

SOVEREIGN 2771

Chapter 2771: The Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom

“Chen Bo Tao!” Long Fei Yun’s expression darkened and a hint of anger could be seen in his eyes when the handsome young man in fine robes appeared.

“Chen Bo Tao?”

Although Long Fei Yun’s voice was not loud, many people heard his words.

“Chen Bo Tao... Isn’t he the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom?”

“The Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom and Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom are high-rank Celestial Kingdoms... The Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom is widely acknowledged as the most promising candidate to become the next Emperor of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom!”

“It’s really unexpected that the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom stood up for the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom...”

“Maybe there’s some conflict between the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom and the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom? Look at the thirteenth prince, can’t you see he’s angry?”

“You’re right!”

The handsome young man in fine robes walked in front of the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, shielding him, as he faced Long Fei Yun. An old man followed him and stood behind him respectfully.

Shi Lei, the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, greeted the handsome young man respectfully, “Cousin brother.”

“Cousin brother?” The onlookers were surprised again. They did not expect Shi Lei and the Ninth Prince of Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom to be related.

“Right... I’ve almost forgotten that 20 years ago, one of the younger sisters of the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom was married to the Emperor of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom as a concubine.”

“No wonder the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom addressed the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom as his cousin brother.”

“Although they’re related, there’s more to the reason he’s defending the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom... It seems like he had a grudge against the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.”

“I agree.”

The onlookers could feel Chen Bo Tao, the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom, was not defending Shi Lei just because they were related. They could sense the animosity looming over Chen Bo Tao and Long Fei Yun.

Meanwhile, Long Fei Yun sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian to explain everything. "Brother Duan, he's Chen Bo Tao, the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom, a high-rank Celestial Kingdom... Previously, he would suppress me by relying on the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial by his side."

"In that case, have Qiu Ling take action and suppress the old man behind him... No matter what, the three men from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom must die today!" Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission.

Long Fei Yun was shocked to see the cold killing intent in Duan Ling Tian's eyes. This was his first time seeing Duan Ling Tian's dark side. Prior to this, he had felt that Duan Ling Tian was a gentle person and easy to get along with. Unexpectedly, Duan Ling Tian was so ruthless that he insisted the trio from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had to die!

"It's been a long time, Long Fei Yun," Chen Bo Tao said as he feigned an insincere smile.

"It sure has... Chen Bo Tao, take my advice and meddle in this matter. Otherwise, you'll regret it!" Long Fei Yun slowly said as he looked at Chen Bo Tao indifferently.

"Regret it?" Chen Bo Tao laughed. "Long Fei Yun, although you have a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial now, I'm afraid it's not enough to make me regret anything..."

"Well, you'll see soon enough!" Long Fei Yun smiled coldly. Then, he sent a Voice Transmission to Qiu Ling.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The ground shook violently as a series of thunderous explosions rang in the air.

Qiu Ling stomped on the ground as he shot toward Chen Bo Tao. The place where he had stomped on began to crack, resembling a spider web. The cracks spread in all directions for a moment before they finally stopped.

"You're looking for death!" the old man behind Chen Bo Tao cried out in anger. The soundwave from his voice rippled out in all directions. The onlookers with weak cultivation bases were injured, their eardrums burst. Fortunately, no one died. He was like a hurricane as he shot out, leaving a trail of destruction in his wake.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Qiu Ling and the old man collided and began to exchange blows.

The onlookers scurried further away to avoid being affected by the backlash. Some people who were slower were sent flying from the backlash of their fight.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

The shockwaves from their collision stirred up gusts of wind that blew violently in all directions. The commotion they created was so great that people from far away were alerted to it.

“What’s going on?”

“Such huge movements, they must be earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, at least, right?”

“Earth-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials? You must be joking! They’re clearly heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials.”

“Two heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials?”

The new onlookers who were attracted by the commotion were surprised to find that two heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials were fighting. Although they were in Tai Yi City, one of the largest cities in the Wasteland, heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials were uncommon. A fight between two heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials was even more uncommon.

“Who are these two heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials?”

Naturally, the onlookers were curious about their identities. Soon enough, someone from the crowd stepped forward and explained to them that the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials were the subordinates of the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom and the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom respectively.

Chen Bo Tao said in an attempt to provoke Long Fei Yun, “Long Fei Yun, it’s truly unexpected that your man is able to hold on for so long against Elder Bei.”

“Your Elder Bei isn’t too bad since he’s able to hold on for so long against Qiu Ling,” Long Fei Yun retorted.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian said, “Huan’er, kill the three men from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom and collect their Spatial Rings.” Although his voice was not loud, most people, including Chen Bo Tao, heard his words.

“En,” Huan’er replied. A chilling aura surged out from her body, causing the temperature in the surroundings to drop drastically. It was as though winter had suddenly arrived.

Chen Bo Tao paid no heed to Duan Ling Tian’s words initially. It did not take too long before he began to regret it.

