

Chapter 2711 Huan'er, An Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

Upon hearing Huan'er's words through Voice Transmission, Duan Ling Tian was speechless. Why did he not realize earlier that she had the potential to become a bandit? Naturally, he knew Huan'er only said such words because she was not properly educated about right or wrong since she was not brought up in the outside world. He felt he should educate her about right and wrong. After all, if she was not taught properly, not only would she bring harm to herself, but she would harm others as well. "Huan'er, that's not right... Even if we want to take Celestial Stones, we must have a good reason for it. For instance, these people provoked us first, that's why we're taking Celestial Stones from them." "Understood... If others don't bother me, then I shouldn't ask for Celestial Stones from them. If they bother me, then I should demand Celestial Stones from them." Huan'er nodded after listening to Duan Ling Tian's teachings. When she recalled the four men from the Nangong clan whom she had killed, she felt a hint of regret and asked, "Previously, I killed those people from the Nangong clan... Was I too rash? I didn't demand Celestial Stones for them."

"Well, who said you didn't get any Celestial Stones from them? After you killed them, I took their Spatial Rings. All the Celestial Stones they owned are in there. Huan'er, do you know what Spatial Rings are?" When Duan Ling Tian realized Huan'er did not know about Spatial Rings, he began to patiently explain to her what they were and the method of establishing and removing ownership of a Spatial Ring. At the same time, he gave her a Spatial Ring and said with a smile, "Take this... There are 10,000 prominent Celestial Stones in this Spatial Ring."

"Okay." Huan'er wore the Spatial Ring on her finger and stared at it as though it was some rare treasure. It seemed as though the ring was even more important than Duan Ling Tian.

When they finally arrived at the Qi clan, Qi You said, "Please wait here. I'll go and get my father to meet both of you." As soon as he finished speaking, he took his leave.

The elder who had followed Qi You out stayed behind to serve the duo. He instructed a servant from the Qi clan to wait on them while Qi You went to look for his father, the Clan Leader of the Qi clan.

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Meanwhile, the Lyu clan was in chaos.

"Great Young Master died?!"

"He was killed by an outsider?"

"Is it possible that the outsiders are hired by the Qi clan?"

The father of Lyu Wen Bin, the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan, had called for an emergency meeting with the high-ranking officials of the clan as soon as he discovered his son's death. Even the old ancestor, the former clan leader, was summoned. Similar to the Qi clan, the Lyu clan had two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials; one of them was the clan leader's father and the other was the old ancestor of the Lyu clan who had the highest seniority in the clan.

“What?! Bin’Er is dead?!” Lyu Wen Bin’s grandfather was furious when he learned of Lyu Wen Bin’s death. He was eager to rush to the Qi clan to avenge his grandchild.

“Old ancestor... What do we do now?” The current clan leader did not bother to seek the advice of the high-ranking officials, he instantly directed his question to the old ancestor. After all, nobody would object to the old ancestor’s decision.

“Your father and I will go to the Qi Clan with you... If that person is still there, we will kill him to avenge your son. If he’s gone, we’ll demand an explanation from the Qi clan... However, be prepared that you might have to let the matter go...” the Lyu clan’s old ancestor said as he looked at the current Clan Leader of the Lyu Clan.

“I understand.” The Clan Leader of the Lyu clan nodded with a bitter expression on his face.

Even if there was evidence of the Qi clan hiring someone to murder his son, it would nigh impossible for the clan to go all out against the Qi clan, let alone that they did not any concrete evidence right now. If they were to wage a war against the Qi clan, both sides would only suffer losses, and outsiders would only benefit from it. Naturally, this was not an outcome the Lyu and Qi clans wanted. If they had concrete evidence that the Qi clan hired someone to kill their Great Young Master, they could force the Qi clan to hand over Qi You without waging a war. The Qi clan would have to pay for their crime with Qi You’s life.

“It’s good that you understand it,” the Lyu clan’s old ancestor said, “In that case, let’s make our way to the Qi clan now. The more we delay this, the higher the chances that the murderers have already left.”

“Alright.” The Clan Leader of the Lyu clan nodded. Along with his father and the old ancestor, he brought a few strong elders with him to the Qi clan’s estate.

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In the Qi clan’s estate.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian was seated next to Huan’er.

Apart from the elder who had followed Qi You out, Qi You and two other men were present as well. One was dressed in luxurious robes, and he was a middle-aged man with a jade-like complexion. He had a majestic air about him as well. The other man was dressed in a long grey robe. His hair and eyebrows were white, but he looked young.

All four men from the Qi clan, at this moment, were begging on their knees. Their heads were lowered as their bodies trembled. They could feel the cold that permeated the air at this moment.

‘An Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! The lady with a veil covering her face is an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!’ Qi You thought to himself with a frightened expression on his face. He had lost his dignified appearance as the Young Master of the Qi clan at this moment. Initially, he had thought that with his father, the Clan Leader of the Qi clan, and their old ancestor present, he would not have to pay 1,000,000 prominent Celestial Stones to Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er even if they could not kill the duo.

However, when Qi You's father and the old ancestor arrived at the main hall with their Celestial Origin Energies surging furiously from their bodies, they used their Divine Consciousness to probe Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's strength. Alas, all Huan'er did was slightly lift her hand, and a cold breeze immediately froze his father and the old ancestor from the waist down. They could not even move an inch! Only when Duan Ling Tian had spoken to Huan'er did she release his father and the old ancestor.

As soon as they were released, the Clan Leader and old ancestor of the Qi clan fell to the ground, and their movements became sluggish from the extreme cold. When they regained their senses, they hurriedly kneeled before Huan'er and profusely apologized.

Upon seeing this, Qi You and the Qi clan's elder fell to their knees as well and began to apologize. Both of them were horrified when they discovered the woman was stronger than all of them.

"We didn't know you're an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Please forgive our transgression!"

'I really didn't think that Huan'er is an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!' Duan Ling Tian had assumed Huan'er was a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial, but, he was not overly surprised to find out she was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. Finally, he looked at Qi You and said indifferently, "1,000,000 Prominent Rank Celestial Stones... Have you prepared it? Don't forget about the map as well."

"I... I'll prepare it now..." Qi You answered hastily as he looked at his father, the Clan Leader of the Qi clan.

The Clan Leader of the Qi clan hurriedly produced a Spatial Ring with the number of Celestial Stones Duan Ling Tian had requested and passed it to Duan Ling Tian. He said, "My lord, there are 300,000 prominent Celestial Stones and 70,000 supreme Celestial Stones."

"70,000 supreme Celestial Stones?" Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened. He checked the content of the Spatial Ring before claiming ownership of it. "Right. There are 70,000 supreme Celestial Stones."

"Duan Ling Tian, what are supreme Celestial Stones? Didn't you ask for 1,000,000 prominent Celestial Stones? Why did he only give us 370,000 Celestial Stones?" Although Huan'er was not wise to the ways of the world, she knew basic mathematics since her mother had taught it to her.

The four men from the Qi clan were bewildered when they heard Huan'er's question.

The Clan Leader of the Qi clan stammered, "M-my lord... I... I..." His body shook violently when he spoke. He thought Huan'er was intentionally looking for trouble with him! After all, one supreme Celestial Stone equaled ten prominent Celestial Stones. This was general knowledge in Devata Realms. How could there be anyone who did not know this is?

"Clan Leader Qi, there's no need to be nervous... She's unaware that one supreme Celestial Stone equals ten prominent Celestial Stones."

The Clan Leader of the Qi clan sighed in relief upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. At the same time, he was baffled and somewhat skeptical that an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial was unaware of this fact.

"Huan'er..." Duan Ling Tian began to patiently explain to Huan'er after he turned to look at her.

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"I see." Huan'er nodded after listening to Duan Ling Tian's explanation. "Huan'er... Don't you use Celestial Stones when you cultivate?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a bitter smile on his face. In his opinion, since she was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, she should have used Celestial Stones when she cultivated. Otherwise, how did she obtain such a profound cultivation base? He had checked her physical condition with his Divine Consciousness earlier and discovered she was, similar to him, not older than 100 years old!

"No..." Huan'er shook her head innocently in response to Duan Ling Tian's question.

Upon hearing that, all four men from the Qi clan were speechless. This woman did not use Celestial Stones to cultivate? How had she been cultivating then? Even without Celestial Stones, she managed to cultivate into an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?

"Huan'er, isn't your cultivation progress slow since you didn't cultivate with Celestial Stones?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a frown. "Logically, your mother should've given you Celestial Stones and Celestial Pills to cultivate. Otherwise, your cultivation speed would be very slow." Although he had never met Huan'er's mother, he knew she was not simple since she was able to leave behind an Illusory Realm that was capable of trapping him. Even if Huan'er's mother was not human, she was definitely not an ordinary Celestial Beast. Logically, Huan'er's mother should have given her daughter Celestial Stones and Celestial Pills to cultivate with.

"Mother had given me Celestial Pills, and the medicinal properties still remain in my body... She didn't give me Celestial Stones, but she gave me this..." Huan'er said innocently as she reached out and revealed the necklace she wore.

