored the commotion in his surroundings as he pricked his finger to draw blood. A drop of blood hovered in the air.

“Duan Ling Tian is swearing a lightning penalty oath?”

Many sectless cultivators saw Duan Ling Tian’s action.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, Duan Ling Tian began to swear on the lightning penalty oath.

“Today, I, Duan Ling Tian, swear that if I lie, I’ll be killed by the lightning penalty!”

At this moment, the entire place had fallen deadly silent.

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Duan Ling Tian had not revealed the reason he was swearing on a lightning penalty oath, causing the sectless cultivators to wait with bated breath as they waited for him to continue speaking. All of their attention was on Duan Ling Tian. They were curious about the reason he was swearing on the lightning penalty oath.

“What does Duan Ling Tian want to say? He’s even swearing on the lightning penalty oath to prove the veracity of his words!”

“Does he intend to swear on the lightning penalty oath to prove that he no longer possesses the Super Saint Weapons?”

“There’s no need for him to do this. After all, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect has already spoken up about it...”

“Even then, there are some people who have their doubts. It’s different if Duan Ling Tian swears on the lightning penalty oath!”

Many sectless cultivators began to speculate among themselves. Unfortunately, none of their guesses were correct!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian started speaking again. “Three years ago, in the north of Sin City, the treasure vault that’s suspected to be left behind by three Eminent Celestials has killed many powerhouses!”

At this point, many sectless cultivators were puzzled. All of them knew about this matter so why was Duan Ling Tian talking about it?

“Why is Duan Ling Tian talking about that?”

“Is there a need for him to swear on the lightning penalty oath just for this? I don’t think there’s anyone in the Upper Province who doesn’t know about this.”

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “Those three powerhouses are Eminent Devils from the Devil Clans who survived the Human-Devil War! In order to survive, they hid in the Mortal Continent and cultivated slowly...”

When Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the sectless cultivators’ expressions changed immediately.

“Devil Clans? The powerhouses who created that space are Eminent Devils?”

“Is this true?”

“Duan Ling Tian has sworn on the lightning penalty oath. He’s not killed by the lightning penalty. This proves that he’s telling the truth!”

“Oh my God! It didn’t occur to me that trap was left behind by Devils!”

“Previously many people were wondering why a powerhouse had so much time to create a trap to harm the future generation. It makes sense now that Duan Ling Tian says it’s a trap created by Devils.”

No one doubted Duan Ling Tian’s words since he had sworn on the lightning penalty oath. Moreover, it answered a lot of questions that people had.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “When the Dao Martial Saint Land was divided into two, they set up a Formation in both the Upper and Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land... The Formation in the Lower Province will be automatically activated once it senses the pure Devil Qi from the Devil Clans that came from the Land of Exile. The activation of the Formation in the Lower Province would then trigger the Formation in the Upper Province, opening an entrance to the realm that they created. They did this to lure human powerhouses inside. The cultivators below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage are the lucky ones for being eliminated since all those who remained in the realm were killed!” His tone gradually turned solemn as he spoke.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not know those powerhouses, as fellow humans, he mourned their deaths as well.

“I see...”

“If that’s the case, this means the Devil Clans have already invaded the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, right?”

The sectless cultivators’ expressions changed again. Some of them even asked Duan Ling Tian for further confirmation.

Duan Ling Tian nodded when faced with the question and the burning gazes of the crowd. "That's right. The Devil Clans have already invaded the Lower Province three years ago. There's no doubt about this. If I'm lying, I'll be killed by the lightning penalty," Duan Ling Tian said grimly.

The sectless cultivators began to panic when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. They did not doubt him because he had sworn on the lightning penalty oath.

The Devil Clans had invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land again!

In the past, there were, naturally, people who had guessed correctly. They had thought that there was a tear in the space barrier between the Dao Martial Saint Land and the Land of Exile. They thought the Devil Clans had invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land again when the Upper Province's Inter-province Transportation Formation stopped working. However, it was all speculation. Most people in the Upper Province only felt nervous for a while before they went back to their daily lives and forgot about the matter.

However, someone swore on the lightning penalty oath today that the Devil Clans had, indeed, invaded the Lower Province. Moreover, the person was not killed by the lightning penalty oath. This was enough to prove the person was not lying!

"The Devil Clans are here! Damn it! Does this mean there will be a new Human-Devil Era?"

"The Eminent Devils were still holding a grudge even before they ascended? They even left a trap to kill so many human powerhouses. If the Devil Clans invade the Upper Province, I'm afraid it'll be harder for us to kill them due to the loss of so many human powerhouses!"

"The Devil Clans invaded the Lower Province three years ago, but they haven't invaded the Upper Province. They must be waiting for an opportunity to do so. Perhaps, they want to strengthen their hold in the Lower Province before attacking the Upper Province!"

"I'm afraid it won't be long before the Devil Clans invade the Upper Province!"

The sectless cultivators were panicking after they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

A sectless cultivator asked loudly, "Duan Ling Tian, how do you know about this?" His voice was really loud, drowning out the voices of the other sectless cultivators.

All of them fell silent when they heard this sectless cultivator's question. They all turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. Indeed. How did Duan Ling Tian know all this?

They did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words due to the lightning penalty oath, but they were extremely curious about how he came across this information.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes gleamed as he said bluntly, "How do I know? I know because I entered the trap left behind by those three Eminent Devils three years ago. I'm the sole survivor, apart from the cultivators at the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who were eliminated."

There was an uproar as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

There were many sectless cultivators who doubted Duan Ling Tian's words this time.

“Are you saying you entered the trap that was created by the three Eminent Devils three years ago, managed to pass the tests, and survive it?”

