

### Chapter 2531 Shameless

after the dust had settled, du wei was shocked when he saw the planet that was five times larger than earth had disappeared as though it had never existed in the first place. he only saw a space full of stars in front of his eyes. his emotions were as turbulent as the sea at this moment. it took him a long time before he calmed down. "it's gone? the planet that was five times larger than earth is gone?"

du wei really hoped that everything was just a dream. however, he could not lie to himself. at this moment, duan ling tian's voice rang in his ears again, causing him to regain his senses.

"indeed. back then, i died after you betrayed me."

du wei was filled with disbelief when he heard duan ling tian's words. 'impossible! how can this purple-clad young man be mercenary king ling tian? even if he didn't die, it's impossible for him to gain such god-like strength!' in his opinion, duan ling tian's strength was beyond his comprehension.

duan ling tian looked at du wei and continued to say, "however, i was lucky. although i died, i transmigrated to another world." he spoke calmly as though he was talking about someone else. "that world is a world where the strong rules... after spending decades there and experiencing many things, i finally obtained the strength i have today. now that i've returned to earth, based on what i've seen, there's no doubt that i'm stronger than whatever elite you have on earth. you said you're standing on top of the food chain on earth. however, you're nothing compared to me."

du wei's expression changed dramatically as he listened to duan ling tian. he no longer doubted duan ling tian's words. after all, there was no need for duan ling tian to lie to him. he really did not expect mercenary king ling tian would transmigrate to another world after he had died on earth. moreover, in just a few decades, duan ling tian managed to grow so domineeringly strong. a hint of jealousy could be seen in the depths of his eyes as he thought to himself, 'why? although he had died, he still manages to live a better life than mine.'

"perhaps, in your eyes, this is the extent of the galaxy. however, i want you to know, this place where earth is located is called yan huang realm. there are many galaxies in yan huang realm. the galaxy that you know of is like the backwater with limited heaven and earth spirit energy. in fact, many elite forces in the realm wouldn't even deign to live here. i can see you're shocked by the fact that i can destroy a planet with just a casual wave of my hand, and you think that my strength is peerless. i want you to know that when i destroyed that planet, i didn't even use my full strength. moreover, there are many powerhouses in yan huang realm who are capable of such a feat as well. apart from that, there are many planets and galaxies that are governed by science and technology. they possessed apocalypse-level battleships that are also capable of destroying that planet with just one bomb."

duan ling tian paused for a moment before he looked at du wei contemptuously and said, "after listening to that, don't you think you're like a frog in a well? your ambitions sound like a joke to true elites."

each of duan ling tian's words had caused du wei to tremble inwardly. duan ling tian did not even use his full strength to destroy that planet? there were many people who were capable of destroying that planet as well? there were planets with advanced technology that possessed apocalypse-level battleships, and just one bomb from a battleship was capable of destroying a planet?

"a frog in the well..." du wei smiled bitterly. indeed, duan ling tian's words made him realize he was just a frog in a well.

duan ling tian said nonchalantly, "to me, the super nuclear bombs you have hidden are a joke. if i want to, i can easily find every single person you have had contact with. it won't be difficult for me to find those super soldiers who are in charge of detonating the super nuclear bombs. i'm sure it'll take me no more than half an hour to find and dispose of your super nuclear bombs."

each of duan ling tian's words was like a hammer to du wei's chest. he had turned pale from fright. he did not doubt duan ling tian's words after witnessing duan ling tian destroy a planet five times larger than earth. at this moment, he acutely felt that his plan was nothing but a joke.

"i've said everything i wanted to say." at this moment, duan ling tian's expression had turned cold. killing intent surged from his body as he said, "now, it's time for us to deal with the matter from decades ago!"

du wei panicked when he sensed duan ling tian's killing intent. his expression changed drastically as he pleaded, "b-brother tian! p-please d-don't kill me. don't kill me! i know i'm wrong so p-please don't kill me!" if he was not bound by duan ling tian's force, he would have fallen to the ground from fear.

when duan ling tian saw this, a thought appeared in his mind. he released his force on du wei, freeing him from his binds.

du wei who had been freed fell on his behind. however, when he saw there was nothing below him, save for the endless starry sky, his legs began to shake uncontrollably. at the same time, yellow liquid trailed down his legs. it seemed like he had peed himself. how could he not be frightened silly by this sight? it took him a while to discover he was still being supported by duan ling tian's force. then, he rose to his feet with great difficulty. he moved in front of duan ling tian before he fell to his knees. a hint of hysteria could be heard in his voice as he pleaded, "brother tian, please have mercy! spare my life! i'm wrong! i apologize! please don't kill me!"

in duan ling tian's past life, he had considered du wei as his brother. they would refer to each other as brothers. however, after decades had passed, he did not feel any sense of nostalgia when du wei addressed him as brother tian.

"hypocrite!" duan ling tian looked at du wei in disgust as he said indifferently, "everyone has to take responsibility for what they have done. i'll take our previous relationship into account and grant you a quick death!" previously, he had intended on torturing du wei before killing him. however, after watching du wei discarding his pride and begging for mercy, he decided it was pointless to waste time on someone like du wei. it would be enough so long as he killed du wei.

upon hearing duan ling tian's words, du wei suddenly stopped begging. he seemed to have regained his composure at this moment. after all, he knew duan ling tian quite well. he knew once duan ling tian had

made up his mind, there would be no changing duan ling tian's mind. he rose to his feet and stared at duan ling tian as he said in a low voice, "ling tian! if it weren't for me killing you all those years ago, you wouldn't have possessed this kind of strength! even if i didn't betray you back then, and you hold onto your status as the strongest person on earth, you still wouldn't be able to achieve this level of power. in other words, i'm the one who made you!"

du wei who seemed as though he had grasped onto a life jacket began to scream with all his might, "didn't you always talk about being grateful to people who have helped you? it would be wrong for you to kill me since i've helped you!"

"you..." duan ling tian was rendered speechless by du wei's words. he found it funny and infuriating at the same time. he had never met anyone as shameless as du wei in the two lives that he had lived.

### **Chapter 2532 Enlightenmen**

"Am I wrong?" Du Wei yelled, "If I didn't betray you back then, indirectly causing your death, would you, Ling Tian, be so strong now?"

"How despicable!" Duan Ling Tian sneered. "Did you plan my transmigration as well when you betrayed me and caused my death?" He found Du Wei's claims utterly ridiculous. Hilarious! Betraying and killing him was beneficial to him?

"Regardless if I'd known about you transmigrating or not, this is the truth!" Du Wei said heatedly, "Therefore, you can't kill me! If you kill me, you'll be killing your benefactor. It's not in your personality to do such a thing!" At this juncture between life and death, he no longer had anything to lose. He could only threaten Duan Ling Tian with talks of morality. In his opinion, Duan Lingtian was a man who knew how to be grateful and would hate to kill anyone who had helped him in any way. He deeply believed that he had helped Duan Ling Tian to achieve everything even though he had betrayed Duan Ling Tian and caused Duan Ling Tian's death. This should be enough for Duan Ling Tian to spare his life today!

"My personality? It seems like you know me very well?" Duan Lingtian continued to sneer. With just a thought, he withdrew the force that had been supporting and protecting Du Wei in space.

Within seconds, the frigid temperature in space enveloped Du Wei. "Nooo!" This was his last cry before his death.

Although Du Wei was a super soldier, and his soul was as strong as an Eminent Celestial's soul, his physical body was that of a mortal after all. As a mortal, it would be impossible for him to survive in space without any protection.

Nary a rippled could be seen on Duan Ling Tian's face as he watched Du Wei being killed by the cold. After Du Wei died, he waved his hand, getting rid of Du Wei's frozen corpse.

Du Wei's corpse broke like a block of ice. With just a wave of his hand, Duan Ling Tian turned Du Wei into millions of ice chips. The light from the nearby planets was reflected in the ice chips. Finally, the person who had betrayed him in his past life was dead

“Hm?” At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly looked up as though he had sensed something. He stood motionlessly as he closed his eyes.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Waves and waves of terrifying energy surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s body immediately. The energy shrouded him in the shape of a sword. The energy continued to grow stronger and stronger as they shrouded him, looking like a fierce flame.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was completely focused on comprehending the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. Previously, he had only managed to comprehend six swords of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. He had struggled to make progress after that as though there was some sort of obstacle in his way that prevented him from progressing. That obstacle was his obsession with seeking revenge from Du Wei. Now that Du Wei had died, he had finally removed the obstacle in his way.

After Du Wei had died, the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords had appeared in his mind. He could have chosen to ignore it, but he knew there must be a reason for the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords to appear so suddenly in his mind.

“This...This is...” Duan Ling Tian soon discovered that, with just a thought, he managed to make great progress. Previously, no matter how hard he tried, he could not make any headway at all. Moreover, he was progressing at an alarmingly fast rate.

‘Is this...what they called an enlightenment?!’ Duan Ling Tian redoubled his efforts and concentration as he began to comprehend the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. He stood in space motionlessly like a month meditating in a temple.