“No!” As the cold energy rippled out of Huan’er’s body, Chen Bo Tao felt as though he was frozen. He panicked and began to mobilize his Celestial Origin Energy to withstand the cold. Although he managed to stave off the cold, he soon discovered the trio from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had turned into ice sculptures. The terrifying thing was cracks were forming on the ice sculptures.

Crack!

In just a blink of an eye, the three ice sculptures cracked and shattered into pieces

Chen Bo Tao's expression was extremely unsightly when he saw the trio had died.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Suddenly, Chen Bo Tao saw three Spatial Rings flying past him into the palm of the white-clad woman standing next to the purple-clad young man.

"Brother Ling Tian." Before everyone regained their senses, Huan'er passed the three Spatial Rings to Duan Ling Tian. Her voice was so melodious. It was hard to believe she was the same person who had viciously killed the three men in just a blink of an eye.

"En." Duan Ling Tian claimed ownership of the three Spatial Rings, ignoring the shocked looks on the onlooker's face. Suddenly, his eyes lit up as he exclaimed, "As expected, it's here!"

Chapter 2772: Duan Ling Tian?!

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"Floating Image Pearl!" After Duan Ling Tian claimed ownership of the Spatial Ring that belonged to Shi Lei, the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, he discovered a few Floating Image Pearl in it. He chose one of them based on the mirror images shown.

The mirror images were not long, but it clearly showed Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's appearance. Huan'er was not wearing a hat or a veil so her beautiful face that made the surroundings paled in comparison was on full display.

'So that's why the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom kept staring at Huan'er even though her face is concealed. As it turns out, he has already seen her face through the Floating Image Pearl that Nangong Li had recorded.'

As soon as Shi Lei, the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, showed up, he had been blatantly staring at Huan'er. This caused Duan Ling Tian to feel that something was amiss. If it were Nangong Li, he would not have been surprised since Nangong Li had seen Huan'er's appearance before. In his opinion, even if Nangong Li had told Shi Lei about Huan'er's beauty, Shi Lei still would not have lost all his control since Shi Lei had not seen Huan'er true appearance. In the end, he came to the conclusion that Shi Lei must have seen Huan'er's face through other methods such as a Floating Image Celestial Talisman or a Floating Image Pearl. Since the Floating Celestial Talisman could only be used once, Duan Ling Tian suspected Nangong Li must have used a Floating Image Pearl to capture Huan'er's real appearance before he escaped with the Drifting Light and Shadow Talisman. As it turned out, his speculation was right.

'Fortunately, the Floating Image Pearl can't be duplicated. Otherwise, if the recording is spread, it'd cause a lot of trouble,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he put the Spatial Ring away. He was unaware that currently, Huan'er's true appearance had spread in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom in the form of images. The citizens of Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had all seen Huan'er's fairy-like appearance.

Bang!

Before the crowd regained their senses after Huan'er killed the three men from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, Qiu Ling and the old man, a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial and the subordinate of Chen Bo Tao, the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom, had collided with one another. Both of them flew backward and returned to their masters' sides.

The speed and distance they returned to their masters were about the same, indicating their strength was on par with each other. They stopped fighting since there was no longer any reason to fight. After all, the three people from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had died and their strength was evenly matched.

"Your Highness, the Ninth Prince, we're evenly matched," the old man said in a low voice after he returned to Chen Bo Tao's side. His expression was rather sour since he had confidently declared he would be able to defeat Qiu Ling, the heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, next to Long Fei Yun, the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Clearly, his confidence was unfounded since he could not defeat Qiu Ling.

On the other hand, when Qiu Ling returned to Long Fei Yun's side, he remained silent. He only looked at the old man standing behind Chen Bo Tao alertly, as though the old man might suddenly attack again.

"Long Fei Yun, I didn't expect you to be so lucky to find such a strong powerhouse," Chen Bo Tao said in a low voice as he looked at Long Fei Yun.

"Yes, it's much better compared to you who still relies on your father," Long Fei Yun said tonelessly. Despite the indifferent tone, he was clearly mocking Chen Bo Tao. After all, the old man was given to Chen Bo Tao by his father, the Emperor of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom, to protect him.

Upon hearing Long Fei Yun's words, the onlookers began to furtively discuss among themselves.

"Although I've heard that the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom has found a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial to stay by his side, I assumed the powerhouse is just average. I didn't expect him to be so strong."

"Me too! It's said that the old man by the side of the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom is one of the top three heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials in the Imperial family of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom."

"Even then, the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's man is a match for such a person."

It was clear the onlookers thought Long Fei Yun, the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, had a good eye for talent and was superior to Chen Bo Tao, the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom!

When Chen Bo Tao heard the discussion in his surroundings that compared him to Long Fei Yun, his expression turned unsightly. He looked at Long Fei Yun dismissively before he shifted his attention to Duan Ling Tian. He had assumed Duan Ling Tian was weak and easily bullied so he asked in a rather rude tone, "Who are you? How dare you let someone kill my cousin!"

Faced with Chen Bo Tao's question, Duan Ling Tian only ignored him.