“Are you kidding? As far as I know, everyone below the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was eliminated... Are you saying your cultivation base three years ago was at or above the Fourth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?”

“If I’m not mistaken, your strength, at that time, was only at the Third Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, right?”

A group of sectless cultivators questioned Duan Ling Tian.

“I understand your doubts. Maybe if I reveal my other identity, you won’t doubt me anymore,” Duan Ling Tian said. “Other identity? What identity?”

Many sectless cultivators frowned. They did not know what Duan Ling Tian meant.

Hu!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian lifted his arm and took out a long black robe and put it on. The robe hid his face and figure. This was the robe he wore when he was known as the black-robed man.

“Black... Black-robed man?!”

The sectless cultivators were shocked when they saw this. Was this not the black-robed man who rose to fame in Sin City three years ago?

“If I’m not mistaken, the black-robed man had appeared after Duan Ling Tian killed Xie Zong, the son of the Golden Lion King. Does this mean Duan Ling Tian is the black-robed man?”

“If this is true, then it means Duan Ling Tian didn’t leave Sin City at all. He merely changed his identity so no one would be able to identify him!”

“It didn’t cross my mind that Duan Ling Tian is the black-robed man! It sounds so ridiculous!”

All the sectless cultivators were shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian put on the black robe. There were not many people who questioned the truth of his words.

After all, if Duan Ling Tian was the black-robed man, it made sense that no one would recognize him when he entered the trap left behind by the three Eminent Devils. They knew very well that the black-robed had entered the trap and did not get eliminated.

“Duan Ling Tian, since you’re the black-robed man and you managed to survive, why didn’t you tell everyone earlier that Devil Clans have invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land?”

Yes. Didn’t you know that the sooner you tell us, the faster we can prepare for their invasion?”

“Duan Ling Tian, how could you do this?”

Many people began to harshly criticize Duan Ling Tian as though he was to blame if the Devils managed to annihilate humankind.

Duan Ling Tian sneered. "How do you know that I didn't just come out today?"

"You just came out today?"

Many people were stunned when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Soon after, a sectless cultivator retorted, "Impossible! The Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect released a statement one year ago that he has taken your Super Saint Weapons. How's it possible that you only came out today?"

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"The Supreme Elder took my Super Saint Weapons away a year ago? As the party involved, why don't I know about this?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but laugh. "Moreover, I have already sworn on the lightning penalty oath earlier... If I lie, I'll be killed by the lightning penalty. Aren't I still alive and standing?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head at the absurdity of the situation. He was speechless.

How laughable! How could people just believe the other party's words?

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian was unaware that powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage had a high place in many people's hearts. In the eyes of ordinary people, powerhouses at the Ninth Form Saint Celestial Stage were almost invincible. They did not think such a powerhouse would lie just to obtain Super Saint Weapons.

Although many people felt skeptical when the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect released his statement, deep down, they all believed him. Moreover, all their doubts vanished when Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King from Black Kshetra Sect, reduced the reward he promised.

The crowd fell silent as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

After a few moments, a sectless cultivator stared at Duan Ling Tian intently as he asked, "Does this mean you still possess two Super Saint Weapons?"

As soon as the sectless cultivator finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian saw the greed in everyone's eyes when they looked at him. He knew very well if that incident with Kong Zhen did not happen, many of these sectless cultivators would not hesitate to attack him to obtain the Super Saint Weapons he possessed.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head in response to the question. "No."

"No?" The sectless cultivator was stunned and confused. "Didn't you say you were inside the trap that's left behind by three Eminent Devils for the past three years? Doesn't that mean the Supreme Elder from Black Kshetra Sect didn't manage to get his hands on the Super Saint Weapons? Your words are too contradictory!"

The others were confused as well.

"When I said no, I mean I don't have two Super Saint Weapons... I only have the Devilseal Tablet that I took back from Xie Zong! As for the Traceless Sword, I've never even seen it. Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, lied about me possessing the Traceless Sword," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

Due to the lightning penalty oath, no one doubted Duan Ling Tian.

“Now that Duan Ling Tian mentioned it, I remember the Golden Lion King said that Duan Ling Tian’s sword resembles the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword. He isn’t certain as well,” someone said after thinking for a while.

“That seems to be the case.”

Many sectless cultivators nodded in agreement.

“Maybe he has the Super Saint Weapon, the Nine Cloud Sword, instead!”

There were some sectless cultivators who said this and stared at Duan Ling Tian as though he was a walking treasure.

“I don’t have the Super Saint Weapon, the Nine Cloud Sword.” Duan Ling Tian’s words mercilessly crushed some of the sectless cultivators’ hope.

All of a sudden...

Someone bellowed from afar, “Duan Ling Tian!” It sounded like the roar of a lion! Soon after, a tall figure appeared before everyone’s eyes. It seemed as though he had appeared out of thin air. Based on this, one could tell his speed was extremely fast.

The figure belonged to an old man who was two-meters tall. He had a sturdy figure as well. From afar, he looked like a humanoid beast. He had spike white hair and an unruly beard. He resembled a lion. Apart from that, he had big and fierce eyes that were framed by thick brows!

When he appeared, a terrifying aura rolled off him in waves, causing everyone to freeze in fear.

Some sectless cultivators recognized the old man with just a glance and exclaimed, “It’s the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect!”

“I didn’t expect the Golden Lion King to show up so quickly! He seems very well-informed... This means the Black Kshetra Sect has many spies in Sin City.”

“It only natural that he came here as fast as he could once he learned that Duan Ling Tian’s here. This is a good opportunity for him to avenge his son after all!”

“Duan Ling Tian’s doomed!”

