

2381 All Out

Chen Yi Ru, as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, could, naturally, tell with just a glance that the middle-aged man standing behind Di Chen was a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. How could he sit back and watch as a mere Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who was not even a threat to him shouted at his master?

“Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

Although the high-ranking officials in the Fire Worship Sect had already suspected that Di Chen’s servant was a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at least, they were still stunned when they heard Chen Yi Ru’s words.

“Chen Yi Ru!” Di Chen’s servant, the middle-aged man, was furious. His face was red with anger as he said, “As a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, you actually acknowledged someone like that as your master! You’re an embarrassment to all Bodiless Celestials!”

Chen Yi Ru scoffed. “Aren’t you a servant as well? Regardless, you certainly act like one. You’re no better than I am.”

“You...” The middle-aged man was infuriated but he had no way of refuting Chen Yi Ru’s words since he really did act like a servant to Di Chen.

“Master! Di Chen is a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!” Meanwhile, Chen Yi Ru sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “His true form is a Seven-clawed Golden Dragon... Moreover, his father is one of the top powerhouses in the dragon clan who’s a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at least. He’s also a Seven-clawed Golden Dragon.”

“Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?” All the apprehension and fear Duan Ling Tian felt vanished when he heard Chen Yi Ru’s words. Initially, he was worried that Di Chen might be a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial or stronger. It would be difficult for him to deal with Di Chen if that was the case. He might have to use the agreement between the dragon clan and Feng Qing Yang as leverage to chase Di Chen away. However, there was no need for that since Di Chen was a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial whom he could easily deal with.

“Duan Ling Tian!” Di Chen glared at Duan Ling Tian as he said scornfully, “Before you hit a dog, you should find out who is its master. Killing my man is akin to slapping my face... In view of the agreement between the dragon clan and the Seven Absolutes Sect, I’ll let this matter go if you kneel and kowtow to me!” He spoke arrogantly as though he was a god speaking to a lowly human.

Duan Ling Tian’s expression darkened when he heard Di Chen’s words.

“How dare you!” Chen Yi Ru was enraged!

Many high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect began to speculate among themselves when they heard Di Chen’s words. Was Di Chen talking about their old ancestor, Li Bing?

“The powerhouse from the dragon clan, Di Chen, said that Duan Ling Tian killed his man? Is he talking about our Fire Worship Sect’s old ancestor, Li Bing?”

“It’s very likely. After all, it makes sense.”

“You’re right.”

Naturally, there were some who were furious that Di Chen likened the ancestor of their sect to a dog. However, none of them dared to express their anger.

There were also some high-ranking officials who chose not to believe that their old ancestor had joined the dragon clan.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian burst out laughing. His laughter was so loud that it felt as though it could shake heaven and earth.

The crowd shifted their attention to him, wondering if he would kneel and kowtow to Di Chen.

Di Chen narrowed his eyes as his voice turned deeper. “Why? Are you unwilling to kneel and kowtow to me?”

As soon as Di Chen finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian stopped laughing. He said indifferently, “Di Chen! I’ll allow you to leave if you kneel and kowtow to me. Otherwise, you can stay here forever.”

Duan Ling Tian’s words were met with silence. Everyone was stunned by this turn of events. Initially, Di Chen had threatened Duan Ling Tian. In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian turned around and threatened Di Chen.

“Master!” Chen Yi Ru, who was shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s words, quickly sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. “I know it’s not difficult for you to kill Di Chen. However, we must consider that he’s not a normal member of the dragon clan. His father is one of the top powerhouses in the dragon clan who’s a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at least! If you kill him, his father definitely will not let this matter go!” A hint of fear could be heard in his voice when he reached the end of his sentence. A Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial could kill them as easily as cutting grass or slaughtering chickens. Even his master was no match for someone like that.

“I know.” Duan Ling Tian responded calmly to Chen Yi Ru through Voice Transmission.

Duan Ling Tian’s calm demeanor puzzled Chen Yi Ru, but in the end, he chose to stay silent.

This time, Di Chen burst out laughing as though he had heard the funniest joke in the world. When his laughter finally died down, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said coldly, “Duan Ling Tian, do you think you’re above everyone else just because you’re as strong as an ordinary Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Today, I’ll show you that there are many people who can put you in your place!”

“I know there are many people who are stronger than me. However, that doesn’t include you,” Duan Ling Tian said nonchalantly.

“Is that so? We’ll see... Even if your strength is comparable to an ordinary Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, I, a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, can still defeat you!” Di Chen said. As soon as he finished speaking, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body, leaving tiny cracks in the void. Looking at the void cracks’ size, it would probably take fifteen minutes for it to close.

Di Chen had seen Duan Ling Tian when he killed Li Bing through the Mirror Image Talisman. Based on that, he deduced that Duan Ling Tian was weaker than him. After all, although he was a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he was much stronger than ordinary Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial since he was close to becoming a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. In six months, he would have to undergo his sixth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. After that, he would become a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He genuinely thought someone like Duan Ling Tian whose strength was only comparable to ordinary Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials was not a match for him.

The high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect were astonished when they heard Di Chen's proclamation.

"Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Di Chen... is a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?!"

On the other hand, their sect leader, Gan Ru Yan, no longer looked worried after learning that Di Chen is merely a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. After all, she was aware that Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials were no match for Duan Ling Tian!

"I'd like to see you try!" Duan Ling Tian smirked. Then, a destructive and terrifying energy surged out of his body.

The shrill sounds of a sword cry reverberated in the air as white sword rays shot out of his body. It did not take long before his body was enveloped by the blinding sword rays. Following that, his body disappeared from sight as though he had become part of the tens of thousands of sword rays.

'Master is going to go all out?' Chen Yi Ru's eyes widened in anticipation. He had only seen his master exert strength that was comparable to a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, based on his knowledge, if his master unleashed all his strength, he was comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

Although Chen Yi Ru was excited to see Duan Ling Tian's true strength, he still could not help but worry that Duan Ling Tian would accidentally kill Di Chen. 'I hope master will show mercy and not kill Di Chen. Otherwise, we'll be in big trouble once Di Chen's father finds out about it!'

"Is that..."

After a while, the tens of thousands of sword rays suddenly transformed into a white three-foot-long sword. When it first appeared, it was glowing faintly. As time passed, the glow faded and it looked like a simple and unassuming sword.

"Di Chen, do your best! You might not have the chance to take another shot!" A voice suddenly rang from the three-foot-long sword.

Everyone could recognize that the voice belonged to Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian... became a sword?"

"Is... Is this the legendary Body Sword Fusion that Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang used?"

"Duan Ling Tian's accomplishment in the Sword Dao is so high?"

Among the Fire Worship Sect's high-ranking officials, there was no shortage of knowledgeable people. It was not difficult for them to identify the technique that Duan Ling Tian used.

'Body Sword Fusion?' Even Di Chen was shocked when he saw Duan Ling Tian transforming into a sword.

"This is Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang's Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword! The Body Sword Fusion comes after the Sword Wielding Art... The former is much stronger than the later. Duan Ling Tian only used the Sword Wielding Art to kill Li Bing before this!' At this moment, Di Chen felt his confidence collapsing!

2382 Equivalent to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

Roar!

Although Di Chen's confidence had waned, he did not lose his fighting spirit. As he roared, his energy surged like exploding fireworks.

At the same time, all the high-ranking officials present felt as though a burning sun was blinding their eyes. They had to forcefully shut their eyes. When they finally opened their eyes again, they discovered that Di Chen had disappeared. To be more accurate, Di Chen's human form had disappeared. A divine dragon that was several thousand meters long stood in his place. It was so huge and majestic that it even eclipsed the sun. It was a golden divine dragon! Each of its scales was gleaming so brightly that it was almost blinding. Each of its paws had seven claws, and each claw looked so sharp that it seemed it could tear through anything.

The high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect were stunned when they saw the divine dragon.

"A Seven-clawed Golden Dragon!"

"It seems like Di Chen isn't planning on holding back. Otherwise, he wouldn't have reverted to his true form!"

"Those from the dragon clan are the strongest when they're in their true forms. This is particularly true for Bodiless Celestials. At that stage, most weapons in the mundane realm are of no use to them. It's still the best for them to rely on their own strength!"

"Di Chen is a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and a Seven-clawed Divine Dragon... No matter how you look at it, he's definitely one of the stronger Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials."

"However, Duan Ling Tian's not weak either! Back when he fought our old ancestor, the old ancestor said he's as strong as a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Moreover, he has inherited the techniques, such as the Body Sword Fusion, from the legendary Sword Saint Feng Qing Yan!"

"I really don't know who will emerge victorious in this battle."

The crowd continued to stare unblinkingly at the white three-foot-long sword and the dragon. They were waiting for them to fight to see who would be the last one standing.

"Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect that you've mastered the Body Sword Fusion, the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword created by Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang... Regardless, you'll still lose to me

today!" Although Di Chen had lost much of his confidence and was even feeling slightly worried, he still knew he could not show it outwardly. It was unfortunate that Duan Ling Tian did not buy his act.

"Is that so? We'll see!"

It was a strange sight to see a Seven-clawed Golden Dragon and a white three-foot-long sword talking.

Roar!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Di Chen roared angrily. It was so terrifyingly loud that the shockwaves seemed capable of shaking heaven and earth.