The atmosphere turned tense, and Chen Bo Tao's expression grew even more unsightly.

Duan Ling Tian turned to smile at Huan'er and said, "Huan'er, let's continue shopping." After he finished speaking, he did not even deign to spare Chen Bo Tao a glance before he led Huan'er away. Even Huan'er did not spare a glance at Chen Bo Tao.

Upon seeing this, Long Fei Yun and Qiu Ling followed suit. However, before Long Fei Yun left, he looked at Chen Bo Tao meaningfully and said, "Chen Bo Tao, there are some people whom you can't afford to offend."

Chen Bo Tao was furious. His complexion turned red as his body trembled. However, since he had seen how strong Qiu Ling was and he was unsure if Duan Ling Tian had a powerful background, he could only suppress his anger. After all, Qiu Ling could easily suppress the old man by his side.

The onlookers only regained their senses when Duan Ling Tian and the others disappeared from sight. They were shocked and in disbelief.

"Who's that purple-clad young man?!"

"The Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom seems very courteous toward the purple-clad young man. Before he left, he even told the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom that the purple-clad young man is not someone the ninth prince could afford to offend..."

"You're right!"

Many of the onlookers were curious about Duan Ling Tian.

"Wasn't the purple-clad young man in King Qin's Mansion in our Cloudy Rock Celestial Mansion? He's Duan Ling Tian, right? Why's he with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom?" a young man muttered, clearly perplexed. He was none other than Chu Yan, the son of the County Governor of Soaring Wind County. He was also the first runner up for the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties held in King Qin's Mansion.

The Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had brought 30 young powerhouses under the age of 100 to participate in the Wasteland Grand Contest. Chu Yan and the second runner up of the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties, Yang Jin from Fair Mountain County, were among the 30 representatives from the King Qin's Mansion. Led by the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, they had come to the Wasteland with the people from King Qin's Mansion.

'Who's the white-clad woman who seems to listen to every word Duan Ling Tian says? She's so strong that she easily killed the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom and his two subordinates! Moreover, she killed them in front of the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom who's rumored to be a peak Great Overarching Golden Celestial! It's likely that the white-clad woman is an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial!' Chu Yan thought to himself.

Chu Yan was, naturally, familiar with Duan Ling Tian. If it were not for Duan Ling Tian showing up nearing the end of the Martial Competition of the 16 Counties, he would have been the winner. He was not

resentful since he knew Duan Ling Tian was much stronger than him. After the competition, Duan Ling Tian had fled and was nowhere to be found. He had found it a pity that Duan Ling Tian would not be able to join the Wasteland Grand Contest since he was certain Duan Ling Tian would do very well in the Wasteland Grand Contest. It was likely that Duan Ling Tian would be selected to join one of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.

'Who knew I'd run into Duan Ling Tian when I came out for fresh hair...' Chu Yan thought to himself. After that, he made his way to the residence that the Tai Yi Celestial Sect had prepared for the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. He wanted to tell Qin Yu, who had also come to Tai Yi City, about his encounter with Duan Ling Tian.

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Meanwhile, there was a huge commotion in the residence occupied by the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom in Tai Yi City.

"The Sixth Prince is dead!!" Someone had discovered that the Soul Pearl of the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had shattered.

Chapter 2773: Qin Yu Came to Visit

Shi Lei, the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, was lascivious and did not have a good character. However, due to his glib tongue, he was greatly favored by the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. Moreover, since he had no interest in succeeding the throne, he had good relations with the other princes as well.

However, five days after the people from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom arrived in Tai Yi City, his Soul Pearl had suddenly shattered.

"The Sixth Prince is dead!!"

Shi Lei's death, naturally, caused a huge commotion in the residence of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom that was arranged by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

Not only was the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom furious, but the princes of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom were furious as well.

The emperor had immediately ordered a thorough investigation of Shi Lei's death. The princes and members were busy because of this. Due to the help from the princes, the cause of Shi Lei's death was quickly found out.

"The sixth prince's death is related to the beautiful woman whom he had been searching for in recent years!"

"Previously, Nangong Li had presented a Floating Image Pearl that showed two people. One of them is the woman that the Sixth Prince had been looking for. She's in the portraits that are widely circulated in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. The other person is a young man."

“One of the sixth prince’s subordinates said that someone had sighted the young man in the mirror image. For that reason, the sixth prince had brought Nangong Li out to look for that young man.”

“Someone witnessed the sixth prince, Nangong Li, and another man being killed on the streets of Tai Yi City. The person who killed them is a white-clad woman who wears a hat and a veil.”

“That white-clad woman is suspected to be the woman in the mirror image because Nangong Li recognized the purple-clad young man beside her.”

The Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom was merely an Intermediate-rank Celestial Kingdom, but when they worked together, they were able to gather a lot of useful information in just a short time.

“The person who killed my sixth son is the people of the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom? The Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom intended to protect my son but his man was evenly matched with the man of the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom... Apart from that, the white-clad woman is also stronger than the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom...” When Yun Qi Ling, the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, found out what happened, his expression darkened. His eyes were brimming with killing intent as though he was going to go on a killing spree.