The sectless cultivators looked at Duan Ling Tian sympathetically as they discussed among themselves. It seemed as though they were certain Duan Ling Tian was going to be killed by the Golden Lion King!

At this moment, they seemed to have forgotten that Duan Ling Tian had escaped from the trap left behind by the three Eminent Devils today! In order to leave the realm, one had to be able to tear open space barriers! Only powerhouses at or above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would have the strength to accomplish such a feat!

“Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t think you’d show yourself...” The lion-like old man looked at Duan Ling Tian intently. “Regardless of why you showed up, you must die today!”

Duan Ling Tian did not disguise himself so the Golden Lion King recognized him immediately.

At this moment, Saint Origin began to rise from Xie Kang Xun’s body. It seemed as though he was ready to strike at any moment with his domineering energy. It caused sectless cultivators with a weaker cultivation base to move back a little.

Duan Ling Tian was studying Xie Kang Xun as well. It was his first time meeting the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect. “You’re Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King?”

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had met another one of the Karmapas. He had met the Green Bat King. However, the Green Bat King had died in the pseudo realm created by the three Eminent Devils.

Xie Kang Xun only roared in response to Duan Ling Tian’s question. Rage could be heard in his roar!

In the next moment, everyone watched as a powerful Saint Origin surged out of Xie Kang Xun’s body. It seemed as though he had turned into the sun as his body was covered with a dazzling light.

“The Golden Lion King is going to make his move!”

Many people trembled in fear when they saw this!

Bang!

A loud explosion sounded in the air as the Golden Lion King charged toward Duan Ling Tian at an extremely fast speed. “Where did he go?”

To many sectless cultivators, it seemed as though the Golden Lion King had vanished into thin air. That was, naturally, not the case. His speed was just too fast that most sectless cultivators could not catch his movement due to their weak cultivation bases.

To the sectless cultivators with a higher cultivation base, they only managed to catch a glimpse of the Golden Lion King’s figure.

“He’s really fast! No wonder he’s ranked third among the Four Great Karmapas in Black Kshetra Sect and ranked 18th on the Supreme Saint Ranking!”

Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King of Black Kshetra Sect, was a famous powerhouse after all. However, his opponent today was Duan Ling Tian, a prodigy from the Fire Worship Sect. His action could be seen as bullying the weak.

All the sectless cultivators present on the scene thought Duan Ling Tian would surely be killed by Xue Kang Xun!

Were they right in their assumptions?

Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage... He’s pretty strong!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He could clearly see Xie Kang Xun’s every movement unlike the sectless cultivators present on the scene.

Before Xie Kang Xun made his move, Duan Ling Tian had already mobilized his Sun Saint Energy. As soon as Xie Kang Xun made his move, he instantly cast one of his Divine Abilities. "Elementary Devouring Tactic!"

In just an instant, whirlpools appeared around Duan Ling Tian and absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. It raised his Sun Saint Origin to its highest limit in just a short while. His Sun Saint Origin was far stronger than that of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. In fact, it was only slightly weaker than the Saint Origin of a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Boom!

While Duan Ling Tian cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, Xie Kang Xun who was halfway to Duan Ling Tian also cast an assist-type Divine Ability. In just a blink of an eye, his Saint Origin became stronger as well. It was almost as powerful as the Saint Origin of a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! For a time, his strength was evenly matched with Duan Ling Tian's strength!

"I see why you're one of Black Kshetra Sect's Four Great Karmapas. The assist-type Divine Ability you've mastered is quite powerful... However, if this is the extent of your strength, I'm afraid you won't be able to avenge your son today!" Duan Ling Tian said calmly as Xie Kang Xun charged at him at an extremely fast speed. It seemed as though he was not afraid of Xie Kang Xun at all!

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Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, sneered when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. He continued to charge toward Duan Ling Tian. "Shameless boasting!"

It sounded like a joke to Xie Kang Xun. He was the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect. He had long broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and could be considered as one of the top powerhouses at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land. This could be seen from his rank, the 19th place, on the Supreme Saint Ranking! It should be noted that there were only a few people who were ranked ahead of him at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage on the Supreme Saint Ranking.

However, today, a young lad shamelessly boasted and disregarded Xie Kang Xun. How could he not be angry?

Duan Ling Tian could not help but laugh when he heard Xie Kang Xun's words. "Shameless boasting? You'll see soon enough whether it's shameless boasting or not!"

Xie Kang Xun scoffed as he said, "I can't wait to see!" He had cast a movement martial tactic and Divine Ability to hasten his speed. He looked like a furious lion intending to tear his prey apart as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian.

Hu!

While Xie Kang Xun hastened his speed, the Celestial Supreme Treasure, the Jasper Celestial Sword, appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hands. He sent his Sun Saint Origin into the sword and a terrifying and destructive aura radiated off the sword, sending shivers up the spines of everyone who was watching.

“This strike is for your failure in educating your son!” Duan Ling Tian said as the Jasper Celestial Sword flew out at lightning speed toward Xie Kang Xun. The sword that contained Duan Ling Tian’s Sun Saint Origin that was raised to its highest limit was wielded by Duan Ling Tian using the third stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword.

Was there anyone who was able to defend against the swordplay technique of the Sovereign Heart Sword?

To the sectless cultivators, it seemed as though Duan Ling Tian’s sword had vanished. They only heard the shrill cry of a sword.

It’s so fast!’ Xie Kang Xun thought to himself as fear inexplicably rose in his heart. Soon after, he felt a sharp pain in his right shoulder. He looked instinctively looked at it and discovered he had lost his right arm! It had been severed from his shoulder. Blood kept on spurting out from his wound!

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian said again, “This strike is for you falsely claiming I have the Super Saint Weapon, the Traceless Sword!”

