

## SOVEREIGN 2611

### Chapter 2611 Things Are About To Change Around Here?

Rising to fame after a fight? Currently, Duan Ling Tian had become famous in Bloody Specter City due to his fight with Yang Kong Ping, a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army, in Lai Feng Restaurant. Prior to this, no one in Bloody Specter City knew who he was. Now, there was no one in Bloody Specter City who did not know him.

It had to be said that the incident in Lai Feng Restaurant could not be called a fight. After all, Duan Ling Tian had crushed Yang Kong Ping overwhelmingly after Yang Kong Ping made the first move. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had severed Yang Kong Ping's arm and leg with his sword rays in just a split second! From the beginning until the end, Yang Kong Ping did not have time to react at all.

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While Bloody Specter City was abuzz with the latest happening, Duan Ling Tian led ten of his subordinates back to the Black Dragon Army's camp at a leisurely pace. He said indifferently, "All of you are quite bold... To think you would drink in a restaurant that's owned by the sister of the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army."

Tong Zhen, one of the centurions under Duan Ling Tian's command, laughed sheepishly before he said with a grin, "Lord Captain, we're merely overjoyed by your victory in the Valley of Ares. We didn't realize that we were drinking in a restaurant owned by the sister of the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army..."

Before Tong Zheng finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian interjected, "Really?" He turned around and fixed his eyes on Tong Zheng.

A guilty expression appeared on Tong Zheng's face immediately. He smiled bitterly and changed tack. "Lord Captain, you're wise. We went to Lai Feng Restaurant because we knew people from the Silverwyrms Army like to frequent the restaurant and..."

"So..." Duan Ling Tian interrupted Tong Zheng again and said indifferently, "You wanted the Silverwyrms Army to know the Black Dragon Army has a captain like me?"

"You're wise, Lord Captain" Tong Zheng answered hurriedly. After a while, his expression turned solemn and his speed slowed down. "Lord Captain! You severed Yang Kong Ping's arm and leg today... Is that really okay? You know who Yang Kong Ping is..."

"Is there a problem?" Duan Ling Tian narrowed his eyes that were flashing coldly as he said, "I've already shown him kindness and mercy by not killing him!"

Not only did Yang Kong Ping forcefully detain his subordinates, but Yang Kong Ping even tried to capture him back to the Silverwyrms Army's camp. Naturally, he knew why Yang Kong Ping was so excited about bringing him back to the Silverwyrms Army's camp, it must be due to his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. After all, people from the Silverwyrms Army were 100% certain he was a Heavenly Celestial who had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven half a month ago. They knew he was remarkably strong beyond his cultivation base due to the extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities he had mastered. It was obvious what would happen if he was brought to the Silverwyrms Army's camp. If they could not obtain anything from him, they would definitely kill him. Naturally, with his current

strength, a mere Silverwyrms Army was not a threat to him at all. Therefore, he felt he had shown Yang Kong Ping mercy by sparing his life.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Tong Zheng and the other nine soldiers from the Black Dragon Army were stunned speechless. They no longer said anything to Duan Ling Tian. However, they were privately discussing this matter among themselves using Voice Transmission.

"Look at our captain, he doesn't seem to be afraid of the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army!"

"Is it possible that he's stronger than the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army?"

"It's possible!"

"However, even if Lord Captain is stronger than the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, don't forget the commander can always go to the City Governor and ask the City Governor to intervene on his behalf. If that happens, things will get difficult."

"Well, if that happens, I hope the Commander of our Black Dragon Army will stand up for our captain. After all, the City Governor does favor our commander over the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army."

Duan Ling Tian who was not privy to his subordinates' conversation was lost in his thoughts at this moment. 'The Commander of the Silverwyrms Army has also cultivated the Bloody Specter City's graded cultivation method. Should I go to him before he acts and force him to hand over the graded cultivation method he has cultivated?' His eyes shone brightly. The more he thought about it, the more he felt this was a feasible plan.

Duan Ling Tian came to halt all of a sudden, and his subordinates followed suit. "All of you, return first... I just remember I have something to attend to in Bloody Specter City." As soon as he finished speaking, he disappeared from his subordinates' sight.

Duan Ling Tian had always been a man of action. Now that he had a plan in mind, he, naturally, would not waste any time to execute it. His destination was the Silverwyrms Army's camp!

The ten soldiers from the Black Dragon Army, including Centurion Tong Zheng, only regained their senses after Duan Ling Tian had vanished from their sight. However, they did not think too much about it. They truly believed he had something to attend to. If they knew he planned to enter the Silverwyrms Army's camp and see Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, they would be thoroughly shocked for a long time.

After Tong Zheng and the others returned to the Black Dragon Army's camp, Duan Ling Tian's actions in Bloody Specter City's Lai Feng Restaurant spread like wildfire through the camp. It caused a huge commotion!

"C-captain Duan turned Captain Yang Kong Ping from the Silverwyrms Army into a cripple?"

"He even did it in front of Miao Lai Feng, Yang Kong Ping's wife? Most importantly, Miao Lai Feng is the sister of the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army!"

“Wow! Captain Duan is awesome! Even our Lord Commander wouldn’t dare to offend the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army in such a manner, right?”

“The Commander of the Silverwyrms Army is going to be furious when he hears about this!”

Similar discussions could be heard everywhere in the Black Dragon Army’s camp. They felt that their new captain had vented some of their frustrations for them. After all, in the past, the Black Dragon Army had never gained such a huge upper hand over the Silverwyrms Army...

At the same time, there were many soldiers from the Black Dragon Army who were worried about Duan Ling Tian.

“Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, will never let this matter go!”

“I’m afraid this matter is going to blow up...”

“We’ll have to see if Captain Duan and Lord Commander can withstand the wrath of the Silverwyrms Army.”

Naturally, it did not take long before Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, caught wind of this.

“Captain Duan crippled Yang Kong Ping?” Chen Xuan Ba smiled bitterly. “When Miao Lai Long hears about this, it won’t end well...”

As Miao Lai Long’s long-time rival, Chen Xuan Ba was very well aware of Miao Lai Long’s character.

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In the Silverwyrms Army’s camp.

As the forces guarding Bloody Specter City, the Black Dragon Army and Silverwyrms Army’s camps were located in the Celestial Stone veins that were owned by Bloody Specter City.

Ever since the incident half a month ago in one of the Celestial Ascension Pools under the Silverwyrms Army’s control, the camp had not been peaceful. However, it was going to turn even more chaotic today as a huge figure charged into the camp...

“Is that... Ms. Lai Feng?”

“It’s Ms. Lai Feng! She seems to be carrying Captain Yang Kong Ping as well.”

“Did I see wrongly? Captain Yang seems to have lost an arm and a leg! What happened?”

Many people from the Silverwyrms Army managed to catch a glimpse of Miao Lai Feng who was carrying her husband, Yang Kong Ping, when she entered the Silverwyrms Army’s camp.

“It’s Chai Ming!” Someone exclaimed.

After a while, they saw the three centurions under Yang Kong Ping’s command. In just a blink of an eye, everyone gathered around the three centurions.

“Chai Ming, what the hell happened?”

“What happened? Ms. Lai Feng doesn’t seem to be in a good mood. Moreover, Captain Yang seems to have lost an arm and a leg!”

Seeing quite a number of centurions gathered around them, Chai Ming and his two companions patiently explained what had happened before they continued following Miao Lai Feng.

Chai Ming and his two companions’ words shocked the soldiers of the Silverwyrms Army to the core.

“The new Captain of the Black Dragon Army captain severed Captain Yang’s arm and leg?”

“Then, this means the new captain is stronger than Captain He Jin Kun, the strongest captain in the Black Dragon Army, right?”

“That’s not the point! The point is he’s bold enough to provoke Captain Yang... Everyone knows Captain Yang is the commander’s brother-in-law!”

“He’s going to bear the full brunt of our commander’s wrath!”

As they discussed among themselves, they looked up into the sky. All of them had a feeling that things were going to change around here.

### **Chapter 2612 Fighting Miao Lai Long!**

The Silver Wyrms Army’s camp was situated northeast of Bloody Spectre City. No matter if one was headed for Bloody Spectre City or the Black Dragon Army’s camp, the direction was similar to when one departed from the Silver Wyrms Army’s camp. The route is a key path from the Silver Wyrms Army’s camp to Bloody Spectre City and the Black Dragon Army’s camp. Unless the people leaving the Silverwyrms Army’s camp to the Bloody Specter City took a detour, they would have to take this path.

At this moment, a tall purple figure was hovering in the air above this route, calmly looking in the northeast direction as though he was waiting for something. The figure was none other than Duan Ling Tian. He had passed Bloody Specter City again on his way to the Silverwyrms Army’s camp.

Duan Ling Tian continued waiting patiently for roughly half an hour before he suddenly said, “He is here!” His expression had remained calm from the beginning until the end. The only slight change in his expression was his slightly raised brow.

Whoosh!

All of a sudden, a sound wave swept from the terrain in the distance toward Duan Ling Tian. In just a blink of an eye, it was only a few thousand meters away from him.

“En?” Duan Ling Tian could see the sound wave had come from a figure flying in the sky at top speed.

As soon as the figure noticed Duan Ling Tian’s presence, the figure sharply reduced his speed before coming to a stop a few hundred meters away from Duan Ling Tian. He had stopped because he could feel Duan Ling Tian’s burning gaze on him, causing him to feel as though Duan Ling Tian had been waiting for him.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow as he looked at the man who was two meters tall with a face covered in stubbles. "Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, Miao Lai Long?" The burly man in front of him looked somewhat similar to the owner of Lai Feng Restaurant who was also Yang Kong Ping's wife. It was not difficult for him to guess the man's identity. He had been waiting for this man to arrive.

