

### Chapter 2491 Ke'er Appears

"I'd like to see how you plan to kill me without working together with the Devil Clans' Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!" When the patriarch of the dragon clan heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he felt offended. He was so angry that he burst into laughter. "I don't think you'll be able to kill me with the techniques you've used so far!"

At this moment, most of the members of the dragon clan shook their heads, they thought Duan Ling Tian was delusional.

"Does Duan Ling Tian think Lord Patriarch is a pushover? Even if Lord Patriarch doesn't have a Celestial Supreme Treasure, he's still a bona fide Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. How could he, an Eminent Celestial who took a shortcut, kill the patriarch?"

"Judging from the battle earlier, it's obvious that Duan Ling Tian has unleashed all his strength. Even then, he's only evenly matched with Lord Patriarch at best. With his strength, it's impossible for him to kill Lord Patriarch if he doesn't have the help from the Devil Clans' Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!"

"Based on Duan Ling Tian's words, it seems like he's not colluding with the Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the Devil Clans. Then, where does he get his confidence from?"

The members of the dragon clan were baffled by Duan Ling Tian's confidence. In their opinion, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to kill their patriarch with the strength he had displayed so far.

The patriarch smirked disdainfully.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian looked at the horizons as though he had just seen something or someone. He called out, "Ke'er."

Upon hearing this, the members of the dragon clan were stunned.

"Ke'er?"

"There's someone there?"

They quickly looked in the direction of Duan Ling Tian's gaze and extended their Divine Consciousness. However, they did not discover anything.

"There's nobody there..."

"Is there really someone there? Why can't I sense them?"

"Is Duan Ling Tian trying to pull wool over our eyes?"

At this moment, the members thought Duan Ling Tian was only trying to be mysterious.

All of a sudden, the patriarch detected a presence behind the clouds that was moving in their direction. He cried out, "Who's there?!"

Upon hearing the patriarch of the dragon clan's words, the members of the dragon clan, including the two Supreme Elders, felt chills running up their spines.

"There really is someone there?!"

They kept their eyes trained on the clouds, waiting to see the person who was hidden from them.

Whoosh!

Under everyone's watchful eyes, the clouds parted suddenly, and everyone saw a flash before their eyes. They barely had the time to register that, when a graceful figure that clearly belonged to a woman had already appeared next to Duan Ling Tian out of thin air.

"Who is she?"

"How fast!"

The two Supreme Elders' expressions changed drastically when they saw the woman. The woman's speed was so fast that they could not even catch any of her movements earlier. This meant the woman's speed had exceeded what was perceptible by their eyes! Naturally, they understood what this meant.

"Even when the patriarch moves, we can still catch a trace of his movements. However, I can't see any movements from the woman before she appeared."

"Me too."

The two Supreme Elders communicated via Voice Transmission. At this moment, a horrified expression had appeared on their faces.

"In that case, there are only two possibilities. This woman is either stronger than a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial or her sudden appearance caused us to miss her movements."

"Indeed. It's probably the latter since the former is too ridiculous to even think about."

"If it's the latter, then, this woman is definitely not simple."

As the two Supreme Elders spoke to each other through Voice Transmission, they looked at the woman standing next to the purple-clad young man with trepidation in their eyes.

At this moment, the members of the dragon clan were also looking at the woman who had appeared next to Duan Ling Tian.

"Who is she?"

The woman was a peerless beauty. Her appearance could topple a nation. There were even a few of them whose eyes brightened at the sight of her beauty and lithe body. However, the remaining members of the dragon clan wore a grim expression on their faces.

"Who is this woman? What an incredible speed! I'm a Five Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, but I didn't see how she appeared... I only know she came from the sky."

“Is she Ke’er? Duan Ling Tian called out this name earlier.”

“Duan Ling Tian seems confident that he could kill Lord Patriarch. Moreover, he said he doesn’t need the help from the Devil Clans’ Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... Was he talking about this woman?”

“Is it possible that this woman is a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

Fear began to rise in the hearts of the members of the dragon clan as they looked at the woman who appeared next to Duan Ling Tian. Many of them felt this woman was probably a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Otherwise, why would Duan Ling Tian be so confident?

At this moment, the patriarch of the dragon looked at the woman fearfully and asked, “Who are you?!” His Divine Consciousness had sensed the presence of this woman earlier, and he could tell this woman was not a simple person. This was also evident based on her speed. He could barely catch any traces of her movements when she had appeared earlier. This meant that the woman was quicker than he was! Similar to the others, he was convinced this woman was most likely a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial like him. As for her speed that was superior to his, he attributed it to some movement-type Celestial Supreme Treasure.

The woman who had appeared did not deign to reply to the patriarch of the dragon clan. She was none other than Duan Ling Tian’s wife, Ke’er.

Earlier, when Duan Ling Tian had tossed the Celestial Sword to the patriarch of the dragon clan, he had sent a voice transmission jade token to his wife, Ke’er, who was in the north, asking her to come to the dragon clan. This was because it was truly difficult for him to kill the patriarch of the dragon clan. He did not expect the patriarch of the dragon clan to be a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian had no intention of making an enemy out of the dragon clan or its patriarch who was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. After all, he had completed his objective of seeking revenge for the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect. As long as the dragon clan agreed to let go of the enmity, he was prepared to let bygones be bygones. He did not expect the patriarch would be so insistent on killing him to avenge Di Huan. Moreover, the patriarch even coveted his Celestial Supreme Treasures. However, the straw that broke the camel’s back was the patriarch’s threat to annihilate the Seven Absolutes Sect once he ascended to a Devata Realm. He found the patriarch greedy and despicable for threatening him when the patriarch had no way of defeating him.

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian had willingly surrendered his Celestial Supreme Treasure to test the patriarch of the dragon clan to see if the patriarch would go back on his words and insist on annihilating the Seven Absolutes Sect after obtaining the Celestial Supreme Treasure. If the patriarch went back on his word, he would not hesitate to annihilate the dragon clan after killing the patriarch.

The patriarch would not have been able to guess that Duan Ling Tian was not making a fool out of him earlier and that Duan Ling Tian was only testing his integrity. If he had insisted on annihilating the Seven Absolutes Sect, the dragon clan would have died along with him.

Ke’er looked at the patriarch of the dragon clan before she turned to look at Duan Ling Tian. Her gaze softened instantly as soon as she turned her eyes to her man. It seemed like he was the only person to exist in his world. “Brother Tian... Is he the only one we’re going to kill?”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. "Well, he's quite trustworthy. When I gave him the Celestial Sword, he promised to leave the members of the Seven Absolutes Sect alone. For this reason, killing him is enough."

After that, Duan Ling Tian looked at the patriarch of the dragon clan and said coldly, "You should be thankful that you didn't go back on your words earlier. Otherwise, you wouldn't be the only one to die today. Your entire clan would've died with you!" With these words, he revealed his intention to test the patriarch earlier when he surrendered the Celestial Supreme Treasure.

"It... It seems like Duan Ling Tian didn't surrender his Celestial Supreme Treasure to Lord Patriarch because he was confident he would be able to take it back..."

"I thought Duan Ling Tian had done that to make a fool out of Lord Patriarch. Based on his words, it seems like he was only testing Lord Patriarch's honesty."

"Does this mean that, from the beginning, he had already decided to kill Lord Patriarch?"

The members of the dragon clan were not foolish. After hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, they quickly pieced the puzzles together.

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A complicated expression appeared on the face of the patriarch of the dragon clan. If the woman did not appear, he would have dismissed Duan Ling Tian's words. He would even mock Duan Ling Tian for his hubris. However, when he saw that the woman was most likely a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial as well, he began to take Duan Ling Tian's words seriously. After a while, he said to Ke'er politely, "Madam, we're not acquainted prior to this. I hope you won't get involved in the matter between Duan Ling Tian and me."

However, Ke'er ignored him again.

Upon seeing this, the patriarch of the dragon clan's expression changed, but he tried to suppress his anger. After all, he thought Ke'er was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in possession of a Celestial Supreme Treasure. With the Supreme Treasure, her strength would be comparable to a Golden Celestial in the Devata Realms.

Upon hearing the patriarch of the dragon clan's words, the members of the dragon clan broke out in a discussion again.

"This..."

"Based on Lord Patriarch's words, it seems like this woman poses a threat to him..."