Before Xie Kang Xun could catch his severed right arm with his other hand, Duan Ling Tian struck again. Just like that, Xie Kang Xun lost his left arm as well. At this time, even someone as strong as Xie Kang Xun could not help but groan in pain. He hovered in the air as he staunched the bleeding on his shoulders. He looked at Duan Ling Tian in horror and disbelief. He did not think Duan Ling Tian whom he had considered as insignificant would be so terrifyingly strong! Any of the two strikes could have killed him! However, Duan Ling Tian seemed to be toying with him. Duan Ling Tian had deliberately avoided striking at his vital parts. Otherwise, he would have died! He was certain of this!

How’s this possible?! It has only been three years... How could he have grown so strong?! I-is it possible that he had a fortuitous encounter during these past three years?’ Xie Kang Xun found it hard to believe. He could not accept this. Someone whom he had regarded as an ant was strong enough to kill him today! For a moment, he even thought he was dreaming!

Meanwhile, the sectless cultivators finally regained their senses. They could not help but gasp!

Everything happened in just a split second. They did not have time to react until Xie Kang Xun had stopped charging at Duan Ling Tian. They were shocked by Xie Kang Xun’s loss at Duan Ling Tian’s hands!

“Oh, God! Can anyone tell me if I’m dreaming? T-this is impossible!” A young sectless cultivator said in shock and disbelief.

“I find this hard to believe as well. Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King of Black Kshetra Sect, who’s ranked 19th on the Supreme Saint Ranking lost both his arms to Duan Ling Tian before he could even get near him?” A middle-aged sectless cultivator cried out as he looked at Duan Ling Tian as though he had seen a ghost. He was frozen for a while as though Duan Ling Tian had cast a spell on him.

“The Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, is defeated just like that?”

“Although I find it hard to believe, the truth is laid bare before our eyes!”

“When the Golden Lion King came, he was so energetic and arrogant like a lion... Now, he looks like a dog with its tail between its legs!”

“The Golden Lion King seems to be in shock as well... Perhaps, he’s also wondering how someone he regarded as an ant became stronger than him in such a short time!”

“I’m equally shocked!”

Duan Ling Tian’s strength did not only shock the Golden Lion King, but it shocked the group of sectless cultivators present on the scene as well. Before the Golden Lion King lost his arms, they did not think Duan Ling Tian would be stronger than the Golden Lion King. In fact, they were certain the Golden Lion King would kill Duan Ling Tian! However, what happened subsequently was like a slap to their faces! Not only did Xie Kang Xun fail to kill Duan Ling Tian, but Duan Ling Tian had severed both of Xie Kang Xun’s arms. Xie Kang Xun was useless now that he had lost his arms!

Run!’ This was Xie Kang Xun’s first thought when he realized how terrifyingly strong Duan Ling Tian was. Once that thought appeared, Xie Kang Xun immediately tried to flee in the opposite direction of Duan Ling Tian.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

A series of explosions rang in the air as the Saint Origin on Xie Kang Xun’s body trembled violently. At this moment, he had unleashed all his strength and cast all the techniques he had mastered in order to escape! He had completely abandoned the thought of revenge. He only wanted to leave no matter how slim the chances were.

As Xie Kang Xun turned around to flee, Duan Ling Tian said again, “This strike is to prove that I’m not shamelessly boasting!” His words sent chills running up everyone’s spines.

A short-lived sword’s cry sounded as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking.

Upon hearing the sword’s cry, Xie Kang Xun shuddered like a startled bird. He slowed for a moment before he sped up again in an attempt to escape!

A soft noise sounded as Xie Kang Xun sped up.

Under the watchful eyes of the others, a bloody wound appeared at the back of Xie Kang Xun’s head as he tried to escape. Blood spurted everywhere...

At this moment, everyone fell silent. They only regained their senses when they saw Duan Ling Tian had flown next to Xie Kang Xun to retrieve his Spatial Ring. After that, they saw Duan Ling Tian let Xie Kang Xun’s body fall to the ground. Fear could be seen in their eyes!

Duan Ling Tian maimed Xie Kang Xun, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, with two strikes and killed him with the third strike.

Was that man really Xie Kang Xun? Was he really the Black Kshetra Sect’s Golden Lion King who was ranked 19th on the Supreme Saint Ranking?

Duan Ling Tian paid no mind to everyone's gaze. He had devoured Xie Kang Xun's Innate Spiritual Root to improve his Innate Spiritual Root! Although Xie Kang Xun possessed an indigo Innate Spiritual Root, it was like pouring a cup of water into the sea. After all, Duan Ling Tian possessed a violet Innate Spiritual Root that was superior to indigo Innate Spiritual Roots!

"I wonder when my Innate Spiritual Root will evolve from light violet to a normal shade of violet... Once it evolves, my innate talent will improve again and my cultivation speed will become even faster! With the help of the time flow on the fourth level of the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, I'll be able to raise my cultivation base quickly! Duan Ling Tian was delighted when he thought about this.

2168 Duan Ling Tian, Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?!

"Duan Ling Tian managed to kill Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect." The strength he displayed surpasses that of a powerhouse at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!" One sectless cultivator said in a trembling voice.

His words caused the other sectless cultivators to regain their senses. An expression of shock could be seen on their faces.

"You're right. Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King of Black Kshetra Sect, is one of the top powerhouses among those at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was ranked 18th on the Supreme Saint Ranking..."

"Even the supposed strongest cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage wouldn't be able to defeat Xie Kang Xun so easily, not without a hundred moves at least, let alone killing him!"

"If that's the case, does it mean that Duan Ling Tian is as strong as a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?"

"Although I'm reluctant to believe it, that seems to be the case."