Energy continued to surge out of Duan Ling Tian’s body and rose above him like a huge mountain. It continued to grow with no signs of stopping.

“Seventh Green Lotus Swords!” Duan Ling Tian cried out. He had successfully comprehended the Seventh Sword of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.

However, that did not seem to be the limit of Duan Ling Tian’s progress.

“The Eighth Green Lotus Sword!”

“The Ninth Green Lotus Sword!”

“The Tenth Green Lotus Sword!”

It was only one second but it seemed like hundreds of years had gone past. Before Duan Ling Tian realized it, he had already comprehended the thirteen swords of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.

“I didn’t expect this windfall after killing Du Wei. Who knew I would be able to completely comprehend the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords?” As soon as Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, the sword-shaped energy that was as big as a mountain slowly began to vanish into his body. Apart from that, two beams of piercing light shot out of his eyes as well.

“It... It seems like the two beams of light that just shot out of my eyes are sword qi! It’s a sign that I have completely mastered the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords!” Although his instincts told him that he had completely mastered the Thirteen Green Lotus Sword, it was just his instinct. However, the two beams of light were concrete proof that he had, indeed, completely mastered the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.

Now that Duan Ling Tian saw the Pupil Light Sword Formation, he was convinced of his newly-gained power. He lifted his hand, deciding to test his new power.

Sword ray shot out of Duan Ling Tian’s hand. It did not take long before the second sword ray shot out as well. More and more sword rays continued to shoot out before all of them fused with the first sword ray. Indeed, he had mastered the last seven swords of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.

“Although it was rather troublesome to go out of my way to bring Du Wei here before killing him, as it turns out, it’s the right decision. By killing him, I was able to get rid of the obsession in my heart and comprehend the profundity of the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords.” Duan Ling Tian did not expect that bringing Du Wei away from earth and killing him here would bring him so many benefits. “Fortunately, I decided to bring him here and didn’t directly kill him on the ship. Otherwise, I might not be able to completely master the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. After all, directly killing him on the ship might not be enough for me to let go of my obsession or assuage my anger.”

“You’re finally awake.” Duan Ling Tian heard a familiar voice ring next to his ears. He turned and saw Tang Xiao Xiao looking at him. A surprise expression appeared on his face as he asked, “Why are you here? Aren’t you supposed to be on Planet Yan Huang?”

Tang Xiao Xiao chuckled. “You’ve been standing here for five years... Why do you think I’m here?” She shook her head as she said, “It seems like you were comprehending your Divine Ability. So, did you make much progress?”

“What?! Five... Five years?!” Duan Ling Tian was shocked. It seemed like he did not hear Tang Xiao Xiao’s remaining words after she had said he had been here for five years. He thought to himself regretfully, ‘No! Du Wei’s people would have detonated the super nuclear bombs a month after he died. Five years have passed, does this mean that earth is destroyed?’ A wave of guilt rose in his heart. He blamed himself for being too immersed in his cultivation.

## **Chapter 2533 Homeland**

“This is bad!” Duan Ling Tian recalled something while he was panicking about the fact that earth might have been destroyed. He looked at Tang Xiao Xiao and asked with burning eyes, “Xiao Xiao, before you left Planet Yan Huang, did you defuse the super nuclear bombs that Du Wei hid all over the world?”

Tang Xiao Xiao should know about the super nuclear bombs since she was there when Du Wei spoke about it. Duan Ling Tian thought Tang Xiao Xiao should have dealt with the super nuclear bombs on his behalf since he had been gone for such a long time. Moreover, Planet Yan Huang was not only his home planet, but it was also where her sect, the Tang Sect, had originated from. There was no reason for her to let the planet perish.

A hint of embarrassment appeared on Tang Xiao Xiao’s face when faced with the hopeful expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face. “I-I... followed you here after I saw you didn’t come back after a day.”

Upon hearing Tang Xiao Xiao's words, Duan Ling Tian's expression changed to one of regret. He really regretted not being able to save earth because he was too immersed in his cultivation.

Upon seeing how upset Duan Ling Tian, Tang Xiao Xiao could not hold back her laughter. Her expression of embarrassment had vanished completely. "Alright, I'll stop joking with you. The truth is it's only been ten days since you left Planet Yan Huang!" She had been joking when she said Duan Ling Tian had been in space for five years.

The regretful and sad expression on Duan Ling Tian's face disappeared immediately. "You...!" He stared at Tang Xiao Xiao and pointed his finger at her. After a long while, he still did not manage to say anything apart from 'you'. After all, he was truly affected by the joke. Up until a few seconds ago, he had thought that earth had been destroyed due to his carelessness. Naturally, it took him a while to process the fact that he had only been cultivating for ten days, not five years.

Tang Xiao Xiao shook her head before she said with a smile, "Alright! Stop stuttering... Go deal with the problem now!" Since she had met Duan Ling Tian, this was the first time she had seen him losing his cool. She decided not to prank him again in the future.

Duan Ling Tian truly felt angry and helpless earlier. He believed Tang Xiao Xiao when she said he had spent five years comprehending the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. Before returning to earth, he looked at her solemnly and said, "Don't joke about things like this in the future."

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It was as Duan Ling Tian had told Du Wei, it was not difficult for him to find the super soldiers responsible for detonating the super nuclear bombs as long as he expended a little effort.

Duan Ling Tian extended his Divine Consciousness, and after a day and a night, he managed to find all the super soldiers. He killed all of them, unwilling to leave any potential threat behind. He did not feel bad about killing them. After all, these super soldiers were also responsible for the loss of many innocent lives. After killing the super soldiers, he brought all the super nuclear bombs to space and detonated them there. A few mushroom clouds appeared from the explosions. Just like that, he managed to deal with the threat of the super nuclear bombs.

After dealing with the super nuclear bombs, Duan Ling Tian did some research on one of the top super soldier organizations, the Soul of Yan Huang, that belonged to Hua. "The Soul of Yan Huang and Long Zhenguo are truly formidable!"

Duan Ling Tian had also discovered Long Zhen Guo was his instructor in his past life. He did not waste any time and left for Hua with just a flash of his body. With his current strength, if he traveled at top speed, it would take him one breath to travel one round around earth. To return to Hua, it only took him one-tenth of a second.

"My country! I, Ling Tian, have returned!" Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air as he looked at Hua. He was in a daze as memories of his past life began to flash in his mind. Most of his memories were of his time training in the army.

“Bloodwolf, the death of Windwolf has nothing to do with you... Even if you were more cautious, at best, he would still end up in a coma. That would be even more torturous for him!” Duan Ling Tian remembered the words his instructor had said to him when he decided to leave the army.

Bloodwolf was Duan Ling Tian’s code name when he was serving in the Elite Wolf Fang Special Forces Army Division. Naturally, he did not use the code name once he left the army. After all, the person who replaced him would become the new Bloodwolf. He remembered Instructor Long, Long Zhen Guo, had tried his best to dissuade him from leaving. However, he was determined to leave since he could not let go of the fact that his mistakes had caused his partner’s death.

A wave of regret rose in Duan Ling Tian’s heart as he thought to himself, ‘If Windwolf didn’t die back then and fell into a coma instead, with the current advanced technology on earth, it’s not impossible for him to wake up.’”

Back in the days, due to an incident during a cross-country SSSS level mission, one of Duan Ling Tian’s team members was killed. He could not stop blaming himself for his member’s death. In the end, it led to his departure from the army.

After some time had passed, Duan Ling Tian finally regained his senses. With just a thought, he disappeared from the sky. When he reappeared, he was standing outside a closed military base.

The military base was located in a mountain range, making it look like it was surrounded by iron fortresses. Normally, if the base was not opened from the control center, not even a fly could make its way in. Even the strongest super soldier would not be able to enter the base without permission. Even if by chance they managed to enter, they would not be able to survive since there were many elite super soldiers in the military base as well.

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At this moment, a few staff in the military base had discovered Duan Ling Tian’s presence through the surveillance camera. “Who... Who is this?!”

All of them were stunned. This person had appeared out of thin air in front of this isolated military base.

“Wh-when did he come?”

“He can fly?! He’s been hovering in the air for a while now. Even the top super soldiers who manipulate wind can’t stay in the air for such a long time without the help of a flying equipment!”

“Maybe his flying equipment is hidden from sight?”

“Impossible! I’ve already scanned him. He doesn’t have a single electronics on him. He doesn’t even have a communicator!”

“What? He doesn’t even have a communicator? Well, he’s dressed in an ancient outfit. Is it possible he’s an actor who got separated from the filming crew?”

“An actor? Have you ever seen an actor capable of hovering the air for such a long time without the help of a flying equipment?!”

At this moment, the commotion in the control room was not dissimilar to the commotion one could hear at a Sunday market.

Everyone present on the scene looked at the surveillance intently. Their attention was focused on the purple-clad young man who was hovering in the air.

After a while, a few young female staff members looked at the screen like hungry wolves.

“I just noticed that he’s incredibly handsome!”

“Yeah! Look at his bearing... He’s like a god who has descended to the mortal realm. Compared to him, the good-looking male celebrities are just like pretty vases!”