"Who are you?!" Miao Lai Long barked. His eyebrows rose when he heard the purple-clad young man calling his name.

"I'm the reason you left the Silverwyrms Army's camp in such a hurry," Duan Ling Tian said calmly when faced with Miao Lai Long's question.

Miao Lai Long's expression changed as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. He narrowed his big round eyes as he said, "You... You're the new captain in the Black Dragon Army? Duan Ling Tian?"

Anyone who heard about the new Captain of the Black Dragon Army would know who Duan Ling Tian was after his subordinates spread news of his deeds in the Valley of Ares.

As soon as Miao Lai Long finished his sentence, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body like a stampeding wild horse. His Celestial Origin Energy seemed to turn into some sort of flame as it shrouded him, releasing waves after waves of terrifying aura. His big and round eyes burned with anger as he glared at Duan Ling Tian, and fury was etched on his face. It felt as though his anger was capable of burning up everything that stood in his way.

Duan Ling Tian was right. Miao Lai Long had left the Silverwyrms Army's camp in such a hurry because of him.

Not too long ago, Miao Lai Feng, Miao Lai Long's sister, had brought her husband to the Silverwyrms Army's camp. Miao Lai Long was enraged when he saw his sister crying. He had promised her that he would bring Duan Ling Tian to her so she could punish him! He had left as soon as he made his sister that promise. He was prepared to make his way to the Black Dragon Army's camp to capture the Captain of the Black Dragon Army, Duan Ling Tian, who had crippled his brother-in-law. However, he did not expect he would meet Duan Ling Tian as soon as he left the Silverwyrms Army's camp. Moreover, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian had been intentionally waiting for him here.

"Yes, it's me," Duan Ling Tian finally answered nonchalantly. His expression did not change when he faced the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army. In his eyes, there was no difference between the Commanders of the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrms Army. They were both no match for him.

"You're waiting for me?" Miao Lai Long's expression changed as he surveyed his surroundings, trying to determine if Duan Ling Tian had brought the cavalry with him.

Duan Ling Tian saw through Miao Lai Long's thoughts and said calmly, "There's no need for you to check... I came alone."

Miao Lai Long sneered. "Do you think I'll believe you?" He extended his Divine Consciousness and carefully checked the surroundings.

Duan Ling Tian suddenly laughed. “No wonder they say the City Governor of Bloody Spectre City favors Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of our Black Dragon Army... I had my reservations before meeting you, Miao Lai Long, but based on what I’ve seen, there’s no doubt you’re not in the same league as Commander Chen Xuan Ba of the Black Dragon Army!”

“You! What did you say?!” Duan Ling Tian’s words were like salt that was rubbed on Miao Lai Long’s wound. Miao Lai Long was, naturally, furious. He withdrew his Divine Consciousness and looked at Duan Ling Tian with a murderous expression on his face.

The smile on Duan Ling Tian’s face grew wider. “I’m sure you clearly heard what I said...”

“You’re seeking death!” Miao Lai Long roared. The smile on Duan Ling Tian’s face was like a thorn in his side. He could no longer hold back his anger. All of a sudden, he vanished into thin air, charging toward Duan Ling Tian like a tiger on a hunt.

Whoosh!

Miao Lai Long’s Celestial Origin Energy seemed to grow significantly stronger as he charged toward Duan Ling Tian

‘As expected of a Golden Celestial who has cultivated a graded cultivation method... His Celestial Origin Energy has increased by two whole levels after he cast his assist-type Divine Ability. Its effect is comparable to my assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he observed Miao Lai Long who was charging toward him. ‘Previously, I heard Tong Zheng said that the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army is a Green Sun Golden Celestial! However, his Celestial Origin Energy has currently risen to the level of an Indigo Sun Golden Celestial after he cast his assist-type Divine Ability.’

Miao Lai Long had already traveled half the distance between him and Duan Ling Tian while Duan Ling Tian was still studying Miao Lai Long’s strength.

The humming of a saber rang clearly in the air as a thick and wide saber appeared in Miao Lai Long’s hand. His Celestial Origin Energy enveloped the saber and a ten-foot-long saber ray shot out from it! At the same time, countless small saber rays appeared in the wake of the ten-foot-long saber ray. As the saber ray shot toward Duan Ling Tian in the air, Miao Lai Long bellowed, “Duan Ling Tian, I heard about your strength from my sister. She mentioned you’re almost as strong as He Jin Kun, the First Captain of the Black Dragon Army. Try and resist my saber!”

Swoosh!

The ten-foot-long saber ray shot toward Duan Ling Tian with a force that seemed capable of destroying heaven and earth!

Duan Ling Tian merely narrowed his eyes and scoffed when he saw Miao Lai Long’s formidable saber ray that was shooting toward him.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian had already mobilized his Celestial Origin Energy as soon as Miao Lai Long appeared. At this moment, he let it surge out of his body. Soon after, it turned into thousands of sword rays that merged into a Sword Formation. At the same time, he drew his Celestial Sword out and merged it with the Sword Formation to form a giant sword. The sword rays in the Sword Formation shone even more dazzlingly at this moment. He did not use the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Although the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword had lost its artifact soul, it was still comparable to a top Celestial Weapon.

Whoosh!

The giant sword formed by the Sword Formation flew forward to meet Miao Lai Long's saber ray as though it had received an order from Duan Ling Tian.

The brilliant saber rays flew toward the giant sword.

Miao Lai Long was a Green Sun Golden Celestial. After he cast his assist-type Divine Ability, his strength had increased by two levels. In addition to his offensive Divine Ability and Celestial Methods that he had cast along with his Celestial Weapon, he was currently five levels stronger than his cultivation base!

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian was a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial. After casting his assist-type Divine Ability, his strength was raised two levels. His 99 Heavenly Veins would raise his strength another two levels. The Sovereign Heart Sword would further improve his strength by three levels. His offensive Divine Ability and Celestial Sword would raise his strength another three and one levels respectively. With this, his strength was eleven times stronger than that of a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial!

There were only six stages between Blue Moon Heavenly Celestials and Green Sun Golden Celestials.

Generally speaking, Duan Ling Tian's giant sword that was formed from a Sword Formation was at least as strong as Miao Lai Long's saber. However, Heavenly Celestials and Golden Celestials were separated by a significant stage, therefore, logically speaking, Duan Ling Tian should be slightly weaker than Miao Lai Long.

### **Chapter 2613 His Wish Is Fulfilled**

'A mere Heavenly Celestial who had just ascended to Spirit Overarching Heaven about half a month ago is only slightly weaker than me?' Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwurm Army, widened his eyes in surprise when he witnessed the power contained in Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword. He thought to himself, 'So that's why Kong Ping's not his match. After all, he's only slightly weaker than me!'

Initially, Miao Lai Long had intended to withhold some of his power at the critical juncture. However, at this moment, he realized there was no need to do so since this attack would not be able to kill Duan Ling Tian.

Although Miao Lai Long left the Silverwurm Army's camp in anger to search for Duan Ling Tian, he had no plans of killing Duan Ling Tian. He had planned to capture him back to the camp so his sister could vent her anger on Duan Ling Tian and also to obtain the extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities that Duan Ling Tian had mastered.

'Since he had only ascended half a month ago, he should now be an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial at most. Based on that and the strength he displayed, there's no doubt his Celestial Methods and Divine

Abilities are some of the best in the Devata Realms,' Miao Lai Long thought to himself. At the same time, his eyes were getting brighter and brighter, he could barely conceal the excitement he felt.

Bang!

At this moment, the long saber ray that shot out of Miao Lai Long's Celestial Saber collided with Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword that was formed from his Sword Formation. When the two forces collided, it was silent for a moment before the sound of an explosion rang in the air!

The two forces clashed fiercely. In the beginning, it seemed as though the forces were equal in strength. However, as time passed, the force of Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword gradually weakened and fell into a disadvantageous position.

"You're just a mere Heavenly Celestial who had ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven about half a month ago, and yet, you managed to make me unleash all my strength. You should feel proud even though you're going to be defeated today!" Miao Lai Long said confidently. It was apparent he was confident he was going to win.

Duan Ling Tian who looked solemn suddenly laughed. "It's undecided yet who's going to win or lose!"

Upon seeing this, Miao Lai Long felt an ominous feeling rise in his heart. 'Hmm? Is it possible that this brat still has another trick up his sleeve?' Regardless, he said with a scoff, "You're just putting on a front!"

"Didn't your subordinates warn you not to use Celestial Weapons in front of me?" When Duan Ling Tian's laughter subsided, it was replaced by a cold smile. At the same time, the gigantic sword suddenly emitted a profound and mysterious aura. The aura spread out and covered a large area in just a blink of an eye.

"Ten Thousand Soldiers Surrender!"

The aura, naturally, shrouded Miao Lai Long and the Celestial Saber in his hand as well. It did not take long before, the Celestial Saber struggled to free itself from his grip, causing a tear in the web between his thumb and index finger. As soon as it freed itself, it shot toward Duan Ling Tian's gigantic sword that was formed from a Sword Formation and merged with it.

Miao Lai Long only regained his senses when his Celestial Saber had been taken away. He looked at his injured hand as an expression of shock and disbelief appeared on his face. In fact, it seemed as though he had seen a ghost. "H-how is it possible? W-what method is this?"