"It seems like Lord Patriarch is worried about this woman joining forces with Duan Ling Tian... She must be a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Otherwise, Lord Patriarch wouldn't act in such a manner!"

Previously, they were not 100% convinced that Duan Ling Tian was telling the truth when he said he was only testing their patriarch's honesty. However, after seeing the patriarch's behavior, they realized Duan Ling Tian was not bluffing earlier.

"If Duan Ling Tian and this woman join forces, they might be able to kill Lord Patriarch. If they decide to attack our clan as well, it'll be disastrous!"

“It seems like we have no choice but to be happy even if Duan Ling Tian and this woman kills Lord Patriarch as long as they spare our clan. Thankfully, Lord Patriarch didn’t renege on his words and insist on annihilating the Seven Absolutes Sect.”

“Indeed.”

Some of the members of the dragon clan, including the two Supreme Elders, were relieved. Whether Duan Ling Tian and this woman would be able to kill their patriarch or not, at least, they knew they would be spared.

The patriarch of the dragon clan’s words amused Duan Ling Tian. He asked, “Do you know what relations I have with her?”

Upon hearing this, the patriarch of the dragon clan discovered that the woman was looking at Duan Ling Tian so affectionately as though she was looking at the love of her life. His expression changed drastically as an ominous feeling rose in his heart.

“She’s my wife!” Duan Ling Tian revealed his relationship with Ke’er to everyone in the dragon clan.

Naturally, the members of the dragon clan, including the patriarch, were shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s words. For a long time, they were rendered speechless.

The members of the dragon clan were still reeling in shock when Ke’er moved between Duan Ling Tian and the patriarch of the dragon clan. Her eyes flashed coldly as she looked at the patriarch. She moved her jade-like hands slightly from beneath her sleeves. As soon as she moved her hands, a gust of wind began to blow violently around her as terrifying tears appeared in the void. She did not seem affected at all as she stood in the eye of the hurricane.

The patriarch of the dragon clan who had just regained his senses seemed to have noticed something, and his expression changed dramatically. He cried out, “No!” Just a second ago, he still had the bearing and majesty of a patriarch of the dragon clan, but currently, his face was filled with fear. He stood rooted to his spot. Naturally, it was not because he did not want to move. He had discovered that he could not move at all. It felt as though his body was made of lead. He could clearly feel a terrifying energy restraining his massive body. Even after he struggled with all his might and reverted to his true form, he still could not free himself. His body was only a useless vessel at this moment. He could only watch in horror as Ke’er slowly fisted her hand. This woman who possessed such otherworldly beauty seemed like death-reincarnate to him at this moment.

The patriarch of the dragon clan’s eyes widened suddenly as a thought appeared in his mind. He had completely lost the dignity of a patriarch of the dragon clan as he cried out, “Y-you’re a Celestial! You’re a Celestial from a Devata Realm!”

When the members of the dragon clan heard their patriarch’s frightened cries, they trembled in fear. Their eyes were filled with trepidation and confusion when they turned to look at Ke’er. If they did not personally witness their patriarch’s fear of this woman even after he had reverted to his true form, they would have a difficult time believing this.

“A Celestial?!”

“A Celestial? Did I hear wrongly? Lord Patriarch says she’s a Celestial?!”

“A Celestial should be in the Devata Realms, right? Why is she here?”

At this moment, Ke’er’s hand was completely fisted.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air, shaking the ground. It felt as though the ground was about the split.

Soon after, everyone saw a huge palm print appearing next to their patriarch. The palm was slim, and upon closer inspection, one would be able to see the palm print was a huge replica of Ke’er’s palm. This palm that appeared out of thin air was a few hundred thousands of meters in length and width, it covered the sky completely.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was shocked.

Duan Ling Tian asked, “Ke’er, what technique is this?” He could clearly see the tears in the void that the palm left in its wake.

Soon after, a cry laden with despair and regret resounded in the air. “No!”

Duan Ling Tian saw the palm that had formed in the air grasp the patriarch of the dragon clan before squashing him to death.

The patriarch of the dragon clan’s aura disappeared immediately as soon as he died.

Faced with the palm that was more than a few hundred thousands of meters in length and width, the patriarch of the dragon clan’s true form, an Eight-clawed Golden Dragon, was just like an eel.

Everyone had only heard the patriarch’s cry after his death since light traveled faster than sound.

The entire place was deathly silent at this moment.

Even Duan Ling Tian was stunned speechless. Although he knew Ke’er was capable of killing the patriarch, he did not expect her to cast a technique that directly squashed the patriarch to death.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Elders of the dragon clan who finally regained their senses still had a trace of shock and fear lingering on their faces. They were so frightened that they had even forgotten to mourn the death of their patriarch.

“This... This is insane!”

### **2493 Ke’er’s Concern**

The members of the dragon clan, including the two Supreme Elders, gasped as soon as they regained their senses. They had personally witnessed their patriarch who had reverted to his true form that was hundreds of thousands of meters long disappear after being squashed by the gigantic palm. They knew that not only was their patriarch dead, but his soul had been destroyed as well. They were shivering in fear at this moment. Their patriarch was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, he should be even

stronger after he had reverted to his true form. However, the young woman had killed him so effortlessly.

One of the Supreme Elders from the dragon clan looked at the beautiful woman who was hovering in the air as he muttered to himself in fear, "Is she really a Celestial from a Devata Realm just like Lord Patriarch had said?"

The other Supreme Elder smiled bitterly as he said, "Apart from a Celestial from a Devata Realm, do you think anyone in the mundane realm is capable of killing Lord Patriarch with just a palm strike? She had squashed him to death!"

If the two Supreme Elders did not witness their patriarch, a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, being squashed to death in such an effortless manner, they would have a hard time believing it. It was not just them, who would believe this unless they personally witnessed it?

At this moment, the members of the dragon clan looked at Ke'er in terror as they discussed furtively among themselves.

"Is she really Duan Ling Tian's wife?"

"His wife is so strong?!"

"That's not the main point. The main point is his wife is a Celestial from a Devata Realm! Is it possible that his strength has something to do with her?"

"Well, that's possible!"

At this moment, no one doubted that Ke'er was a Celestial from a Devata Realm. Moreover, she had to be a strong Celestial to be able to easily squash a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to death. They also began to doubt that Duan Ling Tian had gained his strength from the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. They thought it was more likely that his wife had helped him.

Meanwhile, it took a long time for Duan Ling Tian to accept the fact that his wife had just effortlessly squashed a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to death.

On the other hand, Ke'er's expression was calm as she looked at the people in the surroundings and asked, "Brother Tian, they..."

The members of the dragon clan's expressions changed greatly when they noticed Ke'er's eyes on them as though they were about to die.

"Didn't Duan Lingtian say that he wouldn't kill us?"

"Earlier, he had said he would spare us since Lord Patriarch didn't go back on his words. Is he changing his mind?"

"Is he going to take this chance and annihilate the dragon clan?"

Everyone, including the two Supreme Elders from the dragon clan, was frightened out of their wits at this moment. They were afraid this couple would kill all of them. Let alone both of them, even if only

one of them attacked, killing them was as easy as killing ants. Now that the patriarch had died, the strongest people in the clan were the two Supreme Elders who were only Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials.

At this moment, all of them stared at Duan Ling Tian anxiously. They knew his wife would only listen to him. If he said he wanted them dead, there was no doubt that she would not hesitate to kill all of them.

“If I were to have a wife like this, I wouldn’t even mind if I only have one or two years to live.”

“What did Duan Ling Tian do to deserve a wife like this?!”

“I still can’t believe Duan Ling Tian’s wife is a Celestial!”

Amidst the fear in their hearts, the male members of the dragon clan also felt envious and jealous of Duan Ling Tian. They thought he was extremely lucky to have a wife like Ke’er.

Duan Ling Tian knew Ke’er was asking if she should kill everyone. “There’s no need to worry about them. There’s nothing they can do now. Let’s return!” As soon as he finished speaking, both he and Ke’er disappeared from everyone’s sight.

After they left, the members of the dragon clan were still staring at the sky in a daze. After a while, they sighed in relief. They discovered their robes were drenched with sweat.

“Duan Ling Tian is really terrifying!”

“I think his wife is even more terrifying!”

“With both of them around, the Seven Absolutes Sect can do as they please, and no one in the mundane realm would be able to do anything or say anything about it.”

Fear rose in their hearts again when they spoke about Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er.

