### **SOVEREIGN 2321**

## **Chapter 2321 Devour Domineeringly**

The remaining leaders from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were in a panic over Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, becoming an Eminent Celestial. They had gathered to discuss countermeasures. Who knew they would see two beams of Penta-color Sunglow shooting up to the sky from the Wandering Saint Palace. Naturally, they knew what this meant. There were two people in the Wandering Saint Palace who had become Eminent Celestials.

"Is it possible that Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, had attracted the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and had successfully overcome it?" They began to speculate among themselves.

In the end, they could no longer suppress their curiosity and made their way to the Wandering Saint Palace's estate.

"Lord Palace Master!"

"Lord Hall Master!"

The arrival of the other leaders from the Three Palaces and Six Halls had naturally attracted the attention of the high-ranking officials from Three Palaces and Six Halls. Many of them began greeting and paying respect to their leaders.

The Hall Master of Azure Sheen Hall was a middle-aged man who was dressed like a scholar. He looked at Gongsun Jin, one of the Vice Hall Masters, and asked in a deep voice, "Vice Hall Master Gongsun, what's going on? Palace Master Yuwen isn't the only one who overcame the Heavenly Tribulation? Why are there two beams of Penta-color Sunglow?"

"Lord Hall Master... I think we should discuss this after you greet Lord Patriarch," Gongsun Jn said to the Hall Master of Azure Sheen Hall as he looked at the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan.

The Hall Master of Azure Sheen Hall was shocked when he heard this. His eyes followed Gongsun Jin's line of sight and saw the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan standing in a hidden corner. "Lord Patriarch!" He instantly forgot about the two beams of Penta-color Sunglow and flew toward the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan to greet him.

"Lord Patriarch?!" The other leaders were similarly shocked when they found out their patriarch was present as well. They followed the Hall Master of Azure Sheen Hall and flew to greet the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan.

"Hm." The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan only glanced at them before he ignored them. The indifferent expression on his face disappeared when his attention returned to the Penta-color Sunglow. His eyes glinted coldly.

"Who's the other person shrouded in the Penta-color Sunglow? Why does Lord Patriarch seem so hostile?" The leaders were confused but returned to where their subordinates were standing.

Soon enough, they discovered the person who had earned their patriarch's dislike was none other than Duan Ling Tian, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion!

"Duan Ling Tian? The Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion? He has also become an Eminent Celestial?"

"When Palace Master Yuwen attracted the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, he seized the chance and used that to attract his Celestial Ascension Tribulation as well... Moreover, he managed to overcome it?"

"In our history, no one has successfully overcome the Heavenly Tribulation under such circumstances. Duan Ling Tian has broken the curse!"

Needless to say, the leaders who had just arrived were shocked when they learned about this.

"Why didn't you inform me of this immediately?" They began to reprimand their subordinates.

"Lord Palace Master, I didn't think Duan Ling Tian would survive. For this reason, I didn't think it was necessary to inform you about it immediately. Who knew he had so many tricks up his sleeve and managed to overcome the Heavenly Tribulation at the last minute!" Wu Tian Jin, the Vice Palace Master of Crimson Blaze Palace, said to the palace master.

The five other Vice Hall Masters told their leaders the same thing as well.

"Fine... Fortunately, we made it in time. Otherwise, we would have missed a good show!"

The leaders did not dwell on the matter. Similar to the others, their eyes were currently focused on Duan Ling Tian who was surrounded by the Penta-color Sunglow.

"Even if Duan Ling Tian becomes an Eminent Celestial, he's still not a match for Lord Patriarch!"

The leaders who had just arrived also thought that Duan Ling Tian would die after the Penta-color Sunglow went away.

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"The Penta-color Sunglow heralds the emergence of a new Eminent Celestial... It won't be too long before it disappears. The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan will probably strike as soon as the Penta-color Sunglow disappears..." Duan Ling Tian knew the Penta-color Sunglow would appear once he had successfully overcome the tribulation since he had knowledge about the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. His expression was solemn when he thought about this.

Duan Ling Tian quickly came up with a plan. 'I should take this opportunity when the Penta-color is still around and the patriarch is afraid to attack to cast my assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, and increase the Celestial Origin Energy in my body!'

As soon as Duan Ling Tian cast the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, whirlpools began to appear around him and a powerful suction force could be felt. The Penta-color Sunglow was unaffected as the whirlpools churned and absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings at lightning speed.

'It's absorbing the energy so quickly!' Duan Ling Tian discovered that by using the Celestial Origin Energy that had been fused with Saint Origin to cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, the rate of absorption was incredibly fast. In just an instant, he had absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings of Yuwen Hao Chen's residence!

'This...' It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to discover that he was still absorbing Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy further than where Yuwen Hao Chen's residence was. His range of absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy had widened! In just a blink of an eye, he had absorbed almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Wandering Saint Palace's estate!

'I think there's no limit to how far I can absorb Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy now!' Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he discovered this.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian needed a long time if he wanted to absorb Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy outside of his range. He would need to move places to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. Currently, he did not move from his spot at all and he managed to absorb almost all of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Wandering Saint Palace's estate in just half a breath's time!

## **Chapter 2322 Peerless!**

The Human-Devil Saint City occupied a vast area. However, Duan Ling Tian managed to absorb all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City in just a few moments. The sudden disappearance of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, naturally, caused a huge commotion in the Human-Devil Saint City. Those who were in closed-door cultivation were heavily affected by this. In the first place, it was not easy to make a breakthrough. Now that their cultivation had been forcefully interrupted, who knew when they would be able to find another chance to make a breakthrough?

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of the commotion he had caused in the Human-Devil Saint City by casting Elementary Devouring Tactic. However, even if he knew the effect and the commotion he had caused, he would not feel guilty. After all, everyone in the Human-Devil Saint City was from the Human-Devil clan that was part of the Devil Clans. They were enemies to humans.

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In the Wandering Saint Palace's estate.

At this moment, the Penta-color Sunglow was about to disappear. Duan Ling Tian frowned slightly as he thought to himself, 'Something's wrong! Logically speaking, it's impossible for my Celestial Origin Energy to improve so quickly even if I devour all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City. After all, I'm still in the Lower Province, not the Upper Province...'

The Celestial Origin Energy was superior to all energies in the mundane realm. It should have been impossible for him to improve his Celestial Origin Energy so much just by absorbing all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City!

'Could it be...' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly thought of something. He quickly extended his Divine Consciousness toward the heart of the Human-Devil Saint City that was located underground. His body trembled when he discovered the reason his Celestial Origin Energy had improved so much. 'Indeed! After I absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City, I-I've

absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Saint Stone reserve that used to belong to the Azure Cloud Mansion as well! It used to be a huge Saint Stone reserve... Now it's nothing but rocks!'

'The Saint Stone reserve used to belong to the Azure Cloud Mansion. In the Lower Province, only the Saint Stone reserve in the Mountainshade Black Market is comparable to it... To think I drained it so quickly with the Elementary Devouring Tactic after years and years of being a source of power in the Lower Province! The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy it contained is much more superior than 100 or 1000 Human-Devil Saint Cities!' He finally figured out why his Celestial Origin Energy had improved so much and so quickly. Not only did he absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City, but he had also absorbed the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from the Saint Stone reserve.

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The spectators from Three Palaces and Six Halls who were standing around Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen began to speculate among themselves. At this moment, most of them began to realize the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy had gotten extremely thin.

"What happened?"

"What's going on? How come the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is so thin all of a sudden?"

"Is this part of the phenomenon when a new Eminent Celestial appears? It can't be... I've never heard of such a thing..."

"Perhaps, the emergence of two Eminent Celestials is the cause of it? After all, in the history of the Devil Clans, we have never had two new Eminent Celestials emerging at once."

"Wow! We're watching history being made at this moment!"

"That should be the reason for this."

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Naturally, there were people who were more astute. These people included the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, and the leaders and high-ranking officials from the Three Palaces and Six Halls.

"Did he cast an assist-type Divine Ability?" Xing Yuan Ba, the Vice Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, seemed to be aware of it as well.

The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan scoffed when he saw this. "It seems like he knows I'll strike the moment the Penta-color Sunglow disappears, and he's preparing himself... How unfortunate that it's futile..."

The others agreed with him.

"So what if he's prepared? He still won't be able to escape death!"

"Since his opponent is Lord Patriarch, he won't be able to survive regardless of how he prepares himself for it!"

The leaders from the Three Palaces and Six Halls sneered as they discussed among themselves.