Beneath Yun Qi Ling’s main seat, several people stood there. One of them looked at Yun Qi Ling, fidgeting, as he asked, “Your Majesty, what should we do regarding this matter?”

“What should we do? What can we do?” Yun Qi Ling said coldly as he glared at the man, “Didn’t you hear? The culprit is the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial and his people! Even the Ninth Prince of the Mystical Wave Celestial Kingdom is helpless! What do you think we can do?”

Upon hearing Yun Qi Ling’s words, the man remained silent, he had no response. Indeed, the other party was not someone they could not afford to offend.

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In a courtyard near the main hall where Yun Qi Ling and the others were in, Qin Yu, the nephew of King Qin, met Chu Yan, one of the participants of the Wasteland Grand Contest selected by the King Qin’s Mansion.

“Chu Yan, is something the matter?” Qin Yu asked curiously. Although he did not have a particularly close relationship with Chu Yan, they both journeyed together from King Qin’s Mansion to Tai Yi City after all. For that reason, they managed to speak quite a bit during the journey.

Chu Yan asked, “Qin Yu, based on my knowledge, you’re good friends with Duan Ling Tian, right?”

“Duan Ling Tian?” An eager expression appeared on Qin Yu’s face instantly as soon as he heard Chu Yan’s words. He asked urgently, “Chu Yan, d-do you have the news of Duan Ling Tian?” He was extremely worried about Duan Ling Tian ever since Duan Ling Tian had escaped from King Qin’s Mansion using the Shadow Void Escaping Talisman. He was, naturally, filled with anticipation and anxiety now that Chu Yan mentioned Duan Ling Tian.

“Do you know about the young man next to the white-clad woman who killed the sixth prince and two of his men?” Chu Yan continued to ask instead of replying to Qin Yu’s question.

“Yes.” Qin Yu nodded. “It’s said that that young man is one of the two people shown in the Floating Image Pearl that Nangong Li had presented to the sixth prince. When the young man was sighted, the sixth prince went to look for that young man. It’s said that the young man and the white-clad woman are the people the sixth prince has been looking for in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom,” Qin Yu replied.

“Do you know that young man is Duan Ling Tian?” Chu Yan asked again.

“What?! The young man next to the white-clad woman is Duan Ling Tian?” Qin Yu was shocked by the revelation. Although he had never seen the portraits of the young man or the white-clad woman, based on the things he had heard, he had surmised the young man had a prominent background. He had also heard that the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was extremely courteous to the young man. Moreover, he also heard that the white-clad woman was an Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. How could he not be shocked after listening to Chu Yan’s words? He shook his head as he said, “H-how is it possible?”

“Qin Yu, I was there when that white-clad woman killed the sixth prince and his two men. I saw Duan Ling Tian as well,” Chu Yan said solemnly.

Qin Yu fell silent. Although it sounded far-fetched, he thought it was possible as well. “I want to visit the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s residence that’s arranged by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.” He made up his mind immediately. He had to verify whether the young man with the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was truly Duan Ling Tian. After so many years, he wanted to see with his own eyes that his friend was safe.

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Qin Yu was merely someone from King Qin’s Mansion under the governance of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom. He was not a prince and was only the nephew of King Qin. Therefore, it was quite difficult for him to arrange a meeting with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. However, his persistence paid off. He finally managed to contact Long Fei Yun and arranged a meeting with him when he said he was a friend of Duan Ling Tian.

When they finally met, Long Fei Yun studied Qin Yu, “Are you really a friend of Brother Duan?” Naturally, he would not bring Qin Yu to meet Duan Ling Tian directly before he could verify that Qin Yu was truly Duan Ling Tian’s friend. After all, he placed great importance in Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian would determine whether he would be able to sit on the throne of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Duan Ling Tian was a strong powerhouse who was also a prominent Celestial Alchemist who could refine the Overarching Heaven Pill. It would be easy for him to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. Once Duan Ling Tian joined the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and rose in ranks, it would take but a word from him to make Long Fei Yun the next Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

“Your Royal Highness, the thirteenth prince, if the Brother Duan you’re referring to is called Duan Ling Tian and looks like this, then, there’s no doubt he’s my friend,” Qin Yu said as he revealed a portrait of a young man to Long Fei Yun.

The portrait was of a handsome young man with strong eyebrows and bright eyes. He had an exceptional air about him. With just a glance, Long Fei Yun could tell the young man in the portrait was none other than Duan Ling Tian! For this reason, Long Fei Yun lowered his guard and became polite. He asked with a smile, “How should I address you, brother?”

“You can call me Qin Yu,” Qin Yu responded immediately. He did not dare to be reckless. After all, his origin and status were far inferior to Long Fei Yun.

“Brother Qin Yu, since you’re a friend of Brother Duan, I’ll bring you to him immediately,” Long Fei Yun said without wasting time.

