

Chapter 2421 The Difference Between A Large and Small Mundane Real

Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials were extremely rare in the Saint Province Realm where Duan Ling Tian came from. After all, it was extremely difficult to become a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. There were very few Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials who could pass the ninth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation to become a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian had also assumed that the other mundane realms had a scarcity of Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials as well. He was, naturally, stunned when he learned from Zhang Yi that there were Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials in Yan Huang Realm. He was even more stunned when Zhang Yi told him Yan Huang Realm had more than just one or two Nine Bodiless Celestials. It took him a while before he regained his senses. After a while, he looked at Zhang Yi with a hint of fear in the depths of his eyes as he asked, "I-is what you said true?"

"Of course!" Zhang Yi replied confidently, "Put everything else aside, just my Celestial Masters Sect alone has a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, he'll be facing his tenth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation in a few decades so he has gone into closed-door cultivation. Although the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone has opened, none of us dared to disturb him for fear of affecting his cultivation. For this reason, he didn't enter the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone."

'Tenth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation...' Duan Ling Tian's body shivered slightly when he thought about this. The tenth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation was the deadliest Bodiless Celestial Tribulation, apart from the Tribulation Oath from the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation! Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials would have to undergo the tenth and final Bodiless Celestial Tribulation. If they failed to pass the tenth tribulation, they would die. If they passed the tenth tribulation they would be able to obtain the second chance to ascend to a Devata Realm.

"Since you have a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in your Celestial Masters Sect, does this mean Mount Huaguo Sect and Gao Village Sect have Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials as well?" Duan Ling Tian asked.

"There's one in the Mount Huaguo Sect, but the Gao Village Sect has none. Although the Gao Village Sect doesn't have a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Sect, its status is still high in Yan Huang Realm due to its close relationship with Mount Huaguo Sect. Everyone knows provoking Gao Village is equivalent to provoking Mount Huaguo Sect as well! I'm sure you know the reason is due to the founders of Mount Huaguo Sect and Gao Village Sect sharing the same master," Zhang Yi replied.

Duan Ling Tian nodded, but his stunned expression had not completely disappeared. He continued to ask, "From my knowledge, it's extremely difficult to become a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. In the Saint Province Realm, the existence of a Nine Bodiless Celestial is extremely rare. It seems like Yan Huang Realm is really different from the Saint Province Realm!" His eyes shone with curiosity as he continued to ask, "Why does it seem so easy for Yan Huang Realm to have Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

Zhang Yi replied, "That's obvious. The Saint Province Realm is only a small mundane realm. Not only is it small, but it also lacks inheritances from Celestials. On the other hand, Yan Huang Realm is a large mundane realm. There are many factions with strong foundations that possess inheritances from Celestials. These inheritances from Celestials range from Celestial Supreme Treasures and Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms. If an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial possesses a Celestial Supreme Treasure and masters a Divine Celestial Treasure from a Devata Realm, how difficult do you think it would be for them to pass the ninth Bodiless Celestial Tribulation?"

"In fact, not only does Yan Huang Realm have many Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, but we also have many Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials who passed the tenth tribulation and successfully ascended to the Devata Realms!" Zhang Yi explained, "In our realm, there are also those who intentionally fail the Celestial Ascension Tribulation and choose to become a Bodiless Celestial. Most of these people generally have already possessed a Celestial Supreme Treasure and mastered a Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. With these two in their arsenals, it wouldn't be difficult for them to pass the tenth tribulation. Even if they fail, they still manage to buy 10,000 years' worth of time to protect their respective sects."

At this point, Zhang Yi's eyes brightened and his tone turned reverent as he said, "In fact, the ancestor of our Celestial Masters Sect who's a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial had intentionally failed his Celestial Ascension Tribulation in the past so he could continue to protect our sect for another 10,000 years. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, he'll likely pass the tenth tribulation in a few decades."

"Inheritances from Celestials?" Duan Ling Tian was enlightened and his interest was piqued. He could not help but ask, "Where do the inheritances from Celestials come from? Did people from Yan Huang Realm who had ascended return to leave their inheritances?"

Zhang Yi mulled over Duan Ling Tian's question for a moment before he replied, "Yes, there are cases like that but it's very rare. After all, there are very strict conditions for returning to Devata Realm after one has ascended. One has to be a Great Overarching Bodiless Celestial at least to travel to the mundane realm to endure the spatial turbulence. Secondly, one would be affected by the secular world's karma and it would affect the improvement of one's cultivation. In fact, there's a chance that one's cultivation base might not improve at all after being affected by the karma in the mundane realm." He continued to explain patiently, "Those who aren't Great Overarching Golden Celestials couldn't return to the mundane realms, whereas many Great Overarching Golden Celestials and those who are stronger are unwilling to return to the mundane realms due to their fear of the secular world's karma. Only some Great Overarching Bodiless Celestials are willing to return to leave some Celestial Supreme Treasures or Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms behind for their juniors. It's only natural that not all of them are willing to take the risk just to help their juniors. For this reason, not all forces in Yan Huang Realms have inheritances left by Celestials."

"I see." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He understood what Zhang Yi was trying to say. He thought to himself, "The Saint Province Realm is small. Although there are forces with ancestors who had ascended to a Devata Realm, the quantity still couldn't be compared to those from large mundane realms. It's no surprise that the Saint Province Realm has almost no inheritances from Celestials. As a result, it's harder for an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to successfully become a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial."

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian discovered how wide the difference was between a small and a large mundane realm.

Zhang Yi continued to say, “The Beyond Heaven Secret Zone has also become the only way for many other people and forces to obtain Celestial Supreme Treasures and Divine Abilities from Devata Realms. Many people swarmed like bees into this place because they knew they would achieve glory and fame if they managed to find a Celestial Supreme Treasure or Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Naturally, he knew that for those forces who did not have inheritances from Celestials, the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone was the last place that would give them a chance to obtain inheritances by Celestials. Also, it was no surprise that forces like the Celestial Masters Sect and Mount Huaguo Sect had also entered to search for inheritances by Celestial even if they already had it. After all, was there anyone who dislikes having more treasures from a Celestial?

Duan Ling Tian changed the topic and asked, “What’s inside the heaven-rank treasure vault if the inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial isn’t in there?”

Zhang Yi answered, “In the heaven-rank treasure vault, there are mostly more than one Celestial Supreme Treasures and Divine Abilities from Devata Realms. I’m quite certain, Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial has left some Celestial Supreme Treasures, and perhaps. one or two Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms here..”

“More than one Celestial Supreme Treasures and few Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes lit up immediately. He was not too excited about the Celestial Supreme Treasures since he already possessed one, but he definitely needed Divine Abilities that were none assist-type from the Devata Realms.

Chapter 2422 Entering the Underground Palace

Duan Ling Tian was well aware of why his strength was comparable to a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at this moment. It was all thanks to the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method Sovereign Heart Sword, the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, that was extraordinary even in Devata Realms, and the Celestial Sword.

Although the Sovereign Heart Sword was extraordinarily powerful, it was a martial tactic, not an offensive Divine Ability. Therefore, if Duan Ling Tian managed to obtain an offensive Divine Ability from a Devata Realm, he could master it without worrying that it would conflict with the Sovereign Heart Sword. However, the offensive Divine Ability would still have to somewhat complement the Sovereign Heart Sword. Otherwise, it’s strength would be greatly reduced or it might even fail to raise Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excitedly, ‘If I’m able to obtain a sword-type offensive Divine Ability, it’ll definitely complement the Sovereign Heart Sword. My strength will definitely rise if I can master it!’

Currently, his strength was comparable to a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial when he unleashed all his strength and techniques in his arsenal. However, if he managed to master a sword-type offensive Divine Ability from the Devata Realms, his strength would probably rise to a level comparable to an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

Duan Ling Tian continued to think to himself excitedly, 'If I can also successfully master the Heart Sword Amalgamation, the fifth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, then my strength would be equivalent to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!' However, he calmed down after he thought to himself again, 'However, I don't think I'll be able to completely master the Heart Sword Amalgamation before ascending to a Devata Realm.' He had tried comprehending the Heart Sword Amalgamation, the fifth stage of the Sovereign Heart Sword, but there was something missing that caused him to be unable to comprehend it.

Shortly after, Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention to the underground palace. 'Anyway, it would be great if I'm able to obtain a sword-type offensive Divine Ability from the heaven-rank treasure vault that Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial, left behind!'

On the other hand, upon hearing Zhang Yi's words, Liu Xia's expression had remained calm while joy filled Han Xue Nai's face. Han Xue Nai did not expect the heaven-rank treasure vault would also contain Divine Abilities from the Devata Realms and Celestial Supreme Treasures.