Those high-ranking officials with a lower cultivation base felt a sharp pain in their ears, someone even ruptured their eardrums. Even those with a higher cultivation base could not help but shudder. All of them were frightened out of their wits.

"Is this the strength of a Seven-clawed Golden Dragon who's also a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Just a roar is enough to take out those Saint Celestial Stage cultivators with a lower cultivation base!"

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Di Chen, the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon, flew across the sky and seemingly disappeared into thin air. Only a handful of them, mostly the Guardians, were able to catch his movement. However, after a short while, even the Guardians had lost track of him.

All they could see at this moment were the cracks in the void that were left in the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon's wake. It seemed like it would take at least fifteen minutes for the cracks to mend themselves. It was clear to see that Di Chen did not hold back his strength at all!

Swoosh!

Meanwhile, the white three-foot-long sword seemed to have disappeared as well as the sound of a sword cry rang in the air.

Among everyone present, only Chen Yi Ru, the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, and the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan were able to catch the dragon and the sword's movements.

'How is he so fast?! They're not in the same league at all!' When the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan saw the sword's movement, a hint of terror and disbelief could be seen on his face. He was still able to catch glimpses of Di Chen who had turned into a dragon, but the sword was just a blur to him! It was clear that the sword's speed was far superior compared to Di Chen.

'I hope Lord Di Chen will be fine... Otherwise, I'll definitely lose my life!' A wave of fear washed over the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan as he thought about the future. If something happened to Di Chen, Di Chen's father would definitely not let him go. His fear took control of him and he shouted in an attempt to stop Duan Ling Tian from killing Di Chen, "Duan Ling Tian, if you dare to kill Lord Di Chen, our dragon clan's Supreme Elder will never rest until you die. You'll bring the Seven Absolutes Sect down with you!"

The Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan could see that Duan Ling Tian's strength was comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial after he had cast the Body Sword Fusion. Di Chen was no match for him even if he was one of the stronger Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials.

There was a huge gap in strength between a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and the Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial after all. Even the strongest Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial still would not be able to defeat a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial unless they had some Celestial Supreme Treasures or Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms!

'How's this possible?!' As soon as the white three-foot-long sword moved, Di Chen widened his eyes in shock and fear. He discovered that the speed of the sword exceeded what a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was capable of. In fact, its speed was comparable to that of a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Although he found it hard to believe, the truth was laid bare before his eyes.

The sword shot out, leaving cracks that were two times bigger than the cracks Di Chen made.

Chen Yi Ru was shocked as well when he saw this. He began to fervently pray in his heart, 'Please, please don't let master kill Di Chen! Otherwise, we're really going to be in deep sh*t!'

Barely a second had passed since the sword had moved...

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

Di Chen was thunderstruck when he saw the white three-foot-long sword approaching him. As it got closer, the sword split into three, all of them were aimed at him.

'Each of the clones is as strong as the original?!' Di Chen was appalled by the discovery when he managed to dispel one of the swords. However, he did not have the chance to continue his thought. His expression changed drastically when he saw the swords and its clones had already landed on his enormous body. At this moment, he felt a deep and agonizing pain.

"This..." Chen Yi Ru stared at the scene before him with his mouth agape.

The swords had severed all of the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon's paws and its tail! The dragon body that was known for its durability seemed like a piece of paper when faced with the swords.

Di Chen who had stopped moving from the pain appeared before everyone's sight. The entire fell silent immediately.

The majestic Seven-clawed Golden Dragon had lost all its paws and tail! It looked just like a huge worm at this moment!

Swoosh!

Another sound of a sword cry rang in the air again, as the sword approached the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon who had lost all its paws and tail again. The three-foot-long swords emitted a destructive aura that seemed capable of destroying heaven and earth.

"Are you going to kneel and kowtow to me or would you prefer to die?"

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“Kneel down and kowtow? Do it or die?” Duan Ling Tian said coldly as he pointed his three-foot-long sword at the Seven-Clawed Golden Dragon. The sword rays that were constantly released by the three-foot-long sword gave Duan Ling Tian an oppressive and intimidating air when he spoke.

Even Di Chen could not help but feel a jolt of fear when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. After all, he was the only one who could feel how terrifyingly strong the three-foot-long sword was. If the sword rays landed on him, there was no doubt that they would pierce him. The attack was comparable to that of a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

Faced with the intimidating three-foot-long sword, Di Chen eventually put his pride and arrogance aside and lowered his head before he said, “Duan Ling Tian, let’s forget about this matter. There’s no need for you to kneel or kowtow to me.”

As soon as Di Chen finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian burst out laughing as he continued to point the three-foot-long sword at Di Chen. It was as though he had heard an extremely funny joke.

Swoosh!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian stopped laughing, he slashed the three-foot-long sword at Di Chen at a moderate speed. As the sword slashed across the sky, even the high-ranking official with the lowest cultivation base could see the sword due to its moderate speed.

Roar!

The Seven-clawed Golden Dragon roared in pain when a section of its thousand-meter-long body was cut off again. Duan Ling Tian had cut off about a few hundred meters of its body. It did not kill Di Chen, it only caused him to feel excruciating pain. Although Bodiless Celestials were formed from energy, they could still feel pain.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, light began to surge out from the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon’s body. It did not take long before the section that was cut off was completely regenerated. He regained his tail and claws in just a short moment!

However, many people could feel Di Chen’s aura had weakened after he had healed himself. It was only natural since it took a lot of energy for a Bodiless Celestial to regenerate their body parts.

After Di Chen restored his Seven-clawed Golden Dragon form, golden light suddenly surged from his body again, blinding the onlookers.

When the crowd opened their eyes, the golden light had disappeared, and they watched as the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon that was a few thousand meters long changed into Di Chen’s human form.

Swoosh!

However, even after Di Chen had transformed into a human, the three-foot-long sword still followed him around as it continued to release sword rays. At this moment, it was pointed at his glabella as though it was going to take his life at any time!

“Duan Ling Tian!” Di Chen’s expression was dark as he bellowed, “Don’t cross the line. I gave you an inch, and you want to take a mile!”

“You gave me an inch and I want to take a mile?” Duan Ling Tian smirked coldly as he said, “I should be the one to say this to you, right? Anyway, I’m too lazy to waste words with you. I’ll give you ten breaths to decide. If you don’t kneel and kowtow to me, I’ll kill you!”

Di Chen’s eyes widened when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He quickly spoke about his father to threaten Duan Ling Tian. “Duan Ling Tian! My father is the Supreme Elder of the dragon clan. He’s a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!” After all, even if Duan Ling Tian’s strength was comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he was not a match for his father who was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Logically, Duan Ling Tian should be afraid of his father.

Di Chen thought Duan Ling Tian would be cowed. To his surprise and fear, Duan Ling Tian just said nonchalantly, “You have eight breaths left.”

Duan Ling Tian was still planning to continue on even after he had said his father was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Was Duan Ling Tian not afraid of his father seeking revenge from him?

Meanwhile, the high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect gasped when they recovered their senses. Earlier, they had been shocked when Di Chen revealed his father was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, they were even more shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian ignoring Di Chen’s threat.

“Duan Ling Tian doesn’t seem to care that Di Chen’s father is a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

“So he’s not afraid of a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

“Does... Does this mean he hasn’t revealed his full strength yet?”

“I-impossible!!”

While the high-ranking officials discussed among themselves, Duan Ling Tian’s voice rang out again to remind Di Chen that he had five breaths left.

Di Chen snapped back to his senses when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of fear and confusion in his eyes as he asked, “Duan Ling Tian, aren’t you worried my father will seek revenge from you on my behalf?”

Duan Ling Tian did not deign to respond to Di Chen’s question, he only said, “Another four breaths left.” In a way, his lack of response was his response. He was clearly not cowed by Di Chen’s threat.

“Y-you!” Di Chen, naturally, realized that Duan Ling Tian was not worried about his father seeking revenge. Another wave of fear washed over him as he thought to himself, ‘Is it possible that Duan Ling Tian did not reveal his full strength earlier? Is he stronger than what he has shown? Could it be that he’s as strong as a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Is that why he’s not afraid of father?’ After a while, he calmed down and thought, ‘It’s also possible that he’s only putting on an act...’

“Two breaths left...” Duan Ling Tian’s indifferent voice rang in the air again.

Di Chen was in a dilemma. Should he discard his dignity and kneel and kowtow to preserve his life? Or should he hold on to his pride and dignity but lose his life in exchange? He did not want to die nor did he want to discard his pride and dignity.

“One breath left!” Duan Ling Tian’s voice rang coldly.

At this moment, the three-foot-long sword’s aura became even more intimidating and oppressive as it hovered in front of Di Chen’s glabella. The sword ray that was glinting at the tip of the blade was filled with killing intent.

Fear coursed through Di Chen’s veins and eventually he kneeled down regardless of the humiliation he had to bear. His face was flushed with anger, but he had nowhere to vent his frustration.

When the high-ranking officials from Fire Worship Sect saw Di Chen falling to his knees, they broke out in an uproar. Even Gan Ru Yan’s eyes were widened in shock.

This handsome young man was a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan. Moreover, he had an extraordinary background. However, he was currently kneeling before Duan Ling Tian!