At this moment, he recalled that when Yang Kong Ping, his brother-in-law and a Captain of the Silverwurm Army, reported the incident by the Celestial Ascension Pool half a month ago, Yang Kong Ping had told him about the newcomer mastering a method that could snatch others' Celestial Weapons away. However, he had dismissed those words, thinking it was due to his subordinates' weakness that their Celestial Weapons were taken away. However, it was clear now that Duan Ling Tian had, indeed, mastered a method that could snatch others' Celestial Weapons away!

Boom! Boom! Boom!



Initially, Miao Lai Long had the upper hand. However, since his Celestial Weapon had been taken away, he, naturally, lost much of his power. It did not take long before he was completely suppressed and fell into a disadvantageous position!

Bang!

The sound of an explosion rang in the air again as the gigantic sword flew out and crashed against the defensive technique Miao Lai Long had cast in a hurry. The power from the gigantic sword destroyed Miao Lai Long's defense and sent him flying. He spat out a mouthful of blood before he finally managed to stabilize himself. At the same time, he felt a gust of wind blowing. "No!" His expression changed dramatically and fear coursed through his veins.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian had appeared near Miao Lai Long like a ghost. He was surrounded by thousands of dazzling sword rays. At this moment, all the sword rays were pointed at Miao Lai Long. Although these sword rays were positioned all around Duan Ling Tian, they seemed mysteriously connected at the same time.

Miao Lai Long took a deep breath before he said in a low voice, "The City Governor will not let you go if you kill me!"

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Miao Lai Long. Although Miao Lai Long seemed unperturbed on the surface, he could see the fear in the depths of his eyes. He said bluntly, "Give me the yellow-grade cultivation method you mastered, and I'll spare your life." This was his main objective for coming here. He wanted to obtain the yellow-grade cultivation method that the City Governor had imparted to Miao Lai Long. If he mastered the cultivation method, his cultivation speed would increase and his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Technique, would become stronger as well.

Miao Lai Long stared at Duan Ling Tian in surprise. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian wanted the cultivation method he had mastered. He refused without any hesitation. "That's impossible!"

What a joke! When the City Governor of Bloody Specter City had imparted the cultivation method to him, the City Governor had specifically warned him against teaching it to another person. If he went against the City Governor's warning, he would be punished with the death penalty! Moreover, this rule was set by those in the Nine Specters County. The City Governor was merely executing the order. He would definitely die if he broke that rule. How could he impart that cultivation method to another person? He did not even dare to teach it to his beloved sister.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow and smiled coldly. "Impossible? Are you sure? If you don't teach me the cultivation method today, you'll definitely die!"

"I'll die as well even if I teach it to you!" Miao Lai Long said in a low voice.

"Well, if I don't tell, and you don't tell, who would know? Do you really think I'm so stupid that I'll tell another person about it? Wouldn't I just get myself killed?" A threatening expression appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as he said indifferently, "I'll give you ten breaths to consider. After the time's up, if you're unwilling or undecided, I'll kill you!"

“If you kill me, you won’t be able to stay in Bloody Specter City or anywhere in the Nine Specters County!” Miao Lai Long said in a low voice, trying to remind Duan Ling Tian of the consequences he would face if he killed him.

“So what? I can just leave the Nine Specters County. I’ve just ascended. Anywhere can be my home, I have no worries.” Duan Ling Tian was not moved by Miao Lai Long’s words. Naturally, he knew the consequences of killing Miao Lai Long.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words, Miao Lai Long felt his heart skip a beat, and his expression changed drastically. He did not think he would be defeated before he even had a chance to obtain the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities from Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, he was now forced to impart the cultivation method to Duan Ling Tian that might result in his death. Only a few breaths had passed before he finally gave in. “Fine, I’ll teach you.”

A bright smile appeared on Duan Ling Tian’s face immediately.

After Duan Ling Tian obtained the cultivation method from Miao Lai Long, he left without killing Miao Lai Long as promised. It was not difficult for him to kill Miao Lai Long, but the consequences that would ensue was not something he was willing to deal with for now. He was not afraid of the City Governor of Bloody Specter City since he was confident he would be able to kill the City Governor if he used the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, even if its current strength was only comparable to that of a top Celestial Weapon. However, he had to take into consideration the consequence that would come after he killed the City Governor. He might not be a match for the powerhouses from the Nine Specters County even if he wielded the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword. Therefore, he knew if he killed Miao Lai Long, he would no longer be able to stay in Bloody Specter City or the Nine Specters County, and he would probably have to hide. However, he could not hide no matter what. He had to cultivate at the best cultivation place here to increase his strength as fast as he possibly could.

### **Chapter 2614 The Crystal Clearance Tactic**

When Duan Ling Tian returned to the Black Dragon Army’s camp, he overheard the soldiers discussing him. Their topic of discussion was, naturally, about the incident at Lai Feng Restaurant in Bloody Specter City. Many of them were worried about his safety since most of them were convinced Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwurm Army, would not let him off so easily.

‘Miao Lai Long won’t let me off the hook so easily? He doesn’t have the guts!’ Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he smiled. After that, he returned to his tent. He knew those people were just worried about his safety due to the strength he had displayed. After all, with his strength, he would be able to help them become stronger than the Silverwurm Army. In other words, he was valuable to the Black Dragon Army. Nevertheless, he still felt touched.

‘Crystal Clearance Tactic.’ After Duan Ling Tian returned to his tent, he took out a jade token. It was the jade token where Miao Lai Long had recorded the yellow-grade cultivation method under his threat.

With some time, Duan Ling Tian was confident he would be able to master it completely. ‘A graded cultivation method from a Devata Realm! How exciting!’ He took a deep breath to suppress his excitement before he began to cultivate accordingly.

Since Duan Ling Tian had been cultivating using the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique all these while, he needed some time to adapt to the Crystal Clearance Tactic. After that, he would be able to stabilize his Celestial Origin Energy. He did not waste any time and closed his eyes to immerse himself in cultivating the Crystal Clearance Tactic, oblivious to what was happening outside.

Duan Ling Tian did not cultivate for long before the voice of Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, rang in his ears. "Captain Duan, I heard about what you did in Lai Feng Restaurant. I think you went a little too far. Don't you think we should discuss how we should deal with Miao Lai Long since there's no doubt he's going to make a trip here to seek revenge? Moreover, I'm sure he'll report it to the City Governor as well."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly annoyed by the interruption. After all, he had just immersed himself in his cultivation and had begun to familiarize himself with the cultivation method before he was interrupted by Chen Xuan Ba. Therefore, he said impatiently, "Commander, I'm at a critical stage of my cultivation. Please don't disturb me until Miao Lai Long comes."

Upon hearing these words, Chen Xuan Ba was stunned speechless. He only regained his senses after a while. He felt as though he was more anxious than the culprit. 'I really don't know what to think of Captain Duan.' However, since Duan Ling Tian had already stated he was at a critical juncture of his cultivation, he no longer disturbed Duan Ling Tian.

Chen Xuan Ba continued thinking to himself, 'Miao Lai Long should've already arrived here by now... Is it possible that he has gone to the City Governor's estate instead?' Naturally, not even in his wildest dreams would he expect that Miao Lai Long had already been defeated by Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, Miao Lai Long was even forced to hand over the yellow-grade cultivation method.

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In the Silverwurm Army's camp.

As soon as Miao Lai Long returned to his tent, Miao Lai Feng rose to her feet immediately. Her narrowed eyes looked even smaller amid her chubby face. A hint of anticipation could be heard in her voice as she said, "Brother, why are you back so soon? How did it go? Did you capture Captain Duan of the Black Dragon Army?"

Miao Lai Long's expression darkened and a hint of resentment could be seen in his eyes when Miao Lai Feng mentioned Duan Ling Tian.

Seeing this, Miao Lai Feng could tell something was amiss. She asked tentatively, "Brother, w-what happened to you?"

"Do you know who I met as soon as I left the Silverwurm Army's camp?" Miao Lai Long asked as he looked at Miao Lai Feng.

"Who did you meet?" Miao Lai Feng was startled. She knew that her brother would not ask such a question without a reason.

“Duan Ling Tian! He intentionally blocked my path on the route we must pass to head to the Black Dragon Army’s camp!” Miao Lai Feng said as his eyes flashed with fury.

“What? Duan Ling Tian intentionally blocked your path? Is he... Is he seeking death?” Miao Lai Feng was shocked.

“Seeking death? Your brother almost didn’t make it back alive...” Miao Lai Long said self-mockingly as he shook his head.

“D-did he get a helper? Is it Commander Chen of the Black Dragon Army?” Miao Lai Feng’s expression changed drastically.

“He didn’t have a helper. He came alone.” Miao Lai Long shook his head as fear flashed in the depths of his eyes. He smiled bitterly as he said, “If he didn’t master the technique that could snatch one’s Celestial Weapon away, I’m definitely stronger than him. However, with that technique, I’m much weaker in comparison. You should know that even the slightest difference in strength matters when it comes to a duel at my level! It’s enough to determine the winner.”

“What? H-he’s stronger than you?” Miao Lai Feng’s huge and fat body trembled as a horrified and disbelieving expression appeared on her face. It was obvious she had difficulty accepting this fact.

“Yes.” Miao Lai Long nodded.

“You’re no match for him, but are we really just going to let him go?” Miao Lai Feng could not accept this at all. After a while, she seemed to have thought of something. Her eyes gleamed with anger as she said, “Brother, you said he’s only slightly stronger than you. This means he’s weaker than our City Governor. Brother, why don’t you speak to Lord City Governor? I don’t believe he’s a match for Lord City Governor!” A malicious expression appeared on her face as she spoke and the hint of anger in her eyes intensified as well.

“No!” Miao Lai Long rejected her suggestion without a second thought.