"Let's enter!" Duan Ling Tian promptly spoke as three pairs of eyes turned to look at him. Then, he took the lead and entered the underground palace. Han Xue Nai and the others followed closely behind him.

Duan Ling Tian was the pillar of the group. If Duan Ling Tian did not take the lead, they would not have dared to recklessly enter the heaven-rank treasure vault.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian and his companion passed through the doors of the palace, the entire place flashed and changed completely. They did not even have a chance to take a clear look at their surroundings before it changed.

"Hm?" Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. It seemed like he was no longer in the palace. They were outdoors and a swamp could be seen. The entire place was eerie and gloomy.

"Did we activate an Illusory Formation when we entered this place?" Han Xue Nai asked after she recovered from her shock. She moved closer to Duan Ling Tian. Although she was powerful as well, she was still unsettled by the dark and eerie swamp. Moreover, this was a heaven-rank treasure vault left behind by a Great Overarching Golden Celestial. She did not dare to underestimate the danger that lurked in here.

All four of their expressions were solemn when a familiar voice rang in the air again.

"There are a total of nine challenges in this heaven-rank treasure vault that I left behind... You will gain something of mine every time you make it through three challenges..."

Liu Xia cried out, "That's the Green Lotus Sword Celestial's voice!" She looked around warily, as though searching for a fifth person.

Li Bai's voice rang in the air again. "After the third challenge, the reward would be a Celestial Supreme Treasure. After passing the sixth challenge, the reward is a Divine Ability. And, when you pass all nine challenges, you'll be rewarded with a jade token that contains the recording of my comprehension on the Sword Dao in the past 1,000 years."

Everyone's eyes, Duan Ling Tian, in particular, lit up when they heard Li Bai's words.

Divine Ability! There's Divine Ability in this heaven-rank treasure vault! Li Bai was a Sword Celestial. There was a high possibility that the Divine Ability he left behind was a sword-type Divine Ability! Duan Ling Tian's heart thumped in his chest wildly. It took him a long time before he managed to calm down. He thought to himself, "The Green Lotus Sword Celestial said he also left behind his comprehension of the Sword Dao. This should count as his inheritance or legacy as well, right?" Li Bai's comprehension of the Sword Dao should be his legacy just like how the Sovereign Heart Sword was Feng Qing Yang's legacy.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian turned to Zhang Yi and asked, "Do you know anything about this?"

"I forgot to mention it earlier. In a heaven-rank treasure vault, apart from Celestial Supreme Treasures and Divine Abilities, there was also another thing. It's a minor legacy or inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial," Zhang Yi quickly responded to Duan Ling Tian's question.

"A minor legacy or inheritance? Didn't you say this place wouldn't contain the inheritance of Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial?" Duan Ling Tian was puzzled.

"The minor legacy or inheritance is left for those who have fate with the Great Overarching Golden Celestial. If they managed to meet the Celestial after ascending to a Devata Realm, they would only be considered as a nominal disciple. Only those who comprehended and mastered the true inheritance from a Great Overarching Golden Celestial would be acknowledged as a true disciple," Zhang Yi explained patiently, "However, that's not to say it's useless. It would still be slightly useful."

With Zhang Yi's explanation, Duan Ling Tian had a clearer understanding of the situation now. He thought the minor legacy of a Great Overarching Golden Celestial was negligible. Knowing this, he completely lost interest in Li Bai's comprehension of the Sword Dao.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian had focused all his attention on passing the sixth challenge since the reward would be a Divine Ability from a Devata Realm. Moreover, there was a high possibility that it was a sword-type offensive Divine Ability.

Suddenly, Zhang Yi cried out in alarm, "It is coming!"

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses immediately and heard the soft sound of something bubbling. After a look around his surroundings, he and companions discovered the swamp was bubbling like lava.

"The energy waves are really powerful..." The energy from the swamp caused Han Xue Nai, Zhang Yi, and Liu Xia to feel depressed.

Duan Ling Tian was the only one who seemed unaffected by the energy waves.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling in the air suddenly sounded from all directions. Then, water from the swamp began to boil over as numerous giant swords appeared. The swords looked dull as though they were made of stone. They moved fairly slowly as they left the swamp. However, as soon as they

completely got out of the swamp, they were no longer slow nor did they look clunky. They seemed as light as a feather and as fast as lightning!

At this moment, tens of thousands of giant swords flew out of the swamp, all aimed at Duan Ling Tian and his companions.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

Numerous swords' cries rang in the air as they flew toward Duan Ling Tian and his companions, ready to kill them.

Chapter 2423 Eight-clawed White Dragon! Eight-clawed Devil Dragon!!

"These swords... Each of the swords' strength is comparable to the full strength of a cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!" Duan Ling Tian could clearly sense the power from the swords. Naturally, this level of power was no threat to him so he was not worried.

However, the same could not be said for Han Xue Nai and Liu Xia. Both women's faces had paled at this moment. Although both of them were at the Eighth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, they still felt a tremendous pressure when faced with giant swords that contained the full strength of a cultivator at the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage

Zhang Yi's expression had also turned solemn, but it was not as grim as the girls. "Sword! Lightning!" He cried out without wasting any time. He quickly sent his Saint Origin into the Thunder Sword before he began to destroy several of the gigantic stone swords in one sweeping motion.

Boom!

Rumble!

When Zhang Yi destroyed the few gigantic swords, the remaining swords divided themselves into nine groups and flew out in all directions, causing a thunderous noise to ring in the air. The shockwaves stirred up the dust and sand, obstructing everyone's sight.

After the dust settled, Duan Ling Tian and the other three saw the nine groups of swords had transformed into nine larger swords. It would take a dozen or more men to hug the circumference of the sword.

Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

Every time the swords moved, a thunderous noise would ring in the air. It sounded as though giants were walking on earth.

"The swords..." Zhang Yi's expression changed drastically. He could clearly sense the swords' energies were currently not any weaker than him.

"Interesting."

Colors continued to drain from Han Xue Nai and Liu Xia's faces as a faint smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face. He did not expect the first challenge in the heaven-rank treasure vault that was left behind by Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial, would be so challenging.

Currently, the strength of each of the swords was comparable to the strength of a cultivator at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage. In fact, it was stronger than ordinary cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage!

Individually, the swords were certainly weaker than Zhang Yi. In fact, he could even deal with two or three of them. However, if all the swords attacked him at once, he did not think he would be able to deal with it. He looked at Duan Ling Tian with a bitter smile on his face. "Duan Ling Tian, who knew we'd need your help with the first challenge as well..."

Previously, Zhang Yi and Liu Xia could deal with the earlier challenges in the human-rank treasure vault. They did not need Duan Ling Tian's assistance at all. He really did not expect that the first challenge in the heaven-rank treasure vault was so difficult that, let alone Liu Xia, even he could not deal with it.

"Don't worry. It's just a small matter." Duan Ling Tian shook his head with a faint smile when he heard Zhang Yi's words.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At the same time, the nine swords that looked as though they were capable of holding up the sky and seemed clunky and slow began to move. Their speed was even faster compared to earlier. Not only did the swords look formidable, but even the shockwaves from the swords were terrifying!

Apart from Duan Ling Tian and Zhang Yi who remained unmoved, Han Xue Nai and Liu Xia looked as though they were going to be blown off.

However, that did not last long.

Suddenly, the silhouette of a black turtle appeared from Duan Ling Tian and shrouded the women. They instantly felt the pressure disappear.

"Go!" Duan Ling Tian said quietly. The Celestial Sword that had appeared in his hand at some point zoomed out with a short-lived sword cry.

Han Xue Nai, Liu Xia, and Zhang Yi could vaguely hear the sword cry, but they could not see the sword at all as it moved.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A thunderously loud sound reverberated in the air, causing three of them to feel as though they were going deaf.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian cast the Sword Wielding Art to control the Celestial Sword and destroy the nine swords all at once!

Size-wise, Duan Ling Tian's sword was like an ant compared to the nine gigantic swords. However, Duan Ling Tian's sword easily destroyed the nine gigantic swords.

Just like that, Duan Ling Tian and his companions successfully overcame the first challenge by Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial.

Four of them ventured deeper into the swamp area before it flashed again. The swamp had disappeared and they were currently in a luxuriously decorated hall. Everything they saw gold and shiny, it was extremely lavish! The hall was lit up by numerous Luminous Pearls that were embedded in the hall. Each of the pearls was so big that it would need two grown men to hug it.