#### Whoosh! Whoosh!

After a few moments, two gusts of wind began to blow as the two beams of Penta-color Sunglow slowly disappeared, revealing Duan Ling Tian and Yuwen Hao Chen.

As soon as the two beams of Penta-color Sunglow disappeared, Yuwen Hao Chen's piercing gaze landed on Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian!" Saint Origin mixed with Celestial Origin Energy began to roll off his body at this moment. He seemed to have transformed into an ancient beast, ready to devour Duan Ling Tian!

Nevertheless, Duan Ling Tian completely ignored Yuwen Hao Chen. He did not even spare him a glance. As soon as the Penta-color Sunglow disappeared, his attention was solely focused on the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan.

"Duan Ling Tian, you even made preparations in advance... Do you really think you'll be a match for me after casting an assist-type Divine Ability?" The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan stared at Duan Ling Tian intently as he scoffed. Previously, when he discovered Duan Ling Tian was able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior, he was slightly apprehensive about facing Duan Ling Tian once he had become an Eminent Celestial. However, all his apprehensions had melted away and he became fearless when he saw that Duan Ling Tian would no longer be able to transform into a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior! So what if Duan Ling Tian cast an assist-type Divine Ability? He had those as well!

When Duan Ling Tian heard the patriarch's words, he smiled indifferently. "A match for you?" He lifted his hand and the short-lived sound of wind howling could be heard immediately.

### Swish!

At this moment, waves and waves of terrifying aura rolled off Duan Ling Tian's body. Before the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan could react, Duan Ling Tian had already grabbed someone and dragged the person in front of him.

The patriarch of the Human-Devil clan only regained his senses when the person was in front of Duan Ling Tian. His expression changed immediately when he saw the person.

Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, turned deathly-pale when he regained his senses. "This..." From the beginning until the end, he did not see Duan Ling Tian move at all!

The person whom Duan Ling Tian caught was none other than Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace. Duan Ling Tian caught him with such ease like a cat toying with a mouse.

The others began to regain their senses as well...

They watched in horror and awe as Shi Nan Feng who was on his knees struggled to stand. They seemed as though they had just seen a ghost!

Among the people present, the person who felt the worst was undoubtedly Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace. A few moments ago, when Duan Ling Tian had lifted his hand into the air,

he had felt a peerless energy shrouding him before he could even react. The peerless energy had suppressed his Saint Origin as it pulled him forward. He was completely powerless. When he regained his senses, he found himself in a different location as the peerless energy forced him to his knees. The person standing before him was the person whom he wished would die. It was Duan Ling Tian, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion! He was furious! He clenched his teeth and tried to stand up, but he failed miserably. Under the peerless energy, he could not even mobilize his Saint Origin.

'How's this possible?! No matter how powerful an Eminent Celestial is, he or she shouldn't be able to overpower me with such ease!' Apart from shock, fear began to rise rapidly in Shi Nan Feng's heart.

Duan Ling Tian's strength after becoming an Eminent Celestial was clearly stronger than normal.

"H-How did this happen?"

"I-is that really Palace Master Shi of Great Spirit Palace?"

"Goodness! Duan Ling Tian has gotten so strong... Is this the strength of an Eminent Celestial?"

"No! An Eminent Celestial is undoubtedly powerful, but it should not be to this point! After all, Palace Master Shi is still a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who had almost completely comprehended heaven and earth. No matter how strong the Eminent Celestial is, it's impossible for them to overpower him so easily!"

A horrified expression could be seen on the faces of those from the Three Palaces and Six Halls as they discussed among themselves. Shock and disbelief could be heard in their voices.

After all, Shi Nan Feng was one of the leaders of the nine strongest forces in the Human-Devil clan. However, he was just like an ant before the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion. He could not even stand...

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian made a surprising discovery. The assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, that he had cast did not slow down at all as he continued to absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. In fact, it had gotten even faster. 'How's this possible? It seems like it has gotten even faster! It must be the Celestial Origin Energy boosting the Elementary Devouring Tactic!"

Duan Ling Tian discovered as his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, improved his Celestial Origin Energy, the Celestial Origin Energy, in turn, boosted the assist-type Divine Ability as well. It was an endless circle!

'I think... I think I've hit the limit of what the Elementary Devouring Tactic is capable of!' After a while, Duan Ling Tian discovered the Elementary Devouring Tactic had stopped absorbing the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. However, this did not mean there was no more room for improvement in his Celestial Origin Energy. It only stopped improving because the Elementary Devouring Tactic had reached its limit.

When Duan Ling Tian inspected the Celestial Origin Energy in his body, he was filled with confidence. 'Regardless, with my current Celestial Origin Energy, it's more than enough to defeat the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan!' If the Celestial Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body earlier was likened to a stream, then his current Celestial Origin Energy was similar to a great river! It could not be compared at all!

'It took three breaths for the Elementary Devouring Tactic to reach maximum capacity! Moreover, I didn't go all out in the beginning. If I did, it'll probably only take two breaths for me to devour all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City and the Saint Stone reserve!'

With the vast Celestial Origin Energy in him, Duan Ling Tian felt an explosive energy coursing through his body. He felt as though he could tear the void open and destroy everything with just a casual wave of his hands!

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"The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy... is almost completely gone?"

Everyone, including those from the Three Palaces and Six Halls, discovered the lack of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in their surroundings. Even those in the Human-Devil Saint City who were in closed-door cultivation had been awakened. They were confused.

"Why did the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy disappear suddenly?"

"The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy seemed to have disappeared completely in just an instant... It'll gradually come back, but the speed is extremely slow. How are we going to cultivate when the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is so thin?"

"What the hell is happening?!"

### **Chapter 2323 Bodiless Celestial**

The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were in disbelief. They did not expect to witness something so outrageous with their own eyes.

The formidable Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was kneeling in front of a human, looking as docile as a dog! Most importantly, the human was the son of his enemy, someone he truly wished to kill.

"Palace Master!"

Xiang Yuan Ba, the Vice Palace master of Great Spirit Palace, and the other high-ranking officials from Great Spirit Palace felt humiliated when they saw their palace master kneeling in front of Duan Ling Tian. Shi Nan Feng, as the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was like the soul of the palace after all. It was obvious to them that their palace master was not kneeling willingly. He was forced to kneel by the human in front of him.

Xing Yuan Ba hurriedly turned to look at the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and fell to his knees as he said grimly, "Lord Patriarch, please help us to bring justice to our Palace Master!"

"Please, Lord Patriarch, help our Palace Master!" In just an instant, all of the high-ranking officials from Great Spirit Palace fell to their knees, following Xing Yuan Ba's lead, as they pleaded for help from their patriarch.

This caused the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan to feel uncomfortable. He did not attack recklessly. He frowned as he thought to himself, 'Even I can't force Shi Nan Feng to this state so easily. How is Duan Ling Tian so powerful after becoming an Eminent Celestial and casting his assist-type Divine Ability?' He

stood rooted to his spot as his thoughts continued to run rampant in his mind. 'Master might be able to do it... However, he's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he's far superior compared to an Eminent Celestial!'

The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan was shocked. 'Based on the current situation, Duan Ling Tian who has just become an Eminent Celestial seems to have strength comparable to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial after casting his assist-type Divine Ability?' He found it difficult to maintain his composure when he thought about this. He instantly contacted his master, the grey-clad old man, who was hidden high up in the sky.

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Not many people knew this. Only a handful of people knew that when faced with the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, with a quick reaction and some luck, powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could escape by sacrificing their bodies. Cultivators would gain the Soul Detaching Technique when they were at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. They would have mastered the Soul Detaching Technique by the time they were at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Therefore, powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who failed their Heavenly Tribulations might not necessarily be condemned to death. They could escape by using the Soul Detaching Technique, sacrificing their bodies to allow their souls to survive in this world. Although the cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who failed their Heavenly Tribulations might have escaped certain death, they would still bear marks from heaven and earth. The mark stopped them from snatching another person's body. These cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could only survive in soul form. Moreover, after failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, they would be greatly weakened, and their strength was only comparable to those at the peak of the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Heaven and earth would send the first Bodiless Celestial Tribulation after 1,000 years to test the lucky cultivators who had failed but survived the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. If the cultivators managed to overcome the tribulation, they would become a One Tribulation Bodiless Celestial whose strength was comparable to an ordinary cultivator at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. Most importantly, a One Tribulation Bodiless Celestial could continue to cultivate. After another 1,000 years, heaven and earth would send the second Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. The second Bodiless Celestial Tribulation was much more powerful compared to the first Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. If the Bodiless Celestials failed to overcome the tribulation, their souls would be destroyed and they would die. However, if they managed to overcome the second Bodiless Celestial Tribulation, they would become a Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. A Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial's power was comparable to an Eminent Celestial's power. After another 1,000 years, the third Bodiless Celestial Tribulation would arrive. If they managed to overcome it, they would become a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. A Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was much stronger than an Eminent Celestial. Their strength was comparable to the lower-level Celestials in the Devata Realm. Needless to say, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was an extremely fearsome existence in the mundane realm!