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While Long Fei Yun led Qin Yu to Duan Ling Tian’s courtyard, an uninvited guest had appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s courtyard. The uninvited guest was none other than Tie Tia He, the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect!

Duan Ling Tian did not seem surprised by Tie Tai He’s sudden appearance. He asked, “I heard Guardian Tie has had a breakthrough recently and became a Seven Stars Celestial Duke, is that right?”

“Celestial Alchemist Duan, I didn’t think you’d heard about it as well.” Tie Tai He smiled. He treated Duan Ling Tian politely as well, “Indeed. I got lucky and had a breakthrough. Currently, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is the strongest sect in the Wasteland. If you change your mind, the Tai Yi Celestial Sect will welcome you with open arms.”

“Thank you for your kindness, Guardian Tie, but I’ve already made up my mind.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head as he politely refused Tie Tai He.

Tie Tai He was not surprised. He took out a Spatial Ring and handed it to Duan Ling Tian. “Celestial Alchemist Duan, inside this spatial ring there’s a total of 38 sets of medicinal herbs. They’re ingredients to refine Overarching Heaven Pills. Depending on your ability, how many Overarching Heaven Pills will you be able to refine with these ingredients? Our Tai Yi Celestial Sect only needs 100 pills. If there’s a surplus, you can consider it as your reward,” he said with a smile.

Chapter 2774: Big Trouble

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“For 38 sets of ingredients, you only need me to refine 100 Overarching Heavenly Pills?” Duan Ling Tian was taken aback when he heard Tie Tai He’s words. He felt Tie Tai He was asking for too little.

“Does he think so poorly of my refining ability? Does he think I wouldn’t be able to refine that many pills with only 38 sets of ingredients?”

During Duan Ling Tian’s first try to refine the Overarching Heaven Pill, he only managed to refine three pills. However, if he tried again and with practice, he was confident he would be able to refine five pills or more. The success rate would only rise the more times he refined them.

Although Duan Ling Tian was happy to receive the surplus Overarching Heaven Pills from the Tai Yi Sect, he did not plan to cheat them out of too many pills. Therefore, he said, "I'll 120 Overarching Heaven pills for you."

Tie Tai He was shocked when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian's success rate of refining the pills should not be that high. When he had attempted to assassinate Huan'er, he discovered Duan Ling Tian had only successfully refined three pills. For this reason, he had only asked for 100 Overarching Heaven Pills. Moreover, he was also prepared to give some room to Duan Ling Tian to bargain. The Sect Leader of Tai Yi Sect had said that the lowest number of Overarching Heaven Pills Duan Ling Tian needed to refine was 80. He really did not expect not only did Duan Ling Tian not lower the number of pills he needed to refine, but he even said he would refine 120 pills! before after all of the information he had on Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, he had also said as long as Duan Ling Tian refined 100 pills for the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Duan Ling Tian could keep the surplus if there were any. Duan Ling Tian could have silently pocketed the 20 pills if he did not speak up.

"Duan Ling Tian...are you serious?" Tie Tai He inhaled deeply as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "I know the success rate of refining Overarching Heaven Pills is extremely low... 100 pills might not be too much. However, are you sure you can refine 120?"

"Why? Guardian Tie, do you doubt my ability to refine 120 Overarching Heaven pills?" Duan Ling Tian chuckled. "Guardian Tie, since I've said it, I won't go back on my words. Return in ten days, and I'll give you 120 pills."

Tie Tai He looked at Duan Ling Tian intently before he finally said, "Alchemist Duan, regardless if you're able to refine 120 Overarching Heaven Pills in ten days, I, Tie Tai He, considered you a friend from now on." He was a very straightforward man. Seeing that Duan Ling Tian was the same, he could not help but feel a sense of kinship.

"I am flattered." Duan Ling Tian smiled.

At this moment, a familiar voice rang from outside the courtyard. "Brother Duan!"

Duan Ling Tian, naturally, could tell it belonged to Long Fei Yun, the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

Before he could respond to Long Fei Yun, Tie Tai He vanished into thin air after he quickly bade him farewell. "Alchemist Duan, I will be back in ten days."

"Come in."

Upon obtaining Duan Ling Tian's consent, Long Fei Yun entered the courtyard.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised to see Qiu Ling was not with Long Fei Yun. However, his expression froze when he saw the other person who had come with Long Fei Yun. "Qin Yu?!"

"Duan Ling Tian." An expression of relief appeared on Qin Yu's face as soon as he saw Duan Ling Tian. "You are okay... That's good, that's good!"

Duan Ling Tian asked Qin Yu to sit. He was so friendly to the point that even Long Fei Yun was a bit jealous since Duan Ling Tian had never been so warm with him before. At the same time, he made a swift decision to befriend Qin Yu from the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom to improve his relations with Duan Ling Tian.

“Thirteenth prince, please take a seat as well.” Duan Ling Tian finally remembered to invite Long Fei Yun to sit.