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While Duan Ling Tian and his companion were going through the second challenge in the heaven-rank treasure vault in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, the realm adjacent to the Saint Province Realm, the Land of Exile, was experiencing a disturbance of its own.

Since the space barrier had been torn down, almost anyone can travel freely between the two realms once their cultivation base had reached a certain stage.

Roar!

An earth-shattering dragon cry resounded in the air.

In the polar south of the Land of Exile, among the barren hills that were shrouded with red mist, there was a blood-red lake. Currently, the blood-red lake was roiling.

Boom!

A loud explosion sounded in the air as a white figure shot out of the lake. The lake seemed to have exploded when the figure shot out.

The blood-red water spurted up into the air like geysers, looking as though blood was splattering in the air.

Roar!

A dragon cry sounded in the air again. The former dragon cry seemed to have come from the lake earlier whereas this dragon cry seemed to have come from several thousands of feet above the lake in the sky.

A white divine dragon was seen hovering above the lake. Its body was almost 2,000 meters long. It was covered in white and shiny scales. It looked as though it was sculpted from porcelain. It looked unreal! Upon closer inspection, one would notice the white divine dragon had eight claws on each of its paws. It was an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon!

In the Saint Province Realm, there was only one Eight-clawed Divine Dragon. He was also the clan leader of the dragon clan in the Lower Province. He was an Eight-clawed Golden Dragon.

How did an Eight-clawed White Dragon appear in the Land of Exile? When the Eight-clawed White Dragon moved, Devil Qi surged out of its body like lightning bolts. Its eyes were red as though it had experienced Qi Deviation.

If there were members from the dragon clan here to witness this, they would be extremely shocked to see the white dragon. A white dragon was even rarer than a golden dragon. Its innate talent was even higher than a golden dragon!

Roar!

The sound of roaring continued to sound from the blood-red lake. The sound was deeper compared to the cry of the Eight-clawed White Dragon.

Boom!

The blood-red lake exploded again, spurting water into the sky as a black figure suddenly shot up into the sky.

The other dragon that flew out of the blood-red lake was covered in black and shiny scales. It also had eight claws in each of its paws. Similarly, it was also covered by Devil Qi, and its eyes were red.

At this moment, an Eight-clawed Black Dragon could be seen next to the Eight-clawed White Dragon.

If the members of the dragon clan were here, their jaw would drop when they saw the black dragon. This black dragon was clearly an Eight-clawed Devil Dragon!

Two of the Eight-clawed Divine Dragons were still hovering in the air when there was a golden flash by the lake. Soon after, a golden-clad little girl appeared. She laughed before crying out excitedly, "Little Black, Little White, both of you finally came out from your closed-door cultivation!"

Chapter 2424 Little Black and Little Gold's Strength

The little girl who appeared out of thin air looked very adorable. With her chubby cheeks and pouting lips, she looked like a doll. She laughed. "Little Black, Little White, both of you finally came out from closed-door cultivation!"

Apart from the golden-clad little girl present on the scene, there were only the Eight-clawed White Dragon and Eight-clawed Devil Dragon. This meant the golden-clad little girl was referring to these two divine dragons when she called them Little Black and Little White.

When the golden-clad little girl spoke, the red in the Eight-clawed White Dragon's eyes disappeared, returning to normal. Her eyes looked extremely lively.

At the same time, the Devil Qi shrouding the two Eight-clawed Divine Dragons had disappeared as well.

Woosh!

A flash appeared followed by a gust of wind, the Eight-clawed White Dragon transformed into a cute white-clad little girl who looked to be the same age as the golden-clad girl. The Eight-clawed White Dragon that had transformed into a white-clad little girl looked at the golden-clad little girl in shock. She did not expect the golden-clad little girl would come out of closed-door cultivation first. "Little Gold... Has it been long since you came out of closed-door cultivation?"

"Of course! Don't you know who I am? Currently, I'm the ferocious Red-eyed Celestial Devouring Mouse!" The golden-clad little girl known as Little Gold said as she lifted her chin up proudly.

A scoff rang in the air at this moment. It was from the Eight-clawed Devil Dragon that had turned into a black-clad little boy whose age was also similar to the two girls. His cold expression made him seem

older than his age, making him look like a little adult. At this time, his eyes had also lost the red color. However, unlike the Eight-clawed White Dragon whose eyes were lively, his eyes were cold.

The golden-clad little girl turned to look at the black-clad little boy with a triumphant expression on her face. "What? Little Black, don't you believe me?"

The black-clad little boy known as Little Black had a disgruntled expression on his face as he replied, "If it wasn't for the fact that this Legacy Blood Pool was left behind by a rodent-type divine beast, how could you have come out of closed-door cultivation before us?"

"Excuses! I'm just stronger than you. Let's fight if you don't believe it!" The golden-clad little girl was upset when she heard the black-clad little boy's words. She spoke quickly, one sentence after another, as she provoked the black-clad little boy.

"Fine. Let's fight. Do you think I'm afraid of you?" The black-clad little boy sneered. Faced with the provocation from the golden-clad little girl, he did not back down.

"Fine! Let's do it!" Although the golden-clad little girl was a girl, she acted like a boy. She was undaunted. After she responded to the black-clad little boy, she turned to look at the white-clad little girl and said, "Little White, watch me beat him up. Does he really think I'm afraid of him just because he has successfully transformed into an Eight-clawed Devil Dragon?"

"Both of you..." The white-clad little girl was at loss seeing the golden-clad little girl and black-clad little boy's antics. Nevertheless, she knew there was nothing she could do. Both of them had always been this way, they had always fought. The only difference was they were weaker back then. She sighed as she thought to herself, 'Well... I'll just let them be if they want to fight. In any case, I'd also like to see how strong Little Black has gotten. I think our strength should be about the same...'

If Duan Ling Tian was around he would immediately recognize these three children. They were none other than the two little pythons and the Jade-eyes Heavenly Mouse who used to follow him around; Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold.

Bang!

A deafening explosion reverberated in the air as Little Black took the lead and flew into the sky, looking like a meteor that was shooting across the sky. He flew directly toward Little Gold. When he flew, he left cracks in the void in his wake. The cracks in the void seemed quite big that it would take a while for them to close.

If Duan Ling Tian was around to see this, he would have been shocked. After all, the stability of the Land of Exile was on par with the Saint Province Realm. For Little Black to be able to tear holes in the void meant that his strength was at least comparable to a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. In fact, even a Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who unleashed all his strength would only be able to leave tiny cracks in the void. The cracks in the void that Little Black left behind were clearly not small. This meant that Little Black's current strength was no less than that of a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The void shook and cracks began to form in Little Black's wake.

"Come on then!" Little Gold said excitedly. She was clearly not afraid of Little Black who was charging at her. Her eyes were bright and filled with fighting spirit as she looked at Little Black. In just a blink of an eye, a terrifying energy surged out of her body. The moment the energy surged out of her body, it left huge cracks in the void.

Bang!

A deafening explosion reverberated in the air again as Little Gold moved toward Little Black. She charged directly toward him, it was clear she had no intention of avoiding Little Black. She was fearlessly charging toward him head-on.

Generally, in a situation such as this, Little Black would have the upper hand since he had made a move first.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

When Little Gold moved, it could be seen that cracks in the void that she left in her wake were bigger than the ones Little Black left in his wake.

Little White's mouth was agape as she stared at the scene before her. The void was filled with numerous cracks. "Have we truly gotten so strong?" After observing for a moment, she murmured to herself, "It seems like Little Gold is slightly stronger than Little Black. In the past, she had always been slightly weaker than Little Black. Usually, Little Black would be able to defeat her after exchanging about 100 moves. However, now..."

Apart from the cracks left behind by Little Black and Little Gold, it was obvious that Little Gold was currently slightly stronger than Little Black.

Little White shrugged. 'Well, this is to be expected. After all, just like Little Black had said, the Legacy Blood Pool was left behind by a rodent-type Divine Beast. Little Gold is a Jade-eyed Heavenly Mouse to begin with. Since they're the same species, it's only natural that she would only benefit more from the Legacy Blood Pool!'

Little White continued thinking to herself, 'Moreover, if it wasn't for Little Gold, we wouldn't even be here.'

Previously, three of them were exploring the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. It did not take long before they met Duan Ling Tian's good friend, Su Li. However, Su Li seemed to be in some sort of predicament so they decided to follow him to monitor him. Wherever Su Li went, they would follow. After all, if they did not do anything and something happened to Su Li, they would feel guilty and would not be able to face Duan Ling Tian in the future. Moreover, they knew Su Li had experienced Qi Deviation. However, he managed to spare their lives when he recalled Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, three of them would have been killed by him.