The grey-clad old man, the master of the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, was a powerful Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

"Master?" The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan waited for a while but his master did not respond to him. He began to feel anxious. Although his master was present, it seemed that he was so distracted at the moment that he did not hear the Voice Transmission at all.

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Although there were many people from the Three Palace and Six Halls who were shocked at the sight of the Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, kneeling in front of Duan Ling Tian, there was a handful of people who rejoiced at this!

"Brother Tian!" When Ke'er saw Duan Ling Tian had successfully overcome the Heavenly Tribulation and become an Eminent Celestial, a dazzling smile appeared on her face and her eyes were brimming with tears. She felt slightly at ease now that her man was no longer in danger.

"Daddy's so powerful!" Duan Si Ling's eyes gleamed with excitement as she danced around when she saw Duan Ling Tian forcing Shi Nan Feng to his knees.

"He became so much stronger!" Although Gan Ru Yan knew Duan Ling Tian would be able to turn the situation around after he became an Eminent Celestial, she did not think he would become so strong. Shi Nan Feng had almost completely comprehended heaven and earth as a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage and was close to becoming an Eminent Celestial. However, someone like him was easily defeated by Duan Ling Tian.

"Master..." Peng Lai was in shock. Although he knew his master would become an Eminent Celestial, he did not think his master was a match for the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan. After all, he was from the Human-Devil clan. Everyone in the Human-Devil clan thought their patriarch was invincible. He did not expect that after becoming an Eminent Celestial, his master would shrug off the threat from the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and capture Shi Nan Feng instead. Moreover, his master had forced Shi Nan Feng to his knees. As an elder of Wandering Saint Palace, he was well aware of Shi Nan Feng's strength. He was filled with shock and awe as he thought to himself, 'I'm afraid even the patriarch can't force Shi Nan Feng to stay in this position. How did master do it?" Although he had hoped for a miracle that his master would survive this, he did not expect the miracle would be so shocking. It was beyond his comprehension.

"He..." Huang Wen Jing looked at the majestic figure of the purple-clad young man. Her frosty expression had been replaced with a shocked expression. Initially, she had intended to send a Voice Transmission to her master and ask him to plead for mercy on Duan Ling Tian's behalf from the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan. However, before she could act, the situation had changed in just a blink of an eye. Duan Ling Tian had caught Shi Nan Feng as easily as how an eagle would catch a chick. Moreover, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was toying with Shi Nan Feng by forcing him to his knees and refusing to let him stand up. She had mixed feelings when she saw this. She was shocked and terrified by Duan Ling Tian's power, but at the same time, she was delighted as well.

Huang Wen Jing noticed the Patriarch's grim expression. Moreover, it seemed like he did not intend to make a move for the time being. He had remained silent while Shi Nan Feng was being toyed with. She

thought to herself, 'Based on the patriarch's reaction, it seems like he's slightly afraid of Duan Ling Tian... I guess Duan Ling Tian is no longer in any danger...'

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"Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace..." Duan Ling Tian looked at Shi Nan Feng who was kneeling and struggling in front of him. "I heard there's bad blood between you and the Azure Cloud Mansion? Is it true that you came to the Wandering Saint Palace with the intention to kill me?"

Shi Nan Feng did not reply to Duan Ling Tian and continued struggling.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed and narrowed his eyes immediately.

Shi Nan Feng's body twitched before it turned stiff and fell forward. His eyes were staring blankly at Duan Ling Tian. His Spatial Ring was taken by an invisible energy and given to Duan Ling Tian.

Boom!

The sound of Shi Nan Feng's body hitting the ground sounded extremely harsh and loud.

Everyone fell silent immediately.

Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, was dead!

## **Chapter 2324 Arrogance?**

The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls saw the corpse of Shi Nan Feng, the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, but they did not see how he died. Even the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan could not see how Shi Nan Feng was killed. However, one thing was certain; Duan Ling Tian was the one who killed Shi Nan Feng!

"Palace Master!" Vice Palace Master Xing Yuan Ba and the high-ranking officials of the Great Spirit Palace cried out in sorrow when they saw their palace master had been killed. Some of them stared at Shi Nan Feng's body in sorrow, while some of them glared at Duan Ling Tian in anger. However, this was the extent they dared to show their rage. What else could do? Could they charge out and fight Duan Ling Tian? Although they were infuriated, it was not to the point where they had lost all rationality.

"He was killed so easily?" The members of the Three Palaces and Six Halls looked at Duan Ling Tian with a fearful expression on their faces after they recovered from the shock. They were terrified of this human who had killed the Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace with such ease. Moreover, he had done it when the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan was around. He had completely disregarded the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and killed Shi Nan Feng. This made all of them realize that Duan Ling Tian was equally as powerful as their patriarch, if not more powerful! Their patriarch had most likely realized this as well. Otherwise, he would have already attacked and killed Duan Ling Tian instead of idling and watching as Duan Ling Tian killed a powerhouse from the Human-Devil clan.

"How's this possible? How is he so strong?!" Yun Fu Ye, the Vice Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, who was standing next to Huang Wen Jing looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief. He still found it difficult to accept what had happened was real.

"Patriarch Yang!" An indifferent voice suddenly rang in the air. The voice sounded booming in the silence. The owner of the voice was none other than the person who had just killed Shi Nan Feng and collected his Spatial Ring, Duan Ling Tian. Currently, his eyes were trained on the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan...

The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan's name was Yang Zhen Xing. Four years ago, when Duan Ling Tian had just arrived in the Human-Devil Saint City, he heard people talking about the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan on more than one occasion. That was how he knew the patriarch's name.

"If my memory serves me right..." Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he looked at Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, "Patriarch Yang, didn't you ask me earlier if I think I have the capability to defeat you just because I had cast my assist-type Divine Ability?" He sized Yang Zhen Xing up as he spoke mockingly.

Yang Zhen Xing felt humiliated by Duan Ling Tian's words. However, he did not respond to Duan Ling Tian's words. He could only endure it and sighed inwardly at his misfortune.

"Patriarch Yang, it seems like you're not going to deny that you asked this question earlier..." Duan Ling Tian smiled at Yang Zhen Xing's lack of response. His smile was as bright as the morning sun. However, his smile suddenly disappeared and was replaced with a cold expression. "I'll give you an answer now, Patriarch Yang! I do think I'm capable of defeating you."

Many people heard the coldness in Duan Ling Tian's voice and felt chills running up their spines.

Duan Ling Tian's statement echoed in the ears of the people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls, causing their expressions to darken immediately.

A provocation! This is a declaration of war!

Everyone from the Three Palaces and Six Halls could tell that Duan Ling Tian was deliberately provoking their patriarch.

In the next moment...

"Kill him, Lord Patriarch!"

"How dare you insult and provoke our patriarch! You're seeking death!"

Many people were incensed. They began to cry out one after another and looked at their patriarch with hope shining in their eyes. They hoped their patriarch would have a duel with Duan Ling Tian and kill him. Most of these people were disciples from the Wandering Saint Palace.

Although the high-ranking officials of Wandering Saint Palace and the high-ranking officials from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were enraged by Duan Ling Tian's provocation, they had remained silent because they suspected Duan Ling Tian was equally as strong, or even stronger, as their patriarch.

Only the Wandering Saint Palace disciples with a lower cultivation base and poor judgment thought their patriarch was invincible.

After enduring for a while, Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, finally snapped. "Duan Ling Tian, don't be too arrogant!" His voice was filled with rage, and it was so powerful that it caused a few people to bleed from their ears.

"Arrogant?" Duan Ling Tian chuckled when he heard Yang Zhen Xing's words and smirked. "Patriarch Yang, I'm planning to be arrogant today. What are you going to do about it? Should we duel so we can see how strong the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan is?" His eyes gleamed coldly when he looked at Yang Zhen Xing, causing Yang Zhen Xing to feel even angrier. His words had undoubtedly placed Yang Zhen Xing on the hot seat!

Yang Zhen Xing's expression changed drastically, and his gaze was cold. "Duan Ling Tian!" He said, "Do you really think you're invincible now? Do you really think there is no one stronger around?"