Although it was clearly an afterthought, Long Fei Yun was not unhappy at all. With Duan Ling Tian’s identity, he would not say anything even if he was made to stand the entire time.

Meanwhile, Qin Yu was shocked. Although he had heard from Chu Yan that the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was extremely courteous to Duan Ling Tian, he was still surprised when he witnessed it with his own eyes. When Duan Ling Tian had invited him to sit down first, he had been looking at Long Fei Yun’s expression. Regardless of how friendly Long Fei Yun was, he was certain Long Fei Yun would still be displeased since Duan Ling Tian seemed to prioritize him. However, contrary to his expectations, Long Fei Yun did not seem displeased at all. In fact, Long Fei Yun’s gaze seemed to have become several degrees warmer when he looked at him. When he turned to look at Duan Ling Tian again, he felt as though Duan Ling Tian had become a stranger.

Qin Yu was very curious about what happened and what Duan Ling Tian had encountered after using the Shadow Void Escaping Talisman to escape from King Qin’s Mansion. It was to the extent that even the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was so respectful to him.

For Duan Ling Tian, Qin Yu was his first friend after he had ascended to the Overarching Spirit Heaven. Although he also considered Long Fei Yun as a friend, it was a fact that their friendship was first built on mutual benefits. It was different from his friendship with Qin Yu. In his heart, Qin Yu was still slightly more important than Long Fei Yun. Finally, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Qin Yu, you still haven’t told me why you’re here...”

“I followed my uncle and the Emperor of the Cloud Rock Celestial Kingdom here... We have to bring 30 participants for the Wasteland Grand Contest. We have two representatives from the King Qin’s Mansion. You’ve met them before. They’re Chu Yan and Yang Jing,” Qin Yu replied.

“I see.” Then, Duan Ling Tian continued to ask, “How did you know I’m here?” He was surprised that Qin Yu was able to find him.

“Speaking of that, it’s all thanks to Chu Yan.” Then, Qin Yu recounted how he managed to find out Duan Ling Tian’s whereabouts and how Duan Ling Tian’s companion had killed the Sixth Prince of the Cloud Rock Celestial Kingdom.

After a long pause, Qin Yu seemed to remember something. He quickly took a portrait out and laid it on the table for Duan Ling Tian to see. “Duan Ling Tian...”

“This is...” Duan Ling Tian’s eyes widened in shock. He did not expect Qin Yu to possess a portrait of Huan’er in her full glory. Although it was just a painting, one could still see her unique charm and beauty.

Meanwhile, Long Fei Yun's mouth was agape when he saw the portrait. He felt a slight stirring in his heart when he saw the portrait even though he was not a man who cared for romance or beauties. It was his first time seeing a woman this beautiful. She was so perfect that it was terrifying.

"How did you come to possess this portrait?" Duan Ling Tian asked with a grave expression. He had asked Huan'er to wear a veil and a hat to conceal her appearance after all since he knew it would attract trouble. He had allowed her to kill Sixth Prince of the Cloud Rock Celestial Kingdom and his two men since they had seen Huan'er appearance from the Floating Image Pearl. Since he had taken the Floating Image Pearl, he did not think he had anything else to worry about. He truly did not expect Qin Yu to possess a portrait of Huan'er. He could already imagine the endless trouble that would come their way if Huan'er portraits were circulated in Tai Yi City.

Currently, there were many people from the Three Major Celestial Sect of the Wasteland and high-rank Celestial Kingdoms in Tai Yi City. There was no lack of Celestial Dukes as well. Among these people, there were definitely many lecherous men.

"This portrait..." Seeing the grave expression on Duan Ling Tian's face, Qin Yu immediately explained that the portraits were widely circulated in the Cloud Rock Celestial Kingdom. In the end, he said, "At this moment, the Emperor of the Cloud Rock Celestial Kingdom should have found out the woman next to you in a veil and a hat is the woman in the portrait."

"The woman in the portrait is Miss Huan'er?!" Long Fei Yun who had just managed to tear his eyes away from the portrait was shocked again.

"That Shi Lei is a mad man!" Duan Ling Tian's expression was extremely dark. He did not expect Shi Lei to reveal Huan'er's appearance in such a public manner where most of everyone in the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had seen the portraits!

Chapter 2775: Ground-breaking News

Although Duan Ling Tian did not reply to Long Fei Yun's question, Long Fei Yun was able to infer the answer based on Duan Ling Tian's reaction. He thought to himself, 'I didn't expect Miss Huan'er would be so beautiful. Any normal man would definitely be attracted to her. No wonder she constantly wears a veil and a hat. Otherwise, she'll definitely attract a lot of trouble!'

Although Long Fei Yun had known Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er for a relatively long time now, Huan'er had never taken off her veil and hat in front of Long Fei Yun. For this reason, he had no idea how Huan'er looked like. Even now, his heart was still racing when he thought about Huan'er's flawlessly beautiful face.