Everyone's attention fell on the pendant of the necklace.

The pendant of the necklace was fully concealed in a circular contraption. When Huan'er pressed on a button, the contraption opened up, revealing a flash of blinding light.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Waves and waves of vast and almost palpable Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy surged out from the pendant immediately into the main hall. In just a blink of an eye, the main hall in the Qi clan's estate had turned into the perfect cultivation spot!

'The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy... is unbelievable!' Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he sensed the dense Heaven and Earth Energy that filled the Qi Clan's main hall. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy was hundreds and thousands of times better than the last stone chamber in the Latent Dragon Abyss in the County Governor's estate of Nine Specters County. He tried absorbing the Heaven and Earth Energy and discovered that he had reached the limit of Heaven and Earth Energy that he could absorb. Generally, the denser the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy, the better it was for cultivation. However, there was a limit to how much Heaven and Earth Energy one could absorb. He thought to himself, 'With how dense the energy is, even an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial would reach the limit of Heaven and Energy they can absorb...'

In other words, the Heaven and Earth Energy released by the pendant was sufficient for an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to cultivate. However, it was probably not enough for a Celestial Duke to cultivate.

‘Oh, right! I forgot about cultivation methods. In Devata Realms, higher grade cultivation methods would allow one to absorb more Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy! Moreover, the speed of absorption would be faster as well!’ His previous assumption was made based on yellow-grade cultivation methods. At this moment, he felt like a frog at the bottom of a well.

Duan Ling Tian continued thinking to himself, ‘In fact, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy is less dense since it has surged out into the surroundings... If Huan’er were to absorb it straight from the pendant without releasing the energy into the surroundings...’ He did not dare to continue that line of thought. It was too terrifying to think of! Even if Huan’er was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial with a heaven-grade cultivation method, she would still easily reach the limit of energy she could absorb if she absorbed it straight from the crystal!

“Huan’er, close the contraption!” Duan Ling Tian said.

Upon listening to Duan Ling Tian’s words, Huan’er obediently closed the circular contraption, stopping the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy from flowing out immediately.

For this reason, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Qi Clan’s main hall gradually became thinner and thinner until it returned to its original state.

Duan Ling Tian had taken a clear look at the pendant hidden inside the circular contraption. It was a completely transparent crystal that looked quite similar to diamonds in Duan Ling Tian’s past life. Naturally, the biggest difference was the diamonds on earth did not contain Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy.

“Celestial Crystal... That’s a Celestial Crystal...” The old ancestor had greedily absorbed the dense Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy that surged out from the pendant earlier. He had a dazed expression on his face as he looked at Huan’er’s necklace covetously.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed, causing the old ancestor from the Qi clan to return to his senses. His expression changed immediately, and he quickly looked away from the necklace.

The three other men from the Qi clan also regained their senses. They cowered on the ground, afraid to make even the slightest noise.

All of them were reminded that the owner of the Celestial Crystal was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!

Duan Ling Tian looked at the old ancestor of the Qi clan and coldly asked, “You said it’s a Celestial Crystal? As far as I know, not even supreme Celestial Crystals have such effects, right?” He had learned about Celestial Crystals from Memory Celestial Talismans. He knew Celestial Crystal would appear in supreme Celestial Stone’s vein. However, the probability of finding one was extremely low. It was lower than finding a supreme Celestial Stone in a prominent Celestial Stone’s vein. A Celestial Crystal was

equivalent to 1,000 supreme Celestial Stones. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in a Celestial Crystal was equivalent to the Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in several hundred of supreme Celestial Stones.

The Celestial Crystals Duan Ling Tian had learned about were primitive Celestial Crystals. Similar to Celestial Stones, Celestial Crystals were also divided into different grades; the grades were primitive, mediocre, prominent, and supreme. Primitive Celestial Crystals could be found in primitive Celestial Crystal's veins that would also produce a mediocre Celestial Crystal once in a while.

However, the value between the grades of Celestial Crystals was different from Celestial Stones. For example, the exchange rate between the grades of Celestial Stones was one to ten. One supreme Celestial Stone was equivalent to ten prominent Celestial Stones, 100 mediocre Celestial stones, or 1,000 primitive Celestial Stones. On the other hand, the exchange rate between the grades of Celestial Crystals was one to 100. One supreme Celestial Crystal was equivalent to 100 prominent Celestial Crystals, 10,000 mediocre Celestial Crystals, or 1,000,000 primitive Celestial Crystals

As far as Duan Ling Tian knew, in a mediocre Celestial Kingdom such as the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, there was no primitive Celestial Crystal's vein. In fact, even the high-rank Celestial Kingdoms did not have primitive Celestial Crystal's veins.

On the other hand, the number of supreme Celestial Stone's veins in a high-rank Celestial Kingdom was higher than mediocre and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms.

"You're right, my lord!" The old ancestor of the Qi clan nodded hurriedly in response to Duan Ling Tian's question. "If I'm not mistaken, the Celestial Crystal in this lady's possession is a Divine Crystal that would only appear once every 10,000 years in a supreme Celestial Crystal's vein!"

A Divine Crystal!

Upon hearing this, the three other men from the Qi clan gasped. A Divine Crystal was legendary to them. They could not even hope to obtain something like that.

The Clan Leader of the Qi clan said with a sigh, "I, Qi Yun Sheng, have no regrets now that I've personally seen a Divine Crystal and felt its power..."

The old ancestor said, "Indeed. Even if we die now, we would have no regrets."

'A Divine Crystal that only appears once every 10,000 years in a supreme Celestial Crystal's vein?!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened when he heard the words of the Qi clan's old ancestor. As far as he knew, the number of supreme Celestial Crystal's veins in each of the 87 Devata Realms did not exceed ten! In other words, on average, a Devata Realm would only have one Divine Crystal every 1,000 years.

'Who is Huan'er's mother? I'm afraid the Phantom Foxes are no ordinary Celestial Beasts!' How could an ordinary Celestial Beast bequeath a Divine Crystal to her daughter? He recalled Huan'er had said her mother was a Phantom Fox while she was a rare Thousand Phantom Ice Fox.

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There were 87 Devata Realms altogether. In each Devata Realm, there were no more than ten supreme Celestial Crystal's veins. A supreme Celestial Crystal's vein needed 10,000 years to produce a Divine Crystal. In other words, on average, each Devata Realm would need at least 1,000 years to produce one

Divine Crystal! Despite its rarity and preciousness, Huan'er possessed one. Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'She's definitely not that simple...' At this moment, a loud voice suddenly rang from outside. "Lyu Quan, the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan, is here along with our two old ancestors to meet with the Clan Leader of the Qi clan and Old Ancestor Qi!" The voice resounded throughout the Qi clan's estate.

Qi Yun Sheng, the Clan Leader of Qi clan, narrowed his eyes slightly as he thought to himself, 'It's Lyu Quan! Those from the Lyu clan are here!'

Qi You, the Second Young Master of the Qi clan, looked at Duan Ling Tian with bright eyes that glinted with delight as he said in a low voice, "My lords, the Lyu Clan is here to avenge the death of their Great Young Master, Lyu Wen Bin!" In his opinion, the Lyu clan was just seeking death by coming here.

Qi Yun Sheng, the Clan Leader of the Qi clan, and Old Ancestor Qi who were kneeling on the floor had the same thought as well. In fact, they even thought if Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er were to kill those from the Lyu clan, the Qi clan would be able to dominate Qi Lyu City. At that time, Qi Lyu City would have to change its name to Qi City!

"Lyu Clan? Just in time!" Duan Ling Tian scoffed and rose to his feet immediately as his Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body. He used his Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, and seven-color sword rays began to appear. They began to multiply as he cast his assist-type Divine Ability, the Elementary Devouring Tactic.

"Sword Formation!"

"Thirteen Green Lotus Swords!"

Simultaneously, the tens of thousands of seven-color sword rays formed sword Formations that gradually merged into one Formation. The light from the sword Formation lit up the entire main hall in the Qi clan's estate with seven-color lights.

'How strong!'

'This purple-clad young man is not weaker than an ordinary heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial!'

Qi Yun Sheng and Old Ancestor Qi thought to themselves, their hearts thumping wildly.

Qi Yun Sheng knew he would not win at all if he were to fight Duan Ling Tian. The most he could hope for was a tie between them.

'He hid his strength earlier?' It did not take long before Qi You and the elder discovered this.

Although Duan Ling Tian had unleashed his power, Qi Yun Sheng and Old Ancestor Qi did not put up their defenses. After all, they thought Duan Ling Tian's attack was directed at the people from the Lyu clan. Moreover, the lady who was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial showed no signs of making a move. It was likely the duo did not intend to kill them.

Xiu! Xiu! Xiu!

It was not until when the sword cries intensified and the seven-color sword Formation shot toward Qi Yun Sheng, Old Ancestor Qi, Qi You, and the elder that they realized Duan Ling Tian intended to kill them. Their expressions changed drastically, and they instinctively tried to resist. Alas, it was futile. Before they could even mobilize their Celestial Origin Energies, they were already killed!