“No wonder Duan Ling Tian doesn’t see a need to work with our patriarch to deal with the Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the Devil Clans and drive them back to the Land of Exile!”

“He doesn’t even need to lift a finger. His wife is capable of that feat all on her own!”

After witnessing Ke’er’s strength, the members of the dragon clan thought that the Devil Clans’ future looked really bleak at this moment.

Someone said enviously, “The Seven Absolute Sect is going to rise to the top!”

Since Duan Ling Tian was the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolute Sect, his wife would, naturally, be a part of the sect as well. If both of them drove the Devil Clans back to the Land of Exile or killed all of them, they would be considered as the saviors of the realm. Moreover, they would also bring glory to their sect. At that time, there was no doubt that the sect would become the most powerful and influential sect in the Saint Province Realm.

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Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware of those people's thoughts. At this moment, he and Ke'er were traveling back to the northern region where the temporary estate of the Seven Absolutes Sect was located.

During their journey, Duan Ling Tian could not help but ask, "Ke'er, it seems like you've gotten stronger?"

Ke'er nodded gently. "Yes, it seems like it has increased a little."

Duan Ling Tian could tell the technique Ke'er had just used was much stronger than the technique she had used to kill a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial when they were still in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. He asked solemnly, "Are there any side effects?" He was worried that her gaining so much strength would be detrimental to her.

"No." Ke'er shook her head gently as she smiled at Duan Ling Tian affectionately.

"That's good." Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief. After a while, he said, "When we return, let's head back to the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land to look for father and mother. After we find them, we'll deal with the Devil Clans and send them back to the Land of Exile!"

Ke'er smiled and said, "I'll do whatever you want!"

Duan Ling Tian smiled as he reached out to touch Ke'er's head. He was extremely gentle.

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With Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's speed, it did not take long before they arrived on the snow-capped mountain in the northern region. After spending a few days there, they decided to leave for the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

Ke'er asked, "Brother Tian, do you think Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold are alright?" She was worried that the three little ones did not survive the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. She had found out previously that the three little ones had entered the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. However, after leaving the secret zone for such a long time, she still did not see those three. How could she not feel worried?

Although Duan Lingtian was also slightly concerned about this matter, he hid his concern since he had to reassure his wife. "Didn't you hear that they have gotten stronger? Moreover, it seems like they're not any weaker than Bodiless Celestials!"

#### **2494 News of Atomic Proportion**

"If three of them put their minds together, coupled with their strength, they'll definitely be fine. Perhaps, they'll be here when we return. Hopefully, at that time, we would have also found mother and father," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile as he patted Ke'er's back reassuringly. However, contrary to his words, he was concerned about those three little ones' safety in the depth of his heart as well.

Although those three had become powerful, there were so many people who were powerful as well in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. There were even people who were stronger than Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. Even if they were as strong as Bodiless Celestials, they would not be a match for those powerful people.

“Alright.” Ke’er, who was unaware of Duan Ling Tian’s true thoughts, felt more at ease after listening to his words.

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This time, only Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er would be making the trip to the Lower Province. Feng Tian Wu did not come along since she was in closed-door training, and Duan Ling Tian did not want to bother her.

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Meanwhile, chaos had descended on the dragon clan again.

Although the two Supreme Elders had ordered everyone present on the scene to keep news of what happened from spreading, the news still leaked out, causing an uproar in the dragon clan.

It did not take long before everyone in the dragon clan learned about what happened. Previously, they had known that Di Huan had gone to meet Duan Ling Tian, but that was the extent of their knowledge until now.

“Elder Di Huan was killed by Duan Ling Tian?”

“Heavens! Duan Ling Tian is capable of killing Elder Di Huan? This means he’s stronger than a Seven Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

“His strength is at least comparable to an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, right?”

“How can an Eminent Celestial be so strong? How can a person like him exist in the mundane realms?”

Everyone in the dragon clan was shocked that Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, was capable of killing Di Huan.

“No wonder he dares to come to our dragon clan alone and demand us to hand Elder Di Huan to him. As it turns out, he’s so strong!”

“Even then, he’s too arrogant to demand us to hand Elder Di Huan over or he’ll annihilate our clan.”

Although the members of the dragon clan figured out Duan Ling Tian had killed their Supreme Elder and his power was at least comparable to an Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, they did not think he was capable of annihilating their entire clan.

“Our patriarch appeared just as Duan Ling Tian was about to leave after killing Elder Di Huan?” Many of their eyes brightened when they learned about this.

“The patriarch is the strongest person in the dragon clan. At the very least, he’s a peak Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

Many of them were curious about what happened after their patriarch had appeared. However, when they discovered the truth, all of them were thoroughly shocked.

“Our patriarch is a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

“Since that’s the case, it should be easy for our patriarch to kill Duan Ling Tian, right?”

“No. I was there at that time. I had the same thoughts as you, but the result was out of my expectation. Duan Ling Tian’s strength was not inferior to our patriarch’s strength!”

“Duan Ling Tian’s strength is comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?! Moreover, he has mastered a technique that could rob people of their weapons and Celestial Supreme Treasures?”

“Since they’re evenly matched, what happened next?”

“Well, there was nothing the patriarch could do to Duan Ling Tian, and it was the same for Duan Ling Tian. So nothing happened in the end, right?”

“No. At the critical moment, Duan Ling Tian’s wife appeared!”

“Duan Ling Tian’s wife? What could a woman do to turn things around?”

“What? With just a slight move of her hand, she killed our patriarch with a palm strike? She squashed our patriarch to death when he reverted to an Eight-clawed Golden Dragon?!”

“Is this a joke? It sounds preposterous!”

“Our patriarch is a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! How could he be killed by a woman without any chance to retaliate at all?”

The members of the dragon clan were even more shocked when they discovered Ke’er’s terrifying strength!

“Before our patriarch died, he said Duan Ling Tian’s wife is a Celestial from a Devata Realm?”

“I’m afraid only Celestials from the Devata Realms would have that kind of power!”

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It did not take long for news to spread out of the dragon clan and reached the land outside the mountain range. Soon after, it spread like wildfire through the entire Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land.

“The patriarch of the dragon clan is a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?”

Many people were happy after they had gotten over the shock of discovering the patriarch of the dragon clan was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Many of them were confident the Devil Clans would be driven back to the Land of Exile when they learned there was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the dragon clan. However, their joy did not last long when they heard the following news.

“The patriarch of the dragon clan was squashed to death?”

“He was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! Who’s capable of killing him?”

“To think he was killed in such a manner!”

As time went on, people in the Dao Martial Saint Land learned the entire truth. At the same time, the dragon clan had publicly announced they had no enmity with the Seven Absolutes Sect. The dragon clan's announcement convinced the people of the veracity of the news.

"Heavens! The Seven Absolute Sect really surprised me!"

"During the past few years, there's been no news about them. I thought they were laying low, I didn't think they had gotten this strong!"

"I thought it's impressive that Duan Ling Tian possesses strength equivalent to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. To think his wife is even stronger that she could even squash a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to death!"

"The Seven Absolutes Sect of this generation seems to be even more terrifying compared to Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang's era!"

"You're right. The Seven Absolute Sect is going to change the world!"

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When the news finally spread to the northern region and to the snow-capped mountain where the temporary estate of the Seven Absolutes Sect was located, the Nangong twins who were not in closed-door cultivation were shocked by the news as well.

"What? How?"

"S-she has gotten so strong?"

When they recalled the gentle and quiet woman by Duan Ling Tian's side, they were even more shocked. They really did not expect Ke'er would be so terrifyingly strong. After all, no one had informed them about what happened in the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone

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Meanwhile, the Devil Clans had also received this news of atomic proportion.

"What? There are humans here who are capable of killing Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials?"

### **2495 Old Friends from the Devil Clans**

The fact that the Devil Clans had conquered half of the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land was a testament to their extraordinary strength. Moreover, there were many Bodiless Celestials in the Devil Clans as well, and some of them had remained in the Land of Exile. However, more and more Bodiless Celestials began to leave the Land of Exile to join their respective clan in the Dao Martial Saint Land. The devils Duan Ling Tian had encountered when he was in the Lower Province previously were nothing compared to these Bodiless Celestials.

With the Bodiless Celestials presence in the Devil Clans, the various clans' management, naturally, improved. There was less infighting among the Devil Clans. They were now united against the people of the Dao Martial Saint Land. With that, how could the Devil Clans not be strong? It was not an exaggeration to say they were as tough as an iron board now.