“Why? Are we really just going to let him go? Brother, I’m unhappy! I’m really unresigned!” Miao Lai Feng’s expression changed to a pitiful one.

“Lai Feng, I understand how you feel. However, I can’t go to Lord City Governor. If I do that, Duan Ling Tian might reveal the matter where I taught him the yellow-grade cultivation method. At that time, I’ll be finished! You should know that imparting that cultivation method without permission will only result in death!” Miao Lai Long said with a wry smile.

“Brother, y-you... Why did you teach him that method?” Miao Lai Feng’s expression changed again.

“I had no choice. He would kill me if I didn’t. After all, he just ascended not too long ago. At most, he would just have to leave Bloody Specter City and the Nine Specters County. He has no attachments in the Spirit Overarching Heaven,” Miao Lai Long said.

“He has mastered extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, why did he want a graded cultivation method?” Miao Lai Feng was confused. She could not figure out why Duan Ling Tian would force her brother to teach him that cultivation method.

"I think he has his own graded cultivation method. Moreover, it's very likely to be higher-grade than the Crystal Clearance Tactic. Perhaps, it's so that he can threaten me with it. After all, I can't go to Lord City Governor now because of this matter," Miao Lai Long speculated. He was convinced his speculation was correct.

"Brother, I'm still unhappy," Miao Lai Feng said in a weaker tone that was laden with unwillingness. Based on the current situation, it seemed like she would not be able to avenge her husband!

"Lai Feng, I know you're unhappy. I'm unhappy as well. Be patient for now. I'll look for other chances to kill him. Even if I can't kill him, I can kill him using somebody else's hand!" Miao Lai Long said reassuringly. A hint of killing intent could be seen in his eyes when he spoke.

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Everyone in Bloody Specter City and the Black Dragon Army's camp were certain Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwurm Army, would not let Duan Ling Tian go after Duan Ling Tian had crippled Yang Kong Ping, his brother-in-law and Captain of the Black Dragon Army. The soldiers from the Black Dragon Army were worried about Duan Ling Tian's safety while the people of Bloody Specter City were waiting to watch a show. However, as time passed, there were no movements from the Silverwurm Army at all. It seemed as though nothing had happened. Even after a month had passed, there were no signs that Miao Lai Long was going to avenge his crippled brother-in-law.

"W-what's happening?"

"This doesn't seem like Commander Miao's style of doing things!"

"Is it possible that Commander Miao is in closed-door cultivation? Otherwise, how can there be no movements from him?"

The entire Bloody Specter City was filled with similar discussions.

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In the main hall of the City Governor's estate in the Bloody Specter City.

"Lai Long, people in the city are saying you're in closed-door cultivation. However, I know you. With what happened, even if you're in closed-door cultivation, you would still come out to help your sister!" Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, said as he looked at Miao Lai Long who was seated below. It was clear he knew Miao Lai Long very well.

Upon hearing this, Miao Lai Long only smiled awkwardly.

"Did you come here just to hand over the Silverwurm Army's Celestial Stones?" Liu Feng Gu asked again.

### **Chapter 2615 Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial**

\*Yes, Lord City Governor." Miao Lai Long nodded in response to Liu Feng Gu's inquiry. He had come to hand over the Celestial Stones the Silverwurm Army had mined last month. It was the responsibility of the Silverwurm Army and Black Dragon Army to hand over 20% of the Celestial Stones they mined. The remaining 80% would be distributed among the officers and soldiers as their salary. Therefore, both

Commanders of the Silverwyrms Army and Black Dragon Army would have to go to the City Governor's estate at the start of every month to hand over the Celestial Stones their armies had mined.

"I heard that Captain Duan from the Black Dragon Army had severed an arm and a leg of Yang Kong Ping, a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army. Moreover, Yang Kong Ping is your brother-in-law. I heard your sister brought him to the camp immediately after the incident," Liu Feng Gu said. He paused as he shot Miao Lai Long a meaningful look and asked, "Didn't your sister ask you to avenge her husband? You don't plan to stand up for your sister and your brother-in-law?"

"Lord City Governor! I have investigated the matter. It's my subordinate, Captain Yang Kong Ping, who initiated the fight. Therefore, he's at fault," Miao Lai Long replied immediately as though he had already predicted Liu Feng Gu's question.

"Even if it's your subordinate's fault, Captain Duan went over the line, didn't he? Are you sure you can let this matter go?" Liu Feng Gu asked as he narrowed his eyes. He knew Miao Lai Long very well. Not to mention Yang Kong Ping was Miao Lai Long's captain and brother-in-law, even if Yang Kong Ping was just an ordinary captain, Miao Lai Long still would not let the matter go!

"I can't. However, for the sake of Bloody Specter City and Nine Specters County, I have decided to let it go!" Miao Lai Long said righteously.

"For the sake of Bloody Specter City and the Nine Specters County? Why do you say so?" Liu Feng Gu was startled.

"Lord City Governor, do you know that the Black Dragon Army's Captain Duan had only ascended to the Devata Realm about one and half month ago?" Miao Lai Long asked solemnly.

"Yes, I've heard about it. A month ago, your centurion who was in Lai Feng Restaurant said that the Black Dragon Army's Captain Duan had only ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven about half a month ago. He also said that Duan Ling Tian ascended to the Heavenly Celestials' Celestial Ascension Pool. How absurd! How can a Heavenly Celestial be as strong as Duan Ling Tian?" Liu Feng Gu said dismissively and shook his head. After all, how could he believe that someone who had just ascended not too long ago was capable of crippling a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army? Impossible!

"Lord City Governor doesn't seem to believe it?" Miao Lai Long smiled bitterly.

"Huh? Do you believe it?" Liu Feng Gu asked.

"Lord City Governor, in the Devata Realms, we don't have anything like the lightning oath penalty so I can't convince you by using that. However, I'm willing to use my honor to vouch for the fact that Duan Ling Tian is truly someone who ascended to the Heavenly Celestial's Celestial Ascension Pool one and a half months ago! At that time, apart from my centurions and decurions, there were also other newcomers who had ascended at the same time as him. They can be witnesses. If you think my subordinates might lie, you can look for the newcomers to verify my words!" Miao Lai Long said solemnly.

"Lai Long, you've been serving me for many years. It's not that I don't trust your words, but do you think it's possible for a Heavenly Celestial who has just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven to be

stronger than a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army? If I'm not mistaken, Yang Kong Ping is a relatively strong Orange Sun Golden Celestial, and he's ranked top three among your captains. Not to mention a Heavenly Celestial, even a new Golden Celestial wouldn't be his opponent!" Liu Feng Gu was quite skeptical of Miao Lai Long's words.

"Lord City Governor, based on what I know, the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities Duan Ling Tian had mastered are truly extraordinary. He even mastered a technique that could snatch one's Celestial Weapon away! One and a half months ago, he had snatched my two centurions' Celestial Weapons away when they fought! Due to all these reasons, I feel he's a great talent and will be able to contribute greatly to Bloody Specter City and the Nine Specters City. That's also why I decided not to pursue the matter," Miao Lai Long explained. He feigned righteousness as he continued to say, "Otherwise, with my temperament, I certainly wouldn't let him off the hook so easily!"

After a pause, Miao Lai Long looked at Liu Feng Gu and said solemnly, "Lord City Governor, if you want to validate this matter with the newcomers who ascended at the same as Duan Ling Tian, you can come with me to the Silverwyrms Army's camp. The newcomers had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven for about a month and a half. Your position is much higher than mine, they definitely wouldn't dare to lie to you!"

"Since that's the case, I'll go with you!" Liu Feng Gu agreed. At this point, Miao Lai Long had convinced him of the veracity of his words. However, he decided to go to the Silverwyrms Army's camp just to personally verify the matter. It was just as Miao Lai Long had said, his position was much higher than a commander, the newcomers definitely would not dare to lie to him!

An indecipherable emotion flashed in Miao Lai Long's eyes at this moment. He rose to his feet and made an inviting gesture. "Lord City Governor, please!"

After a moment, Liu Feng Gu started moving as Miao Lai Long closely followed after. While they were on the way to the Silverwyrms Army's camp, the depths of Miao Lai Long's eyes were flashing with excitement. He swore inwardly, 'Duan Ling Tian, this is just the beginning. I'll definitely spread word about how you mastered extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities! Let's see how you deal with Lord City Governor first!' A hint of anger could be seen in his eyes as well at this moment.

Since he had witnessed Duan Ling Tian's strength, Miao Lai Long knew there was nothing he could do to Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, since he had taught Duan Ling Tian the yellow-grade cultivation method, Duan Ling Tian could use that matter to threaten him. Therefore, he knew he could not use the incident from a month ago to make the City Governor take action against Duan Ling Tian. However, he could use Duan Ling Tian's extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities as a bait to make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian. After all, no one, not even the City Governor, would be able to resist the temptation of extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities!

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In the Black Dragon Army's camp.

Duan Ling Tian who was in closed-door cultivation was, naturally, unaware of what Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwyrms Army, had done. During this month, he had mastered the new cultivation

method, the Crystal Clearance Tactic. Currently, he could clearly feel that the Celestial Origin Energy in his body had become more refined. He knew this was due to the tempering from the yellow-grade cultivation method, the Crystal Clearance Tactic. He could also clearly feel his cultivation speed was one time faster compared to when he was cultivating using the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique from the mundane realm. His cultivation base was improving rapidly!

Very quickly, another half a month had passed.

‘A breakthrough!’ Duan Ling Tian suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes were bright and an excited smile could be seen on his face. He was now an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial. He was also a stone throw away from becoming a Violet Moon Heavenly Celestial.