At this moment, a river of blood flowed in the main hall of the Qi clan.

“Hm?” Huan’er was taken aback when she saw Duan Ling Tian killing the four men. She asked curiously, “Duan Ling Tian, didn’t you say not to kill them since they did not offend us? Moreover, they’d given in to our demands.”

“You...” Duan Ling Tian could tell Huan’er did not care about the bloodshed. She was more curious about why Duan Ling Tian had gone against what he had said earlier. He explained with a grave expression, “Yes. However, I had to kill them because they knew you possess a Divine Crystal! If word of this leaks out, it would only bring trouble to us. After all, many people would covet the Divine Crystal in your possession!”

Having lived two lives, Duan Ling Tian knew possessing something valuable could land one in trouble. For that reason, he had acted without any hesitation and killed the four men from the Qi clan to nip the problem in the bud. Initially, he had no intention of harming the people from the Qi clan since they had complied with his demands. However, the situation went out of his control when Huan’er revealed her Divine Crystal.

“Covet this?” Huan’er touched the pendant of her necklace as her expression turned icy-cold. “My mother gave this to me... I will kill whoever dares to come after it!”

“Huan’er, the world is vast.” Duan Ling Tian sighed. “There are a lot of powerful people in this world... You can’t stop them if they come after your things. Therefore, we have to keep this a secret for now.”

“Alright... Mother did tell me that there are many people stronger than her in this world as well. I’m not even as strong as my mother.” Huan’er nodded

“It’s better that you don’t open the circular contraption that hides your Divine Crystal. Even if some people might not be powerful enough to take them away from you, they could still spread word about it. Who knows if someone stronger would come looking for it? At that time, you can only watch as your Divine Crystal gets snatched away,” Duan Ling Tian said.

“Alright.” Huan’er nodded obediently. She understood the severity of the matter.

In the meantime, Duan Ling Tian collected the Spatial Rings of the four men from the Qi clan. His eyes lit up when he saw the contents in the ring. “The old ancestor’s ring has hundreds of thousands of supreme Celestial Stones. There are hardly any low-grade stones. The clan leader also has tens of thousands of supreme Celestial Stones.”

As for Qi You and the elder’s Spatial Rings, Duan Ling Tian was not bothered with them.

Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Huan’er and said, “Huan’er, let’s meet the people from the Lyu clan! We can earn Celestial Stones from them before leaving Qi Lyu City!”

Along with Huan'er, Duan Ling Tian flew out from the Qi Clan's main hall. His eyes narrowed as a hint of a smile appeared on his face.

"Are we snatching their Celestial Stones?" Huan'er's eyes brightened, her eagerness was apparent.

"Yes!" Duan Ling Tian nodded before he said, "However, how many Celestial Stones I can get out of them will have to depend on your performance. If you scare them enough, we can ask for any number of Celestial Stones."

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er finally met with the people from the Lyu clan in the sky above the Qi clan's estate.

Although the voice of the Clan Leader of the Lyu Clan had resounded throughout the entire Qi clan's estate, no one else came out since they knew this matter could only be solved by their clan leader or old ancestor.

Upon seeing two unfamiliar figures, the people from the Lyu clan could not help but frown. "Who are you?" They had expected the Clan Leader of the Qi clan and the old ancestor to come out to greet them. They did not expect to see a young man and a young woman instead.

"A veiled woman?" Lyu Quan, the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan, narrowed his eyes as he recalled something. His eyes shone with killing intent as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er. "You're the ones who killed my son!"

Upon hearing this, the others from the Lyu clan looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er warily. After all, since the duo was bold enough to meet them, it either meant they were not afraid or they had a death wish! Based on the duo's stance, it did not seem like they had a death wish.

"Are you the ones who killed my grandson, Lyu Wen Bin?" One of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials of the Lyu Clan, Lyu Wen Bin's grandfather, looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er as though he was going to kill them at any given moment!

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Duan Ling Tian remained unaffected when faced with the fierce glares of the people from the Lyu clan. He only said softly, "Huan'er, show them what you're capable of..."

"Hm?" The members of the Lyu Clan instinctively turned to look at Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian when they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

Huan'er's eyes turned icy-cold in just a blink of an eye.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Huan'er casually waved her hands, and a bone-biting cold appeared in the air and shrouded the people from the Lyu clan before they could even react. Her control was precise, and she had only frozen them from the waist down.

Following that, the cold intensified even more as a stage made purely of ice appeared in the sky accompanied by rumbling noises.

Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud! Thud!

The people from the Lyu clan fell on the ice stage immediately. Since they had been frozen and unable to mobilize their Celestial Origin Energies, they, naturally, lost their abilities to fly. Fortunately, the height was not too high, and they did not fall too hard. Otherwise, they would have been paralyzed from the fall!

It took a while for the people from the Lyu clan to regain their senses after they fell on the ice stage.

The two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials and the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan were the first to regain their senses. They had a panicked and fearful expression on their faces as they looked at Huan'er.

"An Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!"

"This woman is actually an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial!"

The two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials were thoroughly shocked by this. Since they could not respond in time to her attack, they had no doubt she was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial! After all, even a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestials would not have been able to take them by surprise like that. How could they not be fearful when an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial could annihilate the entire Lyu clan in just a blink of an eye?

"We're here for the Qi clan, Lord Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial... We hope you'll forgive you if we've offended you earlier!"

"Please forgive us!"

The two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Lyu clan hastily begged for forgiveness as they kowtowed to Huan'er with trembling bodies.

Lyu Wen Bin's grandfather, the former Clan Leader of the Lyu clan and one of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials in the clan, who was clamoring to seek revenge for his grandson had changed his tune completely. Although he wanted to seek revenge for his grandson, it would have to depend on the situation as well. Based on the current situation, regardless of how unwilling he was, he had no choice but to give up on the idea of revenge. Moreover, he knew that even if he sacrificed his life, he still would not be able to seek revenge. After living for so long, he could, naturally, see the bigger picture.

"Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial?!"

"This woman is an Overarching Heaven Supreme Celestial?!"

Lyu Quan and the elders of the Lyu clan were greatly shocked by their heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials' words. It made sense why they were kowtowing to the woman.

"I offer my respect to Lord Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!"

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Following Lyu Quan's lead, the elders kneeled and kowtowed to Huan'er. Not a trace of their domineering attitude from before could be seen at this moment. Their bodies were trembling violently as well.

How could they not be afraid of an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? If she wanted to, she could kill all of them with just a wave of her hands.

"Duan Ling Tian, how did I fare?" Huan'er asked eagerly as she looked at Duan Ling Tian when the people from the Lyu clan kneeled before her. It was as though she was expecting Duan Ling Tian to compliment her.

"Very good. You did well, Huan'er." Duan Ling Tian smiled and patted Huan'er's head. He then continued, "Huan'er, seal their powers completely."

"Okay." Huan'er nodded obediently as she lifted her hands.

Swoosh!

A gust of wind blew toward the ice stage in the air. The Lyu Clan's members were no longer frozen from the waist down, but their bodies were radiating a bone-chilling cold.

The two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials of the Lyu Clan continued to kneel as they looked at Duan Ling Tian fearfully. Although Duan Ling Tian might be weaker than them, based on how happily Huan'er took orders from him, they knew they could not offend him as well!

The clan leader and the elders of the Lyu Clan remained kneeling as well.

"The clan leader is right," Duan Ling Tian glanced at Lyu Quan as he said in a deceptively gentle voice, "I'm the one who killed Lyu Wen Bin, the Great Young Master of the Lyu clan. If you wish to avenge him, this is your chance."

"No... I don't dare! I don't dare!" Lyu Quan hastily lowered his head and shook it vehemently when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. Was it not akin to committing suicide if he tried to avenge his son? What a joke! Even if Duan Ling Tian was weaker than him, apart from the blind, everyone could see the woman who was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial gladly took the orders from Duan Ling Tian. The woman would probably kill him before he could even touch Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian asked, "Does this mean you have no intention of seeking revenge, Clan Leader Lyu?"

"Yes, yes. I don't intend to seek revenge. My unfilial son had offended you, I have no one to blame for not properly educating him!" Lyu Quan hastily replied.

"How about you? Based on your words earlier, you plan on avenging your grandson?" Duan Ling Tian turned to look at Lyu Quan's father, the former Clan Leader of the Lyu clan.

"It's my unfilial grandson's fault for offending you, my lord. He only had himself to blame for this!" The former clan leader knew what he had to say to survive even if he was resentful that he could avenge his grandson.

“Very well,” Duan Ling Tian smiled and said, “Strictly speaking, the Lyu clan needs to thank me...”

“Hmm?” The people from the Lyu clan almost passed out from anger when they heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. Not only did they have to prostrate themselves before him, but they still had to thank him for killing their Great Young Master? Naturally, they did not dare to show their dissatisfaction.

“Just a few moments ago, I personally killed the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi Clan! I suppose this is good news to the Lyu clan, right?” Duan Ling Tian said.