"His swordplay technique is terrifying... Moreover, his sword is definitely a Saint Weapon that's evenly matched with the Traceless Sword or the Nine Cloud Sword even if it's not a Super Saint Weapon!"

"I agree!"

The sectless cultivators began to discuss among themselves as soon as they regained their senses. Based on their conversations, it seemed like most of them thought Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! Otherwise, how could he have defeated Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect? Apart from that, they could tell Duan Ling Tian's sword was not ordinary. Even if it was not a Super Saint Weapon, it had to be more powerful than a Thousand Inscriptions Saint Weapon!

Usually, a lot of people would covet such a weapon. However, none of the sectless cultivators present on the scene were tempted to make a move. Apart from Duan Ling Tian's sword, although they knew he possessed the Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, they still did not dare to scheme against him.

What a joke! Currently, Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage! They would not dare to scheme against him even if he had five or six Super Saint

Weapons, let alone only one! They knew they were no match for him. They would definitely die if they make a move against him!

At this moment, many people thought Duan Ling Tian might be even stronger than an ordinary powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

“Even if the leader of Black Kshetra Sect’s Four Great Kamapas, the Violet Dragon King, fought Xie Kang Xun, I don’t think she’ll be able to defeat Xie Kang Xun so easily... I think Duan Ling Tian is stronger or on par with the Violet Dragon King!”

“I agree! With the strength Duan Ling Tian displayed earlier, he would definitely be ranked in the top ten of the Supreme Saint Ranking!”

“I wonder what Duan Ling Tian went through during the past three years for him to grow so terrifyingly strong in such a short time!”

“Perhaps, he obtained many treasures in the trap that was created by the three Eminent Devils since he survived. That will explain why he’s so strong!”

“That’s possible.”

Many people began to guess how Duan Ling Tian became so strong in such a short time.

As the sectless cultivators were guessing and gossiping among themselves, Duan Ling Tian said, “The Devil Clans might invade at any time. Please take care!” After that, he left like a gust of wind.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, they regained their senses and discovered that he had already left.

Soon after, everything that Duan Ling Tian had said under the lightning penalty oath spread like a wildfire through Sin City. It did not take long before it spread out of Sin City. Apart from that, word about how Duan Ling Tian had killed the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, spread out as well.

“Duan Ling Tian is the famous black-robed man in Sin City?”

“He also entered the trap that was left by three Eminent Devils. He’s the only survivor?”

“After three years, Duan Ling Tian managed to escape the trap left behind by three Eminent Devils and went to Sin City to reveal the truth? He even swore on the lightning penalty oath so people would believe him?”

“So the realm is actually created by three Eminent Devils?”

“The Formation that opened up the trap is actually connected to a Formation in the Lower Province that will only be activated once it detects pure Devil Qi from the Devils in the Land of Exile?”

News of this caused an uproar in the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land. No one had expected this! As it turned out, what they thought was a treasure vault left behind by an Eminent Celestial was a trap left behind by three Eminent Devils. The reason they had created the trap was to aid the future

generation of the Devil Clans when they invade the Dao Martial Saint Land by killing human powerhouses in the Upper Province!

“The Devil Clans have really invaded the Dao Martial Saint Land?”

“It’s no longer a speculation, it’s a fact. We lost so many powerhouses to the trap left behind by the three Eminent Devils... How are humans supposed to fight the Devil Clans when they invade the Upper Province?”

“That three Eminent Devils are truly vicious... They actually created a trap before they ascended!”

“Fortunately, we have Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, we would be unaware that the Devil Clans have already invaded the Lower Province and might invade the Upper Province at any time.”

“We must be prepared... Things would be bad when the Devil Clans invade!”

Similar remarks could be heard everywhere in Sin City.

As time passed, news of this spread further and further. It would not take long before everyone in the Upper Province found out about it. Duan Ling Tian’s goal of letting everyone know about the Devil Clans had been achieved!

Apart from that, other things about Duan Ling Tian began to spread as well.

“As it turns out, Duan Ling Tian didn’t have two Super Saint Weapons! He only has one Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet, that he snatched back from Xie Zong, the son of Black Kshetra Sect’s Golden Lion King!”

“Humph! The Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, actually used such a despicable way to obtain the Super Saint Weapons. He released a false statement because he didn’t want us to lay our hands on the Super Saint Weapons, right?”

“Initially, I thought powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage were like God! I thought they would be above all these things so I had trusted everything they said without a doubt! I didn’t think they would lie.”

“Liar! Liar!”

As news of Duan Ling Tian swearing on the lightning penalty oath spread, the high regard everyone held for powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage began to fall.

People from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land realized that powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage might stand at the top of the food chain in the Dao Martial Saint Land, but they were no different from ordinary cultivators. They were not indifferent to fame and fortune as the others believed.

Apart from that, news of Duan Ling Tian’s strength caused a commotion in the Upper Province as well.

“In just three years, Duan Ling Tian became as strong as a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Even the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, was no match for him?”

“Is it true?”

“It seems very far fetch!”

“I agree. Xie Kang Xun was the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect. He was one of the strongest among those at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He was even ranked 18th on the Supreme Saint Ranking... How can someone like that not be a match for Duan Ling Tian? I don’t care if everyone believes it, I refuse to believe it!”

“You refuse to believe it? Let me tell you this. I have a distant cousin in the Black Kshetra Sect... This news is real!”

“I’m sure it’s true. I came from Sin City. Many sectless cultivators witnessed this personally. It’s just as they say, Duan Ling Tian is truly as strong as a powerhouse at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. With two strikes, he cut off both of Xie Kang Xun’s arms, and he killed Xie Kang Xun with the third strike!”