“If I were to face Miao Lai Long again, I can defeat him easily even if I don’t use my Celestial Weapon or snatch his Celestial Weapon away from him!” Duan Ling Tian murmured as he felt his Celestial Origin Energy that had undergone a transformation.

If Duan Ling Tian had just an ordinary breakthrough, he definitely would not be able to defeat Miao Lai Long without his Celestial Weapon or without snatching Miao Lai Long’s Celestial Weapon away. However, his Celestial Origin Energy that had been refined by the Crystal Clearance Tactic, the yellow-grade cultivation method, would raise the potential and strength of his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic. The Elementary Devouring Tactic had become incomparably strong compared to its previous state!

“I wonder how many levels I can raise my Celestial Origin Energy to if I cast the Elementary Devouring Tactic now?” Duan Ling Tian was curious. He began to devour the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings. Due to the abundance of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in his surroundings, he did not alarm the others.

### **Chapter 2616 Liu Feng Gu Made A Personal Visi**

After Duan Ling Tian cast his assist-type Divine Ability, a slight frown appeared on his face. It was apparent he was disappointed. ‘Hmm? My Celestial Origin Energy has merely risen three levels? It has only risen one level compared to its previous state... According to Elder Huo, my Elementary Devouring Tactic shouldn’t be so weak! Even Miao Lai Long’s assist-type Divine Ability could raise his Celestial Origin Energy by three levels... How’s it possible that the Elementary Devouring Tactic only raised mine a level higher than his?’ He really was unwilling to accept this. Therefore, he thoroughly lost his mood to continue cultivating.

At this moment, a rather confused and upset Duan Ling Tian heard the voice of Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, ringing from outside his tent. “Lord City Governor! W-why are you here?”

‘Lord City Governor? The City Governor of Bloody Specter City? Why did he come? Is it due to the matter from a month ago? No... That’s impossible since Miao Lai Long taught me the Crystal Clearance Tactic. He definitely won’t risk his life just to seek revenge from me...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Although he had only met Miao Lai Long once, he was certain Miao Lai Long definitely would not dare to take this risk!

A voice Duan Ling Tian was not familiar with responded, “I’m here to look for Captain Duan.”



Although Duan Ling Tian had yet to meet the City Governor of the Bloody Specter City, he knew the City Governor was the strongest powerhouse in the city under the Nine Specters County. He wondered inwardly in confusion, 'It's Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City! Why did he come if it's not for that matter?'

"Lord City Governor!"

"Lord City Governor!"

Meanwhile, another few familiar voices rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. These voices belonged to four of the Captains of the Black Dragon Army. These captains were Hu Ji, Chai Wen Yu, Zhang Dong Xing, and Qin Yu. The first two liked to curry favor with those in power, therefore, Duan Ling Tian paid them no mind. On the contrary, his impression of the other two captains was quite good for the time being. Based on their voices, he could hear the ingratiating tone in Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu's voices while the other two captain's voices remained normal.

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Outside Duan Ling Tian's tent.

Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, looked at Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, and bluntly asked, "Lord City Governor, are you here for Captain Duan because the matter that occurred in Lai Feng Restaurant one and a half month ago?"

Meanwhile, both Zhang Dong Xing and Qin Yu slightly lifted their eyebrows. They were not close to Duan Ling Tian, but they did not wish for harm to befall him for the sake of the Black Dragon Army's sake. On the other hand, the other two captains, Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu, looked at each other, and they saw the malice and satisfaction in each other's eyes.

Liu Feng Gu replied, "About that matter, Commander Miao Lai Long has stated that he won't pursue the matter. Therefore, there's no reason for me to pursue the matter. I came here to look for Captain Duan about another matter. I promise you that I'm not here to look for trouble with him. Don't worry."

Chen Xuan Ba, Zhao Dong Xing, and Qin Yu's eyes brightened, and they inwardly sighed in relief when they heard Liu Feng Gu's words.

On the other hand, Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu looked at each other again, the hint of schadenfreude in their eyes was gone and was replaced by disappointment.

"H-how is it possible? Lord City Governor said that Commander Miao had no intention of pursuing the matter!"

"This isn't like Miao Lai Long at all!"

Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu were conversing via Voice Transmission. Their voices were filled with disbelief. They could not figure out why Miao Lai Long would let the matter go. After all, Duan Ling Tian had crippled Yang Kong Ping, his brother-in-law!

Meanwhile, although Chen Xuan Ba, Zhao Dong Xing, and Qin Yu were relieved, they were confused as well. After all, they knew Miao Lai Long well. He was not someone who would let matters go so easily!

“Lord City Governor, Captain Duan is currently cultivating. I don’t think he’s aware of your arrival. Let me call him out,” Chen Xuan Ba said to Liu Feng Gu. Then, he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian’s tent, intending to rouse him from his cultivation.

However, Liu Feng Gu stopped him. “No, there’s no need for that! Since Captain Duan is cultivating, I won’t disturb him. Let me know when he’s done, and I’ll come and look for him again.” His seemingly flippant words stunned Chen Xuan Ba and the others.

Did the City Governor just say that there was no need to rouse Duan Ling Tian from his cultivation and to only notify him once Duan Ling Tian had come out of his closed-door cultivation? Moreover, he would personally make a trip here to see Duan Ling Tian? Neither Chen Xuan Ba nor Miao Lai Long received this kind of treatment. If the City Governor requested to see them, they would have to go to the City Governor’s estate after their cultivation ended!

“Yes!” Chen Xuan Ba replied immediately despite his shock. He was truly confused about why the City Governor was so courteous toward Duan Ling Tian.

When Liu Feng Gu was about to leave, Duan Ling Tian walked out of his tent. He instantly looked at Liu Feng Gu and said, “I have finished my cultivation.”

It was not difficult for Duan Ling Tian to identify Liu Feng Gu since Liu Feng Gu was the only unfamiliar face around.

“City Governor,” Duan Ling Tian greeted in a casual manner. It was as though he was equal to the City Governor.

Li Feng Gu smiled and was about to respond to Duan Ling Tian when...

“How dare you!”

“How dare you act so rudely before Lord City Governor!”

The Black Dragon Army’s Captains, Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu, said in unison as they glared at Duan Ling Tian. At this moment, they only wanted to look good in front of Liu Feng Gu. They seemed to have forgotten how courteous Liu Feng Gu was to Duan Ling Tian.

Upon hearing their words, Duan Ling Tian’s expression darkened.

At the same time, Liu Feng Gu’s expression changed as well. He barked, “How dare both of you reprimand Captain Duan!” He lifted his hand, releasing a majestic energy that hit Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu.

Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu who were unprepared were sent flying back, severely injured. Both of them threw up a mouthful of blood. An incredulous expression appeared on both wretched figures’ faces when they finally steadied their footings. They did not understand where they had gone wrong.

“W-what...” Chen Xuan Ba, Zhao Dong Xing, and Qin Yu were dumbfounded as well. What was happening? Previously, it had already shocked them that the City Governor was being so courteous to Duan Ling Tian. However, now, it seemed like the City Governor was... deferential toward Duan Ling Tian as well. What was the reason for this? They were truly baffled.

“Hmm?” Even Duan Ling Tian was bewildered. In fact, he was planning to attack Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu when they had reprimanded him. However, before he could act, Liu Feng Gu had already made a move. ‘This is our first time meeting. Why do I feel like he’s not only treating me politely, but he’s also taking care of me?’

After Liu Feng Gu punished Hu Ji and Chai Wen Yu, his anger was replaced by a smile as he turned to Duan Ling Tian. He asked politely, “Captain Duan, may I talk to you privately for a moment?”

“Of course.” Duan Ling Tian nodded. Then, he followed Liu Feng Gu and left the valley. He still could not figure out why Liu Feng Gu was so polite. ‘I’m sure I’ll find out once he speaks to me.’

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Meanwhile, Chen Xuan Ba and the other high-ranking officers only regained their senses after both Liu Feng Gu and Duan Ling Tian had disappeared from their sight. They looked at each other in surprise, but none of them spoke at this moment.

### **2617 Make A Deal**

High in the sky, thousands of miles away from the Black Dragon Army’s camp, Duan Ling Tian and Liu Feng Gu, the City Governor of Bloody Specter City, stood facing each other.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Liu Feng Gu calmly, waiting for Liu Feng Gu to speak.

On the other hand, Liu Feng Gu studied the purple-clad young man before him. He recalled the shock he felt when the newcomers in Silverwyrn Army confirmed that the purple-clad young man who was the Captain of the Black Dragon Army had just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven one and a half months ago. Moreover, the purple-clad young man had ascended to a Heavenly Celestials’ Celestial Ascension Pool! As its name suggested, the Heavenly Celestial’s Celestial Ascension Pools were only for Eminent Celestials who ascended from the mundane realms. They would become Crimson Moon Heavenly Celestials once they ascended.

Bloody Specter City had quite a number of Heavenly Celestials’ Celestial Ascension Pools, and they were managed by the Black Dragon Army and the Silverwyrn Army. The newcomers would usually be sent to Celestial Stones mining sites to mine for stones. There were rarely newcomers who were given an exception. Liu Feng Gu did not expect a genius cultivator would appear among the newcomers in one of the Heavenly Celestials’ Celestial Ascension Pools during his time as City Governor. This genius killed a Centurion of the Silverwyrn Army almost as soon as he had ascended before he left. Not long after, he even joined the Black Dragon Army to become a captain. The strength he displayed was stronger than all the captains in both armies. In fact, he might not be any weaker than his two commanders. This was truly unprecedented.