Gan Ru Yan could not help but feel worried on Duan Ling Tian’s behalf. ‘Di Chen’s father is a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... It might not be wise for him to act this way, right?’

Chen Yi Ru who was standing in the distance sighed in relief when he saw this. ‘Fortunately, master didn’t kill Di Chen. Otherwise, Di Chen’s father definitely wouldn’t let this matter go.’ After a while, a frown appeared on his face. ‘However, even though master didn’t kill Di Chen, I’m afraid Di Chen’s father still might not let this matter go.’

The sword ray continued to glint at the tip of the three-foot-long sword that was pointed at Di Chen’s glabella. In just a blink of an eye, a purple-clad figure appeared directly in front of Di Chen.

“Kowtow!” Duan Ling Tian whose eyes and voice were emotionless stood in front of Di Chen.

“Duan Ling Tian, how... how dare you!” The Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan could not help but say reproachfully when he saw this.

Just as Chen Yi Ru’s expression darkened and he opened his mouth to retort...

Swoosh!

The sound of a sword cry rang in the air...

Duan Ling Tian had casually slapped his palm in the air before a sword ray shot out and shrouded the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan and severed all his limbs.

The Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial screamed in pain. His face was ashen after he used his energy to regenerate all his limbs. His eyes were filled with fear when he looked at Duan Ling Tian, and he no longer dared to speak up.

Di Chen who was on his knees felt extremely humiliated. He asked through clenched teeth, “Duan Ling Tian...are you sure you want me to kowtow?”

“Do you want me to repeat myself?” Duan Ling Tian smirked. “Have you forgotten that kneeling and kowtowing are both your ideas?”

Di Chen growled. His body trembled as he forced himself to kowtow to Duan Ling Tian. Meanwhile, his teeth and fists were tightly clenched to the point where he was bleeding from the corner of his mouth and his hands were bleeding as well.

After Di Chen kowtowed three times, he instantly stood up and flew out of the Fire Worship Sect. He did not want to stay a second longer in this place where he lost his pride and dignity.

Di Chen roared as he flew out of the Fire Worship Sect. His voice reverberated in the air so loudly that it seemed capable of moving mountains and stirring the waves. “Duan Ling Tian, I swear if I don’t kill you, I’m no longer a dragon!”

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“Duan Ling Tian... If I don’t kill you, I, Di Chen, swear that I’m not a dragon!” Although Di Chen had only spoken after he left the Fire Worship Sect’s estate, everyone heard him clearly due to his thunderous voice.

When the high-ranking officials of the Fire Worship Sect heard Di Chen’s words, they had a fearful expression on their faces as they whispered among themselves. All of them feared the imminent danger that would hit their sect.

“I-I don’t think Di Chen is going to let the matter go after leaving the Fire Worship Sect!”

“I hope our sect won’t become the scapegoat. It’s not possible for us to bear the brunt of his anger after all!”

Some of the high-ranking officials from the Fire Worship Sect looked at Duan Ling Tian reproachfully even though none of them dared to express their displeasure. In their opinion, if Duan Ling Tian did not insist on Di Chen kneeling and kowtowing to him, Di Chen would not be so furious. Was he not putting the Fire Worship Sect in danger by acting this way? It seemed like they had forgotten that Di Chen was the one who requested Duan Ling Tian to kneel and kowtow to him first. Duan Ling Tian was only returning the favor to Di Chen by demanding Di Chen to kneel and kowtow.

Meanwhile, Gan Ru Yan and Chen Yi Ru had a worried expression on their faces as they looked at Duan Ling Tian. Perhaps, most people might think that Duan Ling Tian was far stronger than a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial since he did not seem afraid when Di Chen said his father was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but Gan Ru Yan and Chen Yi Ru knew very well that Duan Ling Tian’s current strength was only comparable to Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. He was definitely not a match for Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at this moment!

Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, “I’ll wait for you!”

Duan Ling Tian’s words did not seem loud to the people present. However, he had infused some energy in his voice, and it was transmitted to Di Chen who had flown east. When Di Chen heard this, he was further enraged.

'Duan Ling Tian, I want you dead! I want you dead!' Di Chen roared inwardly. Unknowingly, killing Duan Ling Tian slowly became Di Chen's obsession. This was not ideal for someone who was about to undergo the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation! Although he was aware of this, he could not help the way he felt. After all, the humiliation he had suffered today was unlike anything he had experienced. This was his first time having to kneel and kowtow to someone! There was no doubt he would become a laughingstock in the Upper Province if word about him kneeling and kowtowing to Duan Ling Tian were to spread!

When Di Chen left, the Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan, naturally, left as well. Before he left, he looked at Duan Ling Tian fearfully. He only heaved a sigh of relief when he realized Duan Ling Tian did not intend to make him stay.

Since Duan Ling Tian had already let Di Chen go, there was no reason for him to stop this Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from leaving.

After the high-ranking officials of the Fire Worship Sect left, there were only three people left on the scene; it was Duan Ling Tian, Chen Yi Ru, and Gan Ru Yan. Even the burly middle-aged man who followed Gan Ru Yan had retreated in fear of disturbing Duan Ling Tian.

"You shouldn't have done that... Di Chen's father won't let you go for humiliating his son!" Gan Ru Yan said with a sigh.

"He brought this humiliation upon himself!" Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "I wouldn't have made things difficult if he didn't request for me to kneel and kowtow to him. Since he dared to say such words, he should take responsibility for it!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted coldly as he thought to himself, 'I won't look for trouble with you if you don't look for trouble with me. However, if you do, I won't let things go so easily!' This was one of his principles.

"But his father is a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!" Gan Ru Yan said anxiously.

"So what?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned colder. "Are you saying I should be a pushover and accept the humiliation just because his father is a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Moreover, a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial isn't qualified to make me bow!"

Gan Ru Yan's eyes widened in shock. "A-are you saying you're now as strong as a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

Chen Yi Ru's gaze was filled with shock and admiration when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"No, not yet." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. His eyes flashed as he slowly said, "However, it won't be long..."

Although Gan Ru Yan and Chen Yi Ru were curious about Duan Ling Tian's words, they did not question him further when they saw he had no intention of explaining himself.

"You should be worried about yourself instead." Duan Ling Tian's expression was grave as he looked at Gan Ru Yan. "Due to the relationship between the Fire Worship Sect and the dragon clan, it's impossible for Di Chen to destroy the sect. However, he can easily deal with the sect leader of the sect. After all, the

Fire Worship Sect will still remain standing even if there's a different sect leader. I think it's best if you leave the Fire Worship Sect for now."

Gan Ru Yan was rather touched by Duan Ling Tian's concern. However, she laughed bitterly before she said, "Where can I go if I leave the Fire Worship Sect? Moreover, if I leave, I'll have to bring my master as well. If Di Chen discovers our relationship as master and disciple, he'll definitely vent his anger on my master when he returns and finds me missing!"

After a while, Duan Ling Tian finally said, "Why don't both of you follow me to the northern region? Moreover, Ke'er and Si Ling miss you quite a bit."

When Duan Ling Tian came to Fire Worship Sect, he had one companion with him. However, when he left the sect, he had four other companions. Apart from Gan Ru Yan and her master, Qing Huo, the burly middle-aged man who followed Gan Ru Yan tagged along as well.

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While Duan Ling Tian journeyed back to the Seven Absolutes Sect in the northern region, the western region was in an uproar.

"Duan Ling Tian returned to the Fire Worship Sect and defeated Di Chen, a Seven-Clawed Golden Dragon who's also a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Moreover, Di Chen had to kneel and kowtow to apologize to Duan Ling Tian!"

"Duan Ling Tian's strength is comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at the very least. In fact, there's a possibility that he's even stronger than that!"

"The current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is certainly outstanding. He's not inferior to Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, the predecessor of the Fog Rain Progeny!"

It did not take long before this news swept out of the western region to the other parts of the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land like a tornado! It took only half a month before everyone in the Upper Province had heard about this. The reason this news had spread so fast was due to Di Chen being a member of the dragon clan. Many reclusive Bodiless Celestials had also helped spread this news!

"Heavens! The successor of the Fog Rain Progeny, the First Absolute, is really heaven-defying!"

"I didn't expect the dragon clan to have Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are already much stronger than Eminent Celestials. How strong are Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials then?"

"So what if Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are very strong? Di Chen was still defeated by Duan Ling Tian in the end!"

"Duan Ling Tian is really terrifying! Previously, he killed a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect. We've just gotten over the shock from that, but now, we find out he defeated a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan!"

In the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land, similar discussions such as these could be heard everywhere.

“The person that Duan Ling Tian defeated is called Di Chen, right?”

“Based on my knowledge, the surname Di is exclusive to the Imperial Family of the dragon clan!”

“I heard that Di Chen reverted to a Seven-clawed Golden Dragon during his fight with Duan Ling Tian!”

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The Bodiless Celestials in the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land were in an uproar as well.

“Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, managed to make Di Chen kneel and kowtow to him?”

“Monster! He’s a monster!”

“Indeed. Since he had appeared in the Upper Province, his strength had risen to where it’s comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in less than a century! After a few more years, is there anyone in the Dao Martial Saint Land who’ll be able to suppress him?”

“Who knows if anyone is even able to suppress him now? How can we be sure that his strength is only comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? Who’s to say he’s not stronger?”