“Based on what you said, does this mean Duan Ling Tian could have killed him with just one strike? The first two moves were only to toy with Xie Kang Xun?”

Yes!”

Many people who lived close to Sin City believed the news about Duan Ling Tian’s strength. However, in places further away from Sin City, there were fewer people who believed it. In fact, almost no one from places at the edges of the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land believed it.

After all, the Black Kshetra Sect’s Golden Lion King was a well-known powerhouse in the Upper Province. On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian had only recently become famous for being a prodigy in the Fire Worship Sect. He might have high innate talent, but it did not mean that he was strong.

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New from Sin City in the Central Region spread like a wildfire. Even the Fire Worship Sect in the distant Western Region had received news of what had happened.

“Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian revealed himself?”

“He only escaped from the trap left behind by three Eminent Devils that killed many powerhouses three years ago?”

“He went to Sin City the moment he came out to and swore on the lightning penalty oath that the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile have invaded the Lower Province?”

“Oh, God! The Devil Clans are here! I’m afraid it won’t be long before they invade the Upper Province!”

The Fire Worship Sect was in an uproar when they heard the news about Duan Ling Tian confirming the invasion of the Devil Clans in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Since Duan Ling Tian had sworn on the lightning penalty oath, there was no doubt he was telling the truth since he was not killed by the lightning penalty!

Although everyone in the Fire Worship Sect was shaken by the news of the Devil Clans invading the Dao Martial Saint Land, they were not really afraid. After all, they were in one of three great sects in the Dao Martial Saint Land. If the Devil Clans invaded the Upper Province, they would be the last hope for mankind. If even people from the Fire Worship Sect were afraid, then there would be no hope left for humans!

“Nevertheless, I didn’t expect the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, to lie. He even issued a false statement saying that he has obtained Duan Ling Tian’s Super Saint Weapons because he was afraid other people would lay their hands on the Super Saint Weapons before he can get to them!”

“I’m more surprised at the fact that Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian didn’t have two Super Saint Weapons. He only has one Super Saint Weapon, the Devilseal Tablet.”

The Devilseal Tablet belongs to him anyway!”

Naturally, news about Duan Ling Tian killing Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, had also spread to the Fire Worship Sect, shocking everyone in the sect!

“Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian managed to sever both of Xie Kang Xun’s arms with just two strikes? He managed to kill him with his third strike? Xie Kang Xun didn’t even have a chance to defend himself?”

“Are you kidding? Although I admit Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent is amazing and he must have improved a lot in these three years, I still think it’s outrageous to say that Xie Kang Xun didn’t even have a chance to defend himself. Xie Kang Xun was not some nameless person!”

“Xie Kang Xun was one of Black Kshetra Sect’s Four Great Karmapas, the Golden Lion King. He had broken through to the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage for quite a while now. Moreover, he was considered as one of the strongest among those at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. How can someone like that be powerless against Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian?”

“It seems like Senior Brother Duan Ling Tian’s cultivation base is at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?” “That’s ridiculous! I don’t believe it!”

When news about Duan Ling Tian killing Xie Kang Xun, the Black Kshetra Sect’s Golden Lion King, in three moves spread to the Fire Worship Sect, many people were shocked. However, many of them were skeptical as well. Even Duan Ling Tian’s close friends, Liu Yun and Liu Mu, found it hard to believe.

There was no doubt that Duan Ling Tian had an amazing innate talent. Three years ago, he even managed to kill Xie Zhong, the son of the Golden Lion King. However, most people found it hard to believe that he had broken through to the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

What a joke!

After breaking through to the Saint Celestial Stage, the gap between every form was extremely wide. It was extremely difficult to break through each form.

“In the past, even prodigies with violet Innate Spiritual Roots from the Fire Worship Sect needed several decades to break through to the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage from the First Form of the Saint Celestial Stage with the aid of the best cultivation environment...”

“In fact, I’m afraid it’s impossible for a prodigy with a violet Innate Spiritual Root at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to break through to the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in just three years!”

“That’s true. There’s no way this news is real!”

No one from the Fire Worship Sect believed that Duan Ling Tian had killed Xie Kang Xun, the Golden Lion King of the Black Kshetra Sect. They thought the news was fake and had been greatly exaggerated.

“Duan Ling Tian is at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? Shame on those who believe this!” Elder Dong Lin from the Enforcement laughed when he heard the news.

Dong Lin’s eyes gleamed coldly as he muttered under his breath, “Duan Ling Tian, you finally showed up. I didn’t think you’ll be able to survive the trap left behind by three Eminent Devils...You’re really lucky! If you know what’s best for you, you better don’t return to the Fire Worship Sect. Even if I’m no match for you, my father will kill you for me!”

Dong Lin’s father was the Vice Hall Master of the Enforcement Hall, Dong Yuan Jin.

Meanwhile, Sanctum Leader Lu Tie of the Azure Dragon Sanctum and his direct disciple, Bu Hong, had also heard the news. Similarly, they thought the news was outrageous.

“Duan Ling Tian has broken through to the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?”

It sounded like the biggest joke they had ever heard in their lives.

In the Fire Worship Sect’s Saint Land. Above the Saint Island.

Numerous floating islands could be seen here. At the highest point, only one floating island could be seen. It looked like an emperor overlooking his subjects. This place was the cultivation place for Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

Sou!

The sound of wind whistling rang in the air, and a muscular figure arrived from the distance and hovered above the highest floating island in just a blink of an eye.

“Lord Sect Leader.”

This person hovered in the air as he bowed respectfully in the direction of the floating island. He sounded respectful and modest when he spoke. If other elders were around, they would recognize this person as one of the vice sect leaders of the Fire Worship Sect. His cultivation base was at the Sixth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

Hu!