The Wandering Saint disciples were disappointed because it seemed like their patriarch had no intention of fighting Duan Ling Tian despite his angry words. This made the disciples realize their patriarch was not confident about defeating Duan Ling Tian in his current state. Otherwise, there would be no need to waste so many words, and their patriarch would have attacked.

Duan Ling Tian laughed at Yang Zhen Xing's provocative words. "Patriarch Yang, I, Duan Ling Tian, never said that I'm invincible... However, I'm curious. Do you think you can defeat me? Or are you talking about that person?!" As soon as he finished speaking, he looked into the sky. His gaze landed on a figure hidden behind the clouds.

"That person?"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking and looked into the sky, everyone, including Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan, lifted their heads and looked into the sky as well.

"Someone else is here?"

"Who is it? Based on Duan Ling Tian's words, that person has to be an Eminent Celestial at least!"

"There's only one Eminent Celestial in our Human-Devil clan, right? Sorry, I mean there are two from today onward... Is there a third Eminent Celestial hidden among us that we're unaware of?"

The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls looked at the sky and discussed among themselves.

"You... You noticed?!" Yang Zhen Xing's expression changed drastically. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to detect his master, a Bodiless Celestial, who was hidden behind the clouds.

"How is it? Do you plan to continue hiding?" Duan Ling Tian said harshly with a sneer after seeing the lack of response from the other person. "I'll give you three breaths... If you don't show yourself by then, I'll personally invite you out!" He emphasized the word 'invite' when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian had long noticed the two people's presence before the Heavenly Tribulation began. He had felt their intense gaze on him and had probed around but did not manage to find anything. He thought it was just a figment of his imagination. However, even after passing the Heavenly Tribulation and the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan had revealed himself, he could still feel the gaze on him. This made him certain there was another person hiding in the dark. He had observed Yang Zhen Xing for a

while after he had descended from the sky and discovered Yang Zhen Xing looking up into the sky every once in a while. Although Yang Zhen Xing only looked briefly, it still did not escape Duan Ling Tian who was extremely observant. With all these clues, if he still could not guess there was someone else hiding, he would really be obtuse.

"Impudent!" Yang Zhen Xing roared in anger and his expression changed after he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

As soon as Yang Zhen Xing finished speaking, an ancient voice rang in the air. "Fine! Very well!"

Swish!

A grey fog descended from the sky before it solidified and transformed into a grey-clad old man.

## **Chapter 2325 Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, Liao Nai Jiang!**

The grey-clad old man had white brows and his face was filled with wrinkles. He held a shabby walking stick in his hand. He looked just like an ordinary person. However, based on the way he made an appearance, it was obvious to everyone present that he was not an ordinary person.

Everyone's attention was focused on the grey-clad old man, trying to figure out his identity when a voice filled with reverence rang in the air.

"Master!"

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was surprised. They turned to look at the source of the voice...

Duan Ling Tian lifted an eyebrow, an astonished expression could be seen on his face, when he saw Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, bowing respectfully at the grey-clad old man. 'This geezer is Yang Zhen Xing's master?' He did not expect the person who had hidden himself would turn out to be Yang Zhen Xing's master.

"The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan's master?" Fear could be seen in the eyes of Ke'er, Duan Si Ling, and Gan Ru Yan when they found out about the grey-clad old man's identity. The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan who was an Eminent Celestial was already so strong, how much stronger would his master be?

Gan Ru Yan's eyes widened when she thought of something. 'Could it be...' After a moment, she shook her head. 'Impossible! Those people at that level should be focused on overcoming the Heavenly Tribulation that comes every 1,000 years.'

Meanwhile, when the people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls saw their patriarch addressing the grey-clad old man as master, all of them paled from the shock. "Lord Patriarch!"

An elder from Azure Sheen Hall murmured to himself, "From what I know, Lord Patriarch only has one master... About 3,000 years ago, his master had failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation!" Although his voice was soft, it sounded extremely loud since the entire place was silent at this moment.

"Lord Patriarch's master?"

"Isn't Lord Patriarch's master Liao Nai Jiang, a famous powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage 3,000 years ago?"

"I've also heard about Lord Patriarch's master... However, didn't he fail his Celestial Ascension Tribulation 3,000 years ago? How could he appear now?"

"I don't know! What's happening?"

"Maybe this is Lord Patriarch's other master? I really don't know what's happening!"

People from the Three Palaces and Six Halls began to discuss among themselves when they heard the words of the elder from Azure Sheen Hall.

On the other hand, the eight leaders from the Three Palaces and Six Halls and Xing Yuan Ba, the Vice Palace Master of the Great Spirit Palace, had a fearful expression on their faces when they looked at the grey-clad old man. As the leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Halls, it was only natural that they were privy to matters that most people were unaware of.

Yuwen Hao Chen who had just recently become an Eminent Celestial was the first to regain his senses. He bowed at the grey-clad old man respectfully as he said, "Greetings, Senior Liao!"

It did not take long before the 7 leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Hall, including Xing Yuan Ba, the Vice Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, followed Yuwen Hao Chen's footsteps and greeted the grey-clad old man. "Greetings, Senior Liao!"

Their voices contained awe and reverence. After all, this grey-clad old man was not a simple person. In fact, he was far stronger than an Eminent Celestial.

Yuwen Hao Chen's eyes shone brightly as he thought to himself, 'After calculating the time, since Senior Liao is still alive, it seems like he's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! If I'm not mistaken, his fourth Heavenly Tribulation should be coming soon as well...' It was as though he had seen a ray of hope now that a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial had appeared. Naturally, he had hoped to eliminate Duan Ling Tian.

The seven leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Halls, including Xing Yuan Ba, felt their hearts thumping wildly in their chests.

"A Bodiless Celestial!"

"A Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He's much stronger than an Eminent Celestial!"

"I didn't expect our Human-Devil clan would have a Bodiless Celestial. Moreover, he turns out to be Senior Liao, our Lord Patriarch's master!"

Many of them knew about Bodiless Celestials. However, most Bodiless Celestials were focused on overcoming their Heavenly Tribulations that would come every 1,000 years and rarely appeared in public. For this reason, many people have forgotten about Bodiless Celestials. However, now that they had seen their patriarch's master, their memories and knowledge about Bodiless Celestials began to appear in their minds.

"More than 3,000 years have passed, and many things have changed... I'm pleased that all of you still remember me." The grey-clad old man nodded slightly at Yuwen Hao Chen. His words confirmed Yuwen Hao Chen and the others' speculation.

On the other hand, the others from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were baffled. They did not know how a man who had failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation could still be alive. After all, they firmly believed that only death awaited those who failed their Celestial Ascension Tribulation.

"More than 3,000 years have passed, and many things have changed?"

"This..."

"He seems to be speaking to Yuwen Hao Chen... He's pleased that they still remember him? Earlier, Yuwen Hao Chen and the others addressed him as Senior Liao?"

"His surname is Liao, and he's also Lord Patriarch's master... Could the grey-clad old man be Liao Nai Jiang, the powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage who failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation 3,000 years ago in the Human-Devil clan?"

"He failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, right? Why is he alive?"

"I don't know!"

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Gan Ru Yan's face was pale, and her expression changed dramatically. She felt her heart skip a beat. 'He's indeed a Bodiless Celestial!' She had feared this. A Bodiless Celestial! Who knew the Human-Devil clan would have a Bodiless Celestial!

Gan Ru Yan felt her confidence in Duan Ling Tian waning again as she thought to herself, 'It'd be fine if he's just a One or Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial since his strength would only be comparable to powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage or powerhouses who had become Eminent Celestials. However, the patriarch's master failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation more than 3,000 years ago. This means he's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Will Duan Ling Tian be able to handle this?' She felt skeptical. She did not think Duan Ling Tian would be a match for a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial even if he had the extraordinary assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. After all, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was someone who surpassed Eminent Celestials, someone whose existence surpassed the mundane realm.

Unlike Gan Ru Yan, Ke'er and Duan Si Ling were similar to most people from the Three Palace and Six Halls. They were unaware of Bodiless Celestials. For this reason, although they were frightened of the grey-clad old man whom the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan had addressed as master, they did not feel worried that Duan Ling Tian might not be a match for him.

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When Duan Ling Tian heard the conversation in his surroundings, he furrowed his brows. He looked at the grey-clad old man in confusion. 'He failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation more than 3,000 years ago? How did someone who failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation managed to survive?'

Similar to many others, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of the existence of Bodiless Celestials.