“You’re right. Previously, when he killed Li Bing, we thought his strength is comparable to a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... Now that he defeated Di Chen, we assumed his strength is comparable to Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. He could be stronger than what we think!”

“Every time there’s a battle, Duan Ling Tian never fails to surprise us. Who knows what his true strength is?”

“Well, he’s the direct successor of Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang after all. Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang managed to kill an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial when he was just an Eminent Celestial. As his successor, Duan Ling Tian will, naturally, be outstanding as well!”

“We really can’t afford to offend Duan Ling Tian!”

Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that the group of Bodiless Celestials in the Upper Province of Dao Martial Saint Land had already regarded him as a tiger and was afraid of him.

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In the 100,000 Towering Mountains in the eastern region. The dragon clan’s estate.

“Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial? We have Bodiless Celestials in our dragon clan?”

“Di Chen... Isn’t he a Grand Elder of our dragon clan about 6,000 years ago? He... he’s still alive? Moreover, he has even become a Bodiless Celestial?”

Chapter 2385 Two Tragic News

“How unexpected! Previously, when I learned about Bodiless Celestials, the thought of our dragon clan having Bodiless Celestials did cross my mind. Who knew our clan really has Bodiless Celestials!”

“Moreover, the Bodiless Celestial from our dragon clan is a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

“However, for some reason, I don’t feel extremely proud or happy that our dragon class has a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial...”

“That’s only natural. Our dragon clan’s Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was forced to kneel and kowtow by the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect. We have our pride so how can we feel happy?”

Many of those from the dragon clan were in an uproar when they learned about the existence of a Bodiless Celestial in their clan. Most of them were angry that Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, had forced their clan’s Bodiless Celestial to kneel and kowtow.

Many of these members from the dragon clan were unaware of the existence of Bodiless Celestials in their clan because the dragon clan was divided into an outer and inner clan. The members from the outer clan were cultivators at or below the Eminent Stage. Let alone the existence of Bodiless Celestials, all of the members from the outer clan, barring a few high-ranking officials, were unaware that the Bodiless Celestials in the clan were segregated into two groups. One group was those Bodiless Celestials from the dragon clan, and the second group was those who were forcefully brought back to the clan.

The dragon clan’s estate was divided into three parts. The first part housed the outer clan, the second part housed the inner clan, and the third part housed the Bodiless Celestials who were forcefully brought back. Based on this, one could see that all the Bodiless Celestials from the dragon clan belonged to the inner clan.

Most people thought the dragon clan only had one patriarch. In truth, there were two patriarchs in the dragon clan. One was the patriarch whom most people knew. He was the outer clan leader and was at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. The second patriarch was the inner clan leader who governed the Bodiless Celestials. Needless to say, the inner clan leader was the true patriarch of the dragon clan.

For generations now, the inner clan leader had always been the strongest in the dragon clan. This world was one that placed great importance on strength and the dragon clan was no exception. Only the strongest Bodiless Celestial in the dragon clans would be able to become the true Patriarch and inner clan leader of the dragon.

Since the news had spread to the outer clan of the dragon clan, it was only natural that the news had also spread to the inner clan. They were all shaken by the news. Many of them began to mock Di Chen for his cowardice.

“Di Chen kneeled and kowtowed to Duan Ling Tian to beg for forgiveness?”

“He’s an embarrassment to the dragon clan!”

“He’s a coward!”

“Di Chen’s reputation would have remained untarnished if he had chosen his dignity over his life. However, since he’s a coward and chose his life, he’ll have to live with this infamy!”

“As Seven-clawed Golden Dragon from the Imperial Family of our dragon clan, Di Chen actually acted in such a manner. He has really humiliated our clan!”

“If I were him, I would’ve committed suicide by banging my head on a wall. How dare he return to the clan!”

“Lower your voice! If the Supreme Elder hears your words, you’ll be punished!”

Although many of the members from the dragon clan mocked Di Chen, they would inevitably fall silent when they remembered Di Chen’s father was the Supreme Elder of the dragon clan. The dragon clan had three Supreme Elders. These three Supreme Elders were the strongest after the inner clan leader of the dragon clan. For this reason, they were given a lot of authority in the clan. They could kill a Bodiless Celestial in the sect and they do not even have to report it to the inner clan leader. How could they not fall silent when they remembered Di Chen’s father was a Supreme Elder?

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In the inner clan. In a courtyard located in a valley with singing birds and fragrant flowers.

This place was the residence of Di Chen, the Seven-clawed Golden Dragon.

In a room behind a courtyard, a man sat cross-legged on a bed as another man stood by the bed, gazing at the former with a somber expression on his face as though he was deep in thoughts.

The man who was sitting on the bed was Di Chen.

The man standing by the bed was a tall and muscular middle-aged man. His brows and features looked similar to Di Chen. It was as though he and Di Chen were carved out of the same mold. If the other members from the dragon clan were around, they would recognize this man as Di Huan, the Supreme Elder of the dragon clan.

“Father, no!” Di Chen who was sitting on the bed was ashen-faced as he said, “This enmity... I truly can’t let go of it! The only way to resolve this is if Duan Ling Tian dies!” A hint of unwillingness could be heard in his voice, and his eyes were cold

“Duan Ling Tian!” Di Huan’s eyes flashed with killing intent when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s name. A great force swept out from his body, causing the furniture in the bedroom to move.

“Father, you have to help me kill him! I want him dead! I want him dead!” Di Chen pleaded as he looked at Di Huan hopefully. If Duan Ling Tian did not die, his heart would not be at ease, and the obsession and demons in his heart would only grow stronger.

Di Huan’s eyes flashed viciously. After a while, he said hesitantly, “Chen’er, father knows that you hate Duan Ling Tian... However, a few years ago, our patriarch has already asked Elder An to investigate if Duan Ling Tian is a Nine-clawed Dragon Warrior. I want to kill him to help you vent your anger, but I’m

afraid the patriarch..." He did not finish his sentence since he knew his son understood what he wanted to say.

"Father!" Di Chen cried out anxiously, "Six months! I have six months left before I have to face the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation! I'll certainly die if I don't get rid of this obsession and demons in my heart! Father, are you going to watch me get killed by the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation?" He had a stubborn expression on his face as he continued to say, "The patriarch hasn't even confirmed if Duan Ling Tian is a Nine-Clawed Dragon Warrior... Even if you kill him now, the patriarch wouldn't do anything to you! There's no reason for the patriarch to punish you at all for this!"

Di Huan's eyes brightened like stars in the sky when he heard Di Chen's words. His son's words were reasonable. Since the patriarch was not even sure if Duan Ling Tian was a Nine-Clawed Dragon Warrior, it did not matter if he killed Duan Ling Tian. He could kill Duan Ling Tian and destroy his corpse first. Even if the patriarch found out about it later, there was nothing the patriarch could do. After all, he was only avenging his son.

"It's true that those who are involved can't see the big picture..." Di Huan muttered to himself. He had been hesitating earlier due to his fear of the patriarch. Although he was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and one of the strongest powerhouses in the dragon clan, the patriarch could kill him easily. For this reason, he did not dare to go against the patriarch's wishes. If he killed Duan Ling Tian, it could be considered as going against the patriarch's will. However, Di Chen's words had enlightened him.

"Chen'er, I'll leave the dragon clan to look for Duan Ling Tian now. I'll kill him to seek revenge for you!" Di Huan said as he looked at Di Chen affectionately.

"Father!" Di Chen's eyes lit up immediately. Even in his joy, he did not forget to remind his father solemnly, "Father, when I fought with Duan Ling Tian, the strength he displayed is comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. I'm not sure if he's as strong as a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

"I've already thought about this," Di Huan said, "I plan to invite your Uncle Zhou and Uncle Qin to come along with me to seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian! Unless Duan Ling Tian's as strong as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, he'll definitely die! It's, naturally, impossible for him to be as strong as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang..."

Di Huan continued to say, "I'm sure you've read the record that's handed down from the ancestor of the dragon clan. At that time, not only was Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang able to kill an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but he was also a match for a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial even though he was just an Eminent Celestial. This is because he had a fortuitous encounter when he entered an Otherworldly Secret Zone!"

"Uncle Qin?" Di Chen's eyes brightened. The Uncle Qin his father mentioned was even stronger than his father. He was an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He burst out laughing.

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After a month.

On an unknown snow-capped mountain in the northern region.

On this day, The Seven Absolutes Sect's temporary estate welcomed back the Nangong twins, the successors of the Didymus Progeny, and Han Xue Nai, the successor of the Red Dust Progeny. It was supposed to be a day where Duan Ling Tian would be able to meet his old friends.

However, Han Xue Nai brought back tragic news with her; Gu Li and the Yue Wu Ying, the successors of the Kratos Progeny and the Dark Shadow Progeny, the Third and Fourth Absolutes respectively, were dead.

Chapter 2386 Anger

"How's this possible?" When the Old Prophet heard that the successors of the Kratos Progeny and the Dark Shadow Progeny had died, his face became pale and his eyes became dull. After he had set up the Six Absolutes Heaven Defying Fate Changing Grand Formation and the successors went into it, he could no longer clearly divine their fates. However, he did not expect that two of the successors would die just when all the current successors of the Seven Absolutes Sect were about to gather. How was it possible now?