The Devil Clans had conquered the northern and southern regions in the Upper Province, but the lands were not divided by the clans. All kinds of devils from different clans could be seen living harmoniously.

When news about Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's feat spread to the northern and southern region, the devils were, naturally, shocked. They were also shocked to find out that the dragon clan's patriarch was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

"A human capable of effortlessly killing a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial exists? Moreover, that person is the wife of Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect?"

"In the first place, I didn't even think there's a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the Saint Province Realm!"

"In the Land of Exile, only one Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial would appear every few generations. To think the Dao Martial Saint Land has a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial."

"The patriarch of the dragon clan is a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

Many of the devils were scared witless when they learned about this. However, they quickly learned that the Devil Clans' also had a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

"Apparently, the patriarch had said it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to kill him unless he joins forces with the Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from our Devil Clans."

"Well, from his words, we can infer that there's a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in our clan as well!"

"This must be why the patriarch of the dragon clan didn't step forward and make a move to drive us out of the Dao Martial Saint Land!"

The devils were, naturally, excited when they learned about the existence of a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the Devil Clans! However, their excitement and joy faded away quickly when they remembered something. It was as though an ice-cold bucket of water had been poured on them.

"Wait... Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect, is an Eminent Celestial whose strength is comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial?"

"In other words, there are two Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials in the Dao Martial Saint Land?"

Many devils felt amazed inwardly by Duan Ling Tian's strength. They did not expect someone so young to possess such strength. After they had invaded the Upper Province, they had heard about his past achievements. However, during the time of their invasion, it seemed like he had disappeared into thin air. For this reason, they assumed something had happened to him. They did not expect that he would appear a few years later and become so strong.

Initially, the devils learned that Duan Ling Tian, the Sect Leader of Seven Absolutes Sect, had strength comparable to a Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. This news was not too shocking. However, after just a few years, his strength was comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

“I heard there was a heaven-defying cultivator in the Dao Martial Saint Land 100,000 years ago. He was only an Eminent Celestial, but he was capable of killing Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials and had strength comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

“That heaven-defying cultivator was called a Sword Saint by the people in the Dao Martial Saint Land. It was said that the Sword Saint was the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect at that time. The current sect leader, Duan Ling Tian, is his successor!”

“The most terrifying person is not Duan Ling Tian, it’s his wife! Rumor has it that his wife is even stronger than a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

“Well, she’s definitely stronger than a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial to be able to kill a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial so effortlessly! Well, that’s only if the rumor is true.”

“Well, everyone can believe that if they want, but I don’t believe there’s someone so strong among the humans...”

“Me neither!”

Most of the devils did not believe the news of Ke’er killing the patriarch of the dragon clan. They assumed this rumor was intentionally spread by the humans to demoralize them.

“If there’s someone like that among the humans, why didn’t she make a move when we invaded the Upper Province and drive us back to the Land of Exile?”

“Yeah! If there were such a person, would she have allowed us to invade and conquer the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land?”

“Humph! Those human imbeciles! Do they take us for fools?”

As time passed, some of the devils even thought the news of Duan Ling Tian possessing strength comparable to Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was fake.

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In a city in the southern region.

A young man leaped onto one of the buildings around him. He had an expression of awe on his face as he muttered to himself, “I wonder if it’s true he has strength comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Moreover, his wife is capable of killing a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!”

If Duan Ling Tian was here, he would recognize the young man with just a glance. The young man was none other than Huang Qi Ling, a disciple of the Wandering Saint Palace, whom he met outside the Human-devil Clan’s Saint City in the Lower Province. He was one of the two friends Duan Ling Tian had in the Wandering Saint Palace.

When Huang Qi Ling arrived at a mansion, he called out respectfully, “Sister Wen Jing!”

A cold voice replied, “Come in.”

Huang Qi Ling entered the mansion and arrived in the front courtyard. He looked at the person's back as he asked softly, "Sister Wen Jing, did you hear the news?"

The person Huang Qi Ling was speaking to was a woman who was dressed in robes that were as white as fresh snow. Her long and silky hair hung loosely like a waterfall. She emitted an icy aura that made her seem unapproachable as she stood there.

When the white-clad woman heard Huang Qi Ling's question, her body trembled involuntarily. After a while, she nodded slightly. When she turned around, she revealed her appearance that could topple a city. However, her peerlessly beautiful face had an extremely cold expression.

This woman was Duan Ling Tian's other friend from the Human-devil Clan. They had met when Duan Ling Tian returned to the Lower Province after the Devil Clan's invasion. She was Huang Wen Jing, the most beautiful person in the Human-devil Clan.

Ever since the Devil Clans invaded the Upper Province, the Human-devil Clan had come to the Upper Province as well.

Huang Wen Jing and Huang Qi Ling were members of the Wandering Saint Palace, one of the most powerful forces in the Human-devil Clan. Naturally, they followed the Human-devil Clan's army to the Upper Province. Thanks to the Wandering Saint Palace, they were given a place to stay in the southern region of the Upper Province.

With the arrival of Bodiless Celestials from the Devil Clans in the Dao Martial Saint Land, even Palace Master Yuwen Hao Chen from the Wandering Saint Palace was no longer an elite, let alone two nobodies like them.

"Sister Wen Jing... Do you think the news is real? Do you think he has really gotten so strong? Moreover, his wi..." Huang Qi Ling suddenly ceased his questions. He remembered the woman before him had unrequited feelings for Duan Ling Tian. He knew if he continued his line of questioning, he would only poke on her sore spot.

However, Huang Wen Jing said, "Moreover, his wife is capable of killing a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial... That's what you wanted to say, right?"

Huang Qi Ling forced a smile on his face and said apologetically, "I'm sorry, Sister Wen Jing, I..."

"There's nothing to be sorry about," Huang Wen Jing said indifferently, "To begin with, there's nothing between us. There was nothing, there is nothing, and there won't be..." She could not bring herself to finish her sentence. In the depth of her heart, she still held onto a shred of hope even though she knew the gap between her and that man was only getting wider and wider with each passing day.

### **2496 Dear Cousin...**

There are some women who thought they would never fall in love with a man in their lives. However, when they finally met the man who managed to sway their hearts, they would discover that their hearts had been completely occupied by the man. Their hearts would not have the space to fit another man.

Huang Wen Jing was one of these women.

Years ago, when Huang Wen Jing met Duan Ling Tian, he had displayed his strength in the Wandering Saint Palace. He had killed the Human-devil Clan's ancestor, Liao Nai, a Three Tribulation Bodiless Celestial, before leaving the Wandering Saint Palace. At that time, she knew a relationship with that man would never bear fruit. Even then, she could not seem to forget the man even after all these years.

When Huang Wen Jing had first arrived in the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, she heard that man had strength comparable to Six Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. Although she was shocked, she could not help but feel proud as well. As expected, this was the man she liked! His strength was a testament to her good taste in men.

In the following years, she no longer heard news about that man. She had been worried about his safety and feared he had been killed by the dragon clan. Currently, after all these years, she finally received news about him, causing her to sigh in relief and feeling proud at the same time. Despite only being an Eminent Celestial, his strength was comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial!

After a while, Huang Wen Jing finally replied to Huang Qi Ling, "I think the news is true. As for the news about his wife, I don't think it's fake either." When she spoke about Ke'er, a hint of envy that she could not suppress could be seen in the depths of her eyes. She was not envious of Ke'er's strength, she was envious that Ke'er could stay by his side.

"I agree." Huang Qi Ling nodded in agreement. "Although the news seems exaggerated, I can't help but feel it's possible for someone like him."

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Meanwhile, Yuwen Hao Chen, the Palace Master of Wandering Saint Palace, was stunned as well when he received the news. "There's news about master?"

Years ago, Yuwen Hao Chen had sworn on a lightning penalty oath to acknowledge Duan Ling Tian as his master before Duan Ling Tian left. He could not help but laugh bitterly when he finally received news about Duan Ling Tian.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian had ordered Yuwen Hao Chen to look for his family. "Regardless if the news about master is real or fake, there's no doubt that he has reappeared. However, I've made no progress with the matter he entrusted me with back then, how can I bring myself to face him?" Although he did not spare any efforts in carrying out Duan Ling Tian's order, he failed to find any traces of Duan Ling Tian's family.

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Somewhere in the northern region.