The staff was still discussing among themselves with their eyes glued to the screen when a low and pleasant-sounding voice rang in the air, catching everyone’s attention.

“I’m looking for Long Zhen Guo, Instructor Long.”

Everyone in the control room fell silent immediately for a moment. Even the supervisor of the control center was slightly stunned.

“Where did the voice come from?!”

“I saw his mouth moving. It seems like he’s the one who has spoken?!” One male staff member pointed at the screen that displayed the purple-clad young man.

“There are no speakers installed. How can his voice be transmitted?”

“Long Zhen Guo... Isn’t that the leader? W-why did this man call him Instructor Long?”

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“I’m looking for Long Zhen Guo, Instructor Long!”

Duan Ling Tian’s voice rang in the military base. Everyone in the military base heard his voice.

### **Chapter 2534 Long Zhen Guo**

Duan Ling Tian had long ascertained Long Zhen Guo’s location with his Divine Consciousness. However, he did not appear before Long Zhen Guo immediately since Long Zhen Guo had hidden himself in the isolated military base. If he had directly appeared before Long Zhen Guo, there was no doubt chaos would descend on the military base. Therefore, he decided against showing himself to Long Zhen Guo in such an abrupt manner.

Duan Ling Tian’s voice that had been imbued with his energy resounded in the military base. Everyone in the base could hear him. Even Long Zhen Guo had heard his voice. “I’m here to look for Long Zhen Guo, Instructor Long!”

Long Zhen Guo was an imposing man with a large and muscular physique. He had wide and angular shoulders and a thick neck. When he heard Duan Ling Tian’s voice, he was in a meeting with ten of his most trusted subordinates in a large room.



If Long Zhen Guo was the soul of the Soul of Yan Huang, then, these ten subordinates were the body of the organizations. They were irreplaceable members of the organizations.

A grave expression appeared on Long Zhen Guo's face when he heard Duan Ling Tian's voice. He knew the owner of the voice had to be powerful. Otherwise, his Voice Transmission would not be so powerful. "Instructor Long?" It had been a long time since anyone had addressed him as Instructor Long. After all, it had been a while since he had been an instructor in the army.

The ten subordinates' expressions changed as well as they instinctively turned to look at Long Zhen Guo when they heard Duan Ling Tian's voice.

Soon after, a communication device resembling a wristwatch on someone's arm blinked. A few seconds later, as though he had received some news, the owner looked at Long Zhen Guo and said, "Director, according to the Surveillance Division, whoever's looking for you is at the entrance of our base at this moment."

"At the entrance of our base?!" The remaining nine subordinates were in shock.

Even Long Zhen Guo's eyes widened imperceptibly as a surprised expression flitted across his face. He raised his hand and pressed a button on a panel on the conference desk.

A holographic image appeared in the middle of the table, showing a purple-clad young man hovering in the air at the entrance of the base. The purple-clad young man seemed to be hovering in the air without the help of any flying equipment.

The man who had spoken up first said, "The control center has run a scan on him. They did not find any electronics on him. He doesn't even have a communicator."

Everyone gasped at this information, including Long Zhen Guo.

A young man sitting at the conference table turned to look at his female colleague who was dressed in a green business suit and said, "If I'm not mistaken, even our elites who are skilled in manipulating wind aren't capable of a feat like this, right?"

"Without the aid of flying equipment, I won't be able to stay in the air for more than half a minute." The young woman who had spoken was one of the top Wind super soldiers in the Soul of Yan Huang. Even among all the elites in the world, she would still rank at the top. This meant her words represented more than ninety percent of Wind super soldiers.

Another subordinate chimed in, "He's quite strange, isn't he, dressed in such ancient clothing? Is it possible he's from one of the families in Hua who live like hermits? Based on my knowledge, there are several families who live off the grid in the deepest part of the forest and mountains. They have no contact with the outside world at all. It's not unheard of for them to dress in ancient clothing. After all, they live as though they're still in the ancient times."

Long Zhen Guo pressed another button on the desk in front of him and said, "I'm Long Zhen Guo. May I ask for your identity?"

Long Zhen Guo's voice was transmitted to the entrance of the military base through the speakers.

Upon hearing Long Zhen Guo's voice, a wave of nostalgia rose in Duan Ling Tian's heart. His eyes had brightened as well. "Instructor Long!" He tried his best to suppress his emotions and said through a Voice Transmission that only Long Zhen Guo could hear, "Instructor Long! It's me! Ling Tian, Bloodwolf!"

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate to reveal his identity in his past life. If he had just mentioned his codename, Bloodwolf, Long Zhen Guo might not remember him. However, there was no doubt Long Zhen Guo would remember his name.

When Long Zhen Guo heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he felt as though he had been struck by a bolt of lightning. Ling Tian? When was the last time he had heard this name? Ling Tian was the best of the best among the soldiers he had trained. If Ling Tian did not retire, there was no doubt Ling Tian's achievements would not be inferior to his! Although Ling Tian retired from the army and became a mercenary, Ling Tian had never forgotten his homeland. Ling Tian had always prioritized the safety of his homeland. It was a trait that Long Zhen Guo admired. However, several decades ago, Ling Tian suddenly vanished without a trace. Long Zhen Guo did not receive any news about Ling Tian since then even though he had sent men out to search for Ling Tian.

"Only a few decades have passed, why does he look so different?" Long Zhen Guo studied the holographic image of the purple-clad young man. The purple-clad young man looked nothing like the Ling Tian, or Bloodwolf, from his memory. Despite being skeptical, he still wanted to meet this young man who claimed to be Bloodwolf Ling Tian. He quickly said, "That's all for today. Meeting adjourned. I'll be out for a while."

"Are you planning to meet this man, Director?"

"He's a little strange, Director. Please let me accompany you!"

"She's right, Director. We don't know his identity or where he came from. Meeting him without any preparation is too reckless."

The ten subordinates around the conference began to voice their concerns.

"Didn't you hear him say he's Bloodwolf Ling Tian?" Long Zhen Guo asked with a frown on his face. Naturally, he was unaware that he was the only recipient of Duan Ling Tian's Voice Transmission.

"Bloodwolf Ling Tian?!" Long Zhen Guo's words stunned everyone in the room. As Long Zhen Guo's most trusted subordinates, they had, naturally, heard about Long Zhen Guo's time when he was training elite soldiers in the army. Among these elites, the cream of the crop was Bloodwolf Ling Tian.

"He's Bloodwolf Ling Tian?" The young lady dressed in a green business suit exclaimed. Her eyes were shining with admiration.

Before his disappearance, Bloodwolf Ling Tian was a household name around the globe. He was undisputedly the very best. She was just a young girl back then, but it did not stop her from idolizing Ling Tian.

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Duan Ling Tian had no idea that Long Zhen Guo would not be the only one who would come to meet him.

Clang!

As the large door opened, Long Zhen Guo stepped out from the base, looking as formidable as ever. Ten people followed behind him.

Duan Ling Tian quickly scanned their faces, he discovered he had sensed these people earlier with his Divine Consciousness. They were earth's mightiest super soldiers. Their souls were as strong as an Eminent Celestial's soul. However, due to their souls being strengthened by genetic medicine, they could only manipulate the elements.

Long Zhen Guo strode toward the purple-clad young man hovering in the air and asked solemnly, "You're... Bloodwolf?"

"Instructor Long!" Duan Ling Tian cried out. After all these years, Long Zhen Guo looked exactly like how he had remembered him. The sense of familiarity brought a smile to his face.

With just a slight movement, Duan Ling Tian landed gently in front of Long Zhen Guo. Then, he stood with his back straight as he saluted Long Zhen Guo with the standard soldier's salutation.

Although Long Zhen Guo was not certain if the purple-clad young man before him was Bloodwolf Ling Tian, he still returned the salutation. He asked in a low, no-nonsense voice, "You don't look like that punk, Bloodwolf Ling Tian. How can you prove your claims?"

Duan Ling Tian looked at Long Zhen Guo, his eyes twinkling with mischief. "Do you really want me to prove my identity, Instructor Long?"

"Get on with it!" Long Zhen Guo snapped.

Duan Ling Tian said casually, "Instructor Long, I remember the first time I visited your house, you were being punished by your wife. She made you kneel on durian shells for fifteen minutes. Originally, she intended to punish you for half an hour. However, she let you off the hook due to my visit — "

"Alright, alright! That's enough!" Long Zhen Guo hurriedly interjected before Duan Ling Tian could finish his words. "I can't believe it's you..." He could feel the burning gazes from his ten subordinates who were standing behind him. He felt his face flushed and quickly changed the subject. "There's no news about you for the past decades, kid. I sent many men out to search for you but to no avail. Where have you been all this time? Moreover, what happened to your face? You look nothing like how you used to look. I don't remember you having such a delicate face that looks like it'll crumble with just a sneeze..."

## **Chapter 2535 Aliens**

Long Zhen Guo's words shook Duan Ling Tian to the core. As it turned out, after he died from Du Wei's betrayal, Long Zhen Guo had been searching for him. After all, at that time, he had already retired from the army and was no longer Long Zhen Guo's subordinate. Long Zhen Guo had no obligations to search for him. It was apparent Long Zhen Guo had done it for personal reasons and sentiments.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian said solemnly, "Instructor Long, during the few decades when I was away, so many strange things have happened to me. If I tell you about it, you might even have a hard time believing me. These are things you need to see with your own eyes to believe them."