Duan Ling Tian was still lost in his thoughts, when the grey-clad old man, Liao Nai Jiang, suddenly turned to look at him.

"Human brat!" Liao Nai Jian's cloudy eyes looked intimidating. It was as though he was waiting for a chance to eliminate Duan Ling Tian. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian felt as though he had been targeted by a venomous snake.

"Although you're only an Eminent Celestial, you're able to raise your strength with your assist-type Divine Ability to the level of a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... Indeed. This is something for you to be proud of!" Liao Nai Jiang said indifferently.

Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?

One group of people, including Duan Ling Tian, was bewildered when they heard Liao Nai Jiang's words. The other group of people who were in the know felt their hearts skip a beat again when they heard Liao Nai Jiang's words.

Most of the people who were unaware of the matter muttered under their breaths, "What's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

On the other hand, those people who were privy to this matter only had one thought in their minds. 'Duan Ling Tian's current strength is comparable to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?'

It was only natural that they were shocked. Although Eminent Celestials stood on top of the food chain in the mundane realm, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial's strength did not belong in the mundane realm! These two were in completely different leagues...

Duan Ling Tian, a new Eminent Celestial, possessed strength comparable to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial after he had cast his assist-type Divine Ability? It might just be a temporary increment in his strength, but nonetheless, they were shocked when they heard this.

Duan Ling Tian had a slight frown on his face as he looked at Liao Nai Jiang and asked, "What's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"You've never heard of Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials?" Liao Nai Jiang was taken aback when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question. Shortly after, he laughed coldly. "Well, it doesn't matter. I'll show you the real strength of a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

As soon as Liao Nai Jiang finished speaking...

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The deafening sound of explosions rang in the air as a seemingly invincible energy surged out from Liao Nai Jian's body. It seemed as though the grounds would be torn asunder and the sky would fall. All this happened just because Liao Nai Jiang had released some of the energy in his body...

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As a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, Liao Nai Jiang was much stronger than an Eminent Celestial. Currently, his energy surged out of his body like a ferocious dragon, causing ripples in its wake. It was so powerful that it seemed as though it could tear a hole in the void.

'How strong!' As soon as Liao Nai Jiang released his energy, Duan Ling Tian could feel how strong it was. 'So this is the power of a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? His strength is not something an Eminent Celestial could compare to.'

Since this was Duan Ling Tian's first time hearing about Three Tribulations Bodiless Celestial, he did not know anything about them at all. However, one thing was for certain, he knew how strong they were when he felt the energy that surged out of Liao Nai Jiang's body.

'Such power... His strength is definitely much stronger than the power-burst of that one-time kill from those three Eminent Celestials I met in the Upper Province previously! According to Elder Huo, the strength of that power-burst from that one-time kill is at the peak in the mundane realm. This means Liao Nai Jiang, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, is an existence above the Eminent Celestials in the mundane realm. His strength is probably comparable to those in the Devata Realm.' Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened. As it turned out, he was not invincible in the mundane realm even after he had cast the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, to increase the strength of his Celestial Origin Energy! It was out of his expectation that someone whose existence and strength surpassed those in the mundane realm would exist.

'What's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Why are they so powerful?' Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, curious about Bodiless Celestials.

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Meanwhile, the people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls were stunned when the energy surged out of Liao Nai Jiang's body and wreaked havoc in the place. They had never seen anything like that in their lives.

"This is..."

"It feels as though the sky is about to fall... How strong!"

"This is the strength of a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"What's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"I don't know!"

The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls marveled at Liao Nai Jiang's show of strength. Naturally, they were also curious about Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. Based on what they could see, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial seemed to be much stronger than Eminent Celestials who were supposed to be the strongest powerhouses in the mundane realm.

"Vice Palace Master Xing, do you know about Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials?" Another Vice Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace asked Xing Yuan Ba. Curiosity filled his eyes when he looked at Xing Yuan Ba. He had turned to ask Xing Yuan Ba because he noticed Xing Yuan Ba had been staring at the grey-

clad old man reverently since the beginning. Xing Yuan Ba did not seem shocked or curious. It was obvious Xing Yuan Ba knew about Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials.

As soon as the Vice Palace Master from Great Spirit Palace finished speaking, the other high-ranking officials from the Great Spirit Palace instantly turned to look at Xing Yuan Ba curiously as well.

"Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are much stronger than Eminent Celestials. Their existence is above Eminent Celestials!" Xing Yuan Ba felt obligated to answer when he felt all those gazes laden with curiosity were trained on him. His expression was solemn, and his tone was reverent when he spoke about Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials.

"Vice Palace Master Xing, how does one become a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? After a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage successfully passes the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and becomes an Eminent Celestial, he would undergo transcendence and ascend to a higher realm, right?" The Vice Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace asked a question that was in many people's minds.

"That's right. Could it be that some Eminent Celestials are able to withstand the force of celestial ascension and forcefully remain in the mundane realm? After that, they cultivate further and become a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, right?" An elder from Great Spirit Palace asked.

"No." Xing Yuan Ba shook his head. "Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, or Bodiless Celestials, has nothing to do with Eminent Celestials. In fact, they've never been Eminent Celestials at all! This is because all of them failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. After all, one would only become an Eminent Celestial after overcoming the Celestial Ascension Tribulation."

When the high-ranking officials from the Great Spirit Palace heard Xing Yuan Ba's words, they felt a jolt in their hearts.

"Doesn't one die if one fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation?" A Great Spirit Palace elder was in shock.

The other high-ranking officials from the Great Spirit Palace nodded along with the elder when they heard his question.

"It doesn't mean one would die if one fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation." Xing Yuan Ba continued to say, "When a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage is about to fail the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, he can try and cast the Soul Detaching Technique. If he succeeds, he would be considered as 'a deserter of the celestial ascension' by heaven. Therefore, he won't be able to hijack a body and has to exist in soul form. These souls are what we call Bodiless Celestials. As punishment, for the next 10,000 years, a Heavenly Tribulation would come every 1,000 years. If he's able to successfully overcome all ten Heavenly Tribulations after 10,000 years, he'll gain a chance to ascend to a higher realm! These ten Heavenly Tribulations are collectively known as Thousand Years Tribulation or Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. There are only two destinations on the path of a Bodiless Celestial. He would either fail the Heavenly Tribulation and die, or pass the Tribulation and survive. After passing each tribulation, the strength of the Bodiless Celestial would increase greatly."

Xing Yuan Ba continued to explain patiently as the others looked at him. "In the beginning, when a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and becomes a Bodiless Celestial, his strength is weaker than a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He would only gain the strength of a powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage after 1,000 years if he passes the Heavenly Tribulation. A Bodiless Celestial who has passed the first Heavenly Tribulation is called a One Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. When he passes the second tribulation, he would become a Two Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. With that, his strength would be comparable to an Eminent Celestial. If he passes the third tribulation, he'll become the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. His strength would surpass Eminent Celestials at this stage. And it would continue every 1,000 years, and each time his strength would increase if he passes the tribulations. However, the tribulations would get increasingly difficult to pass as well. It's a difficult task to overcome all ten tribulations. It's so difficult that it's rare to find Nine or Ten Tribulation Bodiless Celestials in the history of the Devil Clans."

At this point, Xing Yuan Ba finally stopped speaking. He had explained everything he knew after all.

This information was an eye-opener for those people from the Great Spirit Palace. It felt to them like a door to a new world had just been opened. They began to discuss among themselves, still shocked by this new information.

"Who knew Eminent Celestials aren't the strongest in the mundane realm?"

"I can't believe Bodiless Celestials exist in the mundane realm. Moreover, Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are stronger than Eminent Celestials. They would get increasingly stronger with each tribulation they pass. I wonder how strong are the following Bodiless Celestials?"

"Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are probably as strong as common celestials in the Devata Realm. As for Four, Five, and the following Bodiless Celestials, I'm sure they're terrifyingly strong! Stronger than what we're capable of imagining."

"Since the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation gets stronger one after the other, the number of Bodiless Celestials must be dwindling!"

"I thought one would only meet death when one fails the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. I didn't even think that there's a possibility of surviving after failing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Who knew one could become a Bodiless Celestial and gain a second chance to ascend to the Devata Realm!" An elder from the Great Spirit Palace exclaimed.

"It's not easy to gain a second chance to ascend! Didn't you hear Vice Palace Master Xing? He said it's rarely heard of for a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to pass the tenth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation!"

"Based on Vice Palace Master Xing's words, it seems like it's difficult to pass the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. I'm afraid many Bodiless Celestials have died in pursuit of this second chance..."