Liu Feng Gu continued staring at Duan Ling Tian for a moment before he finally said, "Captain Duan, if I'm not mistaken, you must have already defeated my subordinate, Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwurm Army, right?"

"He told you about it?" Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow in slight surprise.

"No, I guessed it." Liu Feng Gu shook his head.

As expected. Duan Ling Tian was quite certain Miao Lai Long definitely would not tell Liu Feng Gu about what transpired between them. After all, he had something to threaten Miao Lai Long with after Miao Lai Long taught him the yellow-grade cultivation method. If it was made known that Miao Lai Long had taught him that cultivation method, Miao Lai Long would definitely lose his life. Therefore, unless Miao Lai Long had gone crazy, there was no way he would reveal what had happened.

"Miao Lai Long has been my subordinate for many years, and I know his temperament and character well. If he wasn't defeated, he would not have let what happened a month ago go. However, I'm quite curious. Even if he was defeated, he could've come to me for help. Even if I'm no match for you, I still have the County Governor of Nine Specters County as my support. However, not only did Miao Lai Long not come to me for help, but he even told me he doesn't plan on pursuing the matter," Liu Feng Gu added. He looked at Duan Ling Tian meaningfully before he continued to say, "If I'm not mistaken, you're holding something over him, am I right?"

Duan Ling Tian was taken aback by Liu Feng Gu's accurate speculations.

"A while ago, Commander Chen came to me and said you wanted to cultivate the cultivation method I had imparted to him. If I'm not mistaken, you must have threatened Miao Lai Long into teaching you the cultivation method, right?" Liu Feng Gu said as he looked at Duan Ling Tian knowingly.

Duan Ling Tian's expression changed imperceptibly, but Liu Feng Gu seemed to have noticed it as he said, "Seems like I'm right."

When Liu Feng Gu saw the frown on Duan Ling Tian's face and how guarded he became, he said, "Don't worry, I don't intend on pursuing this matter."

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian was even more taken aback when he heard this. He expected Liu Feng Gu to punish Miao Lai Long and him once Liu Feng Gu discovered the truth.

Liu Feng Gu smiled as he said, "Since Miao Lai Long taught you the cultivation method, how would he dare to look for me to look for trouble with you? After all, he knew very well he had committed a capital crime."

Duan Ling Tian felt naked, it was as though Liu Feng Gu could see through his thoughts. He sighed before he said bluntly, "It's as though you were there to witness it for yourself. Since you don't intend to pursue the matter, why did you come to look for me?"

Upon seeing how direct Duan Ling Tian was, Liu Feng Gu also did not beat around the bush as he replied, "I want to make a deal with you, Captain Duan."

“A deal? What deal?” Duan Ling Tian frowned.

“I wish to kill someone, but I don’t have the ability to kill him. Therefore, I hope you can capture him and bring him to me so I can personally kill him once you’ve gotten strong enough!” Liu Feng Gu said as his eyes flashed coldly. He looked like a venomous snake, waiting to strike at its prey at this moment. The hatred he held for this person was intense, it was as though that person had murdered his father or taken his wife away.

“City Governor, you think too highly of me! What makes you think I’ll be capable of capturing someone whom you aren’t able to kill?” Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

“Well, you’ve just ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven, and you’re still Heavenly Celestial. However, look at your strength...” Liu Feng Gu replied with a burning gaze.

“No one believes the Silverwyrms’ words, don’t tell me you believe them?” Duan Ling Tian smiled. He knew no one believed the Silverwyrms when they said he had just ascended one and a half months ago. After all, how could someone who had just ascended become a Captain of the Black Dragon Army? Moreover, he was even able to easily cripple a Captain of the Silverwyrms Army!

“Initially, I, naturally, didn’t believe it. However, as Miao Lai Long suggested, I spoke to the newcomers who ascended at the same time as you to verify the matter. How could I not believe it after listening to them?” Liu Feng Gu said.

“Miao Lai Long?” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted coldly. He did not expect Miao Lai Long still dared to cause trouble behind his back. He knew very well that Miao Lai Long had done all this just to make Liu Feng Gu aware of his extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. If Liu Feng Gu was greedy, he would have attacked him. Miao Lai Long probably thought he was slightly weaker compared to the City Governor and planned to use the City Governor to deal with him.

Liu Feng Gu said, “Naturally, I’m aware of Miao Lai Long’s intention. He deliberately revealed your strength that’s granted by your extraordinary Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities. He thinks I’ll covet them and wants to use my hands to kill you. He also told me how you might possess a soul defense Celestial Weapon that’s at the mediocre-level at the very least. He said he tried to probe you with his Divine Consciousness, but his Divine Consciousness was devoured by something instead. This is definitely not a method of concealing one’s cultivation base.”

“So this is why Miao Lai Long didn’t bother using soul attacks on me. He thought I possessed a soul defense Celestial Weapon that would repel the attacks,” Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. Naturally, Miao Lai Long had mistaken his defective metal piece as a Celestial Weapon. Then, he looked at Liu Feng Gu calmly and said bluntly, “Since you’re aware of all this, don’t you covet my Celestial Methods, Divine Abilities, and my soul defense Celestial Weapon?”

“Indeed. The thought did cross my mind, but I quickly dismissed it,” Liu Feng Gu replied honestly.

“Why?” Duan Ling Tian was rather curious. How did Liu Feng Gu suppress his greed?

Similar to earlier, Liu Feng Gu answered frankly, “First of all, I’m not sure if I’m a match for you. Second, even if I am, it’ll still be difficult for me to force you to teach me those things if you’re unwilling. Although this is my first time meeting you, Chen Xuan Ba had reported to me the incident where you

killed Jian Qiu Ping. After that, I had ordered my Golden Serpent Guards to do a background check on you. You hardly make appearances once you become a Captain of the Black Dragon Army. However, based on your words and the way you carry yourself, it's clear you're not an ordinary person. There's no point in forcing you to teach me the Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities if you're unwilling."

### **2618 King Qing's Mansion**

"Governor, with your intelligence and bravery, being a little city governor is such a... waste," Duan Ling Tian could not help but say after listening to Liu Feng Gu's words.

"I wasn't always a City Governor. I used to be the advisor of the County Chief of Nine Specters County... However, I offended the wrong person so I was sent here to become a City Governor." Liu Feng Gu seemed to be lost in his memories when he spoke. His eyes glinted coldly as he said, "During that year, I would've become a ghost because of that wicked man if it were not because of the County Governor's appreciation to me for serving him for so many years!"

"The wicked man you speak of is that person you want to kill?" Duan Ling Tian asked when he recalled the deal Liu Feng Gu wanted to make with him.

"Yes." Liu Feng Gu nodded.

"I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you, governor," Duan Ling Tian said calmly as he shook his head, "Although I've killed many people in the past, those I've killed deserve to die. Asking me to kill someone whom I do not know is akin to asking me to kill an innocent person. Forgive me, but it's not something I can agree to."

Liu Feng Gu was stunned for a moment. He said, "I haven't even told you what I'll give you in return, but you're already rejecting my request?"

"No matter what it is, I'm not interested," Duan Ling Tian said firmly. He had his principles.

"How about I tell you a story?" Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian's firm refusal, Liu Feng Gu did not seem angry. After he spoke, he did not wait for Duan Ling Tian's reply before he began to speak again, "Once upon a time, there was a man in the Nine Specters County who accepted a disciple. He treated his disciple like a son. After many years had passed, the disciple grew up and showed impressive talent. This made the man very proud. At this time, the disciples caught the eyes of the first revered elder of the Nine Specters County who was only second to the County Governor. This elder spoke to the disciples and asked him to denounce his master and join his faction. However, the disciple firmly rejected this. For this reason, the first revered elder, the second strongest person in the county, killed the disciple out of anger."

Liu Feng Gu continued saying, "After learning about what happened to his disciple, the man threw up blood before passing out for three days and three nights. He knew with his strength alone, he wouldn't be able to avenge his beloved disciple so he went to the County Governor in hopes that the City Governor would give him justice. Alas, this is a world where strength is revered. Although the County Governor empathized with his loss, there was nothing the County Governor could do to the elder."

“When the elder discovered the man had spoken to the County Governor, the elder was so furious that he wanted to kill the man as well... However, due to the man’s many years of hard work, the County Governor spoke to the elder and managed to save the man’s life... Although his life was saved, he could no longer stay there.” At this moment, Liu Feng Gu’s eyes shone with killing intent.

“If that’s really the case, then, the elder deserves to die, but...” Duan Ling Tian, naturally, knew the protagonist of the story was Liu Feng Gu. However, who knew if Liu Feng Gu was just making this up? Although Liu Feng Gu’s fluctuating emotions seemed genuine when he recounted what happened, there was no way for Duan Ling Tian to ascertain he was telling the truth.

“I know your concern,” Liu Feng Gu interjected. He knew what Duan Ling Tian was thinking. He proposed, “How about this? When you go to the County Governor’s estate in half a year’s time, if you discover I’m lying or if you think that man doesn’t deserve to die, you can renege on our deal.”

“Go to the County Governor’s estate in half a year’s time?” Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion.

“About a month ago, I received orders from above. I’ve been asked to send two of our most talented young men there in half a year’s time. Although they didn’t state the purpose, I think it has something to do with King Qing’s Mansion. At that time, a special guard would be sent to escort you there,” Liu Feng Gu said as his eyes flashed coldly.

“King Qing’s Mansion?” Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow. This was not his first time hearing about King Qing’s mansion. He knew that the Nine Specters County was only one of the many counties under the rule of King Qing.

“Once you get there, you’ll know.” Liu Feng Gu no longer wanted to waste words on this topic. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked bluntly, “I’ve told you so many things... Are you willing to make a deal with me?”