"Silly boy, what are you trying to sell? Get straight to the point!" Long Zhen Guo snapped. He felt slightly impatient as he listened to Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Well, then. Instructor Long and the ten warriors should follow me for a walk in space!" Duan Ling Tian no longer bothered with an explanation after he heard the tinge of impatience in Long Zhen Guo's voice. After he finished speaking, he waved his hand, bringing Long Zhen Guo and the ten super soldiers with him into the air.

"W-we're f-flying!"

"H-how's this possible?!"

"Not only is he able to fly, but he can also bring eleven of us along with him!"

Since Duan Ling Tian had people with him, he deliberately slowed down his speed. His speed allowed Long Zhen Guo and the others to take in their surroundings as they hurtled into outer space.

Long Zhen Guo and the others watched as the buildings below them turned smaller and smaller until they disappeared. The rivers and mountains similarly shrank as well before they disappeared from their eyes. It did not take long before the only thing they could see was an azure planet. After a while, the azure planet grew smaller in size as well. When the azure planet was the size of a basketball in their eyes, they finally stopped moving.

At this moment, it finally dawned on Long Zhen Guo and the others that they were hovering, unsupported by any equipment, in outer space. Their bodies stiffened in fear immediately, they did not dare to move.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian hovered nearby. His hands were resting on his back as he gazed at earth that was currently the size of a basketball.

After they regained their senses, Long Zhen Guo and the others shifted their eyes to Duan Ling Tian with an astonished expression on their faces.

This was probably something only deities were capable of, right? Could a mere human be capable of such a feat?

"Bloodwolf, ki —" Despite his shock and confusion, Long Zhen Guo could not bring himself to refer to Duan Ling Tian as 'kid' at this moment. After all, the purple-clad young man seemed more like a deity. He suddenly felt the vast distance between him and the purple-clad young man. Duan Ling Tian might be someone he used to train, but...

"Instructor Long, I'm still the same Bloodwolf from before. There's no need for you to be reserved with me," Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile on his face when he noticed Long Zhen Guo's hesitation, "Feel free to ask me any questions that you have. Although I possess power beyond your imagination now, I'm still the same soldier whom you trained back then!"

As soon as Long Zhen Guo heard Duan Ling Tian's words, he finally let loose and said crudely, "Screw me! You're really freaking me out! What the hell have you been doing in the past decades? You vanished silently without a trace and returned with an over-the-top bang!"

All these years, Long Zhen Guo did not stop thinking about how much Duan Ling Tian would have achieved if Duan Ling Tian did not suddenly vanish. He was certain Duan Ling Tian's achievements would surpass his. However, not even in his wildest dreams did he imagine that Duan Ling Tian did not only surpass his achievements, but Duan Ling Tian also possessed powers beyond his imagination. Duan Ling Tian's strength and techniques were similar to God and the celestials in ancient Hua myths and legends.

Meanwhile, the ten warriors standing behind Long Zhen Guo looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expression of awe and disbelief. Their eyes shone intensely with admiration. It was only natural for them to admire someone so strong. Although the purple-clad young man's strength was beyond their comprehension, it only made their admiration grow.

"So this is Bloodwolf Ling Tian, the Mercenary King!" The young lady in a green business suit, the elite Wind super soldier, exclaimed. At this moment, her eyes were filled with intense passion and fervent adoration that was typically seen in a fangirl. She had always been a fan of Duan Ling Tian, but now she had become a super fan. His status in her heart was similar to that of God; high, lofty, and untouchable!

Duan Ling Tian sighed before he replied to Long Zhen Guo's questions, "To tell you the truth, I died several decades ago."

"Wait... what?!" A baffled expression appeared on Long Zhen Guo and his subordinates' faces. Did Duan Ling Tian just say he had died several decades ago? Then, who the hell was standing before them? A ghost?

"Hey, Bloodwolf. A joke is only a joke if it's funny," Long Zhen Guo said expressionlessly. He thought Duan Ling Tian was joking with them. What a terrible joke! If Duan Ling Tian had died several decades ago, then, how could he be here at this moment?

"Instructor Long, I'm not joking." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Undaunted by the skeptical eyes that were trained on him, he calmly explained, "A few decades ago, my manager, Du Wei, betrayed me, causing my death in Country R. Strangely, and fortunately, I only lost my physical body and my soul transmigrated to another realm. The world I transmigrated to is a lawless world where the strong are kings. People train and cultivate to have a better fate. I only recently left that world and returned to earth."

When Duan Ling Tian mentioned the culprit that caused his death was Du Wei, the leader of the Devil's Hand, Long Zhen Guo and the ten super soldiers inhaled sharply.

The Devil's Hand was the arch-enemy of the Soul of Yan Huang. Du Wei, the leader, was their most formidable enemy. In fact, they had once heard Long Zhen Guo said he might not be a match for Du Wei the next time they had a confrontation!

Realization dawned on Long Zhen Guo before he exclaimed, “No wonder he knew all the moves of the Form and Will Boxing. As it turns out, he was your manager and obtained the complete manual you left behind!”

At this moment, one of the young men standing behind Long Zhen Guo cried out with bright eyes, “Senior Ling Tian! Since Du Wei betrayed you and caused your death, you should seek revenge from him. With your strength, it’ll be like a child’s play for you to kill him!”

Everyone nodded in agreement.

“He’s already dead,” Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, “The first thing I did after I returned to earth was to look for him so I can kill him...” As he spoke, he brought out a piece of jade before crushing it between his hands. A few seconds later, images similar to holograms appeared before Long Zhen Guo and the others.

Images continued to flicker as they showed Duan Ling Tian bringing Du Wei near a barren planet that was located beyond the solar system. They could tell the planet was roughly five times larger than earth. They continued to watch as Duan Ling Tian raised his hand and completely destroyed the barren planet that was a lot larger than earth. Based on this, they could tell Duan Ling Tian was capable of destroying earth with just a flick of his finger.

“That planet was... a lot larger than earth, right?” Long Zhen Guo asked.

“Mm-hmm.” Duan Ling Tian nodded before adding casually, “It’s roughly five times larger than earth!”

Long Zhen Guo and the others were still in a state of shock as they continued to watch the flickering images. They saw Du Wei, the infamous leader of the Devil’s Hand, being frozen to death in outer space. Du Wei’s gruesome death served as a stark reminder that ordinary humans could not possibly survive in space without some sort of protection.

Long Zhen Guo looked at Duan Ling Tian uneasily as he said in an anxious tone, “Du Wei might have died, but from what I’ve gathered, he had hidden many super nuclear bombs around the world. It’s said that as soon as he dies, his men would detonate the bombs a month later. How long has it been since you killed Du Wei?”

“About ten days.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said reassuringly, “Don’t worry, Instructor Long. I’ve disposed of the super nuclear bombs before I came looking for you. Earth is now free of those scum.”

“That’s good! It’s truly great.” Long Zhen Guo sighed in relief. Then, he gave Duan Ling Tian a formal army salutation as he said solemnly, “Comrade Ling Tian, we thank you for all that you have done for earth!”

The ten super soldiers followed their leader’s lead. When they straightened their backs, it could be seen that the adoration and veneration in their eyes had intensified.

“I’m from earth after all, Instructor Long. This is my duty,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile. However, his expression turned grim suddenly as he said, “To be honest, one of the reasons I came here today is to look for the aliens who brought upon the Nirvana Change on earth...”

## Chapter 2536 Planet Lissa's Premier Family

When Duan Ling Tian learned from Du Wei that the aliens had brought upon the Nirvana Change, he had felt that something was amiss. The aliens had to have ulterior motives. Why would they destroy the space and flight technology on earth? They must be trying to prevent earth's inhabitants from leaving.

"The aliens who brought about the Nirvana Change on earth several decades ago..." Long Zhen Guo frowned at the mention of the aliens. In fact, he had also thought something was amiss. However, he did not know the specifics. Only his instincts told him that something was not right.

Upon further discussion, Duan Ling Tian discovered Long Zhen Guo was similarly wary of the aliens and their motives. Long Zhen Guo worried about the aliens' strength while he was worried about what kind of sinister plan the aliens had in store for earth. Earth would forever be his home, he would not let any harm come to earth! After a while, he asked, "Instructor Long, did any of the aliens leave any clues behind when they were here?"

"They did mention a thing or two," Long Zhen Guo answered, nodding, "They mentioned the star system of their planet is situated in the Milky Way like our solar system. They also said they're from Planet Lissa, and they're members of the planet's premier family, the Barker Family!"

"Planet Lissa's Barker Family, huh?" Duan Ling Tian nodded before he turned to Long Zhen Guo and the others and said, "Instructor Long, everyone, I'd like to request for your company while I visit these aliens and put an end to the hidden threat to earth once and for all. During our journey, I'll impart some of my cultivation knowledge to you, Instructor Long."