Duan Ling Tian had overheard Xing Yuan Ba's explanation. He was thoroughly shocked. 'I didn't know Bodiless Celestials exist in the mundane realm!'

# **Chapter 2327 Tiger Devil Phantom**

Xiang Yuan Ba's voice was not loud when he spoke. However, due to how silent it was, many people, including Duan Ling Tian, overheard his explanation.

'Bodiless Celestial!' Duan Ling Tian finally discovered that one would become a Bodiless Celestial if one failed but survived the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Bodiless Celestials are stronger than Eminent Celestials. To be exact, those who are Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials or higher were stronger than Eminent Celestials. Moreover, the more tribulations a Bodiless Celestial successfully overcame, the stronger he would be. In fact, his strength could be even as strong as the celestials from the Devata Realm! Xing Yuan Ba's words had undoubtedly opened a door to a new world for him.

When Ke'er and Duan Si Ling heard this, they could not help but worry about Duan Ling Tian again. "Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are stronger than Eminent Celestials?" Previously, they had thought the patriarch's master, Liao Nai Jiang, was merely a very strong Eminent Celestial. They did not expect him to be someone whose existence was above Eminent Celestials.

Huang Wen Jing's cold expression was replaced by a grim one when she heard this. She thought Duan Ling Tian would be able to escape since he seemed to be stronger than the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan. 'Bodiless Celestial...' Who knew the appearance of the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan's master would turn the situation around again? Moreover, the patriarch's master was a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who was much stronger than an Eminent Celestial.

"Master!"

"Brother Ling Tian!"

Both Peng Lai and Huang Qi Ling were feeling anxious at this moment. They felt as though they were sitting on a rollercoaster.

Yun Fu Ye sneered. "I can't believe Lord Patriarch's master is still alive. It's even harder to believe he's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial whose strength surpasses Eminent Celestials... Wouldn't be it easy for a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to kill Duan Ling Tian?" He had gone through ups and downs today, but ultimately, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian would die.

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The energy surged out of Liao Nai Jiang's body and wreaked havoc in the place. The ground quaked and the sky seemed as though it was going to fall. Suddenly, he bellowed, "Human brat!" His voice was so loud that it unintentionally caused many people to bleed from their ears. There were even people who bled from their seven orifices. He continued to bellow at Duan Ling Tian, sentencing him to death, "When you're in hell, remember that the person who killed you is Liao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

When Liao Nai Jiang finished speaking, the crowd fell silent and turned in unison to look at him. They knew he was about to make his move.

Boom!

A deafening explosion rang in the air as Liao Nai Jiang disappeared from many people's sight. Only a few people at or above the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage could vaguely catch his moving figure.

There were rumors going around that said among the leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Halls, only the three Palace Masters were powerhouses at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. In actual fact, the six Hall Masters were also at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage Ninth! The Hall Masters were only slightly weaker than the Palace Masters.

"This..." When Liao Nai Jiang disappeared from where he stood, many of them were stunned to see the place where he was standing distorting as though a crack would appear in the void. It took a few moments before the ripples faded away.

"He's insanely powerful! He almost caused a tear in space!"

"So this is the strength of a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Just the energy from his movement alone is this terrifying!"

"As expected of someone who's stronger than Eminent Celestials!"

These people finally saw for themselves how amazing a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was.

"Even the strongest Eminent Celestial isn't capable of distorting space like that, right?"

Many people felt fear coursing through their veins as they continued to discuss among themselves.

Among the crowd, only three people managed to catch a better look at Liao Nai Jiang's figure when he moved. These people were Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan and the direct disciple of Liao Nai Jiang, Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint who had just become an Eminent Celestial after passing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, and Duan Ling Tian who was the target of Liao Nai Jiang's attack. Among the three, Duan Ling Tian was the only one who could see Liao Nai Jiang's figure most clearly.

'How fast and powerful!' Duan Ling Tian could see the void rippling and distorting in Liao Nai Jiang's wake. After a while, his eyes widened when he saw something shocking.

When Liao Nai Jiang charged out, he suddenly turned into a blanket of grey fog. After a while, it began to expand before it transformed into a monster the size of a small hill. It was in the shape of a tiger and was shrouded by dark flames. The monster's eyes were glittering red. It caused shivers to run up people's spines with just a look.

### Roar!!!

As soon as Liao Nai Jiang transformed into a monster the size of a small hill, an earth-shattering roar reverberated in the air. The roar hurt the ears of many disciples from the Wandering Saint Palace. The disciples quickly retreated and covered their ears with their hands. An expression of amazement and horror appeared on their faces as they stared at the rippling and distorting void. Since their cultivation bases were not very high, they could only see the distortion in the void. They had not seen Liao Nai Jiang's new form, the monstrous tiger the size of a small hill.

"Tiger Devil Phantom!" The Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, Yang Zhen Xing, was overwhelmed with emotions when he saw this. He did not think his master would use his strongest technique as soon as he made a move. 'It seems like my master isn't taking the chance of underestimating Duan Ling Tian and decided to attack with all his might!' Since he was Liao Nai Jiang's direct disciple, it was only natural that he knew the Tiger Devil Phantom was the strongest technique in his master's arsenal. His master was the offspring of a human and a Tiger Devil. This meant that he was half a Tiger Devil. His master had cast the Tiger Devil Phantom by burning his Tiger Devil Blood Veins while he used his offensive and assist-type Divine Abilities and human martial techniques. 'Unfortunately, master will have to spend some time to recover the Tiger Devil Blood Vein after he uses this technique. I hope he'll be able to recover before the fourth Celestial Tribulation comes. Otherwise, he would be in a disadvantageous position.' He could not help but worry about his master when he thought about this.

## Bang! Bang! Bang!

Duan Ling Tian saw Liao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, who had transformed into a monster-like tiger charging toward him at a crazy speed. Each time the monster's paws landed, a deafening explosion would sound in the air and the void would distort in his wake. In fact, if one were to take a closer look, paw prints could be seen in the air where he stepped! Air! Not ground! It would be simple to leave marks on the ground, but how powerful must someone be to leave marks in the air? Even the strongest Eminent Celestial was not capable of this.

In just a blink of an eye, Liao Nai Jiang who had transformed into a monster was less than 100 meters away from Duan Ling Tian. His eyes glittered like rubies, it was extremely blinding. Liao Nai Jiang opened his jaw and an orb formed from dark force began to appear. Its aura was so destructive it felt as though it was capable of destroying everything.

"Die!" Liao Nai Jiang roared.

### Whoosh!

The orb shot out of the monster-like tiger's jaw toward Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded when he saw what happened next.

When the orb shot out, Liao Nai Jiang who had transformed into the tiger monster suddenly turned into a blanket of grey fog again and shrouded the orb. When this happened, Duan Ling Tian could clearly feel the force of the orb increase another level.

## Chapter 2328 With A Slash, The Void Cracked!

## Swoosh!

The orb that was shrouded in grey flames emitted a destructive aura. It seemed like a meteorite falling from space. It shot toward Duan Ling Tian domineeringly, and the void rippled and distorted in the meteor-like orb's wake!

'At that moment when he fused with the orb, the strength of the attack had risen another level!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he watched the meteor-like orb shot toward him. An idea appeared in his mind suddenly. 'This seems similar to the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword-Heart Illumination!' He had a feeling this was an opportunity for him to break through to the fourth stage of

the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword. This feeling was ten times stronger than what he had felt previously. For this reason, he was lost in his thoughts for quite a while.

Meanwhile, the destructive meteor-like orb that was shrouded in grey flames was getting closer and closer to Duan Ling Tian. He quickly regained his senses, his heart thumping wildly in his chest, when he detected the extremely terrifying aura of the orb. When he sensed the aura, he felt pressured. It made him feel as though he was a lonely boat floating in the middle of the great sea. It felt as though he was at the mercy of the waves and would capsize at any given time.

'That's it! I've figured it out!' At the critical moment, when the orb was shooting toward Duan Ling Tian, he had an epiphany that would help him break through to the fourth stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword. He felt as though all the questions that were an obstruction to his breaking through from the third to the fourth stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword had been answered. The obstruction had disappeared!

When the destructive orb was just a hair's breadth away, Duan Ling Tian no longer felt anxious. Instead, he was strangely calm. He could hear his own heart beating in his chest at this moment.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian seemed as though he had no earthly desires and was no longer afraid of death. 'Sword-Heart Illumination!"

Time seemed to have stopped moving at this moment.

Without any warning, Duan Ling Tian began to emit a dazzlingly bright light.