As they continued to follow Su Li, they traveled to many places in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Finally, they left the Lower Province and traveled to this bleak place that did not see the light

of day. Even the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here was lacking. They really did not want to stay in this place a second longer than necessary. However, they had no choice but to stay since Su Li showed no signs of leaving this place.

During this time, Su Li became more like his former self and he seldom experienced Qi Deviation. Occasionally, he would even chat with them. Since Su Li seemed to be getting better, they had planned to bring him out of this place. However, at that time, Little Gold suddenly said, "Little Black, Little White... I hear a voice calling out to me to a nearby area... Do you hear it as well?"

Due to these words by Little Gold, all of them, including Su Li, came to this place.

Chapter 2425 Legacy Blood Pool

Little Gold had led them to the Legacy Blood Pool. If it was not for Little Gold, they would not be able to find the Legacy Blood Pool even if they searched for 1,000,000 years due to how hidden it was.

Before they arrived at this place, they had to go through numerous terrifying and deadly Formations. Even Su Li who was in his Qi-deviated state did not dare to step out of line and obediently followed behind Little Gold since Little Gold was the only one who could side-step them.

They knew the Formations were deadly because they had witnessed with their own eyes how Su Li's sword was easily destroyed by the Formations as though it was made of paper. They knew what kind of sword Su Li had possessed after all. It was the Traceless Sword, one of the Super Saint Weapons on the Ten Great Saint Weapons Ranking. It was not difficult for them to recognize a Super Saint Weapon since the Old Prophet also owned a Super Saint Weapon, the Nine Cloud Sword. The Nine Cloud Sword and Traceless Sword were the only swords among the Ten Great Super Saint Weapons. Even an Eminent Celestial would not be able to destroy a Super Saint Weapon, let alone destroying it easily as though it was made of paper. Most importantly, the Formation that had destroyed the Traceless Sword was one of the Formations that they encountered in the beginning. As they traveled deeper, the Formations they encountered subsequently only got stronger and stronger. For this reason, Su Li even his Qi-deviated state obediently followed Little Gold.

"Based on Little Black and Little Gold's strength, it seems like they're far stronger than an Eminent Celestial. It's comparable to Bodiless Celestials at this point." Little White's heartbeat quickened as she watched the battle between Little Black and Little Gold. "This Legacy Blood Pool is really amazing. What kind of existence is the Devata God Devouring Mouse? How did the Legacy Blood Pool he left behind raise our strength so much? We became even stronger than Eminent Celestials even though we haven't undergone the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. I wonder what people like us are called?" The more she thought about it the more confused she became.

In fact, they only learned that the lake was called Legacy Blood Pool later on. When they had first arrived, all of them were attracted to the blood-red lake since they could clearly sense a type of energy that was even purer than the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from the lake. After they went into the lake, they discovered the pure energy surged into their bodies at an extremely fast speed, transforming part of their energy. While their strength was rising, information began to appear in their minds.

It was from this information they learned that the lake was called Legacy Blood Pool, and it was left behind by a senior who called himself Devata God Devouring Mouse. By immersing themselves in the

lake, they were accepting his favor. In the future, when they ascended to the Devata Realm, they would be able to join his faction. They learned that after immersing themselves in the pool they could also use the secret technique that was also left behind to call upon the force of celestial ascension to ascend to the Devata Realm.

Bang!

A loud explosion rang in the air, accompanied by a shockwave. Many cracks began to appear in the void again. The void seemed as fragile as a piece of paper as Little Black and Little Gold battled among themselves. This was only a warm-up, both of them had not even gotten serious yet!

All of a sudden, Little White remembered Su Li. "Where did Su Li go? Is he still in closed-door cultivation?" She flew around to search for him but it was futile. There were no traces of him at all.

Splash!

Little White decided to jump into the Legacy Blood Pool again to search for Su Li. When she entered the lake, she realized that it was much larger than it looked. 'The last time I was in here, I was too busy cultivating that I didn't have a good look at it.' Although the Legacy Blood Pool was big, with her current speed, it did not take long for her to search the entire place.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

After about fifteen minutes, a deafening explosion could be heard ringing consecutively above the Legacy Blood Pool, stirring up the calm surface of the lake.

Little White was, naturally, not affected by the disturbance. After searching the lake, she concluded that Su Li was no longer in the Legacy Blood Pool. When she finally emerged from the lake, it seemed like the battle between Little Black and Little Gold had ended as well.

Little Gold laughed triumphantly as she said, "You're so weak, Little Black! I managed to defeat you in less than 100 moves!"

Little Black scoffed. His expression darkened when he saw the gloating expression on Little Gold's face. A hint of unwillingness could be seen in the depths of his eyes. However, regardless of how he felt, he knew there was nothing he could do about it.

Although the Legacy Blood Pool helped Little Black to transform into an Eight-clawed Divine Dragon, it was still something left behind by a rodent-type Divine Beast after all. Naturally, Little Gold who was a mouse would benefit more from the Legacy Blood Pool since she was a rodent. She had transformed into a Red-eyed Celestial Devouring Mouse.

At this moment, Little White cried out, "Su Li is gone!"

Upon hearing Little White's words, Little Gold and Little Black stiffened before they turned to look at Little White.

Little White said anxiously, "I can't find him anywhere. I've searched the Legacy Blood Pool as well but there's no sign of him. He... Could something have happened to him?"

"Nothing should happen to him," Little Black who regained his senses first replied solemnly, "I'm sure that the Legacy Blood Pool would improve Su Li's strength as well. Moreover, he's stronger than us to begin with. He should be even stronger now after immersing himself in the Legacy Blood Pool." He paused for a moment before he said with a glint in his eyes, "Maybe he used the secret technique that the senior left behind to attract the celestial ascension force and ascended to a Devata Realm?"

Little Gold nodded. "That's possible."

Little White felt her anxiety lessened when she heard Little Black and Little Gold's words.

Little Gold continued to say as her eyes gleamed coldly, "Well, Su Li can ascend, but we can't for now. The Devil Clans are running amok in the Lower Province. They might have even invaded the Upper Province by now. We need to go to the Upper Province to search for Brother Ling Tian and Sister Xue Nai. Now that we have gotten stronger, we have to protect them!"

Naturally, Little Black and Little White agreed with Little Gold's words. Although they were able to ascend to a Devata Realm now, they did not plan to leave just yet. They still had a few unfinished businesses in the Dao Martial Saint Land. They wanted to protect the people whom they considered as family and defeat the Devil Clans.

When they left, they discovered the Formations that had obstructed their path as they came in had disappeared. It seemed like the Formations would only appear to stop people from approaching the Legacy Blood Pool. Leaving the Legacy Blood Pool would not trigger the Formations at all. As soon as they realized this, three of them who had been flying cautiously instantly sped up and disappeared into thin air. It did not take long before they left the Land of Exile and returned to the Saint Province Realm.

As soon as they returned to the Saint Province Realm, they learned that the Devil Clans had already invaded the Upper Province. Their expressions changed drastically when they heard the news.

Chapter 2426 The Young Man With Blood-red Eyes

Great Overarching Bodiless Celestials or those who were stronger in the Devata Realms would risk getting affected by secular karma if they entered mundane realms. If they were contaminated with secular karma, it would affect their cultivation base. Worst case scenario, their cultivation base would stop progressing completely. For this reason, regardless of how much these powerhouses care about their descendants in the mundane realms, they would not recklessly return to the mundane realms.

They could only help by leaving behind inheritances, legacies, Celestial Supreme Treasures or Divine Abilities from Devata Realms to help their descendants. Since they could not descend to the mundane realms, they would usually send those whose cultivation base had stagnated due to their innate talent to the mundane realms to leave these treasures there. Since these people's cultivation base had already stagnated, it made no difference to them even if they were infected by secular karma. After all, it was beneficial for them to work for those strong powerhouses in the Devata Realm.

For example, the Legacy Blood Pool was personally created by someone powerful from a strong faction in a Devata Realm. However, due to his inability to descend to the mundane realms, he had sent someone to place it in the mundane realm.

The Legacy Blood Pool was protected by many Formations, even the strongest existence in mundane realms such as Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials would not be able to destroy the Formation. One could only get close to the Legacy Blood Pool if one had fate with it. Little Gold was certainly such a person. She had sensed the call from the Legacy Blood Pool and somehow knew how to side-step the Formations that protected the Legacy Blood Pool. Thanks to her, Little Black and Little White who under normal circumstances would not be able to get near the lake also managed to reap benefits from the lake.