Tears streamed down Han Xue Nai's face again. Her eyes were swollen and red as she said, "Senior Uncle Prophet... M-my master is dead well!"

"What?" The Old Prophet trembled when he heard Han Xue Nai's words. His eyes flashed fiercely as he asked in a low voice, "What happened actually? How did your master die?" He had already found the deaths of Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying unacceptable, and now, he received another blow again when he found out that Han Xue Nai's master had died as well.

"Who did it? Is it the people from the Black Kshetra Sect or the Heaven Divination Sect?" The Old Prophet asked. His eyes were filled with anger when he spoke.

"I don't know..." Han Xue Nai replied in anguish, "Before my master died, she sent me a message to inform me about Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying's deaths. Apart from that, she also asked me to remind Brother Ling Tian to be careful... It seems like the person who killed my master is searching for Brother Ling Tian. She was killed because she refused to disclose Brother Ling Tian's location... Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying were also killed by this person. My master said she wasn't sure about the person's background, but he's an extremely strong Bodiless Celestial." At this point, her legs weakened and she slumped to the ground.

"Xue Nai!"

"Xue Nai!"

Two peerlessly beautiful ladies with graceful figures cried out in unison and flew forward to support Han Xue Nai. These two ladies were none other than Ke'er and Feng Tian Wu.

Duan Ling Tian was present as well, he had been silently listening as Han Xue Nai recounted what had happened. At this moment, he finally spoke up, "Since he's a Bodiless Celestial, I'm certain this matter has nothing to do with the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect..." He knew very well that there were no Bodiless Celestials in the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect. His eyes were lit with anger as he said through gritted teeth, "Since that person's looking for me... It can only be those people!"

An expression of confusion appeared on the Old Prophet's face. "Those people?"

"Master, are you saying that person is from the dragon clan?" Chen Yi Ru who was standing at the side could not help but ask after he heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Apart from them, who else can it be?" The flames of anger in Duan Ling Tian's eyes intensified to the point where it seemed it could burn everything into ashes. How could he not be angry? He had a close relationship with his senior brother, Gu Li, and there was no doubt Gu Li had died because of him. As for Yue Wu Ying and Han Xue Nai's master, the former successor of the Red Dust Progeny, although he was not close to them, they were still members of the Seven Absolutes Sect after all. He found it difficult to suppress the rage in his heart when he thought about how these people had died because of him!

Everyone present widened their eyes in shock when they heard this. "Dragon clan?"

Although not all of them knew that the three great sects had the support of the dragon and phoenix clans, all of them knew that the dragon clan had Bodiless Celestials. When word about Di Chen, a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan, was forced to kneel and kowtow to the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, it had inadvertently revealed the existence of Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan. Moreover, many people had heard Di Chen's threatening words about his father to Duan Ling Tian in the Fire Worship Sect. For this reason, many people knew there was also a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the dragon clan!

"You're saying the person who killed Xue Nai's master, Gu Li, and Yue Wu Ying is from the dragon clan? They did it because of Di Chen, and they were killed because they refused to reveal your location?" Although the Old Prophet's cultivation base was not as high as the others, he had much more experience compared to them. Therefore, it was not difficult for him to figure out what happened.

"Although I'm not completely certain, I'm more than 90% certain that three deaths are related to the Di Chen and the dragon clan!" Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes flashed coldly, "They must have been killed by Di Chen or his father. I think it's more likely that it's his father since Di Chen knows he's no match for me so he won't dare to act so arrogantly and look for me."

"Brother Ling Tian!" Han Xue Nai looked at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that were filled with pain, but a hopeful expression could be seen on her face as well. "Please avenge my master on my behalf! Please!" As she spoke, tears of grief streamed down her face again.

Duan Ling Tian's heart ached when he saw the state Han Xue Nai was in. He recalled when he first met Han Xue Nai, she was just a carefree young girl. However, now she had experienced pain akin to losing her parents. His heart burned with flames of rage when he thought about all this. He muttered under his breath, "Dragon clan... I won't forget this enmity between us!" He had decided to avenge the three people not only because he was close to one of them, but also because of his identity as the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. These people were members of the Seven Absolutes Sect, and he would not let their deaths go unavenged. Even if the dragon clan was dangerous territory, he would still tread on it. As much as he wanted to charge into the dragon clan and slaughter everyone now, he knew it was not wise. It was only akin to committing suicide. Let alone those powerhouses who were stronger than

Di Chen's father who might be Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, he was currently not even a match for Di Chen's father.

"Senior Uncle Old Prophet," Duan Ling Tian looked at the Old Prophet and said in a low voice, "I wanted to enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone now... Please give me the key to the Sword Saint Secret Zone!" The Sword Saint Secret Zone was his best chance to raise his strength if he wanted to avenge Gu Li and the other two. Even if he managed to comprehend the fifth stage of the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method's Sovereign Heart Sword, which was also the highest stage, his strength would only be comparable to a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Let alone an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, it would still be difficult for him to kill a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

Based on the Old Prophet's words, as long as he entered the Sword Saint Secret Zone and obtained the second part of Feng Qing Yang's legacy, he would be able to become as strong as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang. During his time, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang could even kill an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and his strength was comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial even though he was only an Eminent Celestial!

'At that time, Senior Feng Qing Yang didn't even have the help of the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. Even Senior Uncle Prophet didn't expect me to be as strong as a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial just by comprehending the fourth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword! This means I don't have to worry even if I'm not as strong as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang even after I obtained the second legacy. If I use the Elementary Devouring Tactic, I'll still be as strong or stronger than Senior Feng Qing Yang. At that time, I might even be able to kill a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!' These thoughts appeared in Duan Ling Tian's mind, making him eager to enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone. If he was lucky, after he exited the Sword Saint Secret Zone, he would be able to destroy the dragon clan effortlessly.

After the Old Prophet heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he hesitated for a moment before he implored, "Please wait for another three months... After three months, if that little girl hasn't come back, we don't have to wait for her anymore. I'll give you the key at that time and all of you can enter at that time!" Naturally, the little girl he mentioned was his direct disciple, the current successor of the Prophet Progeny!

2387 The Successor of the Prophet Progeny Attacked Again

"Gu Li, the successor of the Kratos Progeny, the Third Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is dead!"

"Yue Wu Ying, the successor of the Dark Shadow Progeny, the Fourth Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is dead as well!"

This news spread in the Dao Martial Saint Land, causing a huge commotion like an earthquake that could shake heaven and earth!

"Heavens! There are only eight people in the current generation of the Seven Absolutes Sect, but now two of them are dead?"

"Who did it? Isn't he afraid of Duan Ling Tian seeking revenge from him?"

"Could he be someone from the three great sects?"

“That’s possible! Since there is a Bodiless Celestial in the Fire Worship Sect, I don’t believe the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect have none... Furthermore, even the dragon clan that’s slightly weaker than the three great sects has a Five and Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.”

“Well, if the three great sects have Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, they don’t have to fear Duan Ling Tian.

Similar discussions could be heard everywhere in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Naturally, none of these people were Bodiless Celestials. After all, those Bodiless Celestials were aware that the three great sects could not compare to the dragon clan and there were no Bodiless Celestials in the three great sects. They were also aware that Li Bing, the supposed Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the Fire Worship Sect, was only able to secretly return to the Fire Worship Sect because the dragon clan had sent him out on a mission. How unfortunate that he was slain by the Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“The culprit has to be from the dragon clan!”

“A month ago, when we heard about Duan Ling Tian forcing Di Chen, the Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan, to kneel and kowtow, I already knew Duan Ling Tian and the Seven Absolutes Sect would meet with a disaster. The dragon clan placed great importance on dignity after all.”

“Me too. It seems like we’re right. The Seven Absolutes Sect has indeed met with a disaster!”

“Tsk tsk... The Seven Absolutes Sect is over now that the successors of the Third and Fourth Absolutes are dead. I’m afraid Duan Ling Tian must be boiling in anger now.”

“So what if he’s boiling with anger? There’s nothing he can do unless he has the strength to overpower the dragon clan.”

“It’s not easy to suppress the entire dragon clan! It’s said that the inner clan leader, the real Patriarch of the dragon clan, is still alive. I’m afraid there’s no one in the Upper Province who’s a match for him.”

The Bodiless Celestials could not help but discuss this among themselves. Naturally, they were more knowledgeable compared to most people in the Upper Province.

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In the Heaven Divination Sect.

“The successors of the Third and Fourth Absolutes of the Seven Absolutes Sect are dead? Moreover, people are saying we’re the culprit?” Mo Xuan, the Great Oracle of Heaven Divination Sect, was baffled when he heard the rumors. It did not take long before fear and panic rose in his heart. “Would Duan Ling Tian believe that rumor?”

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In the Black Kshetra Sect.

“There are rumors going around that our Black Kshetra Sect is stronger than the dragon clan and we have a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?” When Lang Qian Jing, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, heard the rumors circulating outside, he almost vomited blood from anger.

“How could I not know if my sect has a Bodiless Celestial? Moreover, I used to think our sect is stronger than the dragon clan, but that’s clearly not the case. They have more than one Bodiless Celestials in their clan! If they decide to deal with us, I’m afraid there’s nothing we can do but to raise a white flag!”