Yang Zhen Xing, the former patriarch of the Human-devil clan, had also received news about Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er. His expression darkened as he shook his head in disbelief. "Impossible! Impossible! How could he and his wife be so strong? The news must be fake!"

Back then, Yang Zhen Xing had personally witnessed Duan Ling Tian kill his master. He only managed to escape because he had used a Fiery Blood Evasion Talisman. After his successful escape, he returned to the Land of Exile to meet the Bodiless Celestials in his clan. Unfortunately, when he returned to the



Wandering Saint Palace with the Bodiless Celestials in tow, Duan Ling Tian had left and vanished without a trace. He could not seek revenge from Duan Ling Tian at all.

When Yang Zhen Xing came to the Upper Province, he assumed Duan Ling Tian had been killed by the dragon clan. After all, this would explain Duan Ling Tian's disappearance. He was happy. At the very least, Duan Ling Tian's death could be considered as a revenge for his master. It was out of his expectation that he would receive news about Duan Ling Tian after all these years. Moreover, it was said that Duan Ling Tian possessed strength comparable to a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial! How could he accept this?

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In the northern region. In a snowy land where everything had remained frozen for the past 100,000 years.

At this moment, the peace in the land was disrupted.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind whistling loudly shattered the silence as several figures flew in from different directions, leaving tears in the void in their wake.

In just a blink of an eye, seven figures appeared in the sky of the snowy land. All of them came to a halt at the same time as though they had a tacit agreement before this.

A black-robed middle-aged man looked at the other six people and asked coldly, "I'm sure everyone has heard the news?" The cold expression on his face was not feigned, this was his default expression. It gave him an unapproachable air.

"Mhm."

"I have."

The others nodded when they heard his words.

Bang!

They had only been here for a few minutes when a loud explosion sounded from the glacier beneath them. It seemed like the glacier had suffered from a tremendous impact as it began to crack, looking like a spider web.

Boom!

As the cracks continued to spread, another explosion sounded in the air.

This time, the glacier was shattered, causing ice shards to fall into the cold water. The water splashed as ice shards continued falling.

An indifferent voice said, "What happened?"

Although the voice was not loud, it caused chills to run up the seven people's spines.

“Master Wu Ji!”

“Master Wu Ji!”

When the seven people recovered from their shock, they quickly bowed reverently to an old man who had just appeared out of thin air.

If people were to see these seven people behaving in such a manner, they would have been greatly shocked. This was because these seven people were extremely strong in the Devil Clans. All of them were Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. How could one not feel shocked seeing seven Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials from the Devil Clans bowing reverently to an old man?

The old man had a medium build and his appearance was average. He would not have stood out in a sea of people. However, since the seemingly average old man was treated so reverently by the seven Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials, it was obvious his status was extremely high. Indeed, he was the only Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial in the Devil Clans!

“Is it true that the patriarch of the dragon clan has died?”

The old man, Wu Ji, had a dark expression on his face when he learned about this news from these seven Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials. When he had first arrived in the Upper Province, he had found out the patriarch of the dragon clan was a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial. They had fought, but their fight ended in a match. Neither one could defeat the other. When he learned about the death of the dragon clan’s patriarch, an ominous feeling rose in his heart. If that person could kill the patriarch of the dragon clan, that person could, naturally, kill him as well.

“After the incident, the dragon clan has announced they have no enmity with the Seven Absolutes Sect. Based on that, the news is probably true,” one of the Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials said.

“I agree,” another Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestial said.

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Duan Ling Tian was, naturally, unaware that the Devil Clan’s Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial was trembling in fear after learning about his wife’s ability to kill a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial.

When Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er returned to the Lower Province, they searched every corner for his parents, wife, and friends. However, even after searching for two months, they could not find anything.

Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself, ‘Is it possible that father, mother, and the others have gone to the Upper Province as well?’

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Ke’er suggested, “Brother Tian, since we can’t find them here, should we return to the Upper Province to look for them?”

“Mhm.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. After a while, he said gently, “Ke’er, it must’ve been tough for you lately... If it weren’t for you, I wouldn’t have been able to search every corner of the Lower Province in just two months!” If it were not for Ke’er’s powerful Divine Consciousness, it would have been impossible for him to complete his search in such a short time.

“Brother Tian, there’s no need for these words between us.” Ke’er shook her head lightly as she looked at Duan Ling Tian tenderly.

When Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er were about to return to the Upper Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land, a voice suddenly rang in the air. It seemed to have come from all directions.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned while Ke’er’s expression changed drastically. Currently, she had a panicked expression on her face.

“My dear cousin...” The voice belonged to a man and was laden with fury.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian felt an extremely powerful energy bearing down on him without any warning. It felt as though he had been hit on the chest with a sledgehammer. His internal organs seemed to rattle from the impact. Soon after, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

### **2497 Yun Qing Yan**

Ke’er cried out angrily, “Yun Qing Yan, stop it!” The gentle expression on her face had disappeared and was replaced with a furious expression as she stood next to Duan Ling Tian. She looked at Duan Ling Tian tenderly and affectionately, but when she looked at the newcomer, her eyes were as cold as ice.

“Ke’er...” Duan Ling Tian did not know who the newcomer was. He wondered how the newcomer was so strong. When he heard Ke’er’s furious cry, he was shocked. This was his first time seeing her so angry. Naturally, he knew her anger stemmed from her love for him. He could not help but feel warm in his heart.

Suddenly, a thought appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. “T-that person seemed to have addressed Ke’er as his cousin... I-is he...”

There was something Duan Ling Tian had buried in the depth of his heart and refused to think about. It was the fact that Ke’er was a reincarnated goddess.

According to Tang Xuan, the Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect, not only was Ke’er a reincarnated goddess, but she also had a cousin who seemed to have ambiguous intentions toward her. Her cousin was most likely a powerhouse from a Devata Realm.

Although Duan Ling Tian possessed extraordinary strength now, he knew he was no match for the mighty Celestials from the Devata Realms. Those Golden Celestials or stronger could easily kill him. Based on Tang Xuan’s words, it was clear Ke’er’s cousin from her past life was not your run-of-the-mill Celestial.

‘Ke’er seems to know his name... He’s most likely that person!’ It seems like Ke’er had regained her memories about her cousin but neglected to inform Duan Ling Tian about it. Naturally, he understood that Ke’er had kept this from him because she did not want to worry him.

The voice that seemed to have come from all directions rang in the air again. “It seems like you’ve regained your memories, cousin. At the very least, you remember me.”

Ke’er stared ahead with her limpid eyes before a figure suddenly appeared.

The figure belonged to an azure-clad young man. He was handsome, muscular, and tall. His dark green hair fell loosely on his back, untied. A wicked smile seemed to be permanently etched on his face.

The azure-clad young man's wicked smile and handsome appearance would definitely be a lethal combination for young girls who had just learned about love.

At this moment, the azure-clad young man was staring intently at Ke'er.

Duan Ling Tian's expression changed greatly when he noticed the azure-clad young man's intense stare toward Ke'er. Without paying mind to his safety, he moved at blinding speed and planted himself between the azure-clad young man and Ke'er. He was truly worried the azure-clad young man would hurt Ke'er. At this moment, he was only driven by instinct to protect his wife. He seemed to have forgotten he was no match for the azure-clad young man at all. Just a few moments ago, he had been grievously injured by the azure-clad young man before the azure-clad young man had even appeared.

"Hm?" As soon as Duan Ling Tian stood in front of Ke'er, shielding her, the azure-clad young man's expression turned icy before it darkened. His body instantly emitted a strong killing intent. He spoke in a tone so cold that it seemed to cause the surroundings' temperature to drop. "To think that you'd come to me before I go looking for you... You're seeking death!"

In the next moment, the void around Duan Ling Tian seemed to have shattered like glass even though the azure-clad young man did not seem to move. Duan Ling Tian began to sway on his feet, it seemed like he was about to collapse at any moment. He felt a domineering energy surrounding him from all directions. His energy was completely suppressed. A sense of danger quickly rose in his heart.

"Elementary Devouring Tactic! Sword formation! Thirteen Green Lotus Swords!" Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate as he quickly cast all the techniques in his arsenal to break free from this shackle.

"How... How's this possible?!" It did not take long before Duan Ling Tian discovered that the assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was being suppressed and nullified by the energy that surrounded him. Since he could not cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic, how could he absorb the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings to raise his strength?