In fact, the Legacy Blood Pool was nothing to the person who created it. He had created many treasures such as the Legacy Blood Pool and could always create more. After creating them, he would send his underling to place them in various mundane realms, waiting for the people who had fate with it.

In the case of the Legacy Blood Pool, Little Gold who was a rodent was, naturally, fated with it.

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“Let’s go! Let’s go to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land!”

When Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White learned that the Devil Clans had invaded the Upper Province, they became anxious. They could not help but worry about Duan Ling Tian and Han Xue Nai.

While they were traveling, they began to speak about Su Li.

“I wonder if Su Li really ascended to a Devata Realm? If he was in his Qi-deviated state, it’s likely that he has ascended!”

“You’re right. Unless he managed to stay in control, it’s likely that he has ascended!”

“I agree.”

Three of them were in agreement that Su Li had ascended to a Devata Realm. They would never expect that not only did Su Li not ascend to a Devata Realm, but he did not even get to immerse himself in the Legacy Blood Pool!

Since the Legacy Blood Pool was left behind a rodent-type Divine Beast, Su Li who was a human was instantly ejected from the lake as soon as he entered it. The Divine Beast had intended this to happen since his faction would only accept Divine Beasts, not humans.

Back then, after Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold had entered the Legacy Blood Pool and went into closed-door cultivation, Su Li had jumped into the lake as well. However, as soon as he jumped in, he was instantly sent out by Formation in the lake that would only send humans out.

At this moment, no one knew Su Li’s current whereabouts except for Su Li himself.

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When Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White finally arrived in the Upper Province, they were still chatting among themselves.

“According to the rules in the mundane realms, cultivators, including Bodiless Celestials, would have to undergo the Heaven Tribulation before they can ascend to a Devata Realm. Not only did we become stronger than Eminent Celestials without undergoing the Celestial Ascension Tribulation, but we can even directly ascend to the Devata Realm if we want to. What’s going on exactly?” Little Gold muttered.

Generally, cultivators at the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage would attract the Heavenly Tribulation at some point before they were able to become Eminent Celestials and ascend to a Devata Realm. On the other hand, Bodiless Celestials who had failed the Celestial Ascension Tribulation would have to undergo ten Bodiless Celestial Tribulations before they would be able to ascend to a Devata Realm. However, Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White seemed to have bypassed all of that and could directly ascend to a Devata Realm now.

“I’m really curious as well,” Little White said in confusion.

Although Little Black remained silent, his expression showed that he felt the same way as Little Gold and Little White.

They were, naturally, unaware that the reason three of them did not have to undergo the Heavenly Tribulation was due to the Legacy Blood Pool shielding and hiding them from the Heavenly Laws while they were cultivating.

Most cultivators would have to undergo the Celestial Ascension Tribulation in order to become Eminent Celestials due to the Heavenly Laws. However, forces from Devata Realms were able to help someone hide from the Heavenly Laws to a certain extent. These people were rare and special cases since they were able to secretly ascend to a Devata Realm without going through the Heavenly Tribulation. In fact, Duan Ling Tian’s wife, Ke’er, was in a similar situation like Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White.

Ever since Ke’er had used that painful and difficult method to regain her memories from her past life, her strength had improved by leaps and bounds. During that process, her cultivation base had rapidly passed the Ninth Form of the Saint Celestial Stage, but she did not attract the Celestial Ascension Tribulation. Since she was hidden from the Heavenly Laws, she, naturally, did not have to undergo the tribulation.

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After arriving in the Upper Province, Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White decided to head to the northern region. Along the way, they met numerous devils from the Devil Clans but none of the devils had cultivation bases above the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

To Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White, these devils were as easy to slaughter as chickens. In fact, they could kill these devils with just a flick of their fingers.

While Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White made their way to the northern region where the Seven Absolutes Sect’s temporary estate, an uninvited guest had made his way to the valley located among the ice mountains.

Whoosh!

Although the uninvited guest was stealthy, he still alerted those who dwelled in the valley of the ice mountains.

Those people who dwelled in the valley were none other than the Old Prophet from the Seven Absolutes Sect, Duan Si Ling, Gan Ru Yan, and Qing Huo.

“Who’s there?!” Qing Huo asked.

The uninvited guest was a handsome young man. His robe was drenched in blood. It was quite obvious that the blood was fresh!

Since Qing Huo was the strongest among them, he stepped forward and solemnly said, “Sir, this is private property, please leave!”

Upon hearing that, the young man with blood-red eyes who was shrouded in Devil Qi turned to look at Qing Huo coldly.

Qing Huo felt chills running up his spine when he saw the look in the young man’s eyes.

Boom!

A violent and powerful energy surged from the young man’s body and shrouded Qing Huo in just an instant.

Qing Huo began to tremble violently as the ice beneath his feet began to crack and spread. It did not take long before he vomited blood.

Gan Ru Yan’s face paled when she saw the blood that splattered on the ground. The blood created a stark contrast when it splattered on the snow-white ground. She cried out, “Master!”

The Old Prophet’s expression turned grim. He did not expect this young man to be so powerful. Just his energy alone was able to injure Qing Huo who was the strongest among them to this extent.

“S-seeking... death...” The young man said in a stilted manner as he stared at Qing Huo.

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“Seeking... death!” As soon as the red-eyed young man spoke, his Saint Origin that was laced with Devil Qi surged out of his hands before solidifying into a formidable-looking three-foot-long blade. He looked at Qing Huo with killing intent, preparing to kill Qing Huo.

Suddenly, a voice rang out from the wooden cabin in the valley. “Aunt! Who came? Did daddy and the others return?”

A young girl appeared soon after. The young girl looked about 10 years old, but her appearance was already beautiful. It was not difficult to imagine that she would certainly be a beauty when she grew up.

The young girl who had appeared successfully caught the red-eyed young man’s attention who was previously about to kill Qing Huo.

'No!' Although Qing Huo was temporarily safe, he could not help but panic when he saw the red-eyed young man shifting his attention to the young girl.

"Si Ling!" Gan Ru Yan cried out. She did not expect the little girl would rush out at this time.

The young girl who had rushed out of the wooden cabin was none other than Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's daughter, Duan Si Ling.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Like two gusts of wind, the Old Prophet and Gan Ru Yan instantly flew out and shielded Duan Si Ling, protecting her like adult wolves protecting their cub.

To Gan Ru Yan, Duan Si Ling was her niece. There was no doubt she would willingly sacrifice her life to save Duan Si Ling.

As for the Old Prophet, Duan Si Ling was the daughter of the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect. Since he had devoted his life to the Seven Absolutes Sect, how could he stay idle now that the sect leader's daughter's life was threatened?

"Get out of the way..." The red-eyed young man said hoarsely.

Both Gan Ru Yan and the Old Prophet could feel the force from the red-eyed young man's voice pressuring them before sending them flying.

Gan Ru Yan managed to quickly stabilize herself so she was not injured. On the contrary, the Old Prophet whose cultivation base was lower than her fell violently on the ground before throwing up blood.

"Aunt! Grandpa Prophet!" Duan Si Ling finally regained her senses at this time. Her childish face changed expression drastically.

Swoosh!

Just like a gust of wind, the red-eyed young man appeared before Duan Si Ling in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Si Ling was, after all, only a little girl who was about ten years old. Confronted with an intimidating and scary looking man, naturally, terrified her. Her body was stiff and her face turned pale immediately.

"Sir, she's merely a child! You..." Qing Huo began to say, but before he could finish speaking, he was blasted away by the red-eyed man.

In just a short moment, he had hurt all three people.

"You..." Gan Ru Yan wanted to say something but Qing Huo stopped her via voice transmission.

"Ru Yan, it's better for us to observe the situation for now. It doesn't seem like he has any killing intent toward Si Ling... In fact, his killing intent toward me isn't as strong when he was looking at Si Ling!"

When Gan Ru Yan heard Qing Huo's words, she began to observe the red-eyed young man. Indeed. There was no killing intent from the red-eyed man at all when he was standing before Duan Si Ling. Even the red in his eyes had begun to fade.

"What's he doing?" Gan Ru Yan, Qing Huo, and the Old Prophet were baffled.

After a while, the red in the young man's eyes disappeared completely and his eyes returned to normal. With this alone, he seemed to have transformed into another different person. A cold smile appeared on his indifferent face as he asked Duan Si Ling, "Who... Who are you to Duan Ling Tian? There's something about you that seems similar to him!"

Gan Ru Yan, Qing Huo, and the Old Prophet became even more baffled. They did not expect this young man who seemed to have come with bad intentions would ask such a question.