After a while, panic rose in Lang Qian Jin’s heart as well. “W-would Duan Ling Tian be stupid enough to believe those rumors? Would he think our Black Kshetra Sect killed Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying?”

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Mo Xuan, the Great Oracle of the Heaven Divination Sect, and Lang Qian Jin, the Supreme Elder of Black Kshetra Sect, did not waste any time and quickly made an announcement to the entire Dao Martial Saint Land.

The Heaven Divination Sect announced that they would no longer provoke the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect. Whenever members of the sects met a member of the Seven Absolutes Sect, they had to avoid them!

The Black Kshetra Sect announced that they had decided to let go of the enmity between their sect and the Seven Absolutes Sect. Moreover, if the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, Duan Ling Tian, was amenable to it, they would present a large amount of quasi Celestial-grade Saint Stone to the Seven Absolutes Sect as compensation!

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When the people from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land heard the announcements, they were, naturally, shocked.

“Does this mean our previous theory is wrong? The Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect actually have nothing to do with Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying’s deaths?”

“Then... Could it be someone from the Fire Worship Sect?”

“That’s impossible. Since Gan Ru Yan, the Sect Leader of the Fire Worship Sect, has left, they haven’t even appointed a new sect leader. Moreover, they did not revoke the rules Gan Ru Yan made about not antagonizing the Seven Absolutes Sect.”

“Then, there’s only one possibility left... The dragon clan has something to do with Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying’s deaths! It’s very likely that it’s due to that incident a month ago where their clan’s Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, Di Chen, was humiliated by Duan Ling Tian.”

“That should be the case.”

Since the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect had made the announcements, the people from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land began to shift their focus to the dragon clan. After all, it seemed like the dragon clan had reasons for killing members of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

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At the same time, many Bodiless Celestials were also discussing this matter.

“Those people aren’t stupid since they managed to figure out the culprit is the dragon clan.”

“Based on how cowardly the Black Kshetra Sect and the Heaven Divination Sect are acting, they would be real pig-heads if they still can’t guess the answer!”

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In the eastern region where the 100,000 Towering Mountains were located.

In the inner clan of the dragon clan.

Di Chen had an anxious expression on his face as he asked, “Father, how did the matter turn so serious? With the way things are, I’m afraid Lord Patriarch must have already found out that the deaths of the two successors of the Third and Fourth Absolutes from the Seven Absolutes Sect are related to us! If he’s to intervene at this time, how are we going to kill Duan Ling Tian?” He was not worried the patriarch would give his father trouble over the deaths of the members from the Seven Absolutes Sect. After all, his father had a high status in the dragon as a Supreme Elder. He was only afraid that the patriarch would find out that they intended to kill Duan Ling Tian and would stop them before he could verify if Duan Ling Tian was a Nine-Clawed Dragon Warrior!

If the patriarch really gave an order to stop them from killing Duan Ling Tian, they could no longer act recklessly. His father would incur the patriarch’s wrath if he blatantly disobeyed the patriarch’s order. At that time, there was no doubt the patriarch would kill his father as a show of power.

“I didn’t expect the two members of the Seven Absolutes Sect would be so stubborn. They’d rather die than disclose Duan Ling Tian’s whereabouts. Even the former successor of the Red Dust Progeny was the same!” Di Huan furrowed his brows as well when he spoke about this matter. It seemed like things had become trickier now. He somewhat regretted killing the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect now.

At that time, Di Huan had only wanted to discover Duan Ling Tian’s whereabouts. However, the two members of the Seven Absolutes Sect had enraged him with their disobedience. Therefore, he had killed them in a fit of rage. After all, Di Huan was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. The two members of the Seven Absolutes Sect were like ants compared to him. Who knew the matter would blow up into this proportion where it might even catch the patriarch’s attention?

“Hmm?” All of a sudden, Di Huan seemed to have discovered something. He quickly took out a jade token. A faint streak of light flew from the distance and fused with the jade token in his hand. The jade token flickered for a few moments before the light gradually disappeared.

Di Huan quickly crushed the jade token in his hand.

A voice rang out in the air immediately.

“Supreme Elder, our outer clan leader has been killed by the successor of the Prophet Progeny using the Heaven Defying Art of Cursing. The outer clan has fallen into chaos now!”

When Di Chen and Di Huan heard this, they were stunned! They were furious when they regained their senses.

“How bold of the Seven Absolutes Sect!”

“How dare they kill our outer clan leader? Is the Seven Absolutes Sect not afraid of the retribution from our patriarch?”

The outer clan leader or the patriarch of the outer clan was merely the public face of the dragon clan. He was not even an Eminent Celestial, and usually, he would not even appear on their radar. When the outer clan leader met them, he even had to respectfully address them as ancestors. Nevertheless, the father and son were still enraged when they learned of his death. After all, he was the public face of the dragon clan even if his cultivation base was not very high. Killing the spokesperson of the dragon clan was like giving the dragon clan a slap in the face!

2388 The Return Of The Old Prophet's Successor

“The Clan Leader of the dragon clan is dead!”

“The current successor of the Prophet Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect killed him with the Heaven Defying Art of Cursing!”

If this was in the past, the death of the clan leader of the dragon clan might not have caused such a huge commotion. However, people from the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land were already made aware of the fact that the dragon clan was much more powerful than the three great sects. Not only did the dragon clan have Bodiless Celestials, but all the Bodiless Celestials in their clan were extremely powerful. They even had Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials!

Regardless, it seemed like the dragon clan was not afraid of the Seven Absolutes Sect. After all, previously, they had killed two successors of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

“The people from Seven Absolutes Sect are too bold! She actually dared to kill the clan leader of the dragon clan with a curse!”

“That aside, don't you think it's strange? The dragon clan has Seven Tribulation Celestials and the clan leader should be quite strong as well... How did he get killed by the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, the Second Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect?”

“Yes, I find it strange as well. Is it possible that the clan leader is not a Bodiless Celestial?”

Although people from the Upper Province were shocked to learn that the Clan Leader of the dragon clan had been killed by the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, they found the matter slightly strange. It did not take long before they were given answers. It seemed like this new information was spread by the dragon clan!

“As it turns out, the clan leader who was killed was only the leader of the outer clan. In a way, he's just the public face of the dragon clan. His cultivation base was only at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!!”

“I heard there's another clan leader for the inner clan!”

“That’s right. The inner clan leader is apparently the strongest powerhouse in the dragon clan. Even Di Chen’s father who’s a Seven Tribulation Powerhouse is nothing compared to him!”

This news that was intentionally spread by the dragon clan, naturally, caused a stir in the Upper Province again. How could people not be surprised that there were two clan leaders in the dragon clan? Moreover, the cultivation base of the clan leader who was killed was only at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage? He was just the public face for the dragon clan? Everyone was also curious about the other clan leader of the dragon clan.

“Then, does this mean the inner clan leader is an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

“Heavens! The dragon clan actually has an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! After Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are the strongest in the mundane realms! Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are extremely rare. Who knows if we even have any in the Dao Martial Saint Land? If we have none, that means Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are the strongest in the Dao Martial Saint Land.”

“That’s right. Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials are extremely rare. I think it’s unlikely that there’s any in the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

The majority of the people in the Dao Martial Saint Land did not believe that Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials existed.

People were still in shock when the dragon clan made a shocking announcement.

“From this day onward, the dragon clan and the Seven Absolutes Sect are mortal enemies that will fight to the death. Anyone who can provide information about the locations of the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect will be handsomely rewarded!”

This announcement, naturally, caused a great commotion in the Upper Province again. Everyone could tell the dragon clan was truly enraged based on the announcement they made.

“Well, I can understand why they’re angry. Although the outer clan leader of the dragon clan was not outstanding compared to the rest of the Bodiless Celestials in the dragon clan, he was still the public face of the dragon clan. For the current successor of the Prophet Progeny from the Seven Absolutes Sect to kill him, it’s akin to slapping the face of the dragon clan!”

“You’re right! It’s definitely a humiliation to the dragon clan! This is the only way they can cleanse themselves of this humiliation. They have to destroy the Seven Absolutes Sect to regain their dignity!”

There were some people who felt the Seven Absolutes Sect would be in danger now. “It seems like the Seven Absolutes Sect is about to go through difficult times!”

Naturally, there were also people who disagreed. “The Seven Absolutes Sect is going to have difficult times? I don’t think so. Don’t forget that Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, is no ordinary man!”

“That’s right. Although Duan Ling Tian has only shown that his strength is comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, who’s to say that is his true strength? He may very well be stronger than that. After

all, in the past, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang managed to kill an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial even though he was just an Eminent Celestial at that time.”

“Duan Ling Tian is Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang’s successor. Even if he’s not as powerful as Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang, I believe the gap in strength is not that wide... Perhaps, there are only a few people in the dragon clan who are capable of killing him!”

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The 100,000 Towering Mountains in the eastern region. In the dragon clan’s estate.

Di Chen had a worried expression on his face as he said to Di Huan, “Father, the clan leader has yet to complete his closed-door cultivation. When the clan leader comes out of his closed-door cultivation, won’t he blame you for publicly announcing the dragon clan’s war against the Seven Absolutes Sect in such a rush?”