A gust of wind appeared the moment the Vice Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect finished speaking. Then, a tall and sturdy figure appeared before him.

This tall and sturdy middle-aged man was dressed in a long white robe that was embroidered with flames. It was slightly similar to the exclusive uniforms for the elders and disciples in the Fire Worship Sect. Upon closer inspection, one would notice the embroidered flames on his robe was unique. It seemed to resemble a divine dragon. When worn, it seemed as though the divine dragon was protecting his body.

Although the middle-aged man was tall and sturdy and his features were chiseled, he did not look like a brute. Everything was in harmony. He had a noble air around him, making others feel like they should serve him.

This middle-aged man was none other than Sect Leader Tang Xuan of the Fire Worship Sect!

“Did something happen?”

Although the news from Sin City had spread throughout the Fire Worship Sect, Tang Xuan who had been in his cultivation place was not aware of it. However, he knew something must have happened if one of the vice sect leaders came to see him.

“Lord Sect Leader...” The vice sect Leader told Tang Xuan about Devil Clans invading the Lower Province.

“The Devil Clans have invaded the Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land?” Tang Xuan’s expression turned grim when he heard the news even though he had already broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

After all, the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile were extremely strong. Tang Xuan knew this very well since he had read the ancient texts in the Fire Worship Sect.

There was no shortage of cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Devil Clans. Moreover, there might even be Devils who had passed the Heavenly Tribulation but did not ascend.

Yes.” The vice sect leader nodded before he said hesitantly, “Speaking of... This news is actually confirmed by our Fire Worship Sect’s prodigy, Duan Ling Tian.”

Tang Xuan looked at the vice sect leader and asked, “Duan Ling Tian? The Fire Worship Sect’s prodigy who has two Super Saint Weapons?”

Since Tang Xuan came out from his closed-door cultivation, he had heard a little about Duan Ling Tian, the prodigy of the Fire Worship Sect.

“Yes.” The vice sect leader nodded again. “I heard he entered the trap left behind by the three Eminent Devils three years ago. He managed to survive when others had been killed or eliminated. He only escaped that place recently”

“He stayed in there for three years?” Tang Xuan said, “And it seems like that old fart from Black Kshetra Sect lied. I was wondering when he had sworn on a lightning penalty oath. As turns out, he had falsely released a statement so he could get his hands on Duan Ling Tian’s Super Saint Weapons.”

“Lord Sect Leader, Duan Ling Tian only has one Super Saint Weapon. It’s the Devilseal Tablet. He doesn’t have the Traceless Sword... He swore on the lightning penalty oath,” the vice sect leader said.

“Since the Devil Clans from the Land of Exile have invaded, the Traceless Sword is not as useful as the Devilseal Tablet!” Tang Xuan said with a glint in his eyes.

The vice sect leader heard Tang Xuan’s words and agreed with him.

The Devilseal Tablet was a Super Saint Weapon that could subdue Devils after all!

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The vice sect leader of Fire Worship Sect who stood near Tang Xuan hesitated for a moment before he said, “There’s another news, but I think it’s fake.”

“What news?” Tang Xuan asked curiously.

“It’s also related to Duan Ling Tian... Rumor has it that Duan Ling Tian publicly killed Xie Kang Xun, one of the Four Great Karmapas of Black Kshetra Sect, with three strikes!” The vice sect leader said.

“He killed Xie Kang Xun with three strikes?” Tang Xuan raised an eyebrow when he heard this. “If I’m not mistaken, Xie Kang Xun was one of the strongest cultivators at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage in the Dao Martial Saint Land. It’s impossible to kill him with three strikes if one isn’t at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or higher!”

“That’s what everyone thought.” The vice sect leader nodded. “For this reason, almost no one believes this news... Duan Ling Tian’s innate talent might be amazingly high, but it’s outrageous to say he has the ability to kill Xie Kang Xun with three strikes!”

Tang Xuan nodded. He had learned a little about Duan Ling Tian. He knew it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to grow strong enough to kill Xie Kang Xun in just three years!

“Since the Devil Clans’ invasion is confirmed, we’ll have to start preparing for an invasion here. Three years are more than enough for the Devil Clans to build their base in the Lower Province. I’m afraid it won’t be long before they invade the Upper Province,” Tang Xuan said warily, “Before that happens, the Fire Worship Sect must be prepared!”

“Yes, Sect Leader,” the vice sect leader responded respectfully. However, he did not make a move to leave after that. It seemed as though he still had more he wanted to say.

“Is there anything else?” Tang Xuan asked.

After taking a deep breath, the vice sect leader mustered up his courage and asked, “Sect Leader. From what I heard, you brought the Saint Girl and her daughter out of the Enforcement Hall and even allow them to stay in your cultivation place... May I know when you’ll punish them? There are a few Vice Hall Masters from the Enforcement Hall who are dissatisfied with this matter.” The vice sect leader smiled bitterly when he finished speaking.

“A few Vice Hall Masters are dissatisfied?” Tang Xuan sneered. “Their Hall Master didn’t even say a word, who are they to feel dissatisfied? Who are they to dictate what I should do? Tell them that if

they're dissatisfied, they can come and talk to me personally. In fact, as long as they're willing to voice their dissatisfaction, I'll even go to them personally." Tang Xuan became angrier as he spoke.

The vice sect leader was shocked when he saw this. He broke out in cold sweat as he hurriedly explained, "Lord Sect Leader, they're merely asking casually. They have no intention of making a big deal out of this matter. Since you have your own plans, we should just ignore them."

At the same time, he thought to himself, 'It seems like Sect Leader doesn't intend on punishing the Saint Girl... Don't tell me Lord Sect Leader is crazy enough to believe she's the reincarnation of a goddess? Fortunately, he's level-headed with other matters...'

The Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect was the heart of the Fire Worship Sect. Moreover, he was also the guardian of the sect. If something happened to the sect leader, the sect would be ruined or destroyed!

Just as the vice sect leader was about to leave, TangXuan called out, "Wait!"

The vice sect leader stopped moving and turned to look at Tang Xuan. "Is there something you need, Lord Sect Leader?"

"Release a statement under my name," Tang Xuan looked at the vice sect leader and said, "Put out a statement asking for Duan Ling Tian's return to the Fire Worship Sect... Additionally, promise him that no one from the Fire Worship Sect will try and snatch away his Super Saint Weapon if he returns! If he doesn't believe this, tell him he can hide the Super Saint Weapon somewhere before he returns to the sect. At that time, I, Tang Xuan, am willing to swear on the lightning penalty oath to prove my words are true!"

Based on Tang Xuan's words, one could see he was desperate for Duan Ling Tian to return to the Fire Worship Sect.

"Lord Sect Leader... Is Duan Ling Tian worthy of you doing something like this?" The vice sect leader was stunned.

"Duan Ling Tian's naturally unworthy of me doing such a thing," Tang Xuan said indifferently, "However, the Devilseal Tablet he possesses is a different story. So long as he's a disciple of the Fire Worship Sect, he and the Devilseal Tablet will be a big help to the Fire Worship Sect! Moreover, if the Devil Clans really invade the Upper Province, I think he'll be willing to lend me the Devilseal Tablet. With my current strength, no Devils under the level of an Eminent Celestial would be a match for me." His eyes gleamed as he spoke.

In Tang Xuan's opinion, as long as he was able to use the Devilseal Tablet at the crucial moment, it did not matter who possessed the Devilseal Tablet. The sole purpose of the Devilseal Tablet was to deal with the Devils. Once the Devil Clans were defeated, he no longer had any use for the Devilseal Tablet! For this reason, he did not mind leaving the Devilseal Tablet in Duan Ling Tian's possession.

After listening to Tang Xuan's words, the vice sect leader understood what Tang Xuan meant. Then, he took his leave to fulfill the duties Tang Xuan had given him.

At the same time, Tang Xuan also returned to his place of cultivation in one of the rooms in the mansion on the floating island.

Meanwhile, in the east of Tang Xuan's mansion, there was a spacious courtyard. This was where Tang Xuan usually received guests. Naturally, there were only a few people in the Dao Martial Saint Land who were worthy of being Tang Xuan's guests.

Currently, two of the rooms in that courtyard were occupied by a pair of twin sisters and a little girl with cute braided pigtales who looked about seven or eight years old.

The twin sisters were Duan Ling Tian's wife, Ke'er, and her sister Gan Ru Yan. As for the little girl, she was Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's daughter, Duan Si Ling.

"Yu Yan... I see that the Sect Leader is very respectful when he speaks to you. Do you know why?" Gan Ru Yan looked at Ke'er with a hint of confusion on her face. Since the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect had broken through to the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, she was even more baffled. A powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage was rare in Dao Martial Saint Land. However, the Sect Leader was not arrogant when he spoke to her twin sister. In fact, he was humble and respectful as though her twin sister was someone of a higher status.

Ke'er shook her head. "I don't know." At this moment, she was carrying a sleeping Duan Si Ling who was tired out by her playtime. She was also baffled by this matter. "It was my first time seeing him when he came to the Enforcement Hall. I thought he would sentence me and Si Ling to death following the rules of Fire Worship Sect after he came out from closed-door cultivation. However, not only was he not angry when he saw me, but it seems like he's walking on eggshells around me as though he's afraid of offending me."

Gan Ru Yan fell silent when she heard Ke'er's words. After a moment, she sighed. "I thought he would punish me following the rules of the Fire Worship Sect when I refuse to obey him and tell him about your man... Who knew he would let me go at your request! It does seem like he's treating you as the reincarnation of a goddess. It's the only explanation that makes sense."

At this point, Gan Ru Yan studied her sister from head to toe. However, she could not tell what was so special about her sister. They looked exactly alike.

Ke'er remained indifferent when she heard Gan Ru Yan's words. She thought it was absurd. "The reincarnation of a goddess?"

Ke'er had heard from Gan Ru Yan that the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect was the only one who believed she was the reincarnation of a goddess.

The three Great Guardians and the other high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect did not believe this.

"Sister! Sister!" A voice tinged with urgency rang in the air as a purple bird flew in. After it entered the room, it transformed into a girl dressed in a purple robe.

The purple-clad girl was the human form of the Super Saint Beast, the Purplecloud Thunder Roc, that always followed Gan Ru Yan around. She was also the person closest to Gan Ru Yan. She even followed Gan Ru Yan to the Lower Province.

“Zi’er, what’s wrong?” Gan Ru Yan asked curiously when she saw the purple-clad girl.

“Sister, there’s news about Duan Ling Tian...” The purple-clad girl sent a Voice Transmission to Gan Ru Yan.

Since they were in the Sect Leader’s domain, the purple-clad girl was afraid of being overheard by the powerful Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect.

“Hm?” Gan Ru Yan’s eyes lit up when she heard the purple-clad girl’s words. Before the purple-clad girl could continue, she instantly sent a Voice Transmission to Ke’er. “Ke’er, there’s news about him!”

Ke’er trembled in excitement when she heard Gan Ru Yan’s Voice Transmission. Naturally, she knew who Gan Ru Yan meant when she said ‘him’. It was the man who came to the Upper Province to join the Fire Worship Sect, the man she had committed herself to, and the father of her child!