When Gan Ru Yan regained her senses, she blurted out, "Duan Ling Tian? H-he knows Duan Ling Tian?"

"Is it because Si Ling's brows are similar to Guardian Ling Tian?" Qing Huo was dumbfounded.

"H-he knows the sect leader?" Even the Old Prophet felt perplexed.

In any case, all three of them could not help but sigh in relief. It seemed like Duan Si Ling was in no danger.

"Y-you... Do you know my daddy?" Initially, Duan Si Ling was so petrified that her body had instinctively stiffened. However, the fear in her heart dissipated when she heard the young man's words. Her eyes when she looked at the young man now contained more curiosity than fear.

"Daddy? Y-you're Duan Ling Tian's daughter? The fellow already has a daughter?" The young man was dumbfounded. Then, he began to laugh. "Well, it's only natural. After all, so much time has passed since we last saw each other."

"Who... who are you? How do you know my daddy?" The fear in Duan Si Ling's eyes had completely faded, and the curiosity became even more pronounced.

"I'm a friend of your daddy. Of course, I know him." The young man laughed.

"You're my daddy's friend?" Duan Si Ling asked skeptically, "Then, what's your name? Although I've not met my daddy's friends, I've heard about them before..."

"I'm Su Li... Did your daddy mention me before?" The smile on the young man's face widened.

"Su Li?" Qing Huo and the Old Prophet were perplexed when they heard the young man's name. They had not heard of him before. Even Gan Ru Yan could not help but frown. She had not heard this name before.

Unlike Qing Huo, the Old Prophet, and Gan Ru Yan, Duan Si Ling exclaimed excitedly, "Su Li? You... You're uncle Su Li? Uncle Su Li, I've heard daddy talking about you." At this moment, the fear in her heart had completely disappeared as she chattered, "Both of you met each other in Iron Blood City on

Cloud Continent! At that time, both of you participated in the selection in the Iron Blood Soldier Genius Camp, right? Daddy told me that was the first time he met you!”

Upon hearing Duan Si Ling’s words, the young man known as Su Li seemed to become confused. “Iron Blood Soldier Genius Camp, Iron Blood City, Cloud Continent...” When he recovered his senses, he smiled at Duan Si Ling. “I didn’t think your daddy would tell you about this. Where’s your daddy now?”

“Daddy has entered the Sword Saint Secret Zone,” Duan Si Ling replied as she looked at the black hole that seemed bottomless in the void nearby. A hint of loneliness could be seen in her eyes at this moment.

“Sword Saint Secret Zone?” Su Li shifted his attention to the black hole in the void. “So this is the entrance to the Sword Saint Secret Zone?”

“Yes,” Duan Si Ling replied.

As soon as Duan Si Ling spoke, the energy from Su Li that had calmed down before to roil and surge out again.

Duan Si Ling was, naturally, shocked by this turn of events.

Boom!

In just a blink of an eye, the Devil Qi that Su Li had reigned in burst out again. His eyes that had just returned to normal turned red again. A vicious look could be seen in his eyes!

“Uncle Su Li?” Duan Si Ling called out tentatively in a soft voice when she saw Su Li had reverted back to his earlier form.

That three-foot-long blade that was transformed from Saint Origin and Devil Qi appeared in Su Li’s hands again. Sword rays continued to shoot out of the tip of the sword. His body was trembling violently as he ignored Duan Si Ling. He began to speak in an incoherent manner. “No... cannot...” It seemed as though it was exceedingly difficult for him to speak.

Xiu!

The sound of a sword cry rang in the air as he brought the sword up to slash down at Duan Si Ling.

“No!” Gan Ru Yan cried out when he saw Su Li was about to attack Duan Si Ling with his sword.

The Old Prophet and Qing Huo’s expressions had changed drastically as well.

If anything were to happen to Duan Si Ling, how would they explain it to Duan Ling Tian when he returned?

“Uncle Su Li...” Duan Si Ling had an expression of disbelief on her face when she saw Su Li was about to attack her. She did not expect Su Li, a good friend of her father, would attack her when he found out that she was her father’s daughter. At this moment when she was filled with fear and despair, she could not help but shut her eyes...

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Swoosh!

Sword ray flashed like a bolt of lightning as the sword fell toward Duan Si Ling.

The soft sound of something being cut rang in the air.

Gan Ru Yan trembled when she heard the sound. She shut her eyes immediately, she could not bear to watch the scene unfolding before her eyes. She felt as though her heart had stopped beating.

Qing Huo and the Old Prophet's expressions changed drastically as well. Shock could be seen in their eyes.

Su Li's sword did not land on Duan Si Ling's body. Instead, it had cut some of her hair off. She was currently unharmed.

Roar!

Su Li roared like a wild beast with his reddened eyes. His handsome face contorted as though he was struggling with himself. He said hoarsely in broken sentences, "No... cannot... hurt her..."

Based on Su Li's words, Qing Huo and the Old Prophet discovered Su Li did not seem to have full control of his actions. It seemed as though something was controlling him.

Swoosh!

Everyone was still stunned when Su Li moved like a bolt of lightning toward the black hole in the void nearby. Su Li had entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone!

"Uncle Su Li..." Duan Si Ling murmured. She had clearly seen the struggle within Su Li's eyes. Her instincts told her the person who tried to kill her was not Su Li. It was clearly the actions of the devil that was in his body. That explained Su Li's dual personality!

"Si Ling!" Gan Ru Yan cried out in joy and relief upon discovering Duan Si Ling was unharmed. How could she not feel joy when she saw her niece was unharmed?

"What happened earlier?"

"That Su Li seemed to have transformed into another person... No, it seems more like he's possessed."

"When his eyes turned red, it felt as though he's more devil than human!"

Qing Huo and the Old Prophet looked at each other as they conversed among themselves. They had thought Su Li would not be able to override the devil's control when he tried to kill Duan Si Ling. Moreover, Su Li's killing intent was real, he really intended on killing Duan Si Ling. Who knew he managed to suppress the devil for a moment and changed the trajectory of the sword, and thus, saving Duan Si Ling's life.

"How did Uncle Su Li become like this?" Duan Si Ling asked worriedly when she heard Qing Huo and the Old Prophet's conversation. She could see Su Li was not in a good condition before he left. Although she had already come to a conclusion in her mind, she still wanted confirmation.

The Old Prophet furrowed his brows as he asked, "Little Si Ling, did you truly hear your daddy speaking about him? He's truly from Cloud Continent?"

"Yes." Duan Si Ling nodded her head. "Daddy mentioned Uncle Su Li a couple of times before. He even said Uncle Su Li is his best friend and that his biggest regret is not being able to meet Uncle Su Li after he left Cloud Continent. Daddy hasn't seen Uncle Su Li since then, I didn't expect Uncle Su Li would suddenly appear here."

"Yes... How did he know to come here?"

The Old Prophet, Qing Huo, and Gan Ru Yan were confused when they heard Duan Si Ling's words. Naturally, they did not think it was a coincidence that Su Li had appeared in this place.

The Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was vast. Although it was not out of the realm of possibility for someone to accidentally stumble across this place, for the person to be also acquainted with Duan Ling Tian was too big of a coincidence.

How Su Li appeared here had a little to do with the Legacy Blood Pool that Little Gold brought him to when they were in the Land of Exile. Although he was ejected from the pool when he entered it, at that moment he could feel the dense spirit energy in there. It had left a deep impression on him. As soon as Su Li came to the western region in the Upper Province, he could instantly sense the same dense spirit energy from the entrance of Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. If he was still completely human, he might not have been able to sense it. However, since he had turned into a devil due to Qi Deviation, he could clearly sense it. Hence, he hurriedly rushed here.

After Duan Si Ling confirmed that Su Li's actions were out of his control, she looked at the Old Prophet and asked, "Grandpa Prophet, will Uncle Su Li be okay?" It could be clearly seen in her eyes that she expected the Old Prophet to reassure her and say Su Li would be okay.

"He should be okay..." The Old Prophet replied, "Seeing as he's still able to retain some control, it seems like he's been this way for a while now." He continued to comfort Duan Si Ling. "Therefore, there's no need for you to worry about him."

"Okay." Duan Si Ling felt much better after hearing the Old Prophet's words.

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Three days later, three uninvited guests came to this valley in the ice mountain.

"Why are you here?" The Old Prophet was startled when he saw the three uninvited guests.