“Chen’er, don’t worry.” Di Huan shook his head with a smile. His eyes flashed coldly as he said, “It doesn’t matter if the clan leader is in closed-door cultivation. If he’s here, he won’t let the Seven Absolutes Sect off as well! Moreover, I have Elder Monk’s approval. Before Lord Clan Leader entered closed-door cultivation, he said that as long as I have the approval of two out three Supreme Elders in the clan, I can act as I see fit.” A hint of cunning could be seen in the depths of Di Huan’s eyes when he reached the end of his sentence.

“That’s brilliant, father!” Di Chen’s eyes brightened when he heard his father’s words. The worried expression on his face was instantly replaced by a joyful smile. “In a way, we have the current successor of the Prophet Progeny to thank for this. If not for her, our clan would not be able to openly oppose the Seven Absolutes Sect!” His smile grew wider and wider as he spoke.

“It’s true. We have that little girl to thank for this. However, since she’s able to kill the outer clan leader with the Heaven Defying Art of Cursing, we can’t underestimate her. You should know the outer clan leader was not an ordinary powerhouse at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. He had almost completely comprehended heaven and earth and was only a step away from undergoing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation,” Di Huan said.

“So what? She’s just a little girl who’s not even an Eminent Celestial!” Di Chen said contemptuously, “There’s no need for us to worry even if she becomes an Eminent Celestial. Let alone Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, she probably couldn’t even deal with a mere Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! We should just focus our attention on the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny!”

Di Chen’s eyes narrowed when he recalled how Duan Ling Tian had humiliated him. The humiliation was so bad that he did not even want to leave his cultivation place. If he were to go out now, there was no doubt that even the members of the dragon clan would look at him peculiarly. After all, when he kneeled and kowtowed to Duan Ling Tian, not only did he humiliate himself, but he had humiliated the dragon clan as well. It was only natural that those in the dragon clan thought he was a disgrace!

Di Chen was the only son of Di Huan, the Supreme Elder of the dragon clan. Although he was not the most powerful, not many people dared to cross him. All of them were very respectful to him. However, currently, he had been reduced to hiding in his cultivation place! How could he accept this?

Di Chen's eyes burned with rage. 'This is all Duan Ling Tian's fault! If it's not because of him, I won't be reduced to this state!' His hatred for Duan Ling Tian continued to grow and grow when he thought about it.

"Chen'er..." Di Huan called out when he noticed something seemed to be amiss with Di Chen. He knew an obsession had formed in his son's heart due to this incident. He was determined to find Duan Ling Tian in the next three months to kill him before his son had to undergo the Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. If his son did not untie this knot in his heart before the tribulation, he might not be able to successfully overcome the tribulation. A sense of urgency overcame him when he thought about this that he instantly left the dragon clan after bidding farewell to Di Chen.

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In the northern region where there were many snow-capped mountains.

Duan Ling Tian and the others were welcoming the return of the current successor of the Prophet Progeny.

This was Duan Ling Tian's first time meeting the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, the Second Absolute of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

The current successor of the Prophet Progeny was a woman who was dressed in an all-white robe. Her aura was so extraordinary that everything in the surroundings seemed to dim in comparison. Her long hair hung loosely to her waist like a waterfall. Her face was hidden behind a white veil, but it was not difficult to imagine that she was certainly a peerless beauty based on the lower half of her face that was exposed. As she stood there emitting a cold aura, she seemed like a snow goddess who had descended on earth.

After a while, this white-clad woman with a veil on her face turned to the Old Prophet and said, "Master, I'm back."

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"It's good that you've returned!" A smile that had not been seen for a long time appeared on the Old Prophet's face when he saw his disciple had returned safely. He sighed in relief. He was aware of what his direct disciple had done in the dragon clan. Although his direct disciple had done it to help him vent his anger, he knew how risky it was. After all, the dragon clan was one of the two strongest forces in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

After a while, the Old Prophet opened his mouth to introduce Duan Ling Tian, the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny and the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, to his direct disciple. "Yi Yi, he..."

Before the Old Prophet could finish his sentence, Mu Yi Yi, his direct disciple and the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, cried out, "Duan Ling Tian!" It was obvious that she was familiar with him.

However, Duan Ling Tian failed to respond to Mu Yi Yi since he was stunned. Earlier, he had sensed a familiar aura before she had appeared even though it was really faint. However, as much as he tried, he could not remember who the aura belonged to.

'It seems like she has ten different auras, including one of the aura that I'm familiar with... I wonder where I've felt it before.' As an Eminent Celestial, Duan Ling Tian's soul was inferior to Bodiless Celestials. However, he was still far superior compared to the current successor of the Prophet Progeny. For that reason, he was able to easily use his Divine Consciousness to probe the ten auras. He could clearly sense nine different auras that were twined around one aura, which was also the strongest aura. It was like a myriad of stars surrounding the moon. The aura he was familiar with was one of the nine faint auras, whereas the strongest aura clearly belonged to the current successor of the Prophet Progeny. He came to the conclusion that her aura's unique condition had something to do with her cultivation method.

At this moment, Han Xue Nai made her way to Duan Ling Tian's side and tugged on his sleeve to remind him. "Brother Ling Tian, junior sister Yi Yi just greeted you."

A hint of admiration could be seen in Han Xue Nai's eyes when she looked at Mu Yi Yi, the current successor of the Prophet Progeny. It was as though she was looking at her idol.

Upon hearing Han Xue Nai's words, Duan Ling Tian regained his senses immediately. He looked at Mu Yi Yi and said, "I'm sorry, junior sister Yi Yi... I was distracted for a moment because your aura feels rather familiar..."

Before Mu Yi Yi had returned, the Old Prophet had spoken about her countless times to Duan Ling Tian. He knew that she was a one in a million Heaven Defying Dao Cultivator. She was so powerful that she was only second to him among all the successors of the Absolutes in the Seven Absolutes Sect. He had heard about her assassinating the clan leader of the dragon clan. He felt as though she had helped him vent some of his anger, therefore, he had a favorable impression of her even before they had met.

Mu Yi Yi did not seem displeased that Duan Ling Tian was distracted earlier. Instead, she asked a question that stunned him. "Do you remember where you've sensed my aura before?"

Where did he sense her aura before?

It took a moment before Duan Ling Tian recalled where he had sensed her aura before. He had sensed this aura when he was in Clarity City that was located at the edge of the western region. He had stayed in Clarity City before he made his way to Sin City in the central region. One of the auras belonged to Qiu Mu Qing, the Eldest Lady of the Qiu Clan! He had helped her resolve a problem when he was in Clarity City. That was how they had become acquainted. Later on, he discovered that she seemed to have fallen for him. However, she was only a passerby in his eyes. At that time, he did not think they would meet again. Who knew after all these years, he would encounter Qiu Mu Qing's aura in Mu Yi Yi, the successor of the Prophet Progeny. Many of his memories from when he was in Clarity City came rushing back to him at this moment.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian answered solemnly, "I remember I came across this aura when I was in Clarity City. It belongs to a girl called Qiu Mu Qing." When he finished speaking, he saw a hint of joy flitted through Mu Yi Yi's eyes. He was puzzled by this.

After a while, Mu Yi Yi sighed softly. Her icy cold aura seemed to have faded as she said, "If she were to find out that you haven't forgotten her, she would definitely be very happy..."

"What do you mean?" Duan Ling Tian could feel something was amiss based on Mu Yi Yi's words. He asked solemnly, "What... what happened to her?" Although he had considered her as just a passerby in his life, he still considered her as a friend after spending those few days with her. Hence, he felt slightly worried when he heard Mu Yi Yi's words that seemed to indicate something had happened to Qiu Mu Qing.

"She and a few people with her were killed by a b*stard for perverted reasons when they were making their way to the Fire Worship Sect... She was particularly unlucky since her scattered soul was infected by Ruthless Qi at the time of her death. When her soul gathered again, it lingered for three days and three nights," Mu Yi Yi explained slowly.

Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes immediately when he heard Mu Yi Yi's words. A hint of ferocity could be seen flashing in his eyes. He asked in a hoarse voice, "Do you know who's the culprit?"

"A young man..." Mu Yi Yi said with a sigh.

Killing intent flashed in Duan Ling Tian's eyes as his body began to emit an aura that was much colder than Mu Yi Yi's aura. His cold aura faded a little as he asked, "Is that person stronger than you?"

Since Mu Yi Yi had recounted everything so vividly, Duan Ling Tian was under the impression that she was present and had witnessed the tragic event as well. He thought the culprit had to be stronger than Mu Yi Yi. Otherwise, she would have definitely helped Qiu Mu Qing. She was the Old Prophet's successor after all, she did not seem like the type of person who would sit back and watch when someone was in need.

Mu Yi Yi sighed as she said, "The truth is I learned about what happened to Qiu Mu Qing after absorbing Qiu Mu Qing's soul that was about to vanish after lingering for three days and three nights. I gained this information from some of her remaining memories..."

"You absorbed her soul?" Duan Ling Tian frowned.

At this moment, the Old Prophet spoke up, "It's compulsory for the successor of the Prophet Progeny to do this in order to cultivate to become a Heaven Defying Tao Cultivator. One of the requirements to become the successor of the Prophet Progeny is to search for and absorb nine remnant souls that are infected by Ruthless Qi. This is the only way to become a Heaven Defying Tao Cultivator and cultivate the Heaven Defying Art of Cursing. Naturally, the successor isn't allowed to kill just to harvest the souls. Even if they did, they would not be able to absorb the souls since the souls would reject them."