'H-how's he so strong?!' Duan Ling Tian discovered he could not unleash his other techniques as well. At this moment, he felt as though he was standing at death's door.

This feeling intensified as the azure-clad young man said coldly, "You're seeking death!"

The moment the azure-clad young man's voice faded, waves after waves of destructive energy pressed down on Duan Ling Tian, seemingly capable of killing him at any time.

At this moment, Ke'er cried out, "Yun Qing Yan! If you kill Brother Tian, I won't live as well!" She said this in a tone that brooked no arguments. "You should know you won't be able to stop me if I want to die."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in fear and his expression changed when he heard Ke'er's words. He said with great difficulty, "Ke'er!" He had never felt so helpless before. Although his strength could be considered as the strongest in the mundane realms, he was still powerless before this azure-clad young man. Even if the azure-clad young man did not kill him now, he still would not feel happy.

The azure-clad young man, Ke'er's cousin, Yun Qing Yan, stood still with a darkened expression on his face. The aura he emitted was sinister. "Cousin, you'll throw away your life for this vermin?"

Yun Qing Yan's attention was solely focused on Ke'er at this moment. His eyes were filled with jealousy when he spoke. Underneath that jealousy was killing intent. Naturally, that killing intent was directed at Duan Ling Tian, not Ke'er.

Ke'er said coldly, "He's no vermin, he's my husband!"

"Your husband..." Yun Qing Yang's eyes widened in anger when he heard Ke'er's words. His expression turned even darker, and his killing intent was so strong that it would make one's hair stand on ends. He said grimly, "Cousin, I'd like to remind you that we have a marriage agreement. Since he became your husband before you regained your memories, if he dies today, I'll overlook everything that happened between you and him. After all, I would have no quarrel with a dead man!" He truly did not expect this result after years and years of his meticulous planning.

Ke'er scoffed. "Marriage agreement? Yun Qing Yan, if I'm not mistaken, when I died in my past life, our marriage agreement had been dissolved. In my current life, I have no relations with you at all!"

Yun Qing Yang asked in a deep voice, "Cousin, why do you hate me so much? Why won't you be with me?"

"I've told you this in my past life, I only see you as an older brother. However, you could not accept it and destroyed everything we had. You made me give up life so I didn't have to marry you. Even after I reincarnated, you meddled and placed me in this mundane realm, sending someone to keep an eye on me. Unfortunately, you didn't expect that even with your meticulous planning, you still failed!" Ke'er said.

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian realized Ke'er had died in her past life because of Yun Qing Yang. She had died so she did not have to marry Yun Qing Yan. However, Yun Qing Yan meddled and placed Ke'er in the Mundane Realm after she had been reincarnated. It was not difficult to figure out that the person Yun Qing Yang had sent to keep an eye on Ke'er was Tang Xuan, the former Sect Leader of Fire Worship Sect!

### **2498 To Live and Die Together**

Yun Qing Yang's expression darkened when he heard Ke'er's words. Back then, he had gone to a lot of trouble to arrange the fate of this woman's reincarnation and placed her in this remote mundane realm. He had done it so she would not come in contact with her family so soon, giving him more time to approach her. Before she regained her memories, he had planned to build a relationship with her, win her over, conquer her... He really did not expect his younger cousin would marry another man and even give birth to a child.

Vexed, Yun Qing Yang thought to himself, 'Sh\*t! If I knew this would happen, I wouldn't have left all those years ago!' Many years ago, he had to leave the mundane realm after arranging for his cousin to be reincarnated here to attend to some matter. It had taken him many years before he returned. Naturally, those years were not long to him. Since he had found someone to keep an eye on Ke'er, he felt at ease leaving her in this mundane realm. Who knew the person he had entrusted to keep an eye

on his cousin had died and his cousin had been won over by another man when he returned? He could not accept this.

“Cousin, you should know that uncle and aunt won’t allow you to be with this mortal vermin. If they were here today, they would kill him as soon as they find out he has defiled you,” Yun Qing Yang said in a deep voice.

Ke’er said coldly, “That’s the Xia family’s business, and it’s none of your business!”

“Cousin, have you forgotten that my mother is your aunt. She’s a member of the Xia family as well! As her son, I’m considered a half-member of the Xia family. Therefore, I can’t shirk my responsibility when it comes to the Xia family!” Yun Qing Yang said as he stared at Duan Ling Tian with killing intent. He struggled to suppress the urge to tear Duan Ling Tian into pieces.

“Don’t make yourself sound so noble!” Ke’er scoffed. “Do you dare say you have no selfish motives behind your actions? Yun Qing Yan, I advise you to give up and not waste any more time on me... Whether it’s in my past life or my current life, I’m not interested in you nor will I ever be your Cultivation Partner. The marriage agreement between us in my past life had been destroyed along with my body in my past life!” Ke’er said determinedly.

Yun Qing Yan’s expression turned unsightly immediately. “We’ll put aside the matter regarding our marriage agreement for now, but you must return with me today! Your parents have asked me many times about your reincarnation. They care about you a lot.”

“What a joke!” Ke’er laughed scornfully when she heard Yun Qing Yang’s words. She looked at him pointedly and said, “If you truly care about my parents’ feelings, you wouldn’t have placed me in this remote mundane realm. If I’m not mistaken, you didn’t tell them that I was reincarnated in this mundane realm, right?” When she saw the change in Yun Qing Yan’s expression, she scoffed again. “It seems like I’m right.”

After a moment, the frown disappeared from Yun Qing Yang’s face. “So what? No matter what, you have to follow me back today!”

“She’s my wife! Who are you to bring her back with you?!” Duan Ling Tian who had remained silent thus far could not help but speak up when he heard Yun Qing Yang said he intended on bringing Ke’er away. His expression soured as well. In the past, he was helpless when Ke’er was taken away by Gan Ru Yan in the Lower Province of the Dao Martial Saint Land. Today, it seemed like history was about to repeat itself. This time, he would not sit back and do nothing. He had promised Ke’er that they would not part again as long as he still had one lingering breath in him.

“Who am I?” Yun Qing Yang remained calm when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. A sneer appeared on his face before he said mockingly, “I’m someone who’s invincible in front of someone like you. I don’t even have to lift a finger to kill you or make you wish for death. I can do that with just a thought!” His eyes flashed coldly when he spoke.

In the next moment.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air as the void around Duan Ling Tian that had just mended itself crumbled again.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Shortly after, an extremely powerful force hit Duan Ling Tian, dispersing the energy he had mobilized through his 99 Saint Veins. The force that hit him seemed to be just the right amount. He had no way to mobilize his energy faced with this sweeping force nor did he have any way to cast his techniques. It seemed like he had been reduced to a puppet, powerless to resist the evil force that assaulted him. He kept spitting out mouthful after mouthful of blood, causing his aura to weaken. He could not even maintain his position in the air, and he fell with a crash on the peak of a mountain. He was further weakened from this.

“Yun! Qing! Yan!” Ke’er said through clenched teeth when she saw this. Her body trembled with rage and no warmth could be seen on her peerlessly beautiful face at this moment. Her eyes were filled with killing intent when she stared at Yun Qing Yang. However, pain flashed in her eyes when she looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Ke’er could not move because Yun Qing Yang had bound her so she could not act when he attacked Duan Ling Tian.

Yun Qing Yang did not even move a muscle when he bound Ke’er and attacked Duan Ling Tian. It was one thing for him to be able to deal with Duan Ling Tian so effortlessly. However, his strength was made evident when he could even act on Ke’er whose strength was on par with a Golden Celestial from the Devata Realms at the same time.

Yun Qing Yang did not bother with Ke’er’s cries of anger. He descended from the sky on the mountain peak and arrived before Duan Ling Tian who was lying on the ground, heavily injured. He squatted down as Duan Ling Tian lifted his head with great difficulty to look at him. He said mockingly, “Didn’t you ask who am I to take your wife away? Are you going to ask the same question again? How dare a vermin like you scream and shout before me? Seeking death!”

Duan Ling Tian’s heavy injuries rendered him immobile. He only lay on the ground silently. However, when he heard Yun Qing Yan’s words, he gritted his teeth and spoke with great difficulty in a hoarse voice, “You better kill me today, Yun Qing Yang. Otherwise, you’ll regret it in the future. Mark my words.”

Smack!