These three uninvited guests were none other than the two little pythons and little gold mouse he met last time. Back then, the Old Prophet had instructed Yue Wu Ying to take these three and leave them in the Lower Province of Dao Martial Saint Land. He had done that because he had divined that they would have some fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province. Although he was not entirely sure if the divination was completely accurate, he still decided to take a chance and ordered Yue Wu Ying to bring them away. After all, one would only succeed by taking risks.

“Old geezer!” The golden-clad little glared at the Old Prophet and asked, “Why did you order Yue Wu Ying to send us away to the Lower Province that’s infested with devils? Were you planning to kill us?”

Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White had returned to the Upper Province three days ago. Through the intelligence network of the Red Dust Progeny, they learned about many things that they were unaware of. One of the things they found was the Old Prophet was the one who had ordered Yue Wu Ying to send them to the Lower Province. Naturally, they also knew the Old Prophet had done that because he had divined that they would have a fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province. However, they were upset that the Old Prophet did not even talk to them about it and just threw them to Lower Province without any explanation.

For this reason, apart from Little Gold, even Little Black was staring at the Old Prophet coldly. Little White whose temper was the best among the three was also staring at the Old Prophet with some hostility.

“It seems like three of you managed to come across a fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province, right?” Although three of them did not release their energies, the Old Prophet could vaguely tell that they had gotten stronger based on the way they carried themselves.

“The Lower Province? Fortuitous encounter?” Little Gold said reproachfully, “What f*cking fortuitous encounter could there be in the Lower Province?”

“What? Does this mean three of you did not have any fortuitous encounter?” The Old Prophet was shocked. He began to mutter to himself, “D-don’t tell me I made a mistake during divination?”

Naturally, there were risks involved in sending the three of them away. It was not a sure thing that they would have a fortuitous encounter. Therefore, upon hearing Little Gold’s words, the Old Prophet thought he had made a mistake.

At this moment, Duan Si Ling who was standing at the side spoke up. She said reproachfully, “Hey! You’re such a cute little girl! How can you be so impolite? Grandpa Prophet is an elder, you mustn’t talk to him like that!” She spoke in a tone of an elder educating a junior.

“Si Ling!” Gan Ru Yan said warningly. Duan Si Ling might not realize Little Gold was strong, however, she could clearly sense it. Therefore, she hurriedly warned Duan Si Ling.

“Who are you, little girl?” Little Gold asked impatiently as she turned to look at Duan Si Ling. She frowned and said threateningly, “It’d do you good not to intervene in the matter between us and the Old Prophet!”

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When Duan Si Ling heard Little Gold rebuking her, she was rather shocked. She instinctively glanced at the black-clad little boy and white-clad little girl who were standing nearby. After a while, an idea formed in her mind and she asked tentatively, “A-are you Little Gold?”

“Hmm?” The golden-clad girl looked at Duan Si Ling impatiently. However, upon hearing Duan Si Ling’s words, she began to study Duan Si Ling intently. She discovered that this girl who looked about ten years of age seemed quite familiar. However, she was certain she had not met this girl before. After a while, she asked, “Who are you? How do you know me? Did the old geezer tell you about me?”

“You’re truly Little Gold?” Duan Si Ling became excited when the golden-clad little girl did not deny her words. She said excitedly, “Since you’re Little Gold, those two must be Little Black and Little White!” She turned to look at the black-clad little boy and white-clad little girl who also returned her stare.

The white-clad little girl could not help but ask the black-clad little boy, “Little Black, don’t you think she looks rather familiar?”

The black-clad little boy nodded in agreement.

‘Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White? So, it’s them!’ Gan Ru Yan was Ke’er’s sister. Naturally, she had heard a lot from Ke’er during the time they spent together. She remembered Ke’er mentioning a little gold mouse and two little pythons. She also learned that these three had accompanied Han Xue Nai to the Seven Absolutes Sect before they were sent away by the Old Prophet. Who knew they would return at this time? She sighed in relief. Since these three were Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White, she knew they would definitely not harm her niece. After all, her niece was the daughter of the person whom they cared about the most!

“Who are you? I feel you look familiar, but I’m certain I haven’t met you before,” Little White asked as she looked at Duan Si Ling in confusion. She could see the shadow of two people on this girl, and these two people were extremely important to her.

Gan Ru Yan looked at Little Gold, Little White, and Little Black before she introduced Duan Si Ling. “She’s called Duan Si Ling.”

Three of them instantly shifted their eyes to Gan Ru Yan.

“Sister Ke’er?” Little White’s eyes brightened and an excited expression appeared on her face the moment she saw Gan Ru Yan.

Little Gold’s eyes brightened for a moment as well before it dimmed down. She said, “No, she’s not Sister Ke’er! They look identical, but I’m certain she’s not Sister Ke’er. Their auras are different!” After all, before she gained a human form, she had often stayed in Ke’er’s sleeves, therefore, she was very familiar with Ke’er’s aura.

“She isn’t Sister Ke’er,” Little Black chimed in at this moment, agreeing with Little Gold.

Upon hearing Little Gold and Little Black’s words, Little White’s excitement faded as well. Indeed. Upon closer inspection, although the lady before them looked identical to Ke’er, their aura and temperament were different.

“Indeed. I’m not your Sister Ke’er,” Gan Ru Yan clarified, “I’m her twin sister, Gan Ru Yan. As for Si Ling, she’s Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er’s daughter.”

“Brother Ling Tian and Sister Ke’er’s daughter?”

“No wonder she looks familiar. I can see the shadow of Sister Ke’er and Brother Ling Tian in her!”

“As it turns out, she’s Brother Ling Tian and Sister Ke’er’s daughter!”

Little Gold and Little White brightened upon hearing Gan Ru Yan's words. They flew excitedly toward Duan Si Ling and studied her intently.

Although Little Black did not move, his gaze had softened and was no longer cold. In fact, a hint of affection could be seen in his eyes as well.

"I didn't think Brother Ling Tian and Sister Ke'er's daughter would grow up so fast," Little Gold said to herself before she turned to say to Duan Si Ling in a gentle tone, "You're Si Ling, right? I'm your aunt, Little Gold." She smiled at Duan Si Ling affectionately. Her attitude now was completely different from how it was earlier.

Duan Si Ling shook her head. "You look younger than me, I won't call you aunt." Indeed, Little Gold looked much younger than Duan Si Ling. It was, naturally, difficult for a ten-year-old girl to address a little girl who looked to be eight or nine years old as aunt.

"You..." When Little Gold heard Duan Si Ling's words, she was slightly displeased but could not find it in her heart to get angry. So, she tried to convince Duan Si Ling in a gentle voice, "Be good, Si Ling. When I met your parents, you weren't even born yet. Therefore, you should address me as aunt." She really wanted to hear Duan Si Ling address her as aunt. Unfortunately, Duan Si Ling was unwilling.

Rage surged up in Little Gold's heart, but she, naturally, could not bear to vent her anger on Duan Si Ling. After all, she was the daughter of the two people she cared about. For this reason, she doted on Duan Si Ling as well.

Little White shook her head and laughed. "Isn't fine, Little Gold... If Si Ling doesn't want to address you as aunt, it's okay. Why do you care so much about a title?" In her eyes, Duan Si Ling was just a child who needed their care. There was no need for them to take her so seriously.

"Fine, fine..." Little Gold gave in immediately. After all, how could she bear to be angry with Duan Si Ling?

At this moment, Little Black walked over. His gaze was affectionate, and a rarely seen warm smile could be seen on his face when he looked at Duan Si Ling. He said, "Si Ling, I'm Little Black. Are Brother Ling Tian and Sister Ke'er doing well?"

Duan Si Ling looked at the black hole in the void as she said, "Daddy and mommy have entered the Sword Saint Secret Zone." She paused for a moment before she added, "Uncle Su Li has gone in as well..." A hint of worry could be seen on her face when she mentioned Su Li.

"What?"

As soon as Duan Si Ling's words left her mouth, Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White were shocked.

"Su Li hasn't ascended yet? And he has entered the Sword Saint Secret Zone?"

Three of them had thought that after going into the Legacy Blood Pond, Su Li had ascended to a Devata Realm. Who knew that was not the case? Moreover, he even came here. They were not surprised that Su Li made his way here. After all, when three of them could not find Han Xue Nai at the snow-capped mountain that used to be the temporary estate of the Seven Absolutes Sect, they had sensed the energy

here when they left. If it was not because of the Legacy Blood Pool, they would not have detected this aura. Since the energy was similar to the Legacy Blood Pool, they decided to follow the energy here. Who knew they would meet the Old Prophet as soon as they arrived?

“Si Ling... Did you say that Su Li was here and he entered the secret zone?” Little White asked solemnly.

“Yes.” Duan Si Ling nodded.