All the members of the Lyu Clan straightened their bodies when they heard Duan Ling Tian’s words.

“My lord, you... you’re joking, right?” Lyu Quan asked as his breathing quickened. Not only was his anger gone, but the resentment of not being able to avenge his son had disappeared as well.

“Is there a need for me to lie to you?” Duan Ling Tian looked at Lyu Quan and said, “Since I’ve killed them, the Lyu clan will be the most powerful clan in Qi Lyu City from now on. There’s no doubt that I’ve done all of you a favor...”

“Their auras are no longer detectable...” When the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials of the Lyu Clan extended their Divine Consciousness, they discovered the absence and were able to confirm the absence of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan. Moreover, usually, there would be, at least, one heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the Qi clan’s estate...

Chapter 2715 800,000 Supreme Celestial Stones

Upon receiving the confirmation from the Lyu clan’s two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials, Lyu Quan, the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan, bowed at Duan Ling Tian. A hint of delight and excitement could be seen on his face as he said, “The Lyu clan thanks the benefactor for his kindness!” He acted as though Duan Ling Tian was a benefactor who had given him a new lease on life instead of an enemy who had killed his son. “Thank you, benefactor!” The people from the Lyu clan expressed their gratitude to Duan Ling Tian as well. Similar to Lyu Quan, they could not conceal their delight and excitement as well. The two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan had died! This matter was greatly significant. This meant the Qi clan was no longer an obstruction to them. With their two strongest powerhouses gone, the Qi clan was no match at all for the Lyu clan.

Duan Ling Tian glanced at Lyu Quan indifferently as he brought up the old matter again. “However, it’s a fact that I’ve killed your son...”

“Benefactor, you’ve given us the entire Qi Lyu City. Not to mention one son, but if you desire, I would have a few more sons so you could kill them if you wish!” Lyu Quan said, somewhat losing himself in his excitement. He had said these words not because he feared Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er, he was truly grateful. If he knew the Lyu clan could rule Qi Lyu City without the Qi clan with just the death of his son, he would have killed his son with his own hands. After all, it was not difficult to see which one was more beneficial to him and the clan. He could have more sons if he lost one, but to annihilate the Qi clan and to be the only clan to rule Qi Lyu City was a hard-to-come-by chance.

Upon hearing Lyu Quan’s words, Duan Ling Tian was rendered momentarily speechless. In the end, he no longer harped on the topic. It seemed unnecessary. After all, in Lyu Quan’s eyes, the interest of the

clan clearly surpassed everything. In the end, he narrowed his eyes and said, "Since I helped your clan to get rid of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan, making your clan the sole clan to rule over Qi Lyu City, shouldn't your clan repay me?"

"Of course, of course..." Lyu Quan did not hesitate to agree as he glanced at his father.

Then, Lyu Quan and his father simultaneously turned to look at the old ancestor of the Lyu clan meaningfully.

The old ancestor of the Lyu clan looked at Duan Ling Tian and said earnestly, "Benefactor, what do you want? As long as it's within the Lyu clan's capability, we'll give you anything you want!"

Duan Ling Tian did not beat around the bush and said, "First, I want the Lyu clan to find me the biggest and most detailed map." Although he might already have such a map in one of the Spatial Rings of the members of the Qi clan whom he had killed, he could not be bothered to search for it.

"This is a trivial matter." The old ancestor sighed in relief upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's request. He had expected Duan Ling Tian to request for something exceptionally difficult to fulfill. "Benefactor, what other things do you need apart from that?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded as he looked at the people from the Lyu clan. He narrowed his eyes as he said, "My companion and I will be leaving in three days. Before I leave, you must hand over 1,000,000 supreme Celestial Stones."

1,000,000 supreme Celestial Stones!

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, the expressions of the members of the Lyu clan changed drastically one after another.

"Benefactor..." the old ancestor said bitterly, "Our Lyu family can only come up with 300,000 to 400,000 supreme Celestial Stones. If you give us a little more time, perhaps, we can come up with 500,000 to 600,000 supreme Celestial Stones. Three days are too short of a notice."

"Since the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan have died, I'm sure you'll annihilate the Qi clan and seize their assets. After doing that, don't tell me the Lyu clan still wouldn't be able to fork out 1,000,000 supreme Celestial Stones?" Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently.

"Benefactor, there's something you're unaware of," the old ancestor of the Lyu clan took a deep breath to muster up his courage and said, "For clans like the Lyu and Qi clans, at least half of the clans' available wealth is all in the hands of the clan's respective heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials. I... I assume the Spatial Rings of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan are in your possession, right? If so, this means at least half of the Qi clan's wealth is in your hands, benefactor."

Upon hearing the words of the old ancestor from the Lyu clan, Duan Ling Tian waved his hand rather impatiently and said, "800,000 supreme Celestial Stones! After three days, I expect to be given 800,000 supreme Celestial Stones. Otherwise, the heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials in the Lyu clan can follow in the footsteps of the heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials of the Qi clan."

Duan Ling Tian did not wait for the Lyu clan's reply when he finished speaking. The impatient expression on his face disappeared as he turned to Huan'er and said with a smile, "Huan'er, let's go!"

"Okay," Huan'er replied in a cute manner before she followed Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's figures gradually disappeared before the eyes of the members of the Lyu clan. No one dared to utter a word as they watched the duo leave. After all, they knew the purple-clad young man had already made a big concession by asking for 800,000 supreme Celestial Stones instead of 1,000,000 supreme Celestial Stones.

When the duo's figures finally disappeared, the former Clan Leader of the Lyu clan muttered, "They... Who the hell are they?!"

"Who knows," Lyu said in reply to his father's question as he shook his head, "They're probably outsiders. It's probable that it's their first time in Qi Lyu City."

The old ancestor from the Lyu clan scoffed and said, "From this moment on, it's no longer Qi Lyu City, it's Lyu City!"

Lyu City!

Upon hearing these words, the eyes of the members of the Lyu clan began to brighten.

Despite his excitement, Lyu Quan asked worriedly, "Old ancestor, would we be able to come up with 800,000 supreme Celestial Stones in three days?" His words were akin to a cold bucket of water being poured on the members of the Lyu clan.

"It doesn't matter if we can come up with it or not, we must come up with it! Didn't you see his attitude earlier?" the old ancestor from the Lyu clan said in a lowered voice. Then, he turned to look at the former Clan Leader of the Lyu clan and ordered, "Lyu Jiu, after we annihilate the Qi clan, make a trip to the neighboring cities and borrow as many supreme Celestial Stones as you can from the clans and sects that have a good relationship with our clan."

"Yes, old ancestor." The former Clan Leader of the Lyu clan respectfully accepted the task that was given to him. Although he was also a heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial, the old ancestor's strength was far superior to his strength. Moreover, the old ancestor's seniority was much higher than his. For this reason, he did not dare to act arrogantly before the old ancestor.

Subsequently, the members of the Lyu clan pounced on the Qi clan like starving wolves.

The Qi clan that had lost its two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials was like a sheep, unable to stand the attack from the Lyu clan. It did not take long for the Lyu clan to kill all the Great Overarching Golden Celestials in the Qi clan. Naturally, the Lyu clan did not suffer a single casualty. In just a day, the Qi clan, who used to be the Lyu clan's rival, was annihilated.

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When news of this spread out, it shook Qi Lyu City to its core.

The next day, the Lyu clan did not waste any time and announced that Qi Lyu City would be called Lyu City.

Naturally, no one dared to object to it.

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In a private room of a restaurant.

Duan Ling Tian listened to the conversations that drifted in from the main hall of the restaurant. He muttered to himself, "They sure acted quickly... Let's hope they're able to produce the 800,000 supreme Celestial Stones on time."

Meanwhile, Huan'er, who had taken off her veil, sat across Duan Ling Tian, devouring the dishes on the table without caring about her image. Even then, she still looked beautiful and flawless from all angles.

Even Duan Ling Tian, whose heart was usually as still as a lake, could not help but glance at Huan'er every once in a while.

After about half an hour, Huan'er wiped the oil stains from her mouth, looking rather satisfied. She said with a smile, "Big Brother Ling Tian, I've eaten my fill. The food in the outside world is really delicious! In the future, you'll have to bring me to eat delicious food every day, okay?"

Duan Ling Tian nodded with a faint smile on his face. "No problem, as long as Huan'er is happy." He did not seem bothered by the change in the way Huan'er addressed him.

After leaving the Qi clan yesterday, both of them had roamed the streets of Qi Lyu City, and he had bought several things for her. While they were strolling around, they encountered a few couples who addressed each other intimately. After listening to the way the couples addressed each other, Huan'er unexpectedly changed the way she addressed Duan Ling Tian. She no longer called him Duan Ling Tian. Instead, she began to call him Big Brother Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, did not put much thought into this. After all, he knew Huan'er was innocent and was not wise to the ways of the world. She was like a blank sheet of paper.

After a brief moment, Duan Ling Tian asked with a smile, "Now that we've eaten, shall we go for a stroll again?"