Yun Qing Yang slapped Duan Ling Tian as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. He said scornfully, “You dare boast about making me regret this in the future if I let you live, you scum? Fine. If you wish to die, I’ll fulfill your wish!”

Yun Qing Yang had no qualms about killing Duan Ling Tian. If his cousin did not interfere earlier, he would have already killed Duan Ling Tian. How dare this vermin defile his cousin and even have a child with her? He could not tolerate this! He wanted to tear this man into thousands of pieces.

“Yun Qing Yan!” Ke’er cried out just as Yun Qing Yang was about to kill Duan Ling Tian. “If you kill Brother Tian, I’ll end my life immediately to follow him!”

Yun Qing Yang’s hand came to a stop when he heard Ke’er’s words. His expression was extremely grim. His anger began to boil again as he said, “Cousin, you’re of noble birth, and yet, you’re willing to discard your life for this mortal? Is he worth it?!”

His cousin had been a beauty with a cold character in her past life. She would keep him at arm’s length no matter what he did. Even when they had a marriage agreement, she still did not submit to him. To think she was willing to discard her life for man after she had been reincarnated.

Yun Qing Yang’s heart was filled with jealousy. Why? Why would the woman who remained out of his reach even though he went through great pains to pursue her willingly discard her life for another man? She would not even give him a chance. If this man was superior to him, he might have been able to accept it. However, this man was just a mortal vermin in this mundane realm. He did not even have to lift a finger to kill this man! He really felt unresigned.

“He’s the man I, Xia Ning Xue, have chosen... No matter how many times I’m reincarnated, I’ll live and die together with him! If he lives, I live; if he dies, I die!” Ke’er said coldly, causing the temperature in the surroundings to drop even further.

#### **2499 I am Heaven!**

“If he lives, I live; if he dies, I die!” Ke’er’s voice was filled with determination. She did not even hesitate when she said those words, causing Yun Qing Yan’s expression to change drastically.

“Cousin, you... you...” Yun Qing Yang looked at Ke’er, speechless. Rage had consumed him, and he found it difficult to talk.

“Brother Tian.” Contrary to the domineering way she had spoken to Yun Qing Yan, Ke’er’s tone was gentle when she spoke to Duan Ling Tian. Her eyes flashed with pain as she said, “I’ve told you that I don’t ever want to leave your side. I want to be with you always, even in death!”

“Ke’er...” Duan Ling Tian who was stirred by Ke’er’s words coughed up blood again. His face was devoid of colors at this moment. When he regained his breath, he said urgently, “I’ve promised you that I won’t part with you again. Nobody can take you away from me unless they kill me!”

“If you die, Ke’er won’t live as well,” Ke’er said resolutely and decisively. She was not afraid of death as long as she could be with her man.

“Good, good... Very good! What a touching sight...” Yun Qing Yang’s expression was truly unsightly when he saw the deep relationship between his cousin and this vermin from the mundane realm. He only laughed angrily. After a while, he calmed down and said confidently, “However, do you think I’ll reveal myself if I didn’t make any preparations beforehand?”

Duan Ling Tian only frowned slightly when he heard Yun Qing Yang’s words. On the contrary, Ke’er’s expression changed drastically. This was because she knew her cousin was someone who would use every means at his disposal to get what he wanted. An ominous feeling rose in her heart.



Yun Qing Yang looked at Duan Ling Tian coldly before he waved his arm across the air. "Duan Ling Tian, take a good look... tell me, who are these people?"

The air before Yun Qing Yang trembled violently.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The void shook for some time, and a mirror image appeared before Yun Qing Yan, Duan Ling Tian, and Ke'er.

Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's expressions changed drastically when they saw the content of the mirror image.

"Despicable!" Ke'er glared at Yun Qing Yan. "Yun Qing Yan, you're not only an embarrassment to yourself, but you're an embarrassment to the Yun family as well!"

Yun Qing Yang ignored Ke'er's furious cry. He looked at Duan Ling Tian who was lying on the ground and said, "What do you think? Do you like this huge present I prepared for you?"

"Father! Mother! Little Fei'er! Nian Tian!" Duan Ling Tian did not seem to hear Yun Qing Yang's words. His attention was solely focused on the mirror image before him that displayed his parents, his wife, Li Fei, and his son, Duan Nian Tian. He could also see his senior brother, Bai Li Hong, his soon-to-be father-in-law, Feng Wu Dao, and his other friends.

Duan Ling Tian saw his family and friends being imprisoned in a cramped and ice-cold room. They looked listless as though they had lost their souls. Nevertheless, his family and friends could not hear him regardless of how loud he shouted.

It did not take long before the mirror image shifted to a different scene of another group being imprisoned in a small room, causing another drastic change in Duan Ling Tian's expression.

"Senior Uncle Prophet?"

"Tian Wu?"

"Si Ling!"

All his close friends who were supposed to be in the temporary estate of the Seven Absolutes Sect in the northern region of the Upper Province had been imprisoned with the exception of Zhang Yi from Yan Huang Realm!

"Si Ling!" Ke'er cried out when she saw her daughter, Duan Si Ling. Her expression further darkened. "Yun Qing Yan, if you touch even a single hair on my daughter's head, I'll kill you!" She looked murderous as she spoke to Yun Qing Yang, as though she wanted to tear him into a thousand pieces!

When Yun Qing Yan heard Ke'er's words, his face darkened. However, he continued to ignore Ke'er. His eyes fell on the heavily-wounded Duan Ling Tian who was lying by his feet. He said coldly, "Duan Ling Tian, do you know where they are? I don't think you'll believe me even if I tell you. They are, quite literally, in my hands!" As soon as he finished speaking, he moved his hand.

Duan Ling Tian saw something appearing in Yun Qing Yang's hand. His eyes widened in shock and disbelief. A small prison that looked similar to the prison shown in the mirror image had appeared in Yun Qing Yang's hand.

"This is a peak Celestial Weapon I stumbled upon when I was roaming the Devata Realm many years ago... This is a spatial Celestial Weapon. It's capable of containing all life forms. I've turned it into a prison on a whim, but it seems like it has come in handy now," Yun Qing Yang said flippantly as though he was speaking of something trivial as he shook the Celestial Weapon in his hand.

"My family, my friends... They're all kept in there?" Duan Ling Tian asked in a hoarse voice as he looked at Yun Qing Yang coldly.

"That's right," Yun Qing Yang said nonchalantly, "They're being held in this spatial Celestial Weapon that I made. All it takes is a mere thought to turn all of them into dust!"

Duan Ling Tian's face was pale as he spat out, "Despicable!" He did not expect Yun Qing Yang would resort to this tactic. Yun Qing Yan was from the Devata Realms and was likely not inferior to a Great Overarching Golden Celestial, and yet, someone like that stooped so low as to hold his family and friends hostage just to threaten him.

"Yun Qing Yan!" Ke'er cried out again, "Leave them out of this! This is too much!"

At this moment, Yun Qing Yang finally turned to look at Ke'er. He took his time as he said, "Cousin. I don't think there's anything outrageous about this... Didn't you refuse to leave with me? Didn't you want to die with him? You even said you'll die along with this vermin. I don't want you to die so I don't dare to kill him. And if he doesn't die, you won't leave with me. Can't you see the conundrum I am in? I guess I can only fulfill your wish and let him live." His smile widened as he looked at the prison-shaped spatial Celestial Weapon in his hand. He continued to say, "However, I'll have to bring these people away with me. I can't say what's going to happen to them once I bring them away. After all, you won't be by my side to remind me not to harm them, dear cousin." As he spoke his words that held hidden meaning, he looked at Ke'er meaningfully.

Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er's expressions were extremely grave upon hearing this.

"Yun Qing Yan, you call yourself a Celestial from the Devata Realm... You should just come at me if you want to kill me! You're despicable! How dare you use my family to threaten me when you think I'm nothing more than vermin? Aren't you worried that you'll incur heaven's wrath?" Duan Ling Tian cried out fiercely with whatever strength he could muster.

"Heaven's wrath?" Yun Qing Yang laughed when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. "Duan Ling Tian! I'll show you that I am heaven itself before someone like you. If heaven wants you dead, none of you can escape!" As soon as he finished speaking, one of the people in the small room, as seen from the mirror image, suddenly exploded into a blood mist.

The room was dyed red from blood.