Everyone's eyes lit up when they heard Duan Ling Tian intended to bring them along to deal with the threat to earth.

Meanwhile, Long Zhen Guo's breathing quickened in excitement when he heard the end of Duan Ling Tian's words. His ten subordinates could only look at him enviously.

Duan Ling Tian did not make any move to leave as he said, "We'll have to wait for a moment. I'm waiting for someone else."

"We're waiting for someone else?" Long Zhen Guo and the others were shocked. Since the other person was meeting them here, it was obvious the other person was extraordinary as well since he or she could freely travel in space.

Crack!

Duan Ling Tian crushed a jade token in his hand, sending a signal to Tang Xiao Xiao. Then, he extended his Divine Consciousness toward Long Zhen Guo, inspecting the man's body to determine the most suitable cultivation method for him.

Duan Ling Tian knew a lot of cultivation methods through the memories of the Rebirth Martial Emperor on Cloud Continent in the Saint Province Realm. A cursory search through his memories was already enough to dredge up seven or eight methods for his former instructor.

'The Boundless Skyward Technique!' Duan Ling Tian quickly decided on a cultivation technique for Long Zhen Guo. He passed the technique to Long Zhen Guo telepathically and used his power to ensure Long Zhen Guo would never forget the technique.

"This is..." Long Zhen Guo read the information he had just received in his mind. He was delighted. Although he might only practice simple and crude techniques before this, it did not stop him from recognizing the technique that he had just received was a highly-advanced technique! He was so happy that he fell into a daze for a moment. 'The Boundless Skyward Technique! Just by its name, one can tell how powerful it is!'

Long Zhen Guo's ten subordinates noticed that he seemed to be lost in his thoughts. However, they were not aware of the reason why. If they had known, they would undoubtedly turn green with envy.

Suddenly, a voice that sounded slightly displeased rang in the air. "I thought you've forgotten all about me..."

Long Zhen Guo and the others frantically looked around their surroundings, but they did not see anyone.

Whoosh!

It did not take long before a black-clad young woman appeared next to Duan Ling Tian.

To Long Zhen Guo and the others, it seemed as though she had appeared out of thin air.

"Who... Who's that?"

"Someone with god-like strength like Senior Ling Tian?"

All of them were stunned. It did not take long before they discovered the black-clad woman's beauty and fell into a daze again. This was the first time they had seen such a beauty. Her beauty was so pure that no impure thoughts appeared in their minds at all. It was as though they instinctively knew not to sully her beauty.

The peerless beauty was none other than Tang Xiao Xiao.

Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush as he said, "There's something I need your help with. I'm looking for Planet Lissa in the Milky Way. Can you look at the star chart and see if you can find it?"

Although Duan Ling Tian would be able to locate the planet, it would take some time. He was not in the mood to waste his time unnecessarily. He would only look for it if Tang Xiao Xiao could not find it in the star chart. At that time, both of them would have to search the Milky Way.

"How demanding!" Tang Xiao Xiao looked at Duan Ling Tian irritably. However, she still took out the star chart her ancestor had given her. She studied the star systems and the planets in the Milky Way. After about three minutes, she pointed at the chart and exclaimed, "Got it! Planet Lissa!"

"You take the lead, and bring us there now," Duan Ling Tian replied.

Tang Xiao Xiao who had become accustomed to Duan Ling Tian's demanding behavior led the group without any words.



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Planet Lissa was located in the Tyrell Galaxy within the Milky Way. It was one of the three inhabitable planets with life and the largest planet in the Tyrell Galaxy. It was also famous in the Milky Way for its highly-advanced technology. It could be considered as one of the top planets in regard to technology.

There were ten families in the galaxy. They were the strongest and the most elite forces in the Milky Way. It was unsurprising that all these families possessed highly-advanced technology. The Barker family from Planet Lissa was one of the ten families.

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Today, it was destined that Planet Lissa would not have peace. Someone had come to challenge the planet's most elite force, the Barker family!

A sonorous voice resounded through the entire planet without the help of any speakers. Everyone, there was no exception, heard the voice. "Listen, members of the Barker family! We're giving you an hour to mobilize your most advanced battleships and your best weapons. If I'm still alive after an hour, there's no doubt that the Barker family will cease to exist."

An uproar broke out in every corner of the planet.

"Heavens! Who had spoken?"

"It sounded as though the person was speaking right next to me! Who's capable of something like this?!"

"Who dares to blatantly challenge the Barker family?"

"Is this person seeking death or is he really powerful?"

Discussions similar to these could be heard everywhere on the planet.

At the same time, everyone had access to a high-resolution video that displayed the Barker family's base. It was an enormous looming castle.

At this moment, a figure could be seen above the castle. If one were to zoom in, one would see the figure belonged to a strangely-dressed young man in purple robes. The young man rested his hands on his back, and his eyes were cold as he looked at the castle that housed the elites from the Barker family.

"Who the hell is that?! He's hovering in the air without any flying equipment!"

"Maybe his flying equipment is hidden?"

"No way! Didn't you notice the Providence Eye Media is broadcasting this video? Nothing can be hidden from their cameras, not even if the equipment is invisible."

"You're right, it's from the Providence Eye Media!"

The inhabitants of Planet Lissa who were watching the video were baffled. Was this person human? The fact that the purple-clad young man was hovering the air was completely opposite of what they were taught in schools!

“A cultivator!!! He’s a cultivator!!!” At this moment, someone commented on the video with a surplus of exclamation marks.

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“A cultivator?”

Meanwhile, the Barker family’s base was in chaos as well.

In a spacious conference room inside the monstrous castle, every member of the Barker family, regardless of where they were or what they were doing prior to this, were gathered here in a short time.

“Can anyone tell me why a cultivator appeared at our doorstep with an ax to grind?”

“I’m afraid he’s not an ordinary cultivator. He managed to evade our family’s most advanced radar detection system. Ordinary cultivators would have been detected by our system and triggered our automated defense weapon to shoot him down.”

“So who is this guy? Why is he here?” All of the elites from the Barker family shifted their attention to the purple-clad young man with stone-cold eyes that appeared on the holographic video in the middle of the conference room.

### **Chapter 2537 The Patriarch Appears**

Duan Ling Tian hovered in the air with his hands resting on his back as he looked at the enormous castle indifferently. The castle belonged to one of the ten most influential families in the Milky Way, the Barker family from Planet Lissa.

Duan Ling Tian was capable of destroying the castle with just a flick of his hand, but he stopped himself from doing so. Ever since he heard that the Barker family was one of the ten most influential families in the galaxy and possessed one of the most advanced technologies in the galaxy, an idea had sprung up in his mind. If everything went as planned, it would bring a seismic-like change to earth. Most importantly, his homeland, Hua, would become one of the top forces in the Milky Way if his plan worked. For this reason, he did not immediately destroy the Barker family.

“I’m here!” Tang Xiao Xiao said. She had brought Long Zhen Guo and his companions with her and supported them as they hovered in the air. If she had withdrawn her power, these people would undoubtedly plummet to the ground. Unless they fall into the sea, they would lose their limbs even if they did not die from the fall.

At the same time, a few fleets of flying vehicles rose into the air in front of the castle. The vehicles were moving toward Duan Ling Tian like a black flood that covered up half the sky. The pilots of the vehicles were all high-ranking members of the Barker family. The one in the lead was none other than the patriarch of the Barker family!

The patriarch of the Barker family was in a vehicle that looked like a speed boat. He came to halt, keeping a reasonably wide distance from Duan Ling Tian as though he was afraid of crossing an invisible

boundary. An affable smile could be seen on his face as he spoke through a speaker he had brought with him, "Good day, sir. I'm Leylin, the patriarch of the Barker family. If I'm not mistaken, none of the members of the Barker family has ever offended you, right?"

Since the purple-clad young man managed to avoid the Barker family's radar detection, it was obvious the purple-clad young man was not an ordinary cultivator. If it was possible, Leylin, the patriarch of the Barker family, did not want to provoke the ire of a powerful cultivator. It would not be difficult for them to maim the powerful cultivator, but killing him might prove difficult. It would be a real problem if they could not kill him. After all, it would be a challenge for the family to constantly guard their enterprises or properties, considering how far their influence reached, if the cultivator decided to seek revenge.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Leylin with cold indifference as he calmly said, "The patriarch of the Barker family? Well, a few decades ago, a group of your family members traveled to a star system called the solar system. They went to earth, the only planet that was teeming with life. I want you to summon the leader of the expedition now." He spoke in a tone that brooked no argument. It sounded as though he was giving Leylin a command.

When the members of the Barker family saw Duan Ling Tian's condescending attitude when speaking to their patriarch, they were, naturally, displeased and filled with dissatisfaction. They glared at Duan Ling Tian with eyes that were burning with rage.

"Is this how he's going to talk to our patriarch?"

"Damn this little piece of garbage! Our patriarch is being courteous to you! Don't take it for granted!"

They continued to voice their dissatisfaction and pelt Duan Ling Tian with curses when suddenly, Duan Ling Tian, the object of their anger, barked, "Shut up!"