"Duan Ling Tian," Qin Yu looked at Duan Ling Tian with a grave expression as he said, "The Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom is definitely furious since you allowed her to kill the sixth prince and the others. Given your relationship with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, he might not be able to openly trouble you, but there's no doubt that he could use many underhanded means to trouble you." His eyes shifted to Long Fei Yun before it settled on the portrait on the table. The person in the painting was flawlessly beautiful that she could bring an entire nation to its knees. "For example, the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom could expose the person in the portrait... At

that time, everyone would know there's an otherworldly beauty next to you. I'm afraid there are many high-ranking officials from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland who would covet her."

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened.

Meanwhile, Long Fei Yun also realized the severity of the situation. A cold light flashed in his eyes as he fiercely said, "I'll visit the residence of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom and warn the emperor. If they dare to expose Miss Huan'er, I won't let them get away with it." However, with his current strength, he could not really threaten an emperor of an intermediate-rank Celestial Kingdom. Even so, he could threaten the people below the emperor. Killing one or two princes was still within the scope of his abilities. After he finished speaking, he left immediately.

Duan Ling Tian did not stop Long Fei Yun, he was too immersed in finding a solution to this problem. He had a strong feeling that the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom had already spread Huan'er's portraits and the information that she was with the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

Indeed, Duan Ling Tian had hit the nail on the head. As soon as Long Fei Yun stepped out, he heard many discussions about Huan'er portraits.

"Have you seen the portraits that are circulating?"

"You mean the one of the flawlessly beautiful woman? If so, yes, I've seen them. I even heard she's staying in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's residence."

"I heard she's close to the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom... To be precise, she has a close relationship with one of the men who has a close relationship with the thirteenth prince."

Upon hearing the discussions in his surroundings, Long Fei Yun's expression turned grim. A hint of killing intent surged out of his body. He thought the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom really deserved to die. "Damn it! The Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom really moved fast!"

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In the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom's residence that was arranged by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

"Your Majesty, I've already spread word that the woman in portraits is in Tai Yi City and staying in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's residence." A middle-aged man reported to the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom.

After that, the subordinates of the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom stepped forward one after another to report to the emperor.

"Your Majesty, the woman's portraits have spread to almost half of Tai Yi City. Most of those people know that she's staying with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom."

"Your Majesty, as you requested, I've already brought one of the portraits to Elder Teng Qing of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and informed him about the woman's whereabouts."

“Your Majesty, I’ve also brought a portrait to Elder Huang Chao from the Tai Yi Sect.”

Upon hearing his subordinate’s reports, Yun Qi Ling, the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, had a malicious expression on his face. “Good, good...Very good! I’d like to see if the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom would still be able to protect that woman!”

Yun Qi Ling continued muttering to himself, “You dare to kill my son, I’ll make your life a living hell! I’ll make you wish for death! So what if you’re powerful and have powerful allies? Do you think you can go against the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland? Even if you don’t die, you’ll end up being a toy to one of those men. Who knows they might even share you among themselves!” He seemed a little mad as he muttered to himself. It was clear he wanted the person who killed his son, Shi Lei, the Sixth Prince of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, to die. The person was none other than Huan’er.

He laughed sinisterly as he continued muttering to himself, “As for that purple-clad young man... I might not be able to kill you, but I doubt you’d feel nothing if that woman ends up as someone else’s toy!”

Yun Qi Ling’s behavior was terrifying, but none of his subordinates dared to make a sound.

Whether it was Elder Teng Qing from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, Guardian Xue from the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, or Elder Huang Chao from the Tai Yi Sect, they were known for being lecherous. They treated women like toys. Coincidentally, all three men were in Tai Yi City.

Therefore, Yun Qi Ling had asked his servants to distribute Huan’er’s portraits and reveal her whereabouts. He took extra care to spread this information to Teng Qing, Xue Lang, and Huang Chao as well.

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“There is this kind of beauty in this world?! I must have her! She must be mine and mine alone!” Huang Chao, an elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, became excited when he saw Huan’er’s portrait. Desire flashed strongly in his eyes. He did not waste any time and quickly made his way to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s residence.

After Elder Huang Chao of Tai Yi Celestial Sect had seen the portrait of Huan’er. His calm face suddenly became extremely red. The kind of passionate expression he had on his face was full of desire.

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“I must have this woman!”

“Such a perfect woman! She’s worthy of me, Xue Lang, personally escorting her back with me!”

Similarly, Teng Qing, an elder from the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, and Xue Lang, the Guardian of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, were spurred into action as soon as they saw Huan’er portrait. They did not waste any time and began to make their way to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s residence as well.

In the eyes of these three men, Huan’er was like a rare treasure they absolutely had to obtain. All of them wanted her to themselves.

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Meanwhile, the people in Tai Yi City were busy discussing Huan'er as well.

"What a beautiful woman!"

"Heavens!! Who knew there's such a beauty in this world... I heard she's from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom?"

"I heard she has a good relationship with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom."

"Since when did the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom have such beauty? How unexpected. I thought I knew everything there's to know about every kingdom!"

It took only half a day for everyone in Tai Yi City to learn about an extremely flawless beauty who was staying with the people from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Just her portrait alone was enough to make the surroundings pale in comparison.