Duan Ling Tian cried out in horror, "Gold Thug!" The person who was killed by Yun Qing Yan with just a thought was a loyal servant of his. He was the Golden Hellhound, Jin Sha. He had ordered Gold Thug to

stay with his father in the Azure Cloud Mansion. His father was the Mansion Master of Azure Cloud Mansion, Duan Ru Feng.

Although Duan Ling Tian had not seen Gold Thug for a long time, he had treated Gold Thug as one of his own. He felt anger rise in him upon watching Gold Thug die. His eyes were so cold at this moment that it seemed as though he could freeze everything he laid his eyes on.

In the next moment, the image on the screen shifted.

"I told you, before vermin like you, I am heaven!"

The instant Yun Qing Yan's voice reached his ears, Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically again. This was because another person imprisoned in that small room was killed again.

"Xiong Quan!" The person whom Yun Qing Yang killed was Xiong Quan who had followed Duan Ling Tian for a long time.

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Regardless if it was Xiong Quan or Gold Thug, they were both Duan Ling Tian's people. He had never considered them as his slaves. Xiong Quan had been by his side since he was young and had selflessly helped his family. He treated Xiong Quan like family. It was agonizing for him to witness the death of Xiong Quan whom he regarded as his family.

Duan Ling Tian glared at Yun Qing Yan, his fury evident in his eyes. "Yun! Qing! Yan!"

"Enough!" Ke'er screamed loudly. Her voice was cold enough to send chills running up one's spine. She was, naturally, aware of Xiong Quan's importance in her man's heart. She understood how he must have felt. She had spoken up because she was afraid Yun Qing Yan would continue on his killing spree on those people he imprisoned in the spatial Celestial Weapon. In the end, she said listlessly, "Let them go! I'll return with you." It was obvious it had taken her a lot to make this decision.

"It seems like you've finally regained your senses, cousin sister." Yun Qing Yan looked at Ke'er with a smug expression and smiled victoriously. After all the efforts he had expended, this was the result he had wanted.

"Ke'er!" Duan Ling Tian's face turned even paler, and his eyes were filled with anxiety. Although he did not want his family and friends to be harmed, he did not want Ke'er to leave as well.

"Let them go," Ke'er said icily as she glared at Yun Qing Yan.

Yun Qing Yan's prisoners were all important to Duan Ling Tian, and they were just as important to her. They were her relatives and friends. She would never let harm befall them.

Yun Qing Yan replied, "I'll let them go, but not now."

"Either you let them go or I won't come with you!" Ke'er warned.

“Cousin sister,” Yun Qing Yan answered flippantly, “I was planning on imprisoning Duan Ling Tian as well before I use him and the others to force you to come home. Well, I can let Duan Ling Tian go for now, but I won’t let the others go yet. At least, not now.”

“If you dare imprison Brother Tian, I won’t return with you even if I have to die!” Ke’er declared with a determined look on her face.

“My patience has its limits, cousin,” Yun Qing Yan said with a hint of impatience, “I’ll give you one last chance... I won’t harm Duan Ling Tian nor will I imprison him. However, you must return with me! I’ll give you ten breaths to think this over. If you don’t make up your mind by then, I’ll kill everyone in this spatial Celestial Weapon.” His voice was filled with killing intent.

Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er’s expressions changed drastically upon hearing this. If Yun Qing Yan had only wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian or forcibly drag Ke’er away, both of them would not let it happen. After all, if he killed Duan Ling Tian, she would kill herself. If he forced her to leave, Duan Ling Tian would use his life to stop her from leaving. This would inadvertently lead to Duan Ling Tian’s death, and as a result, her death as well.

Yun Qing Yan was in a conundrum since he did not want Ke’er to die, but he had found a way out of it by holding those people hostage. If Ke’er refused to cooperate, he would kill the imprisoned Duan Ru Feng, Li Rou, Feng Tian Wu, Han Xue Nai, and everyone else. He knew Duan Ling Tian and Ke’er would be unwilling to let that happen.

After three breaths, Ke’er turned to look at Duan Ling Tian as her eyes flashed in anguish. “Brother Tian.”

When Duan Ling Tian saw the pain in Ke’er’s eyes and her determined expression, he knew that she had made up her mind. His expression changed greatly, and his eyes were filled with reluctance as he called out, “Ke’er!”

Duan Ling Tian wanted to stop Ke’er from leaving with Yun Qing Yan. However, he would sentence his family and friends to death if he did that. He was in a dilemma. He thought to himself desperately, ‘What should I do? What should I do?!’

On one hand, he would have to abandon his wife, Ke’er, and let her leave. On the other hand, he would have to let his family and friends die.

“Don’t worry, Brother Tian. I’ll be alright...” Naturally, Ke’er was aware of Duan Ling Tian’s dilemma. She tried to comfort him as she said, “I’m only returning home. Even if I don’t leave now, I’ll have to leave sooner or later. I’m just returning home a little earlier than I planned, and I’m returning without you.”

“Ke’er...” Duan Ling Tian’s heart was laden with anxiety even though he had already expected Ke’er’s decision. He felt as though he had been forced to eat his words. He had once said that he would not let her be taken away from him again even if he had to die.

“Yun Qing Yan!” Ke’er could no longer bear to look at Duan Ling Tian’s face that was filled with despair. She turned to look at Yun Qing Yan furiously. “I possess Brother Tian’s Soul Pearl. If anything happens to him, I’ll die along with him!”

Although Yun Qing Yan knew this very well and had no intention of killing Duan Ling Tian for snatching his woman away, he still could not help but be angered by Ke'er's words. His eyes flashed with malice as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "He's nothing but a vermin from a mundane realm. As long as you don't look for him, I won't harm him!" The nonchalance in his voice revealed his contempt toward Duan Ling Tian. Before Ke'er replied, he sneered at Duan Ling Tian. "Hey, brat! Didn't you say you'll make me regret it if I don't kill you today? Let me tell you this; I've never felt regret in my life!"

After Yun Qing Yan finished speaking, he raised his hand and slapped Duan Ling Tian's face again, leaving an angry-looking red welt on Duan Ling Tian's face.

"Yun Qing Yan!" When had Duan Ling Tian ever experienced such humiliation? He glared at Yun Qing Yan as his body trembled in anger.

"Today, I'll be taking your wife, family, and friends away. I want to see if you can make me feel regret." Yun Qing Yan grinned when he saw his words had caused Duan Ling Tian's expression to turn unsightly. He seemed to have recalled something before he said, "By the way, I believe it's best for me to tell you this. Your master, Feng Qing Yang, the person who left you his legacy, is now the Heavenly Emperor of one of the 81 Devata Realms, the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Due to his immense power, he's considered as one of the strongest people in the Devata Realms."

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian who was enraged was taken aback. Feng Qing Yang was the Heavenly Emperor of Solitary Destructive Heaven? His knowledge of Feng Qing Yang was limited to whatever he had discovered in the Saint Province Realm.

100,000 years ago, Sword Saint Feng Qing Yang was the Sect Leader of the Seven Absolutes Sect and the successor of the First Absolute, the Fog Rain Progeny. When he was an Eminent Celestial, he possessed strength to kill Eight Tribulation Bodiless Celestials and was comparable to Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestials! Later on, he ascended to a Devata Realm. Based on his achievements in the Saint Province Realm, there was no doubt he would be extraordinary even in a Devata Realm.

At least, that was what Duan Ling Tian believed. However, he truly did not expect Feng Qing Yang had become the Heavenly Emperor of Solitary Destructive Heaven! Although Solitary Destructive Heaven was only one of the 81 Devata Realms, to be able to become a Heavenly Emperor in one of the Devata Realms was a testament to Feng Qing Yang's strength. He found it hard to accept that Feng Qing Yang had become the Heavenly Emperor of Solitary Destructive Heaven in just 100,000 years.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian who was reeling from the shock of this revelation seemed to have forgotten the current situation. Yun Qing Yan's words were too shocking after all. When he calmed down, he asked skeptically, "Why are you telling me this?"

Inwardly, Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel nervous. Yun Qing Yan obviously knew that Feng Qing Yang was his master, and yet, Yun Qing Yang was bold enough to treat him in this manner. Something was amiss. Was it possible that Yun Qing Yan was not afraid of Feng Qing Yang?

Yun Qing Yan said flippantly, "I'm telling you this to tell you that Feng Qing Yang is nothing to me. Moreover, I've also sent my men after him. Naturally, the Solitary Destructive Heaven no longer has a Heavenly Emperor!"