Duan Ling Tian's voice sounded like a landmine being detonated, easily drowning out the voices of the members of the Barker family. "I'm talking to your patriarch. It's not your place to talk. Did I allow any of you to speak? Impudent fools!"

Duan Ling Tian did not make any movements when he spoke. However, to the horror of the members of the Barker family, they discovered their left arms had been neatly severed at the shoulder. The wounds were smooth as though an extremely sharp knife had been used to sever their arms.

"Aaahhh!"

"No!!!"

The air was filled with the bloodcurdling cries and screaming from the members of the Barker family in just an instant. All of them scrambled to catch their left arms before pressing it back against their wounds and drinking a potion that gleamed with a blue light. In just a few moments, their left arms were completely reattached, looking as though it had never been severed at all.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by this. Tang Xiao Xiao had informed him that some of the most advanced civilizations had invented a special genetic serum that could heal physical injuries. One would be able to reattach one's dismembered limb if one drank the potion within a short time.

Although Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao remained indifferent to this, the same could not be said for Long Zhen Guo and his warriors.

“This...”

“That genetic medicine is... amazing!”

“Even the best genetic medicine on earth would take at least half a month to heal such a severe injury! However, their medicine healed them in just a blink of an eye!”

Long Zhen Guo and his warriors saw the shock and awe in each other’s eyes when they exchanged a look.

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Meanwhile, the patriarch and the high-ranking members of the Barker family and the inhabitants of Planet Lissa who were watching this live were utterly dumbstruck.

“How... How the hell did he do that?”

“His speed is unbelievable! In just a blink of an eye, he severed the left arms of all the ten members of the Barker family!”

“Is his speed faster than the speed of light?”

The inhabitants of Planet Lissa who were watching this quickly spread word about this. It did not take long before everyone on Planet Lissa learned of what happened after the Barker family drew the ire of a powerful cultivator.

Someone who knew a thing or two about cultivators began to speak about them.

“Cultivators are those who absorb the spirit energy in their environment to refine and strengthen themselves until they attain power. Once their cultivation bases reach a certain level, they would possess god-like powers!”

“I heard that there are many other galaxies beyond the Milky Way. These galaxies are ruled by these cultivators!”

“I’ve heard from an interplanetary merchant that some of these cultivators are a match for a Disaster-level Battleship!”

This information began to spread on the web, shocking the inhabitants of Planet Lissa.

“A Disaster-level Battleship? That’s the product of SS-level scientific civilizations! Even the most advanced civilization in our Milky Way is only at the A-level. I don’t think there are any Disaster-level Battleships in our galaxy!”

“If a person is a match for a Disaster-level Battleship, doesn’t it mean that person can single-handedly destroy every civilization in the Milky Way?!”

“Holy sh\*t! This is terrifying!”

Gloom and apprehension dawned on them as their outlook turned grim.

On one forum on the internet, someone posted a post with the title, 'Everyone! What if this cultivator is one of those who have strength comparable to a Disaster-level Battleship?'

The number of views grew at an alarming rate, attracting many comments.

"I think the original poster is being paranoid!"

"Disaster-level Battleships exist only in legends! This means cultivators who have strength comparable to the battleships are only a myth as well. There's no way they would appear in the Milky Way!"

"I agree with the person who said the original poster is an idiot."

Most of the comments echoed these sentiments. Nonetheless, the topic attracted many people's attention and blew up in just a short time.

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Meanwhile, the Surveillance Division in the Barker family was frantically trying to analyze a specific video. They kept slowing down the speed of the video where one member of the family's left arm was severed. They were trying to figure out what Duan Ling Tian had done by slowing the video down. They were unaware that their efforts were all in vain.

"Patriarch, we've slowed down the video to the best of our ability. However, we didn't see what had severed Elder Bhouli's left arm." Leylin received this message from the Surveillance Division through his communication device. When the full gravity of the situation dawned on him, his expression darkened. "Search! Get to your feet and search right now! Who's the one who brought men to the solar system and to earth a few decades ago!" A furious voice blared through the speakers of the communication devices owned by the members of the Barker family. "When you people find that culprit, tell that little punk to see me!"

The Barker family stiffened at the command.

At this moment, a young man wearing a silver business suit who was standing at the back of the crowd suddenly spoke up. "Uncle." He drove his flying vehicle to Leylin's side. His head was lowered as he said, "It was me. I brought some of our men to earth in the solar system."

As soon as the young man appeared, Long Zhen Guo cried out, "It's him!" He pointed at the young man as he said, "A few decades ago, he brought his people to Earth and gifted us with a few hundred years of advanced technology. He's also the one who restricted the advancement of aeronautical and space technology on earth!"

### **Chapter 2538 Earth-shattering Migh**

Long Zhen Guo could still remember when the young man dressed in a silver business suit arrived on earth. At that time, the young man appeared extremely lofty. Every nation's leader was fawning over him. However, currently, the young man was as docile as a kitten in front of the patriarch of the Barker family. Moreover, the young man sounded extremely anxious when he spoke about his visit to earth.

Leylin glared at his nephew, the son of his only biological brother. He asked darkly, "Leyno, why did you go there?" His brother and sister-in-law had died to save him. Ever since then, Leylin had raised his nephew as though he was his biological son.

"I... I..." Leyno faltered as he looked at the purple-clad young man standing in the distance warily. He could tell the purple-clad young man had come precisely because of his trip to earth back then. Never in his wildest dreams did he imagine that a backwater planet would have an incredibly powerful cultivator.

Seeing his nephew's hesitation, Leylin's eyes widened in anger as he barked, "Explain yourself!"

"I saw how primitive the planet was so I gave them technology that was a few hundred years ahead of them... I only have good intentions!" Leyno explained. However, his head was lowered and his eyes darted around guiltily.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed when he heard Leyno's words. He lifted his head slightly and said mockingly, "Oh, you only had good intentions?"

Whoosh!

Leyno who was standing beside Leylin flew out of his flying vehicle without any warning. Before anyone could regain their senses, Duan Ling Tian was already clutching Leyno's neck as he held him up in the air.

Leyno knew his life was in Duan Ling Tian's hands at this moment. His face turned red as though all the blood in his body had rushed up to his face. He was panting heavily, and it was clear if this continued, he would die from lack of oxygen!

"Don't go too far, sir!" Leylin cried out. His expression had turned unsightly with anger as he glared at Duan Ling Tian.

"Go too far?!" Duan Ling Tian flashed him an indifferent smirk. "I plan to take my time playing with the Barker family, but I changed my mind. I don't think I should squander my precious time away on you lot of people!" As he spoke, energy surged from his body and shrouded the back of the enormous castle.

The Barker family's warehouse was located at the very back of the castle. It was where the family stored 37 of their most advanced battleships. They were docked there like the family's guardian spirits.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The enormous castle shook as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking as though a violent earthquake had hit the planet. Soon after, a series of explosions could be heard from the back of the castle.

"What happened?!"

"An earthquake?!"

Instantly, every high-ranking member of the Barker family, including Leylin, whipped their heads around to have a look. The scene that greeted them almost made their eyes pop out of their sockets! Heavens, what was that?

A sandstorm had obscured their view of the castle. They could vaguely see 37 monstrous objects the size of a hill rising into the air. It did not take long before they saw the 37 objects were their battleships. They could see the Barker family's emblem engraved on the hulls of the battleships.

When the inhabitants on Planet Lissa saw this, they were stunned. Just one of the battleships was terrifying enough, but the Barker family had 37 of them! How could they not be afraid?

"Are those Transcendent-level Battleships?!"

"Heavens! They have 37 Transcendent-level Battleships!"

"I've long heard that the Barker family owns 37 Transcendent-level Battleships, but I dismissed them as rumors. Who knew it's true? These things are the foundation of the family's existence!"

"So did the Barker family mobilize all of their Transcendent-level Battleships to kill that cultivator?"

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Meanwhile, Leylin who had seen the battleships began to scream at several high-ranking members of the family. "Who gave you permission to mobilize our Transcendent-level Battleships?!" He knew how confrontational it looked for the Transcendent-level Battleships to be mobilized at this moment. It was tantamount to declaring war on the cultivator. It would not end until one of the parties was gone. It would be great if they could kill the cultivator. However, the problem was he was not certain they were capable of killing the cultivator. If the cultivator did not die, the Barker family could only wait for their end.

The high-ranking members of the Barker family had an aggrieved expression on their faces at this moment when faced with Leylin's fury. After all, they were just as baffled by the battleships' sudden appearance.

"Patriarch, without... without your permission, no one is able to mobilize these battleships..."

"Yes, patriarch. Without your command, no one in the family can deploy them!"

Hearing these words, Leylin regained some of his senses. They were right. Without his explicit permission, no one could mobilize the Transcendent-level Battleships. A shocking thought appeared unbidden in his mind at this moment, 'Unless...' He turned to look at the purple-clad young man who held his nephew by the neck. Was it possible that this chaos was caused by the purple-clad young man? Did the purple-clad young man have something to do with the Transcendent-level Battleships' sudden appearance?