“Since you say I’m free to renege on the deal if I find that it violates my principles, it’ll be rude of me to refuse. However, what do you plan to offer me in return?” Since Liu Feng Gu said Duan Ling Tian could renege on the deal, he did not think it was bad to accept the deal. However, he was curious about what Liu Feng Gu would offer him in return.

“What I can give you is the best cultivation place and resources for the next six months,” Liu Feng Gu said.

“So you’re allowing me access to your Tranquil Alcove?” Since Liu Feng Gu had promised Duan Ling Tian the best cultivation resources as well, this meant that apart from Celestial Stones, he would probably be given medicinal pills as well. Naturally, the medicinal pills and immortal elixirs in the Devata Realms were far superior to those in the mundane realms. However, he was not certain if a small town like Bloody Specter City had medicinal pills and such.

“Indeed.” Liu Feng Gu nodded. “It’s well known that the Tranquil Alcove is superior compared to cultivating in the Black Dragon Army and Silverwurm Army’s camps. However, most people think the difference is slight. What many people don’t know is that cultivating in the Tranquil Alcove will raise

your cultivation speed by almost two times because the Tranquil Alcove attracts the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from the two Celestial Stone's veins!"

"Almost two times faster?!" Duan Ling Tian was shocked. It was as Liu Feng Gu said, he had assumed there was only a slight difference between cultivating in the Black Dragon Army's camp and the Tranquil Alcove.

"Apart from that, I'll give you medicinal pills that Heavenly Celestials use to increase their strength. I'll give you high-grade Celestial Stones as well. You won't be able to find these high-grade Celestial Stones even if you were to mine them in the mining sites in Bloody Specter City. These are the things I offer in return. Are you satisfied?" Liu Feng Gu asked.

"Deal!" Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate to accept Liu Feng Gu's deal this time around.

Upon hearing this, Liu Feng Gu smiled.

"City Governor," Duan Ling Tian said, it seemed as though he had thought of something, "You mentioned a special guard would be sent to escort me and another person to the County Governor's estate in half a year's time?"

"Indeed." Liu Feng Gu nodded. "Your journey to the Nine Specter County would take a while... The journey will be fraught with danger. There might even be peak Golden Celestials who would make an attempt on your lives. For this reason, the special guard would be escorting you for your safety..."

"Peak Golden Celestials? There are more than one of them?" Duan Ling Tian was taken aback. He was glad he did not simply roam around as soon as he had ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven. Peak Golden Celestials were Violet Sun Golden Celestials!

"Yes." Liu Feng Gu nodded. "Back in the days, when I left the county to journey to Bloody Specter City, I ran into three peak Golden Celestials who intended to rob me for my belongings. Fortunately, I revealed my identity. Otherwise, they would have tried to kill me."

After all, all the cities in Nine Specter County were controlled by the Nine Specter County. Their power was undeniable. For this reason, even the rogue celestials did not dare to simply provoke the county. After all, if they harmed someone with a high-ranking position, apart from the people of the Nine Specter County, they might even be hunted by King Qing's men. It was for this reason that no one dared to rob the two Celestial Stone ores in Bloody Specter City.

Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'With my current strength, it shouldn't be a problem for me to deal with a peak Golden Celestial if I use the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword!' He knew he was capable of traveling on his own now without having to fear the peak Golden Celestials. However, he was more than glad to stay here for another six months. After all, he would be provided with a good cultivation place and resources. If he were to leave for another place now, those things were not guaranteed.

### **Chapter 2619 Heaven-grade Divine Ability**

After Duan Ling Tian and Liu Feng Gu left the Black Dragon Army's camp, Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, deliberately let news of this spread in the camp. Ever since the incident in Lai



Feng Restaurant, many soldiers, including Duan Ling Tian's subordinates, had been worried about their new captain. For this reason, he had let news of this spread so it would calm the soldiers down.

As expected, the soldiers' spirits were lifted when they heard the news. They did not question the veracity of the news since it had come from their commander.

"See? I knew nothing would happen to Captain Duan!"

"I really didn't expect Commander Miao to let things go... It doesn't sound like him!"

"You're right. I heard that Commander Miao is someone who would seek revenge for the smallest slight against him. It's truly unexpected that he would tell Lord City Governor that he wants to let things go... It really doesn't sound like him!"

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, who had made a deal with Liu Feng Gu, seemed to have thought of something. He said, "Governor, I have a question. The assist-type Divine Ability I mastered is a very powerful Divine Ability. However, after I cultivated the Crystal Clearance Tactic to temper and purify my Celestial Origin Energy, I discovered that the improvement is almost negligible. Why is that?"

Liu Feng Gu was in a good mood after Duan Ling Tian agreed to the deal. He said with a smile, "That's normal. Not only do assist-type Divine Abilities in the Devata Realms rely on one's Celestial Origin Energy, but they also depend on one's cultivation base. For example, if a Heavenly Celestial cultivates a graded cultivation method and purifies his or her Celestial Origin Energy, at most, he would only be able to increase the strength of his or her Celestial Origin Energy by one level. Even if the assist-type Divine Ability has a high-grade, it would still be limited to one's cultivation base."

Based on Liu Feng Gu's words, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian only had a slight improvement because of the limit of his cultivation base.

"What about a Heavenly Celestial who's able to raise his or her Celestial Origin Energy by two levels before he or she even cultivated a graded cultivation method?" Duan Ling Tian asked. After all, before he cultivated the yellow-grade cultivation method, his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, had raised his strength by two levels.

"It's very likely that the Heavenly Celestial has cultivated a heaven-grade assist-type Divine Ability," Liu Feng Gu replied. His eyes seemed to flash with understanding as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "After a Heavenly Celestial has cultivated a graded cultivation method, when he or she casts a heaven-grade assist-type Divine Ability, the Celestial Origin Energy would be raised by three levels!"

With Liu Feng Gu's explanation, realization dawned on Duan Ling Tian. He was happy with the answer he obtained. 'It's just as Elder Huo said. The assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, is really powerful. Who knew it would turn out to be a heaven-grade Divine Ability!'

In the Devata Realms, cultivation methods, Divine Abilities, and Celestial Methods had different grades as well. Based on what Duan Ling Tian knew so far, they were separated into four grades; heaven-grade,

earth-grade, profound-grade, and yellow-grade. Among these four grades, yellow grade was the lowest, and heaven grade was the highest.

How could Duan Ling Tian not feel happy after he found out his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic, was a heaven-grade Divine Ability?

“Governor,” Duan Ling Tian asked, “Since one is limited by one’s cultivation base, a Heavenly Celestial can only raise the power of his Celestial Origin Energy by three levels at most with a heaven-grade assist-type Divine Ability. If one’s cultivation base is extremely high, how many levels in the Celestial Origin Energy would the heaven-grade assist-type Divine Ability be able to raise?” A hint of excitement could be seen in his eyes as he spoke.

“Five levels,” Liu Feng Gu said, “Only Great Overarching Golden Celestials or those who are stronger are capable of such a feat! Only those people are able to unleash the full potential of assist-type Divine Abilities. This applies to earth-grade and profound-grade Divine Abilities as well.”

Based on Liu Feng Gu’s careful and detailed explanation, Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of assist-type Divine Abilities.

For yellow and profound-grade assistive Divine Abilities, it matters not if a Heavenly Celestial had cultivated a graded cultivation method or not, they would only be able to raise the strength of their Celestial Origin Energy by one level. On the other hand, Golden Celestials who did not cultivate a graded cultivation method would be able to raise their Celestial Origin Energy by one level. If they cultivated a graded cultivation method, they would be able to raise it by two levels. Great Overarching Golden Celestials would be able to raise their Celestial Origin Energy by three levels. This was the limit of yellow-grade and profound-grade assist-type Divine Abilities.

For earth-grade assist-type Divine Ability, Heavenly Celestials could only increase their Celestial Origin Energy by two levels at most, Golden Celestials could only increase it by three levels, and Great Overarching Golden Celestials could increase it by four levels.

As for heaven-grade assist-type Divine Abilities, Heavenly Celestials like Duan Ling Tian could increase their Celestial Origin Energy by three levels, Golden Celestials could increase it by four levels, and Great Overarching Golden Celestials could increase it by five levels.

Duan Ling Tian became even more curious after listening to Liu Feng Gu’s explanation. He was curious about the grade of his offensive Divine Ability, the Thirteen Green Lotus Swords. “Governor... What about other Divine Abilities?”

Liu Feng Gu patiently explained, “The other Divine Abilities aren’t limited by one’s cultivation base.”

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian learned the Thirteen Green Lotus was an earth-grade offensive Divine Ability. Moreover, he also learned the Supreme Sword Dao Mental Cultivation Method, the Sovereign Heart Sword, was comparable to an earth-grade Celestial Method that boosted one’s offense, defense, and speed.

“Captain Duan,” Liu Feng Gu said solemnly, “Although I have no idea what kind of Celestial Methods or Divine Abilities you have mastered, based on the fact you’re capable of defeating Miao Lai Long, all your

Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities should be at the heaven-grade!” Naturally, his speculation was made based on the assumption that Duan Ling Tian was just an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “Governor, you’re mistaken. It’s true that I mastered a heaven-grade assist-type Divine Ability. However, my other Divine Abilities and Celestial Methods are only at the earth-grade.”

“How’s this possible?!” Liu Feng Gu found it difficult to believe Duan Ling Tian’s words. “You’ve only ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven not too long ago, and it took you a month to become a Captain of the Black Dragon Army. Even if you’re immensely talented, you should only be an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial at most. For an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial to defeat Miao Lai Long, all of your Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities should be at the heaven-grade.”