"Yes! There are many things I like that I didn't get to buy yesterday!" Huan'er nodded like a chick pecking on grains on the ground.

The duo leisurely strolled around Qi Lyu City, or Lyu City as it was now called, for the remaining two days.

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Two days later, the duo appeared in the Lyu clan's estate.

"Greetings, benefactor!"

"Greetings, benefactor!"

All the high-ranking members of the Lyu clan stood at the entrance and respectfully greeted the duo in unison upon the duo's arrival.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the old ancestor of the Lyu clan and bluntly asked, "Did you prepare the things I asked for?" He did not bother asking the others, it was easy to tell the old ancestor of the Lyu clan had the highest authority in the clan.

"Yes, benefactor," the old ancestor of the Lyu clan replied respectfully as a Spatial Ring appeared in his hand.

Chapter 2716 The Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom

After taking the Spatial Ring from the old ancestor of the Lyu clan, Duan Ling Tian faintly nodded before establishing his ownership on the ring. There were exactly 800,000 supreme Celestial Stones and a Memory Celestial Talisman.

'The map's in the Memory Celestial Talisman Map?' Duan Ling Tian's eyes brightened. With just a thought, he activated the Memory Celestial Talisman by sending his Celestial Origin Energy into the talisman. Information flooded his mind, and a map appeared in his mind.

This map covered the entire Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, the surrounding Celestial Kingdoms, and even some remote kingdoms.

'My current location is here... at Qi Lyu City! Qi Lyu City, the capital of Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom only spans 200,000 miles... The King City of King Qin's Mansion is more than 1,000,000 miles away from Qi Lyu City. This place here is the Nine Specters County and Bloody Specter City...' Duan Ling Tian looked at the map in his mind.

With the Memory Celestial Talisman in his hand, the map was imprinted in Duan Ling Tian's mind. This made it easy for him to pinpoint his location and to look up other places as well.

'If I'm not mistaken, this Memory Celestial Talisman that contains a map is quite costly. How considerate of them!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he put the Memory Celestial away, and he focused his attention on the old ancestor of the Lyu clan.

In Devata Realms, there were normal maps and also maps in Memory Celestial Talismans. The latter was exceptionally expensive since only a few would be willing to devote so much energy and time to draw a map on a Memory Celestial Talisman. If one had so much time and energy, why not devote it to cultivation instead? Expending it on drawing maps offered fewer benefits in comparison. Naturally, that was not to say that there was no one up to the task. Otherwise, the Memory Celestial Talisman with a map in Duan Ling Tian's possession would not have existed. Usually, only those with limited talent and stuck at a bottleneck with no other prospects would draw maps on Memory Celestial Talismans to make easy money.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, the old ancestor from the Lyu clan sighed in relief. "As long as the benefactor is satisfied..."

Three days ago, when Duan Ling Tian killed the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan, the old ancestor from the Lyu clan had been fearful of Duan Ling Tian. He was even

more fearful of Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian. For these reasons, he did not dare to act recklessly before Duan Ling Tian. He could only show Duan Ling Tian respect.

"Huan'er, we've obtained the things we requested for. Let's leave the city," Duan Ling Tian said as he put the Spatial Ring away. A faint smile could be seen on his face as he looked at Huan'er who had worn her veil again.

"Leave this city?" Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Huan'er tugged at his sleeve with a pitiful expression on her face. "Big Brother Ling Tian, I haven't played enough... Why don't we stay a little longer and leave once I'm done playing?"

Upon seeing Huan'er's behavior, the members of the Lyu clan were terrified. Was this the same Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who easily bound them and could have easily killed them with just a wave of her hand? Why does she look like an immature girl at this moment?

"Huan'er, you don't want to leave? Okay, then. However, don't say I didn't tell you that the next place we're going is even more fun," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

"It's even more fun than this place?" Huan'er's eyes brightened immediately. She quickly waved her hand as a cold and terrifying Celestial Origin Energy surged out from her.

The members of the Lyu clan braced themselves as though facing some great danger. However, to their surprise, Huan'er disappeared along with Duan Ling Tian in just a blink of an eye.

"Big Brother Ling Tian, then let's hurry to that place!" These words were the only indication that the duo was present just moments earlier.

The members of the Lyu clan looked at each other in confusion. Was she really an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial? No matter how one looked at it, she seemed just like a little girl who wanted to have fun!

In the end, Lyu Quan, the Clan Leader of the Lyu clan, broke the silence and asked, "Old ancestor, how strong do you think the purple-clad young man is? Is he also an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial?"

"I don't know if he's an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, but since he's capable of killing the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan, he's at least a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial," the old ancestor of the Lyu clan said. As though he had just recalled something, his eyes narrowed as he said, "Most importantly, when I probed them with my Divine Consciousness three days ago, I discovered both of them are younger than 100 years old."

Younger than 100 years old!

As soon as the old ancestor from the Lyu clan finished speaking, silence descended on the scene.

"Is... How's that possible?"

"Someone's who's, at least, a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial and an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial are younger than 100 years old?"

It was only natural that the members of the Lyu clan felt skeptical.

At this moment, Lyu Quan's father, the former Clan Leader of the Lyu Clan and the other heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestial in the clan, sighed and said, "In the beginning, I was skeptical as well. However, after meeting them again today, I'm quite certain that they're younger than 100 years old."

His words instantly quelled everyone's doubts. If it were only their old ancestor who had spoken, there was a possibility that he might be mistaken. However, with the confirmation of the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials, there was no room left for doubts.

"Heavens! A peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial and an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who are younger than 100 years old! Who the hell are they?"

"They must come from some extraordinary place. Let alone an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial who's younger than 100 years old, there's no peak Great Overarching Golden Celestials who's younger than 100 years old even in those high-rank Celestial Kingdoms!"

"They must be from a mighty sect or clans that are stronger than high-rank Celestial Kingdoms. Perhaps, they left their home to have fun in the outside world. It's also part of the Lyu clan's fortune to be able to meet them."

"Words can't describe how these two who are younger than 100 years old managed to overturn the legacy that had been set in stones for millenniums..."

In the end, the Lyu clan's members came to the conclusion that Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er came from a mighty sect or clan that was stronger than high-rank Celestial Kingdoms. Let alone the Lyu clan, even the strongest force in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, the Imperial family, could not compare to the duo. They were in different leagues.

"However, I still don't understand why they killed the heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan and help the Lyu clan?" the old ancestor said.

Everyone's attention focused on the old ancestor of the Lyu clan as he continued to say, "Think about this... Both of them first killed a Lyu clan's member before following the Qi clan's members back to their estate. Once the Qi clan discovered their strength, they would definitely treat them as distinguished guests. At that time, when we went knocking at the Qi clan's door to seek revenge, logically, we should've died. Rationally speaking, the Qi clan would be the only clan to rule Qi Lyu City then. However, the problem is, they had already killed the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials before we arrived at the Qi clan... Were the people from the Qi clan so blind that they could tell between fortune and disaster? This matter isn't as simple as it seems. The people from the Qi clan weren't stupid." He felt there was something amiss with the situation. He had interacted with the Qi clan his entire life and understood the two heaven-rank Great Overarching Golden Celestials from the Qi clan very well. He had no doubt that they would never act foolishly or recklessly.

"Indeed..."

"This matter is really a little too hard to understand."

After listening to his words, the members of the Lyu clan felt the matter was somewhat unusual as well. They would never be able to guess that the two pillars of the Qi clan were killed because they saw something they should not have seen. Otherwise, Qi Lyu City would not solely belong to the Lyu clan!

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Outside Lyu City, formerly known as Qi Lyu City.

“Come on, Big Brother Ling Tian! Let’s go to the next place! Where is it? Is it far?” As soon as Huan’er carried Duan Ling Tian out of the city, she removed her veils. Her expression was one of eagerness and urgency, as though she could not wait to sprout a pair of wings to fly off to the fun place that Duan Ling Tian had spoken about.

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, “Huan’er, our next destination is called the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. To be precise, we’re going to the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.”

The Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was the nearest high-rank Celestial Kingdom to the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom.

Duan Ling Tian had chosen it as his next destination simply because he had no other choice. There was only one high-rank Celestial Kingdom near the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom within 300,000 miles. As for the low-rank and middle-rank Celestial Kingdoms, he was, naturally, not interested in visiting them.

2717 The Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom!

After Duan Ling Tian left Lyu City, formerly known as Qi Lyu City, he made his way to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

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Meanwhile, Nangong Li, who had escaped from Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er with a Drifting Light Shadow Talisman, finally saw his savior after hiding in a cave for a time.

“Father, you... Why did you personally come?” Nangong Li did not expect his father, the Clan Leader of the Nangong clan, would come instead of sending men over.

Nangong Zheng, Nangong Li’s father, was a middle-aged man with an average build and average looks. However, his eyes glinted with a hint of sharpness and shrewdness. At this moment, his expression was slightly gloomy. “Li’er, what happened? Didn’t I send two elders out with you?”

Although Nangong Li had sent a Communication Celestial Talisman to ask Nangong Zheng to send some men to escort him home because he had encountered danger, Nangong Zheng still did not know the details of what had happened.