As though he could read Leylin's mind, Duan Ling Tian said, "So, these are the precious Transcendent-level Battleships that your family relies on to survive? They're trash! It's not even close to the Disaster-level Battleships I saw back in the Coste Galaxy!"

With just a thought, Duan Ling Tian controlled the 37 Transcendent-level Battleships to surround Tang Xiao Xiao and his companions. At this moment, the battleships' weapons were pointed at the Barker family.

The Barker family members' faces paled immediately. They would be fools if they still could not understand what was happening. This cultivator had assumed control of the 37 battleships!

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The inhabitants of Planet Lissa who were watching were dumbfounded.

“What’s... what’s going on?!”

“I don’t think the Barker family is controlling these ships! I think the cultivator has taken control of the ships!”

“He makes it look like he’s playing with toys! Just who the hell is he?!”

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“Of course they’re weaker!” Tang Xiao Xiao responded to Duan Ling Tian with a smile on her face, “A Transcendent-level Battleship is roughly two times weaker than a Disaster-level Battleship. Fortunately, I recorded your feat back in the Coste Galaxy with the Mirror Image Dao Talisman. It’s time to show them!”

Duan Ling Tian was surprised by Tang Xiao Xiao’s words.

Tang Xiao Xiao took out a Dao Talisman and crushed it up. Soon after, a gigantic holographic image appeared in the air.

Since this was being broadcasted live, the inhabitants of Planet Lissa saw the scene that Tang Xiao Xiao had recorded as well.

The video played the scene where Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao were surrounded by 18 Disaster-level Battleships that were deployed by the Garnier family in the Coste Galaxy.

“Holy sh\*t! Are those Disaster-level Battleships?!”

“Heaven smites me! Those are Disaster-level Battleships from legends. They look just like how the legends described them!”

“I’ve seen an image of a Disaster-level Battleship from an interplanetary merchant before. These battleships are indeed Disaster-level Battleships. They’re definitely two times stronger than a Transcendent-level Battleship!”

“That’s not the point!! The point is those two were surrounded by 18 Disaster-level Battleships, but they didn’t die!”

“True! They wouldn’t be here if they had died!”

Everyone was, naturally, shocked by this. However, this was not the most shocking thing they would see.

They watched as a streak of purple charged out. The purple-clad young man had disappeared from sight. In the next moment, one of the Disaster-level Battleships was completely destroyed. It did not take long before the remaining Disaster-level Battleships began to open fire on the purple-clad young man! However, he stood amidst the ensuing chaos, completely unscathed.



Everyone was stunned speechless for a moment. The purple-clad young man had single-handedly destroyed a Disaster-level Battleship and was not affected by the attacks from the remaining 17 battleships!

“Damn! Is this guy even human?”

“This is crazy. This is too terrifying!”

“No wonder he treated the Barker family’s battleships like toys. After all, even the Disaster-level Battleships were like toys to him!”

Duan Ling Tian’s earth-shattering might was revealed to the inhabitants of Planet Lissa at this moment. Not one of them was not trembling in fear when they saw this!

### **Chapter 2539 Duan Ling Tian’s Conditions**

Bam!

A soft sound rang in the air when Leylin, the patriarch of the Barker family, fell on his behind on the deck of his flying vehicle. He watched the god-like purple figure in the video in a daze. His heart almost gave out in shock.

Meanwhile, the members of the Barker family’s faces had turned as white as a sheet of paper. Their legs felt like jelly, and their bodies were trembling. How did their humble family offend a being as powerful as this?

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian’s cold eyes bore down on Leyno as he held Leyno high up in the air in a chokehold. He asked, “Tell me again, did you really go to earth with good intentions?”

Leyno seemed as though he had lost his soul when he saw Duan Ling Tian take control of his family’s 37 Transcendent-level Battleships as though they were toys. At that moment, he knew his family did not remotely stand a chance of defeating this cultivator at all. He was in a stupor when he saw the purple-clad young man easily destroying a Disaster-level Battleship and was unaffected by the onslaught of attacks from the remaining 17 Disaster-level battleships.

Leyno was panicking at this moment. ‘He’s not human! There’s no way he’s human! He must be the devil himself!’ His eyes were filled with fear as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He relented out of fear and said haltingly, “N-no... I... I didn’t go there with good intentions... I planned to colonize earth and let the Barker family rule over the planet. I plan to use the inhabitants as slaves...”

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised.

However, Long Zhen Guo and the others were suitably alarmed by this revelation. If Duan Ling Tian did not return to earth, earth would not have been able to escape a terrifying and grim fate!

Meanwhile, the expressions of the members of the Barker family had darkened. They were so vexed, they felt as though they were going to faint. Naturally, they understood Leyno’s intention. It was common to venture into the galaxy to search for backwater planets and enslave the planets’ inhabitants. However, they had always been prudent and had always chosen planets with little to no civilization. At this moment, they understood that the planet Leyno discovered might be lacking in regard to

technology, but it was not without powerful cultivators. In other words, Leyno had fallen into his own trap.

One of the elders from the Barker family cried out instantly, "Sir, whatever deeds Leyno committed are based on his own accord. It has nothing to do with the Barker family! We weren't aware of his actions!"

"It's true, sir! We were unaware of the child's actions."

"You may do as you please with Leyno. However, please take into consideration that the family has nothing to do with this and spare the family!"

More and more high-ranking members of the Barker family echoed the elder's sentiment. It seemed like they were willing to sacrifice one to protect the herd.

Duan Ling Tian ignored all of them. Instead, he looked at Leylin, the patriarch, and asked with a mirthless smile, "What do you say, patriarch of the Barker family?"

"Sir." Leylin had risen to his feet despite how unsteady they were. He said with a sigh as he looked at Duan Ling Tian, "Leylin might have acted on his own, but there's no denying he had done it for the sake of the Barker family. For this reason, I, Leylin, the patriarch of the Barker family, will bear the consequences of his actions."

Leylin's words shocked the other members of the Barker family. It was the best for them to sever ties with Leyno. How could their patriarch tie the fate of the doomed child to the family?

"P-Patriarch!"

"Patriarch, I understand you owe Leyno's parents a life debt... I know they died saving you. However, this matter concerns the survival of our family! As the patriarch of the family, you must reconsider your decision!"

"That's right! You cannot confuse your personal matters with the family matters. This concerns the fate of the entire family!"

Many of them decried Leylin's decision and were looking at him with eyes that were filled with hostility. It was clear they were trying to pressure him into changing his mind.

"Uncle!" Leyno did not expect his uncle would choose him over the family's wellbeing. This revelation moved him so much that he began to tremble. As though he had made up his mind, he said through gritted teeth, "Please, sir! The matter regarding earth is all my fault. It's mine and mine alone. It has nothing to do with my family! You can punish me however you see fit, I'm willing to bear it all!" His voice was filled with determination when he spoke.

A solemn expression appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as his eyes darted from Leyno to Leylin. "It seems like both of you share a strong bond." He released his grip on Leyno's neck and gently returned him to his flying vehicle.

The members of the Barker family were confused by Duan Ling Tian's action. They watched in a daze as Duan Ling Tian led Tang Xiao Xiao, Long Zhen Guo, and the warriors to the enormous castle. At the same

time, the 37 Transcendent-level Battleships returned to the warehouse located at the back of the castle under Duan Ling Tian's control. Naturally, the warehouse was in ruins now.

Duan Ling Tian looked back at Leylin and said calmly as he hovered in the air, "I'll take up your invitation and stay here as your guest. You have no objections, do you?"

"What?" Leylin was bewildered. However, he quickly regained his senses. He understood Duan Ling Tian was giving them a way to solve this without a bloodbath. He quickly nodded his head like a hen pecking grains on the ground. "Of course! Welcome, welcome! It's an honor for our family to have a guest as amazing as you!"

As they entered the castle, the members of the Barker family crowded around Duan Ling Tian and his companions.

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"What just happened?"

"I think the cultivator is showing mercy?"

"You think? He can destroy the Barker family with just a flick of his hand. Since he's not doing that, he's obviously showing mercy!"

The entire planet let out a collective sigh of relief. The inhabitants had been extremely worried that Duan Ling Tian would destroy the Barker family. The family was extremely influential, their business ventures and properties reached every corner of Planet Lissa. If the cultivator destroyed the Barker family, everyone else would suffer as well. It was only natural that they had hoped for a peaceful resolution.

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The members of the Barker family warmly welcomed Duan Ling Tian, Tang Xiao Xiao, Long Zhen Guo, and the ten warriors into the castle and led them to the family's largest conference room.

Unsurprisingly, Duan Ling Tian was given an esteemed guest's seat. He said candidly, "To be frank, I planned to appropriate all of your Transcendent-level Battleships and take all of your lead scientists and researchers away. I don't care if the Barker family survives or not."

The expressions of the members of the Barker family changed. They knew if Duan Ling Tian had carried out his initial plan, the family would only be a husk of its former self. The nine influential families in the galaxy would undoubtedly seize the chance to annex them. After all, without the Transcendent-level Battleships and their lead researchers and scientists, the Barker family was just like a toothless tiger.

"Naturally, I changed my mind..." Duan Ling Tian said.