Duan Ling Tian's majestic Celestial Origin Energy circulated through his 99 Saint Veins before surging out of his body and turning into countless swift and fierce-looking sword rays. At this moment, he seemed to have become part of the sword rays as well. Every fiber of his being was emitting light. The light from his body fused with the sword rays, making him look mysterious and majestic.

Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, and Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, widened their eyes in shock. It seemed as though they had seen something really terrifying. "This..."

What they saw was Duan Ling Tian disappearing before he transformed into a sword ray as well. It did not take long before the countless sword rays converged and transformed into a three-foot-long white sword that hovered in the air.

### Swoosh!

When the destructive orb was about to land, the three-foot-long sword that was hovering in the air finally made a move...

When it moved, it looked like a beam of white light...

Rrippp!

The sound of something tearing rang loudly in the air. It had sounded after the sword seemed to have turned into a beam of light and shot out because light was faster than sound.

The sword slashed across the void, the sound of something tearing sounded in its wake.

It seemed as though the speed of the sword was not too fast since the two Eminent Celestials, Yang Zhen Xing and Yuwen Hao Chen, could catch its movements. They were shocked when they saw what the slash from the sword left in its wake.

### Rrrip!

The clear sound of something tearing continued to reverberate in the air.

Upon closer inspection, the two Eminent Celestials saw there was a tear in the void in the wake of the three-foot-long white sword.

The tear in the void began to grow bigger and bigger at an extremely fast speed, and it moved toward the meteor-like orb. It seemed as though it was going to swallow the orb!

"Your sword tore a hole in the void? Impossible! How are you strong enough to tear a hole in the void?" A voice laden with shock and disbelief rang from the orb that was speeding toward Duan Ling Tian. Apart from shock and disbelief, a hint of fear could be heard in his voice as well. It sounded as though he had encountered something terrifying! This voice belonged to none other than Liao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

## Rrripp!

The tear in the void continued to extend toward the orb. When it reached the orb, it seemed as though the tear had moved to the orb, cracking it as well! It seemed like the three-foot-long white sword had slashed at the orb and cut it into two.

The void began to ripple and distort even more at this moment. The orb that had been cut into two was suddenly sucked into the tear in the void. It had vanished without a trace! The tear in the void was completely dark, nothing could be seen at all. That was the last time anyone saw Liao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

### Whoosh!

Meanwhile, the three-foot-long white sword flashed for a moment before it turned into a figure of a man. After the dust had settled, everyone could clearly see the figure of a man dressed in a purple robe. It was none other than Duan Ling Tian. What was even more shocking was that he was completely uninjured.

'Is... is that the Sword-Heart Illumination?' Duan Ling Tian was lost in his own thoughts at this moment. It seemed as though he was unaware of everyone's gaze. He was thinking about how he had transformed into a sword and wielded it with such precision. This was the fourth Stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword-Heart Illumination! He had fused with the sword rays before he transformed into a sword! With just a slash, he tore a hole in the void!

At this moment, apart from Duan Ling Tian, the people present also saw the long and narrow crack in the void near him. This was a shocking sight to them! The hole in the void caused the void to ripple and distort continuously. Nothing could be seen in the crack, it was pitch black. It seemed like a dark abyss that would swallow everything that came close to it.

The scene of a man standing next to a long and narrow crack in the void was an unforgettable sight for everyone present. This scene was deeply engraved in their minds.

Most people were still in a state of shock when a sorrowful cry rang in the air.

"Master!" It was Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil Clan.

Yang Zhen Xing's voice snapped everyone out of their daze, and they turned to look at him.

Yang Zhen Xing had an expression of agony on his face as he looked at the broken Soul Pearl in his palm that had appeared at an unknown time and the crack in the void near Duan Ling Tian. The pain and sorrow of losing someone important could be clearly seen on his face.

"That's... The Soul Pearl belongs to Lord Patriarch's master, Liao Nai Jiang, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, right?" Someone asked in a low voice.

That person's words caused a commotion immediately.

"Senior Liao is dead?"

"How... How's this possible? He's a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, and he's far stronger than an Eminent Celestial? How could he be killed by an Eminent Celestial?"

"Impossible! I think there's a mistake!"

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Everyone was shocked. Most of them could not see in detail what had happened due to the constraint of their strength. However, the result had stupefied them.

Liao Nai Jiang, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and their Lord Patriarch's master, had been killed by Duan Ling Tian, the Young Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion! Moreover, it seemed like he had been killed with just a strike!

An expression of shock and disbelief could be seen on Yuwen Hao Chen's face. His eyes widened as he looked at the tear in the void near Duan Ling Tian. "He tore the void... How is he so strong?" Based on his knowledge, those who were capable of tearing the void with their attacks were those Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestials or stronger! Although Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials were strong, they still could not tear a hole in the void. This was also why Liao Nai Jiang had only left distortions in the void when he attacked, he was not strong enough to tear a hole in the void. He found it hard to accept this. 'Duan Ling Tian's current strength is comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?' Regardless if he accepted it or not, the truth was displayed before everyone's eyes.

Although Yuwen Hao Chen could not clearly see the battle between Duan Ling Tian and Liao Nai Jiang, as an Eminent Celestial, he could vaguely see that Duan Ling Tian had killed Liao Nai Jiang with just a strike after Liao Nai Jiang had attacked with all his might!

'During the critical moment... numerous sword rays surged out of Duan Ling Tian, and he turned into a sword ray as well before it all formed a long white sword. When Liao Nai Jiang approached, the long white sword moved. Its speed was not too fast since I was able to see it. However, the seemingly slow sword managed to tear a hole in the void!' Yuwen Hao Chen felt a jolt of fear when he recalled what had happened. With just a slash, the sword that Duan Ling Tian had seemingly transformed into managed to leave a narrow but long tear in the void.

'Based on the length and width of the tear, Duan Ling Tian seems to be much stronger than a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!' Yuwen Hao Chen thought to himself.

Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance had lowered his head to think to himself. After a while, he began to move under everyone's watchful eyes. He simply lifted his hand and a dazzling white sword ray shot out of his palm. It turned into a sword which he then grasped in his hand.

'I feel like I don't have to use any techniques to tear a hole in the void!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he slashed at the void with the white sword that he formed using his Celestial Origin Energy that had been fused with his Saint Origin. He moved at a moderate speed.

Everyone could see Duan Ling Tian's movement.

A crack appeared in the wake of the white sword. However, the size of the crack was nothing compared to the crack earlier. After all, the earlier crack had been torn open when Duan Ling Tian had used his Divine Abilities, martial tactics, and the Sovereign Heart Sword. This crack was torn open with just his inner force.

"How... how's this possible?" When the two leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Halls saw this, they were further stunned by Duan Ling Tian's strength.

"Even a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial can't tear open the void so easily, right?"

"Duan Ling Tian who has just become an Eminent Celestial is seemingly stronger than a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... Am I dreaming?"

"After he became an Eminent Celestial, he had cast an assist-type Divine Ability before his strength rose to this level... I wonder what assist-type Divine Ability it is?"

"If that's the reason his strength rose... His assist-type Divine Ability definitely didn't come from the mundane realm!"

Apart from Yuwen Hao Chen, the other leaders of the Three Palaces and Six Halls were discussing among themselves. They knew how extraordinary Duan Ling Tian's assist-type Divine Ability was. After all, as soon as he had cast the Divine Ability, he had grown much stronger than someone who had just become an Eminent Celestial. Everyone was in a state of disbelief.

'Sword Wielding Art!' White sword rays shot out of Duan Ling Tian's sword and crashed against the void like a white dragon.

Rrripp!

The sound of something being torn could be heard when the white sword ray tore a hole in the void. The space around Duan Ling Tian distorted and seemed like a piece of paper.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As the sword ray continued on its trajectory, the void around Duan Ling Tian was torn apart like a piece of paper. At this moment, he seemed like a god who controlled space as he left tears in his wake.

'Sword Wielding Art from the third stage, the Sword Warding Heart, from the Sovereign Heart Sword, is indeed weaker...'

After fifteen minutes, the tears Duan Ling Tian had slashed open had closed. Only the first crack in the void was still open. It was obvious it needed more time before it closed. He had torn this crack open with the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, the Sword-Heart Illumination, after all!

'The fourth stage of the Sovereign Hearth Sword, the Sword-Heart Illumination, allows the force in my body and my physical body to form a sword. From now on, I shall call it Body Sword Fusion'!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with eyes as bright as stars. Currently, the Body Sword Fusion was the strongest technique in his arsenal. 'If I combine it with my other sword-type Divine Ability, the Otherworldly Celestial, my clones will be able to turn into swords as well!'