“Father, the two elders are dead. Moreover, Nangong Zhi and Nangong You are dead as well. The only reason I’m alive is due to the Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman you gave me.”

“You used Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman?” Nangong Zheng’s eyes widened as soon as he heard his son’s words. The expressions of the two elders he had brought along with him changed as well.

The Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman was an exceptionally precious Celestial Talisman. At the very least, for the Nangong clan, it was exceptionally precious. There were only two of such talismans in the clan after they expended a lot of effort and spent a lot of money to obtain them. Due to how precious they were, one of the talismans was in the possession of Nangong Zheng, the Clan Leader of the Nangong clan, while the other was given to his son.

Naturally, when they heard that Nangong Li had used the Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman, they felt a slight heartache.

Nangong Zheng's expression was grave as he asked, "So, what happened?" Since the two elders he had sent out to protect his son were dead, and his son had to resort to using the Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman, he had no doubt his son had encountered a great danger.

Nangong Li did not dare to lie to his father and honestly recounted what happened.

Upon hearing Nangong Li's words, a furious expression appeared on Nangong Zheng's face. It seemed as though he wanted to slap his son as he said in a voice that grew increasingly loud, "What?! All this trouble because of a woman? Moreover, you're the one who provoked the other party first?"

Nangong Li spoke up to defend himself. "Father, that woman is no ordinary woman. Not only is she extremely powerful, but her appearance is far superior to all the women I've seen. Other women are nothing compared to her!"

Then, a Floating Image Pearl appeared in Nangong Li's hand as he continued to say, "Fortunately, I used a Floating Image Pearl when the two elders acted. Although it only recorded the moments before their deaths, we should be able to see the woman."

After Nangong Li sent his Celestial Origin Energy into the Floating Image Pearl, it projected the scene it had recorded.

The recording showed a purple-clad young man and a white-robed young woman.

As soon as the recording appeared, Nangong Zheng and the two elders behind him could not help but look at the white-robed young woman. Moreover, they found it difficult to look away from her.

This white-robed young woman was too beautiful! Elegantly arched eyebrows, limpid eyes like water, tall, and graceful. Her face seemed to be sculpted by the gods themselves. It was perfect. Clad in a thin white robe, she emitted a cold and unapproachable aura. Her bearing made her seem as though she was a heavenly fairy who had descended to the mortal world.

Regardless if it was Nangong Zheng or the two elders behind him, they did not expect that after living for such a long time, their hearts that had become as still as a lake would move after seeing a woman. They were dazzled by her appearance.

"If I encountered her when I was young, I wouldn't have been able to hold back."

When the two elders regained their senses, they sighed in unison.

Nangong Zheng took a deep breath.

One of the elders said warily, "Who are the man and woman?!"

Nangong Zheng fiercely said, "Regardless of who they are, we can't let this matter go since they killed members of the Nangong clan!" He turned to look at his son and said, "When we return, look for the Sixth Prince and show him the recording of the Floating Image Pearl. I'm sure the white-robed woman will catch his interest. He'll definitely use all his means to obtain her!" A hint of slyness flashed in his eyes when he spoke.

Nangong Zheng intended to use the Sixth Prince. He was convinced that with the Sixth Prince's character, the Sixth Prince would definitely spare no effort to obtain the white-robed young woman once he saw her.

Indeed, everything unfolded as Nangong Zheng had predicted.

When Nangong Li returned to the capital of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom and showed the recording of the Floating Image Pearl to the Sixth Prince, the latter's eyes lit up and his breathing quickened. He even rose from his seat and flew up to Nangong Li.

The Sixth Prince grabbed Nangong Li's collar and raised him in the air, asking anxiously, "Nangong Li... This woman... Who is she?"

The Sixth Prince wore a long golden robe. He looked frail and had a slightly gloomy countenance. However, based on his speed earlier, it was obvious he was not as frail as he looked.

"Nangong Li, the Sixth Prince is talking to you!"

"Nangong Li, what are you spacing out for? Answer the Sixth Prince!"

Upon seeing Nangong Li who was stunned speechless by the Sixth Prince's aggression, a group of young men dressed in luxurious robes who were standing next to the Sixth Prince began to speak up one after another, admonishing Nangong Li. These young men were all disciples of the capital's mightiest sects and clans. The forces behind these young men were not any weaker than the Nangong clan.

Nangong Li said with a bitter smile on his face, "Sixth Prince, I have no idea who she is either... I just accidentally encountered her when I was out..."

A young man who did not get along with Nangong Li said with a sneer, "Nangong Li, you didn't bring her back and hide her from the Sixth Prince, did you?"

Nangong Li saw the Sixth Prince's eyes flashed coldly as soon as the young man had spoken. He hastily said, "Sixth prince, if I had brought her back, I would've immediately offered her to you. In fact, when I encountered her, my first thought is to bring her back to you. Alas, not only did I fail to bring her back, but I lost two elders and two disciples from the clan and even had to use a Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman to escape."

Upon hearing Nangong Li's words, the Sixth Prince loosened his grip on Nangong Li's collar. "I don't think you have the guts to lie to me..." Then, a Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman appeared in his hand before he casually tossed it on the floor next to Nangong Li. He said indifferently, "Take this Drifting

Light and Shadow Talisman as a reward from me. If I manage to find her in the future, you'll be handsomely rewarded!"

Nangong Li stooped down to pick up the talisman and reverently said, "Many thanks, Sixth Prince! Many thanks!"

On the same day, the Sixth Prince ordered the experts under him to track the white-robed woman and even had her portraits drawn by master painters.

For this reason, it did not take long before everyone in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom knew about the Sixth Prince searching for a peerless beauty. They also knew the woman was not weak. She was even stronger than the two elders from the Nangong clan who were yellow-rank Overarching Golden Celestials. However, this did not put people off from searching for the woman. After all, if they managed to find her or even some clues that led to her whereabouts, they would be handsomely rewarded by the Sixth Prince.

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If Duan Ling Tian had left the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom a bit later, he would have found that countless portraits of Huan'er were circulating in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian had already entered the territory of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He was in the outskirts of the kingdom's capital, and it did not take long before he arrived in the capital.

Although the capital of Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's buildings looked rather similar to the buildings in other cities, there was a majestic air about them that stunned Duan Ling Tian.

"Big Brother Ling Tian... this... this place is so big." A trace of astonishment could be seen in Huan'er's limpid eyes. When she recovered from the shock, an expression of excitement appeared on her face immediately. Looking like a child, she clapped her hands gleefully as she said, "There must be many fun and interesting things in such a big city!"

2718 Puzzled

The grandeur of the capital of the high-rank Celestial Kingdom, the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, exceeded Duan Ling Tian's expectations.

Duan Ling Tian discovered the capital had its own rules. Apart from the Imperial guards, everyone was prohibited to fly in the capital. It was seen as a challenge to the Imperial family of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Due to this rule, he and Huan'er could only enter through one of the entrances of the city.

At this moment, apart from the veil that concealed her face, Huan'er was also wearing a hat. Due to this, only her limpid eyes and a small patch of her forehead could be seen.

Duan Ling Tian had learned his lesson in Qi Lyu City and requested her to wear a hat as well. After all, he discovered Huan'er was still like a flower that attracted all the bees even if she wore a veil to conceal her face. Ever since she had put on a hat, she no longer attracted everyone's attention like before. On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian's handsome appearance ended up attracting attention from the women in

the surroundings. Some men even looked at Duan Ling Tian enviously when they saw how handsome he was.

There was no lack of handsome men in this world. However, handsome men with an exceptional bearing like Duan Ling Tian were extremely rare.

Due to his bearing, many people instinctively thought Duan Ling Tian had an exceptional background when they saw him.

When Huan'er saw so many women looking at Duan Ling Tian, it made her rather unhappy for reasons unknown to her. For this reason, she said, "Brother Ling Tian, can I take the hat off? Look, there are so many people on the street, but none of them are wearing a hat." It was not her intention to attract attention. However, she felt that if she took off her hat, the women's gaze would fall on her instead of Duan Ling Tian.

Although Huan'er was unwise to the feelings between a man and a woman, after traveling with Duan Ling Tian all this time, she had developed a sort of dependence on Duan Ling Tian. She did not like the thought of having to share Duan Ling Tian with other women. She did not like it even when the women only looked at him.

Duan Ling Tian sternly said, "Huan'er, don't make a fuss. If you don't listen to me, I'm not going to accompany you to look for your mother."

What a joke! He had already seen and experienced the effects of Huan'er's beauty. Even with the veil, she was still attracting bees. To avoid unnecessary trouble, it was better that she kept the hat on. How could he allow her to take the hat off knowing it would only attract trouble? He was slightly confused as well. Up until just now, she had been fine wearing the hat. Why did she suddenly want to remove the hat? He would never expect that it was because she did not want other women to look at him. To put it bluntly, she was jealous.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Huan'er felt aggrieved. Her eyes glistened with tears as she pouted. "You're bullying me..."