“Governor, you’re not wrong if I’m an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial,” Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile, “However, I’m not an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial... About a month ago, when I was battling Miao Lai Long, I was already a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial. After obtaining the Crystal Clearance Tactic from Miao Lai Long, I became an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial after a month. Currently, I’m an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial.”

Upon hearing this, Liu Feng Gu was shocked. He looked at Duan Ling Tian in awe when he regained his senses. “How... How did you raise your cultivation base so quickly?!”

Liu Feng Gu’s words brought up memories of a beautiful lady in Duan Ling Tian’s mind. After he had ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven, he had become a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial all thanks to that woman.

“I had a fortuitous encounter after I ascended to the Spirit Overarching Heaven,” Duan Ling Tian said vaguely, “During that time, I had a breakthrough and became a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial.”

Even if Duan Ling Tian had the yellow-grade cultivation method, the Crystal Clearance Tactic, from the beginning, he knew it would be impossible for him to become an Indigo Moon Heavenly Celestial so quickly if it were not because of him becoming a Blue Moon Heavenly Celestial due to Murong Bing.

“I see.” Liu Feng Gu nodded. Although he was curious, he did not ask any more questions. He could tell Duan Ling Tian did not want to go into details. However, he could vaguely guess the fortuitous encounter Duan Ling Tian mentioned had something to do with the Little World that was located outside Bloody Specter City. Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, had mentioned something about this to him previously.

“Governor, Commander Chen should have told you I entered the Little World... Do you know which sect possessed the Celestial Weapon, the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk?” Duan Ling Tian asked as his eyes burned with anticipation and curiosity.

### **Chapter 2620 The Primitive Celestial Pill, The Spirit Nourishing Pill**

Liu Feng Gu shook his head as he looked into Duan Ling Tian’s eyes that were brimming with hope. “I have no idea.”

Upon hearing this, a wave of disappointment rose in Duan Ling Tian’s heart.

“The powerful celestial who created the Little World is from the Blissful Sect. It’s a sect that’s not bound to any Celestial Kingdom. The person who entered the Little World with you has to be extremely powerful to be able to leave the Little World at will. His background must be extraordinary as well. It’s possible that his sect is comparable to the Blissful Sect,” Liu Feng Gu said, “However, I’ve been here for many years, but I’ve never heard of the World Cleansing Horsetail Whisk before this. If you want to find out more about this, I’m afraid you’ll have to seek the answer from King Qing’s mansion or the capital. The likelihood of you finding your answer in King Qing’s mansion is relatively low. However, I’m sure you have a 50% chance of finding your answer in the capital.”

“The capital...” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened. Naturally, he had heard about the capital.

“Captain Duan,” Liu Feng Gu looked at Duan Ling Tian and said solemnly, “Even if your Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities aren’t all at the heaven grade, you should still conceal them when you head to the Nine Specters County. Even if they’re just earth-grade Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities, they’re still enough to rouse greed.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. He knew it was best to conceal his powers at this time.

After they spoke for a while, Liu Feng Gu and Duan Ling Tian returned to the Black Dragon Army’s camp.

“Lord City Governor!” Chen Xuan Ba, the Commander of the Black Dragon Army, and the four captains walked out from their respective tents and respectfully greeted Liu Feng Gu.

“Xuan Ba, pick a new captain to replace Captain Duan. He’ll be leaving with me to the City Governor’s estate. After half a year, he’ll be going to the County City,” Liu Feng Gu said without beating around the bush.

“Lord City Governor, does this mean you’ve decided to give one of the two slots to Captain Duan?” Chen Xuan Ba asked. Based on his words, it was clear he had already known about the matter of two people being selected to go to the County Governor’s estate in the County City of Nine Specters County.

Qin Yu’s eyes flashed with some indescribable emotion when he heard this. However, the three captains looked at each in confusion.

After a while, realization finally dawned on the three captains. It seemed like a special envoy would be sent here to escort the two selected people to the County City of Nine Specters County. “It must be something good since the County Governor is going to send a special envoy here!”

“Yes,” Liu Feng Gu nodded before he said, “As for the other spot, we’ll do a selection by organizing a battle for those from the Black Dragon Army, the Silverwurm Army, and the Golden Serpent Guards. The battle will be held in five months’ time in the City Governor’s estate. Only Golden Celestials below the age of 100 are allowed to participate.”

Upon hearing this, Hu Ji and Cai Wen Yu shook their heads and forced a smile on their faces. They were a lot older than 100 years old. For this reason, although they were both Golden Celestials, they would not be able to participate. Even without the age limit, they knew their chances of winning were low since their strength was below average.

“Zhao Dong Xing and Qin Yu... You’re both under the age of 100, right?” Hu Ji and Cai Wen Yu turned to look at the two captains standing near them.

A hint of excitement could be seen on Zhao Dong Xing's face while Qin Yu looked indifferent.

"Is Qin Yu not interested? It looks like he doesn't care at all..."

"It seems like it."

Hu Ji and Cai Wen Yu quickly exchanged a look as they communicated through Voice Transmission. When they turned to look at Duan Ling Tian, a hint of envy could be seen in their eyes. They knew Duan Ling Tian would be selected even if he had to participate in the battle. After all, they had witnessed his strength.

At this moment, Liu Feng Gu smiled and said politely, "Captain Duan, do you still have matters to attend to in the camp? If you do, I'll wait for you, and we can return to the City Governor's estate together."

Although Chen Xuan Ba and the others had seen the way Liu Feng Gu treated Duan Ling Tian earlier, they were still shocked when they saw this. They had only seen Liu Feng Gu this polite to ambassadors who were sent to visit Bloody Specter City. Apart from that, it seemed like Duan Ling Tian was the first person to enjoy this honor.

"Alright, I just need to speak to my subordinates," Duan Ling Tian said before he left the valley to look for his subordinates.

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The expressions on the faces of Duan Ling Tian's subordinates changed drastically when they learned about his impending departure.

"Captain... Are you leaving?"

"Captain, is the Commander of the Silverwyrn Army giving you trouble?"

"Captain, that incident from a month ago was my fault. I'll look for him to make things right!" Tong Zheng, a centurion under Duan Ling Tian's command, said resolutely.

"Me too!" Upon hearing Tong Zheng's words, the nine soldiers who were present in Lai Feng Restaurant a month ago cried out in unison. All of them planned to shoulder the responsibility along with Tong Zheng.

Duan Ling Tian stopped them and said, "The incident from a month ago has been resolved. I'm leaving because the City Governor has selected me to go to the County City of Nine Specters County."

"The County City?"

Upon hearing this, they knew this was a good opportunity for Duan Ling Tian since not anyone would be selected to go to the County City of Nine Specters County.

Although Tong Zheng and the others were reluctant to part with Duan Ling Tian, they knew this was for the best. All of them bade Duan Ling Tian farewell one after another.

“If I have time in the future, I’ll visit all of you.” After Duan Ling Tian bade his subordinates farewell, he left the Black Dragon Army’s camp with Liu Feng Gu.

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As soon as they arrived in the City Governor’s estate, they went to Liu Feng Gu’s cultivation place, the Tranquil Alcove.

Liu Feng Gu passed a Spatial Ring to Duan Ling Tian and said, “Captain Duan, there are 100 prominent Celestial Stones and a bottle of primitive Celestial Pills called the Spirit Nourishing Pills in here.”

“Primitive Celestial Pills? The Spirit Nourishing Pill?” Duan Ling Tian looked at the Spatial Ring excitedly. Although these were common Celestial Pills, at this time, it was difficult for him to obtain something like that. A Spirit Nourishing Pill could lessen a Heavenly Celestial’s cultivation time by 10%.

For example, if a Crimson Moon Heavenly Celestial needed 100 days to become an Orange Moon Heavenly Celestial, with the Spirit Nourishing Pill, the time would be shortened to 90 days.

More importantly, these Celestial Pills could be used at the same time with the Celestial Stones and the effects would double.

“Thank you, governor!” Duan Ling Tian felt the weight of the bottle, he knew there were more than ten pills in there.

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While Duan Ling Tian was about to enter closed-door cultivation, Bloody Specter City was in an uproar.

“Miao Lai Long, the Commander of the Silverwurm Army, told Lord City Governor he has no intention of pursuing the matter in Lai Feng Restaurant?”

“It doesn’t sound like him at all.”

Initially, the discussion revolved around the incident in Lai Feng Restaurant. After a while, it turned into something else.

“Duan Ling Tian followed Lord City Governor back to the estate? Moreover, he has been given permission to cultivate in the Tranquil Alcove?”

“Heavens! I don’t think anyone has been given permission to cultivate in the Tranquil Alcove before!”

“Who is Duan Ling Tian? What did he do to deserve this treatment?”

“Is Duan Ling Tian Lord City Governor’s illegitimate son?”

News of this spread like a wildfire in Bloody Specter City, shocking everyone.

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In the Silverwurm Army’s camp.

“What?! The commander is not going to pursue the matter at the restaurant?”

“So Captain Yang was crippled by Duan Ling Tian for nothing?”

“Why would the commander do this?”

Even the soldiers of the Silverwyrn Army could not understand their commander.

At the same time, Miao Lai Long finally received news about Duan Ling Tian cultivating in the Tranquil Alcove.

“What the heck is going on?!” He was shocked when he heard this news. However, he calmed down as he thought to himself, ‘Perhaps, Lord City Governor is trying to coax Duan Ling Tian into handing over his Celestial Methods and Divine Abilities...’