'It seems like a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is not that strong. I don't think I even need to use the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword or the Body Sword Fusion to kill him. I should be able to kill him without using any techniques. After all, I can tear open a hole in the void after casting the Elementary Devouring Tactic and condensing my inner force into sword rays. It's obvious Liao Nai Jiang couldn't even tear a hole in the void after he had cast his strongest technique...' At this moment, Duan Ling Tian realized how much stronger he was compared to Liao Nai Jiang. 'It's truly unexpected that my strength would rise to this level with the Elementary Devouring Tactic after I became an Eminent Celestial!' He was only mildly surprised by this. After all, he had devoured all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Human-Devil Saint City and also one of the two richest Saint Stone reserves in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to improve his Celestial Origin Energy!

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

After another fifteen minutes, the crack in the void finally almost closed up.

To the crowd, Duan Ling Tian seemed like a god hovering in that open space.

Ke'er stared at Duan Ling Tian with her glittering eyes, an expression of adoration could be seen on her face. "Brother Tian!"

"Daddy is so amazing," Duan Si Ling, who blindly idolized her father, said.

Meanwhile, Gan Ru Yan looked at Duan Ling Tian with a complicated emotion in her eyes. 'He... is actually so strong...'

When Huang Wen Jing stared at Duan Ling Tian, the emotion in her eyes was even more complex compared to Gan Ru Yan.

"I have no more regrets in my life for having such a master!" Peng Lai said with an expression of pride on his face. Everyone who saw his expression would know Duan Ling Tian was his master.

'Brother Ling Tian...' Although Huang Qi Ling was happy for Duan Ling Tian, he felt ashamed of himself. Therefore, he found it difficult to call out to Duan Ling Tian.

Yun Fu Ye, who was standing next to Huang Wen Jing, stared at Duan Ling Tian in fear.

At this moment, the god-like Duan Ling Tian who was standing in the distance suddenly turned to look at Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan. He said solemnly, "Patriarch Yang! I apologize. I couldn't stop in time and accidentally killed your master."

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"I apologize for accidentally killing your master..." Duan Ling Tian's words to Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, rendered everyone speechless.

Accidentally killed your master?

It was obvious Duan Ling Tian was mocking Yang Zhen Xing, but what could they do?

"Lord Patriarch..." The people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls turned to look at Yang Zhen Xing. Duan Ling Tian had effortlessly killed the patriarch's master, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, with just one move. It was, naturally, going to be even easier for him to kill the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan! Although they regarded him highly and thought he was powerful, they knew he could not be stronger than his master.

"Even Lord Patriarch's master, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, had fallen in Duan Ling Tian's hands. Who else in the Human-Devil clan is capable of defeating him?"

"He killed a powerful Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial with just a strike. It would definitely be easy if he wants to kill Lord Patriarch who's much weaker compared to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

"It seems like our Human-Devil clan has met with a calamity today!"

Many of the people from the Three Palaces and Six Halls had a grim expression on their faces. They were washed by a wave of helplessness and thought this would be the end of the Human-Devil clan! After all, the clan was under threat from a god-like powerhouse who could kill a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial with just a strike!

Yang Zhen Xing, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan, who was enraged by Duan Ling Tian's words finally said, "Duan Ling Tian!" He took a deep breath as he glared at Duan Ling Tian coldly and continued to say, "Do you really think there's no one in the Human-Devil clan who can defeat you just because you killed my master? Even if your strength is comparable to a Five or Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, it would be easy for the forefather of the Human-Devil clan to crush you." Respect and admiration could be heard in his voice as he spoke about the forefather of the Human-Devil clan. It sounded as though the forefather was the greatest being that ever lived. Based on his words, it seemed like the forefather of the Human-Devil clan was stronger than a Five or Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial...

### "The forefather?!"

The moment Yang Zhen Xing finished speaking, everyone from the Three Palaces and Six Halls was dumbfounded. Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, and Xing Yuan Ba, the Vice Palace Master of Great Spirit Palace, were no exception. Their eyes widened in shock, but a hint of excitement could be seen in their eyes as well.

"Our forefather... is alive?"

Since they were from the Human-Devil clan, they knew a thing or two about Bodiless Celestials in the Human-Devil clan. One of them was the forefather mentioned by their patriarch. They remembered the last time the forefather of the Human-Devil clan had shown himself was about 2,000 years ago. At that time, he was already a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. If he was still alive, it was possible that he was a Seven or Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial now. Since Yang Zhen Xing, their patriarch, had mentioned the forefather, this must mean he was still alive!

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes as he looked at Yang Zhen Xing. A faint smile could be seen on his face. Although he was smiling on the surface, he could not help but feel a hint of dread inside. "Based on your word, your forefather is at the very least a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

Duan Ling Tian could tell the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan was not bluffing. He could fake his words, but he could not fake the look in his eyes.

"Why? Are you finally afraid?" Yang Zhen Xing sneered when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Afraid?" Duan Ling Tian chuckle. "Perhaps..." He paused for a moment before he said, "However, so what if the forefather of the Human-Devil clan is a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? If I'm not mistaken, he's currently not here. He probably won't be able to make it here in time, right?"

Yang Zhen Xing's expression darkened with every word that spilled out of Duan Ling Tian's mouth. This was because Duan Ling Tian had guessed correctly.

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness and barred the area surrounding Yang Zhen Xing as he said, "I'm sure you're familiar with the saying, 'Distant water will not quench nearby fire...' I'm confident I'll be able to kill you and escape before you can attempt to contact your clan's forefather. Regardless of how strong a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial is, do you think he'll be able to find me in the vast Dao Martial Saint Land? With my current strength, I'm able to tear a hole in the void and head to the Upper Province whenever I want."

When Duan Ling Tian spoke, Yang Zhen Xing's expression continued to darken. His eyes gleamed as he lost himself in his thoughts. He knew there was nothing he could do to Duan Ling Tian at this moment. "Duan Ling Tian, how do you know... What if our forefather is here? He could be hiding in the dark watching you like how one would watch an ant. He can crush you easily."

"Is that so?" The grin on Duan Ling Tian's face widened. "If that's the case... Let me try killing you, the Patriarch of the Human-Devil clan. Let's see if he'll continue to watch..." As soon as he finished speaking, his aura changed suddenly. Killing intent began to roll off him in waves.

#### Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!

A gust of strong wind appeared out of nowhere, rustling Duan Ling Tian's robe. He looked like the god of death at this moment.

Yang Zhen Xing cried out angrily, "Duan Ling Tian! After my departure, the Human-Devil clan will fight you till death if you dare kill anyone from the clan. When I return, our forefather will kill you and annihilate your Azure Cloud Mansion!"

'No!' Duan Ling Tian felt his Divine Consciousness tingle as soon as Yang Zhen Xing finished speaking. His expression changed dramatically.

"You're seeking death!" Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate as his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body through his 99 Saint Veins with just a thought and formed tens of thousands of sword rays! Apart from that, it seemed like he had transformed into one of the sword rays as well.

In just a blink of an eye, the tens of thousands of sword rays combined and formed a glowing white three-foot-long sword. It hovered in the air horizontally, exuding a terrifying aura that seemed capable of destroying heaven and earth.

### Swoosh!

As soon as the sword appeared, it gleamed inconspicuously and shot forward... It arrived near Yang Zhen Xing in just a blink of an eye and tore a hole in the void.

## Rrippp!

The hole kept getting bigger and eventually reached where Yang Zhen Xing was standing. What was surprising was Yang Zhen Xin was suddenly engulfed by a blood-red flame as his body seemed to be cut into two. It seemed like he had cast this technique as soon as he had finished speaking. The void tore easily like a piece of paper. Yang Zhen Xing seemed like a portrait on a piece of paper that had been torn into two. However, he did not fall into the hole in the void. Instead, he gradually faded into nothingness.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned gloomier by the minute when he saw this. 'He actually managed to escape... What technique was that?!' He thought to himself. He had made a move without any hesitation as soon as he discovered Yang Zhen Xing making a move. However, it was still too late. Yang Zhen Xing still managed to escape. Yang Zhen Xing had completely disappeared from the radar of his Divine Consciousness.

'Earlier, I think he crushed a blood-red jade slip... Then, a blood-red flame began to engulf him. He has already escaped when I tore the void open!' Duan Ling Tian was impressed by Yang Zhen Xing's technique.

Suddenly, a loud cry rang in the air. "Fiery Blood Evasion Talisman!"