Being in close proximity, Duan Ling Tian who saw her eyes glistening with tears for the first time felt a slight headache. He helplessly tried to comfort her. "Huan'er, I'm only asking you to keep the hat on to avoid unnecessary trouble. You might be able to suppress everyone in Qi Lyu City with your strength, but it's different here. This is the capital of a high-rank Celestial Kingdom. There are many people who are stronger than you here. It's better to keep a low profile. In a while, we'll look for an inn to stay in. At that time, you can remove your veil and hat, okay?"

"Then... Brother Ling Tian, you must accompany me to buy interesting things and eat delicious food," Huan'er said with glistening eyes.

"Fine, fine... I'll accompany you," Duan Ling Tian replied as though he was coaxing a child.

When Huan'er's eyes were no longer brimming with tears, Duan Ling Tian finally sighed in relief. She was just like a child, and it was honestly quite exhausting to be with her. However, what other choice did he have? Abandon her? Based on how naive she was, if he were not by her side, it would not take long for

her to be captured by men stronger than her. At that point, perhaps, death would be a better option for her. Moreover, he had taken her out of the ruin, and she had helped him to get rid of the Illusory Realm. He felt somewhat responsible for her. Although as a man, he also had the desire to possess her, his rationality was much stronger than a base instinct such as lust. Apart from that, after interacting with her, he only saw her as a child. 'I hope we'll be able to find her mother soon. At that time, I'll finally be free.'

As Duan Ling Tian led Huan'er down the wide streets of the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, he said, "Huan'er, we'll first look for a restaurant to eat delicious food." He looked for a lively restaurant with private rooms. After all, he could not let Huan'er eat in the main hall. She would have to remove her veil and hat to eat. How much trouble would she cause if the people in the restaurant saw her appearance?

The spacious roads of the capital bustled with an endless stream of carriages and carts. The pedestrians walked on the sides while carts and carriages took to the middle of the streets. Many exotic Celestial Beasts could also be seen. They were used as mounts. These Celestial Beasts, naturally, lacked intelligence. They were similar to the snow-white steeds that pulled King Qin's chariot back in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. Although their cultivation bases were comparable to Violet Sun Golden Celestials, without any intelligence, they could only accept slavery.

"This one!" Duan Ling Tian finally picked a relatively lively restaurant that had private rooms in the south of the capital. He and Huan'er had entered the capital using the south entrance. Despite roaming around for half a day, they were still in the southern side of the capital. One could just imagine how big the capital was.

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After being seated in the private room, Duan Ling Tian waited until all the dishes were served before he ordered the waiter to withdraw. When the door to the room was closed, he finally allowed Huan'er to remove her veil and hat.

Huan'er did not waste any time and began to eat as though she had been starved for days, completely lacking the manners of a noble and virtuous lady.

"This is tasty! This one is also tasty! This is pretty good as well!" She devoured the dishes like a ravenous beast. With grease staining her mouth, she said to Duan Ling Tian, "The dishes here are better than the ones we had previously."

"Of course. This is the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom after all," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile.

On their way to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, whenever they arrived in a city, he would bring Huan'er to a restaurant to eat. Hence, he had already gotten accustomed to Huan'er's way of eating.

While Huan'er was eating, he eavesdropped on the conversations in the main hall. When they had entered the restaurant, he had chosen the private room closest to the main hall for this purpose. It had

to be said that the soundproofing of the restaurant was pretty good. If Duan Ling Tian did not deliberately eavesdrop, all he would hear was indistinct background noises.

Initially, there was nothing interesting about the conversations in the main hall. However, when Huan'er had finished half of the dishes, he finally heard something that caught his attention.

"In a month, all the King Mansions in the territories of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom will be bringing their most outstanding young powerhouses to the Imperial Palace. I wonder which King Mansion will produce the most outstanding young talent?"

"A heard there's a Violet Sun Golden Celestial who's younger than 100 years old in King Hongwei's Mansion. Violet Sun Golden Celestials younger than the age of 100 are rare in our kingdom."

"A Violet Sun Golden Celestial who's not even 100 years of age? How outstanding!"

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian's eyebrows slightly rose. 'It's young powerhouses less than 100 years of age again? Moreover, all the King Mansions in the territories of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdoms have to gather these young powerhouses as well and bring them to the Imperial Palace in a month? Don't tell me the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties by King Qin's Mansion in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom has something to do with this? With such generous rewards, I initially thought there must be a catch behind the competition. However, it seems like it was an order passed down by the Imperial family of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. Why are the Imperial families of both kingdoms frantically gathering young powerhouses who are less than 100 years old?' He was confused by all these thoughts that were running through his mind. Although he had stayed in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom for a long time after he ascended, he did not hear about the Imperial family passing down such an order.

2719 The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland

Usually, those from small cities who wished to make a name for themselves would have to rely on their efforts to rise to prominence. However, if a young powerhouse with great innate talent appeared, it was only natural that the strong factions from big kingdoms, or the Imperial family, would vie for these young geniuses to join them. In any case, such geniuses would only appear once in a blue moon.

The Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was a high-rank Celestial Kingdom. There was an order for those in its territories to look for young talent who were younger than 100 years old. It might seem like the kingdom was just looking for talent, but to Duan Ling Tian, something seemed fishy. If the kingdom only wanted to scout for talents, they would not have an age restriction. After all, there were many highly talented people who were just slightly above 100 years of age. Most importantly, he did not think it was a coincidence that King Qin's Mansion from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom was also looking for powerhouses younger than 100 years old. He thought to himself, 'Is it possible that the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties in King Qin's Mansion was only a selection for a bigger competition?'

As Duan Ling Tian continued listening to the conversation, he discovered that a competition would be held in the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom in one month. All the territories under the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom would bring ten of their strongest young powerhouses to compete in the Imperial palace to determine the 50 strongest young powerhouses in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

“Hm?” A conversation caught Duan Ling Tian’s attention, and he listened attentively to the conversation.

“It’s not only the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom that will select 50 of its strongest young powerhouses who are younger than 100 years old, but intermediate-rank Celestial Kingdoms also have to select 30 of its strongest young powerhouses. Apart from that, even low-rank Celestial Kingdoms have to select 20 young powerhouses to participate in a competition.

“How did you find out about this? Why are all the kingdoms holding a competition?”

“Intermediate and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms have to send their young powerhouses to participate in a competition as well? I thought it’s just our kingdom.”

“Why are they allowed to send a lower number of young powerhouses?”

“Didn’t you hear? There will be a martial competition held in a year. It’s organized by the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. The participants are the young powerhouses who are younger than 100 years old from the Celestial Kingdoms surrounding the wasteland. It’s said that outstanding participants will be given a chance to join one of the three major Celestial Sects,” the man who had spoken first said.

As soon as he finished speaking, the entire place fell silent.

Duan Ling Tian discovered his speculation was not wrong. ‘Wasteland? The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland?’ A map appeared in his mind at this moment. This was the map he had obtained from the Lyu clan in Qi Lyu City. Since the map was in a Memory Celestial Talisman, it was imprinted in his mind.

‘The map covers a vast area... On the southern side of the map are many barren mountains. The wasteland is located to the north of the barren mountains. There are 373 Celestial Kingdoms around the wasteland; there are 39 high-rank Celestial Kingdoms, 125 intermediate-rank Celestial Kingdoms, and 209 low-rank Celestial Kingdoms. The wasteland is vast, and it doesn’t belong to any Celestial Kingdom despite being surrounded by many kingdoms. The Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect that are marked on the map must be the three major Celestial Sects those people mentioned.’

The Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect were the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. They organized a martial competition that would be held in a year in the wasteland. Invitations had been issued to all 373 Celestial Kingdoms so the kingdoms would have to bring their strongest young powerhouses who were younger than 100 years old to participate in the competition. Failing to show up would probably not bode well for the kingdoms. After all, it would be a slight against the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, and it could result in their kingdoms being annihilated. Many kingdoms were annihilated in the history of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. It was only natural since the three Celestial Sects were far mightier than high-rank Celestial Kingdoms.

In the Devata Realms, a Celestial Sect was far superior to ordinary sects. Sects that were weaker than the Imperial family of a high-rank Celestial Kingdom were not qualified to be given the status of a Celestial Sect.

‘The Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland are far superior to any powerful sects in high-rank Celestial Kingdoms... I wonder if the three Celestial Sects are more powerful than the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect?’ A beautiful figure appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind at this moment. The reason he had to leave King Qin’s Mansion in such a hurry was due to the Sect Leader of the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect ordering her subordinate to kill him. A plan slowly formed in his mind as he thought to himself, ‘I should be able to find more information about the Compassionate Celestial Traveler Sect and the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland in the capital of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom...’

Meanwhile, the people in the main hall of the restaurant were still heatedly discussing the martial competition that would be held in the wasteland. However, Duan Ling Tian was no longer interested in the discussion. He shifted his attention to Huan’er and said, “Huan’er, slow down... We can order more if it’s not enough.”

Huan’er was devouring the food as though she was a ravenous beast. The empty plates, when stacked up, were almost the height of an eight-year-old child. The dishes on the table were disappearing at an alarming rate.