After talking to Little White, Duan Si Ling finally understood Su Li’s condition. As it turned, he became like that because he had obtained an inheritance from the Devil Clans. Sometimes he would be normal, and sometimes he would be unable to recognize anyone.

“Su Li actually pointed his blade at you?” The three of their expressions darkened immediately when they learned Su Li had attacked Duan Si Ling. Three of them had treated Su Li well in the past due to Su Li’s relationship with Duan Ling Tian. How could they tolerate Su Li pointing his sword at Duan Si Ling who was Duan Ling Tian’s daughter? After all, between Duan Ling Tian and Su Li, naturally, Duan Ling Tian was more important to them.

“Si Ling, are you alright?” Little White and Little Gold approached Duan Si Ling and examined her carefully, clearly concerned.

“I’m alright.” Duan Si Ling slightly shook her head. “At that time, Uncle Su Li managed to stop himself. He only cut some of my hair.”

“Good... That’s good...” Little White and Little Gold sighed in relief.

Although Little Black remained silent, his tense expression relaxed as well when he heard Duan Si Ling’s words.

After a while, Little Gold turned to the Old Prophet and asked, “Old geezer, where’s Sister Xue Nai?”

Before the Old Prophet could reply, Duan Si Ling quickly chimed in, “Aunt Xue Nai has also entered the Sword Saint Secret Zone!”

Little White’s eyes brightened. “This means Brother Ling Tian, Sister Ke’er, and Sister Xue Nai are together?”

“Yes, they’ve been reunited for a while now. Daddy is now the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect!” Duan Si Ling said proudly.

“The Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect?” Little Gold, Little White, and Little Black were taken aback when they heard Duan Si Ling’s words.

Chapter 2430 Another Celestial Sword

Since it had been a long time since the Old Prophet had ordered Yue Wu Ying to send Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, three of them were, naturally, unaware of the many things that had happened in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Only through Gan Ru Yan and Duan Si Ling’s words that they managed to piece together some of the things that had happened.

“Brother Ling Tian is the current successor of the Fog Rain Progeny of the Seven Absolutes Sect?”

Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold only knew that the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny had appeared before this. However, they did not know his identity. They even discussed among themselves what kind of person the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny was. They did not expect the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny would turn out to be Duan Ling Tian.

“H-how amazing!”

“What a coincidence!”

Little Gold and Little White looked at each other in shock.

They knew the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny would become the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect. Since they did not know what kind of person he was, initially, they had felt slightly dissatisfied since they felt he would not be qualified to be Han Xue Nai’s leader. However, all their misgivings disappeared when they found out the successor of the Fog Rain Progeny was Duan Ling Tian.

Soon after, three of them also learned about the deaths of Gu Li and Yue Wu Ying, the successors of the Third and Fourth Absolute respectively.

“Gu Li is dead?”

“Yue Wu Ying and Sister Xue Nai’s master had died as well?”

They fell silent for a moment. The feeling of resentment they held toward Yue Wu Ying had disappeared as well. After all, there was a need to respect the deceased.

Their eyes seemed to burn with rage as they said through gritted teeth in unison, “Dragon clan!”

Although they were not formally members of the Seven Absolutes Sect, due to Han Xue Nai, they considered themselves as members of the sect as well. Since other members of the sect had been killed, how could they not be furious?

However, three of them did not act recklessly. After all, the dragon clan was a force to be reckoned with. The dragon clan even had a Supreme Elder who was a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

Qing Huo spoke up at this moment with a grim expression on his face, “The strongest person in the dragon clan is the inner clan leader, the true patriarch of the dragon clan. Rumor has it that the patriarch is at least an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. It’s even possible that he’s a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

After a while, Little Gold asked, “Old Geezer, can we also enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone?”

“According to the records of the Seven Absolutes Sect, it would be difficult for those with cultivation bases below the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage to survive once they enter the Sword Saint Secret Zone,” the Old Prophet said. A hint of hesitation could be heard in his voice as he added, “Three of you...”

Although the Old Prophet could sense that Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White were different from the past, based on Little Gold's words earlier, it seemed like they did not have any fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province. Therefore, he did not think their cultivation base had even reached the Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage.

"Seventh Form of the Saint Celestial Stage?" Little Gold laughed when she heard the Old Prophet's words. Then, she said nonchalantly, "Old geezer, although I said we didn't have any fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province, I didn't say we didn't have any fortuitous encounter at all. We went to the Land of Exile and managed to come across a fortuitous encounter there."

As soon as Little Gold finished speaking, she turned to Little Black and Little White and beckoned them over. "Little Black, Little White... Let's go!"

Whoosh!

Energy surged out from Little Gold's body swiftly before she charged into the black hole in the void.

"Si Ling, I'll take my leave now with Little Black. Let's play when we return!!" Little White said quickly before she and Little Black entered the black hole in the void.

In just a blink of an eye, three of them disappeared.

The Old Prophet, Qing Huo, and Gan Ru Yan were stunned speechless when they felt the energies from Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White.

Qing Huo stuttered as he said, "T-their energies seem to surpass Eminent Celestials, right?"

"It seems like they really did come across a fortuitous encounter!" In fact, the Old Prophet's eyes had already brightened when Little Gold said they came across a fortuitous encounter in the Land of Exile. When he discovered their strength, his eyes brightened even more. It seemed like his decision to send them away back then was right. If he did not send them away at that time, they would have missed out on a great opportunity.

"They're stronger than Eminent Celestials?" Duan Si Ling was stunned by Qing Huo's words. She asked curiously, "Grandpa Qing Huo, does this mean their strength is comparable to a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at least?"

"Yes. In fact, they might be even stronger than a Four and Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!" Qing Huo said. He had encountered both a Four and Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial previously. He had met the Four and Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the Fire Worship Sect's estate. The Four Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was Li Bing, the ancestor of the Fire Worship Sect, while the Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was Di Chen, a Seven-Clawed Golden Dragon from the dragon clan. He felt that the energies from Li Bing and Di Chen were weaker than Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White's energies. Since Di Chen was a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial who was on the verge of becoming a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, those three's strength had to be comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial at least if they were stronger than Di Chen.

“What?” The Old Prophet exclaimed. He was amazed even though he knew their strength was comparable to a Bodiless Celestial. However, he did not expect them to be stronger than a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! He was curious. ‘Those three are even stronger than a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! I wonder what kind of fortuitous encounter they came across?’

“Master, are you certain that they’re stronger than a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?” Gan Ru Yan asked incredulously.

“Of course!” Qing Huo nodded. He said solemnly, “You remember Di Chen, right?”

“Yes.” Gan Ru Yan nodded. Naturally, she remembered Di Chen. He was a Seven-Clawed Golden Dragon from the dragon clan. He was also the only son of Di Huan, a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial and the Supreme Elder of the dragon clan!

“Well, Di Chen’s energy is weaker than those three!” Qing Huo continued.

“What?” Gan Ru Yan was dumbfounded.

Di Chen was someone who was about to become a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. However, Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White were still stronger than him? Gan Ru Yan found this difficult to believe. She had heard a lot about those three from Ke’er and Han Xue Nai, the successor of the Red Dust Progeny. Although she had heard that the Old Prophet had divined that they would meet with a fortuitous encounter in the Lower Province, she did not think their strength would rise so monstrously! She muttered under her breath, “I wonder what fortuitous encounter they came across? It’s probably something that surpassed anything in the mundane realm!” She was unaware that her speculation was right at this moment.

“Little Gold and the other two are so strong?” Duan Si Ling was extremely surprised. It was difficult for her to imagine that those people who looked younger than her were so strong.

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At the heaven-rank treasure vault left behind by Li Bai, the Green Lotus Sword Celestial, in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone.

After a few days, Duan Ling Tian and his companions finally passed the third challenge. They managed to obtain the Celestial Supreme Treasure that Li Bai left behind.

However, when Duan Ling Tian saw the Celestial Supreme Treasure, he said, “It’s another Celestial Sword!”

Duan Ling Tian held the sword in his hand and sent some of his energy into the sword. The sword began to emit light as a sword cry began to reverberate in the air. After testing it out, he came to the conclusion that the grade of this Celestial Sword was similar to the Celestial Sword he had obtained earlier.

Duan Ling Tian threw the Celestial Sword as though it was rubbish to Zhang Yi as he said indifferently, “Zhang Yi, since you also use a sword, you can have this.”

“This...” Zhang Yi hastily caught the sword in his hand, but he said hesitatingly, “Duan Ling Tian, I didn’t expend much effort all this time. I think it’s better if you keep this Celestial Sword!”