The Barker family members sighed in relief.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "Still, what I'm about to say next is non-negotiable. I don't care if you're willing or not, the outcome would be the same." At this point, his tone had turned authoritative.

The members of the Barker family only smiled weakly. At this moment, they were in no position to choose. No matter how unfair or ludicrous this young man's conditions were, they could only swallow their frustration and accept it if they did not want the cultivator to kill them.

"I'm going to place a restriction on every high-ranking member of the Barker family," Duan Ling Tian said as he raised his hand. Streaks of sword qi shot out of his palm into the members of the Barker family who were present in the room.

Their expressions turned grim. This meant they no longer had free will.

"I'm appointing this man as the arbiter of the restrictions. His name is Long Zhen Guo, he's the Director of the Special Unit in Hua nation," Duan Ling Tian said as he turned to look at Long Zhen Guo. "In the coming 100 years, if he wills it, the restriction will be able to kill all of you instantly!"

The expressions of the high-ranking members of the Barker family turned even more unsightly.

"Don't even try to probe the restriction in your bodies with your technology. Not only will you fail, but you might even trigger it and cause your own death!" Duan Ling Tian said to prevent some members of the family from scheming.

"T-then, what do you want us to do during these 100 years, sir?" As the patriarch of the Barker family, Leylin, naturally, understood Duan Ling Tian wanted something from them, based on his action. He knew Duan Ling Tian placed the restrictions on them as a precaution in case they decided to rebel.

"I want you to make Hua that's located on earth into the most scientifically advanced place within 100 years. I want the nation to be so technologically advanced that it rivals the Barker family. I want Hua to become the eleventh leading nation in the Milky Way after a hundred years. I want Hua to become a force that can stand on equal footing with the ten leading families in the galaxy!" Duan Ling Tian said calmly.

#### **Chapter 2540 The Powerhouse Who Walked Out Of The Void Crack**

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Long Zhen Guo and his warriors could not help but gasp. They did not expect him to go so far just to help Hua. He even wanted to make Hua into the 11th leading family in the Milky Way, an equal to the ten leading families in the Milky Way!

The patriarch of the Barker family promised solemnly, "Although it's quite difficult, the Barker family will do our best!" It was indeed a difficult request. However, the Barker family had no choice but to accept this unless they had a death wish.

"That will do," Duan Ling Tian nodded his head lightly. Then, he turned to Long Zhen Guo and said, "Instructor Long, you and your men will stay here to discuss the details with them. After you're done, they'll send you back to earth. With the speed of their Transcendent-level Battleships, it would only take a few days at most before you arrive on earth."

The mouths of the members of the Barker family twitched when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Based on Duan Ling Tian's words, he wanted them to use their Transcendent-level Battleships as a transportation vehicle?

Long Zhen Guo suddenly rose to his feet and solemnly saluted Duan Ling Tian. “Ling Tian, thank you for all the things you do for Hua!”

Long Zhen Guo’s ten subordinates followed suit. Their eyes were filled with respect and admiration when they looked at Duan Ling Tian. They had been amazed when Duan Ling Tian brought them out of earth and into outer space without relying on any equipment, but who knew that was just a small fraction of his powers? He was even more amazing than they had thought. The Transcendent-level Battleships, the strongest weapons the Barker family owned, were like toys before him. The Barker family was one of the ten leading families in the Milky Way. This meant that with Duan Ling Tian’s strength, he could easily rule the Milky Way if he wanted to.

“Instructor Long, I’m also a citizen of Hua.” Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly at Long Zhen Guo. Then, he beckoned Tang Xiao Xiao over and left with her. They left the Barker Family and Planet Lissa.

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“With your strength, you can force the ten leading families in the Milky Way to submit to Hua. Why take the long way and only insist the Barker family helps Hua to become one of the top forces in the Milky Way?” Tang Xiao Xiao could not help but ask after they had left Planet Lissa. With Duan Ling Tian’s strength, it was a piece of cake for him to turn Hua into the only leading force in the Milky Way.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “It’s easy to help Hua become the leading force in the Milky Way. However, what happens next? Humans are greedy in nature. If Hua becomes the only leading force in the Milky Way, they’ll definitely try to conquer other galaxies. After all, the Milky Way isn’t rich in resources. I can force the entire Milky Way to submit to Hua, but can I force the other galaxies in Yan Huang Realm to do the same? Even if I can, I don’t have time for it.” He paused for a moment before he continued to say, “Therefore, this is the best choice. This way, I can help Hua to become strong, and at the same time, the other forces will serve as a check and balance to Hua. After all, the strength of the other 10 families in the Milky Way wouldn’t be inferior to Hua at that time. Under such conditions, Hua can build a strong foundation and develop gradually... Don’t you think that it’s the best choice?”

“You’re really far-sighted,” Tang Xiao Xiao exclaimed. After a while, she seemed to have thought of something before she asked, “Won’t this upset Instructor Long? After all, he’s aware you’re more than capable of conquering the entire Milky Way. Like you said, humans are greedy in nature.”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “No. I know Instructor Long pretty well. He’s a person who’s content with what he has. Moreover, I believe he understands my decision.”

“Do you mean he knows what you’re thinking?” Tang Xiao Xiao was rather surprised.

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian nodded his head.

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Indeed. Duan Ling Tian was right.

After they left, Long Zhen Guo and his ten warriors were arranged to stay in luxurious guest rooms by Leylin, the patriarch of the Barker family. However, they did not rest. Everyone had gathered in Long Zhen Guo's room instead.

As they marveled over Duan Ling Tian's god-like strength, one of them looked at Long Zhen Guo and asked, "Director, with Bloodwolf's current strength, it isn't difficult if he wants to help us rise in ranks in the Milky Way. Why didn't he directly do so?"

Everyone shifted their attention to Long Zhen Guo as soon as they heard his question.

Long Zhen Guo snorted. "Our country has a proverb. 'Being content leads to happiness'. What that punk has done for us is a great boon to the country! We have no right to ask any more of him!"

"Yes." Long Zhen Guo's ten subordinates nodded in agreement.

"Moreover, he has planned for the long term by doing this." Long Zhen Guo's words, indeed, showed that he understood Duan Ling Tian's thoughts.

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"What's the restrictions that you put on the high-ranking members of the Barker family?" Tang Xiao Xiao asked after they left the stellar galaxy where Planet Lissa was located. She had not heard of the restrictions that Duan Ling Tian had used earlier.

"There are no restrictions at all. It's just a bluff," Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile. In fact, he knew nothing about restrictions.

"A-aren't you afraid that they'll discover you're only calling their bluffs? Once they find out, they certainly won't help you to improve the technology in Hua." Tang Xiao Xiao was rather speechless at Duan Ling Tian's answer.

"Do you think they'll be able to discover it? Do you think they'll take the risk?" Duan Ling Tian asked confidently.

Tang Xiao Xiao fell silent. She imagined herself in the Barker Family's shoes. If she were those people, she definitely would not discover the truth since she did not dare to take the risk and gamble on her own life. After a while, she asked, "Where are we going now?"

"I plan to stay on earth for a few days before returning to the Saint Province Realm to attend to some matters. If I have time, I'll return and visit the Yellow Thearch Mansion." Duan Ling Tian replied. He did not forget the invitation from Xuan Yuan Zhi, a Nine Tribulation Bodiless Celestial from the Yellow Thearch Mansion. Naturally, he did not forget his best friend, Su Li, would be in the Yellow Thearch Mansion as well after leaving the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone. Su Li was his only friend left in the mundane realm since his family and friends had been abducted. He wanted to see Su Li again before he had to ascend to a Devata Realm.

"Since I have nowhere to go, I'll follow you to the Saint Province Realm for now," Tang Xiao Xiao said.

"Alright." Duan Ling Tian nodded his head.

When Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao were halfway back to the solar system where earth was located...

Rrrrpp!

A clear ripping sound suddenly rang in the air, causing Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao to come to a halt immediately. They saw a tear in the void that seemed to have appeared out of thin air. The tear in the void was as wide as a door.

“So you’re Duan Ling Tian?” An icy-cold voice rang from the void tear that was as big as a door. Soon after, a thin figure slowly emerged out of the void under Duan Ling Tian and Tang Xiao Xiao’s startled gazes.

The newcomer was a thin middle-aged man with an ordinary appearance. One would find it difficult to identify him in a sea of crowd. However, his eyes made chills run up Duan Ling Tian’s spine.

“Who... Who’re you?” Duan Ling Tian’s expression turned grave immediately when he heard the thin middle-aged man calling out to him after appearing in such a strange manner. He had probed the space and discovered there were no pseudo realms here. Therefore, he concluded the thin middle-aged man had forcibly torn a hole in the void and crossed over from a non-pseudo realm. He felt his heart skip a beat as he thought to himself, ‘Even a Great Overarching Golden Celestial might not be capable of this!’

“You’re about to die anyway so there’s no harm telling you... Young Master Qing Yan sent me here to kill you,” the thin middle-aged man said indifferently as he stared at Duan Ling Tian as though Duan Ling Tian was a dead man walking.