“Mm-hm...” Huan’er said incoherently with her mouth full. She continued enjoying her food and ignored Duan Ling Tian.

“It seems like you really love good food.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he chuckled.

It did not take long before all the dishes on the table were eaten. Duan Ling Tian ordered the waiter to serve another two dishes. It did not take long before the two dishes disappeared as well.

After Huan’er finished eating, she wiped the grease off her mouth and rubbed her belly without a care for her image. “All right, I’m 60% full... That’s enough for now. We’ll continue at night.”

“60% full?” The corner of Duan Ling Tian’s mouth twitched. If he did not know Huan’er was a Celestial Beast, he would have thought she was a monster with an endless appetite.

They put on their veils and hats before paying for the bill. When they left the restaurant, Duan Ling Tian noticed the waiter looking at them as though they were monsters. He was overcome with the urge to explain to the waiter that Huan’er was the one who had devoured all the food. In fact, he did not eat much at all.

As they were walking around, looking for an inn to settle in for the night, a loud howling noise rang from the other end of the street.

A mighty and strange Celestial Beast with nine heads could be seen pulling a roofless carriage at a high speed. Its speed was comparable to King Qin’s carriage that Duan Ling Tian had seen back in King Qin’s Mansion.

'This nine-headed Celestial Beast has a cultivation base comparable to a Violet Sun Golden Celestial,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He saw an orange-clad lady in the carriage. Although she was a beauty, she paled in comparison to Huan'er. It was not difficult to tell that the woman came from a wealthy family. In fact, based on her aura, it seemed like she was a typical spoiled rich man's daughter.

When the lady looked at and met Duan Ling Tian's eyes, her eyes lit up immediately. She looked like a hungry wolf that had met its prey. However, since the nine-headed Celestial Beast was moving at high speed, the carriage shot past Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian who noticed the lady's gaze frowned when he heard the howling noise from the nine-headed Celestial Beast again.

2720 Arrogant Lady

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Clouds of dust rose in the air as pedestrians frantically scrambled to avoid the roofless carriage. There were a couple of instances where the nine-headed Celestial Beast almost trampled on people with a slower reaction time.

When the dust finally settled, the roofless carriage drawn by the nine-headed Celestial Beast had already come to a halt in front of Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er, blocking their path.

The orange-clad young lady in the roofless carriage blatantly sized Duan Ling Tian up with her fiery eyes. She completely lacked the demure demeanor a young lady should have.

An old lady in long grey robes stood behind the orange-clad young lady. She was expressionless but exuded an enigmatic air.

Finally, the young lady slowly asked, "What's your name?"

Although her voice was melodious, it sounded particularly harsh in Duan Ling Tian's ears. Her eyes that were in the shape of a crescent moon flashed with a hint of wickedness as she looked at him. Based on her disregard for the pedestrians who were scrambling out of the way of her carriage earlier, Duan Ling Tian was even more certain she was a spoiled, arrogant, and cruel young lady from a wealthy family. It seemed like the lives of people were like weed in her eyes. He did not deign to respond to her question. He only glanced at her before he held Huan'er's hand, preparing to bypass the carriage and walk away.

Crack!

A crisp crack from a whip rang in the air. It sounded ear-piercing.

A long red whip could be seen in the arrogant young lady's hand. She had flicked the whip in front of Duan Ling Tian, clearly trying to stop him from leaving.

Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened as he came to a halt. He was obviously displeased.

Concealed under the hat and the veil, it felt as though a layer of frost had formed over Huan'er's face.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the young lady pointedly and asked, "What're you doing?!"

The young lady's eyes remained trained on Duan Ling Tian as she said indifferently, "What am I doing? Didn't you hear? I asked for your name."

Duan Ling Tian frowned. "Do I know you?"

The arrogant young lady said unabashedly, "Now you do. My name is Zhou Shu Dong. From today onward, you'll be my boy toy. Consider this a blessing."

Boy toy? Duan Ling Tian was dumbfounded when he heard her words. Naturally, he knew what a boy toy was. Normally, mature ladies were the ones who liked to collect boy toys, right? Why would this young lady have such a hobby?

'Right. Everlasting youth. Even cultivators from the mundane realms can achieve everlasting youth, let alone those from the Devata Realms. This Zhou Shu Dong might look young, but it's possible she's an old lady who has lived for 10,000 years,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

"Boy toy? Brother Ling Tian, what's a boy toy?" Huan'er asked curiously.

Duan Ling Tian was at a loss for words. He did not know he should explain this to Huan'er.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian heard the hushed conversation in his surroundings.

"As expected, the fourth miss from the Zhou clan wants to bring that young man home to be her boy toy."

"The fourth miss from the Zhou Clan is very liberal and likes to gather boy toys, but her standards are high. She won't simply select those with average looks."

"Well, this purple-clad young man has an extraordinary appearance and bearing. It's to be expected that she wants him to be part of her harem."

"However, based on the young man's extraordinary bearing, it's obvious he's not from an ordinary background. Isn't she afraid of offending someone from a powerful background?"

"You're overthinking. Not only is the Zhou clan a top tier clan in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, but they're related to the Imperial family as well. The only young men in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom that the fourth miss of Zhou Clan can't afford to offend are her Imperial cousins."

"Well, it still doesn't change the fact that he might have an extraordinary background in another kingdom..."

"Then, he can only blame himself for being unlucky. As the saying goes, 'A mighty dragon is no match for the native serpent'."

The hushed conversation in the surroundings shed light on the young lady's background. Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'With such a background, no wonder she's so arrogant.'

"I'm flattered that Miss Zhou has taken a liking to me..." Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhou Shu Dong and said in a light tone, "Unfortunately, I'm not qualified to receive such a blessing. In any case, thank you. I'll take my leave now." He held Huan'er's hand and prepared to leave again. After learning about Zhou

Shu Dong's background, he did not think it was necessary to offend her unless it was absolutely necessary.

"Stop right there!" Zhou Shu Dong said domineeringly as she leaped off the carriage and blocked Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's path again. Her gaze turned cold when she saw Duan Ling Tian holding Huan'er's hand. If her gaze was a blade, it would have already severed Huan'er's hand!

"Miss Zhou, nothing can be gained if one has to force it." Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed coldly when Zhou Shu Dong stopped them again.

"There's nothing that I, Zhou Shu Dong, cannot have... Today, you'll have to choose; either you leave with me or you die along with this woman," Zhou Shu Dong said coldly. It was clear she planned to kill Huan'er. She was a jealous and possessive woman who could not bear to see the man she liked holding another woman's hand. It was in line with her personality to want to kill Huan'er.

"You want to kill me?" Huan'er asked coldly.

"Huan'er." Duan Ling Tian could feel the coldness seeping out from Huan'er's hand, and he quickly pinched her hand and said in a lowered tone, "Let me handle this... If I can't handle it, then, you can deal with it."

"Miss Zhou, please show some courtesy to my sister," Duan Ling Tian solemnly said as he released Huan'er's hand. He could tell said Zhou Shu Dong was an extremely jealous and possessive woman.

"She's your sister?" As expected, Zhou Shu Dong's expression took a turn for the better when she heard his words. "Since she's your sister, I won't kill her. However, you'll need to stay with me. Be mine. Otherwise, both of you will die!" Her eyes flashed with killing intent as she continued to say, "Now make your choice... Die with your sister or be mine."

"Miss Zhou, there are so many men out there... Why does it have to be me?" Normally, Duan Ling Tian would have already lost his patience. However, the journey to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was long and arduous. If it were possible, he did not want to leave just because he had offended her even if he was not afraid of her.

Zhou Shu Dong said indifferently, "I'll give you 10 breaths to think about it. If you don't decide by then, I'll take it as you rejecting my request."

Duan Ling Tian knew there was no way to solve this peacefully when he heard Zhou Shu Dong's words. His expression turned cold immediately. He sidestepped Zhou Shu Dong and held Huan'er's hand as he casually said, "Huan'er, let's leave!"

Zhou Shu Dong scoffed before she lifted her long red whip and cracked them in Duan Ling Tian's direction. It looked like a red python as it moved in the air.

When she made her move, Duan Ling Tian ascertained that she was also a Blue Sun Golden Celestial like him.

"Ridiculous!" Duan Ling Tian's temper finally exploded. His gaze grew increasingly cold. He snorted as his Celestial Origin Energy surged out from his hands. He lifted his hand at the speed of light and caught Zhou Shu Dong's whip.

“Get lost!” Duan Ling Tian barked as he threw Zhou Shu Dong and her whip aside. His Celestial Origin Energy had injured Zhou Shu Dong.

“Fourth Miss!” The old lady in the carriage cried out. She only discovered her master was no match for the purple-clad young man when his Celestial Origin Energy surged out. Her expression changed drastically when she saw him throwing Zhou Shu Dong to the side. Her expression was unsightly and her eyes gleamed with killing intent as she shouted, “You’ll die, brat!”

Duan Ling Tian looked at the old lady and said apathetically, “Huan’er, kill her!”