Duan Ling Tian felt enlightened after listening to the Old Prophet's explanation. Previously, he was astonished when he first learned about the Heaven Defying Art of Cursing that was cultivated by Heaven Defying Tao Cultivators. It truly lived up to its name for being so heaven-defying. The killing method was

so terrifying that it could send chills running up one's spine. He had questioned the existence of such a heaven-defying technique, but he did not expect that one would have to go through such an arduous process just to become a Heaven Defying Tao Cultivator.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian looked at Mu Yi Yi with eyes that burned with rage as he asked, "Do you still remember what the culprit looks like?"

Duan Ling Tian did not even finish speaking when Mu Yi Yi had already taken out a portrait. "This is the portrait of the person I saw in her memories... I've been searching for this person as well over the years, but I don't have any leads."

The nine souls that were infected with Ruthless Qi were violently killed. Mu Yi Yi had already found eight of those people who had murdered the souls she had absorbed. The only one she had yet to find was Qiu Mu Qing's murderer.

Duan Ling Tian studied the portrait in Mu Yi Yi's hand. It was a portrait of a young man with average body size. His features were strangely twisted, giving him a sinister air.

Someone gasped before crying out, "It's him!"

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, turned to the source of the voice. The person who had spoken was none other than Chen Yi Ru, the Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened as he asked, "San Dao...do you know him?" Initially, when he heard Mu Yi Yi said she could not find the man even after all these years, he felt disheartened since he knew looking for the man now would be like fishing for a needle in the ocean. However, who knew Chen Yi Ru would recognize the man in the portrait?

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"Yes, master." Chen Yi Ru nodded immediately when he heard Duan Ling Tian's question.

"Who's he?" Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes flashed coldly.

"His name is Ding Yi Jian. He's a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial just like me!" Chen Yi Ru said, "This person's biggest vice is women. He's always trying to take possession of every beautiful woman he meets. Thirty years ago, I couldn't tolerate his behavior anymore so I fought him. However, our fight ended in a draw!"

"As it turns out he's a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial." Realization dawned on Mu Yi Yi at this moment. "No wonder I couldn't find any clues related to him..." It made sense now why she could not find the culprit even with the wide information network from the successor of the Red Dust Progeny. After all, as wide as the Red Dust Progeny's information network was, it did not reach as deep as the circles of the Bodiless Celestials in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

"Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes turned even colder at this moment. He asked, "Do you know where he usually stays?"

“Allow me to calculate the time... His next Bodiless Celestial Tribulation is less than a hundred years from now. Currently, he should be cultivating in his cultivation place as he waits for his Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. Coincidentally, his cultivation place is located in the northern region as well!”

“Take me there!” Duan Ling Tian said. Killing intent could be seen flashing in his eyes.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised to hear that Ding Yi Jian’s cultivation place was in the northern region. After all, Chen Yi Ru had previously told him that many Bodiless Celestials lived in seclusion in the northern region. Even the powerhouse Nie Wu Tian who was ranked first in the Supreme Saint Ranking lived in seclusion in the northern region while waiting for his ascension to the Devata Realm.

“Yes, master,” Chen Yi Ru answered respectfully.

Duan Ling Tian turned to the Old Prophet and said, “Uncle Old Prophet, I’d like to seek revenge for my friend before I enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone!” Earlier, he and the Old Prophet agreed that he would enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone as soon as his direct disciple, the current successor of the Prophet Progeny, returned to the Seven Absolutes Sect. However, it seemed like he would have to postpone his entrance to the Sword Saint Zone for the time being.

“Go ahead.” The Old Prophet nodded. He understood Duan Ling Tian’s feelings so he did not try to stop him.

After that, Duan Ling Tian bade farewell to Ke’er, Duan Si Ling, Feng Tian Wu, and the others before he left the snow-capped mountains with Chen Yi Ru and made their way to the north of the northern region.

The northern region snowed all year long, but the land north of the northern region was so cold that it had turned into glaciers. The land seemed like crystals from afar and the falling snow made it look like an ice land.

“There are quite a few people here...” Duan Ling Tian said when he saw human figures along the way to the north of the northern region. However, most of these people were only Saint Celestial Stage cultivators. He continued to mutter under his breath, “Up until now, I’ve already detected more than a dozen cultivators at and above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. If these people come out of seclusion, there would probably be a huge change on the Supreme Saint Ranking!”

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian knew that ever since the existence of Bodiless Celestials had been revealed, the Supreme Saint Ranking had lost much of its credibility. Nowadays, not many people would speak about the Supreme Saint Ranking. Even when they talked about it, their words were only filled with criticism or requests to include the Bodiless Celestials in the Dao Martial Saint Land.

After a while, Chen Yi Ru’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears, causing him to snap back to his senses. “Master, the land ahead is one of the spots where many Bodiless Celestials gather in the northern region.”

Duan Ling Tian saw many spacious mansions among the glaciers. A light shield shrouded the mansions and seemed to repel the snowflakes.

“This is Ding Yi Jian’s cultivation place!” Chen Yi Ru finally said.

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes flashed viciously as he asked, “Which one is it?”

“It’s here.” Chen Yi Ru flew to the sky above the mansions and pointed at one of the mansions.

“Have a look and tell me if he’s in there,” Duan Ling Tian said. A hint of anticipation could be heard in his voice as though he could not wait to deal with Ding Yi Jian.

Since Duan Ling Tian was an Eminent Celestial, it was not wise for him to use his Divine Consciousness to detect a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. If the other person used his Divine Consciousness to attack him, he would be severely injured. For this reason, he asked Chen Yi Ru to check if Ding Yi Jian was in the mansion.

“Yes, master,” Chen Yi Ru replied respectfully before he extended his Divine Consciousness into one of the spacious mansions.

“Elementary Devouring Technique!” Duan Ling Tian did not stay idle while Chen Yi Ru tried to determine if Ding Yi Jian was in the mansion. He cast his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, to devour the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. In just a blink of an eye, he completely absorbed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the surroundings.

All the reclusive cultivators who were cultivating were shocked, their cultivation interrupted. Since the area of effect of the Elementary Devouring Tactic was very wide, even the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy further away had been absorbed by Duan Ling Tian. All of them were baffled. The lack of Heaven and Spirit Energy, naturally, hindered their cultivation.

“What happened? Why did Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy suddenly disappear?”

“What happened? Why is the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy so thin all of a sudden?”

“Sh*t! What’s happening?”

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Meanwhile, Chen Yi Ru withdrew his Divine Consciousness from one of the mansions and said, “Master, Ding Yi Jian is in the mansion!”

As soon as Chen Yi Ru finished speaking, a thunderous voice boomed in the air. “Chen Yi Ru!” A figure shot out of the mansion and flew into the sky before stopping near Duan Ling Tian and Chen Yi Ru.

Duan Ling Tian’s killing intent intensified when he saw the person who had arrived before him. This person was none other than the young man from Mu Yi Yi’s portrait. This was the man who had mercilessly killed Qiu Mu Qing!

The young man’s expression changed drastically when he saw Chen Yi Ru standing behind a purple-clad young man. It seemed as though he knew who the purple-clad young man was. After all, the fact that Chen Yi Ru, a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, had a powerful master was no longer a secret among

the Bodiless Celestials in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Therefore, he knew that Chen Yi Ru's master was Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect.

Duan Ling Tian's name had become even more renowned in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land when word spread about how he forced Di Chen, a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan, to kneel and kowtow to him. Rumor had it that Duan Ling Tian displayed the strength of a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at that time.

"A-are you Sect Leader Duan?" Ding Yi Jian's expression that was filled with fury toward Chen Yi Ru disappeared immediately when he saw the purple-clad young man. A sense of uneasiness and anxiety began to rise in his heart. Although Duan Ling Tian did not reply to his question, he was certain in his heart that the purple-clad young man was Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, was said to have strength that could rival a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. There were even people who speculated that he might be, in fact, stronger than a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Even Di Chen, a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the dragon clan, was forced to submit, let alone a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial like him. How could Ding Yi Jian not feel uneasy?

At this moment, many thoughts flitted through Ding Yi Jian's mind as he tried to figure out why Duan Ling Tian had come. 'Duan Ling Tian can't possibly be here because of the conflict between Chen Yi Ru and I had 30 years ago, right?'

"Sect Leader Duan..." Ding Yi Jian said tentatively. His heart constricted in fear when he saw the coldness in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. He quickly said, "I-I know I had a conflict with Chen Yi Ru previously, but I've already apologized to him. I even swore that I would avoid him whenever I see him..." At this moment, he had discarded all his pride as a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. His pride was nothing when faced with Duan Ling Tian's terrifying power after all.

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Meanwhile, many Bodiless Celestials came out from their cultivation place when they felt the disappearance of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy. As soon as they came out, they recognized one of the figures standing in the sky.

"That's Chen Yi Ru!"

Chen Yi Ru used to cultivate in this place as well. Therefore, many of the Bodiless Celestials here recognized him.

"Chen Yi Ru has returned?"

"The purple-clad man standing in front of Chen Yi Ru... I-is he Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect?"

Many of the Bodiless Celestials were shocked when they figured out the identity of the purple-clad young man standing in front of Chen Yi Ru.