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All was not peaceful in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's residence as well.

Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, was also shocked by Huan'er's beauty. He was curious if Duan Ling Tian would be able to protect her now that the situation has gotten out of hand.

"Who knew the woman who's constantly wearing a veil and a hat next to Fei Yun is so beautiful?! She seems to be very close with the purple-clad young man beside Fei Yun. Now that her appearance has been exposed, they would surely attract a lot of trouble. What a rare beauty! Most men would definitely covet her. If I have the power, I'd snatch her away as well... However, the purple-clad young man isn't a pushover. I wonder if he'll be able to protect that woman now that news of her has spread in the entire city?"

Chapter 2776: Three Celestial Dukes!

Despite being aware of the flawlessly beautiful woman in the portrait was in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's residence in Tai Yi City, no one from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, including Long Dong Ping, the emperor, dared to harbor any nefarious thoughts.

First of all, the purple-clad young man who was always by the woman's side was too mysterious. Nobody could completely confirm his background, therefore, they did not dare to recklessly offend him. Second, since the woman's portraits had been spread throughout Tai Yi City, there would surely be experts from the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland who were interested in her. They knew they were no match for these experts.

For these reasons, although the residence was in an uproar, Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er's courtyard was relatively peaceful. However, this was only the calm before the storm.

Long Fei Yun who had just returned from outside said solemnly, “Brother Duan, Miss Huan’er’s portraits have already circulated in all of Tai Yi City. The high-rank Celestial Kingdoms aren’t difficult to deal with, but the problem lies with the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland. They would be troublesome to deal with.”

Qin Yu’s expression was rather unsightly as he said, “I didn’t think the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom would act so decisively and quickly...” Although he was not certain of Duan Ling Tian’s relationship with Huan’er, at the very least, he was certain Duan Ling Tian and Huan’er were friends. For this reason, he did not wish any harm to come to Duan Ling Tian’s friend. Duan Ling Tian’s friend was also a friend of his.

As soon as Long Fei Yun finished speaking, before Duan Ling Tian could reply, a thunderous voice rang from outside. “I’m Elder Huang Chao from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. Bring the woman in the portrait to me at once!”

Long Fei Yun’s expression turned grim as his eyes widened. “The Elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect?” He muttered to himself, “From what I know, the elders of Tai Yi Celestial Sects are Celestial Dukes. If this person is really Huang Chao, he must be a Celestial Duke!”

Celestial Duke!

Even in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, a high-rank Celestial Kingdom, there was no Celestial Duke at all. The strongest person in the kingdom was only a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial. A Celestial Duke was a huge threat to the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!

“The elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect is a Celestial Duke?” Upon hearing Long Fei Yun’s words, Qin Yu’s expression worsened. A hint of concern brimmed in his eyes. Although he had expected some experts from the three major Celestial Sects would come looking for Huan’er, he did not expect the first person to come looking for trouble would be a Celestial Duke!

“The elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect?” Duan Ling Tian whose expression remained calm all along finally showed slight changes when he heard the thunderous voice from outside the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s residence that was arranged by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

At this moment, a yellow-clad middle-aged man with a medium built and ordinary appearance stood unmoving like a statue outside the residence of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. Despite his appearance, he had a dignified and majestic air about him.

At this moment, the initially empty courtyard was slowly filled with people who were attracted by the commotion. Among these people, there were the powerhouses who were younger than 100 years old, a few princes, and their subordinates.

“Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s elder?”

“Based on my knowledge, even the weakest elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect is a One Basic Celestial Duke... In other words, this person must be a Celestial Duke!”

“Who would have thought after the appearance of the woman who’s by the purple-clad young man and the thirteenth prince’s side is exposed, the elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect would come first?”

“Just one elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect can easily destroy the entire Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom!”

“Based on his aura, there’s no doubt he’s a Celestial Duke.”

Most of them were waiting for Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, to arrive before they greeted the elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

“His Majesty still hasn’t come?”

“What if the elder from the Tai Yi Celestial Sect loses his temper because he feels we’re being disrespectful and kills us?”

Everyone was still fretting when a voice rang from the mansion. “Elder Huang Chao, thank you for gracing us with your presence. Pardon me for being slow to welcome you!”

At this moment, Long Dong Ping who was dressed in a dragon robe appeared with several men in tow. He deferentially paid respect to the yellow-clad middle-aged man.

“Greetings, elder Huang Chao!” After that, the people who had gathered in the front yard bowed and greeted the yellow-clad middle-aged man in unison.

Huang Chao looked at Long Dong Ping and spoke in a tone that was void of politeness, “You’re Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s Emperor?”

“Yes,” Long Dong Ping promptly replied as he sighed inwardly. ‘Rumor has it that Yun Qi Ling, the Emperor of the Cloudy Rock Celestial Kingdom, is quite cunning. Who knew he would inform the experts from the major Celestial Sects before he spread the woman’s portraits in Tai Yi City.’

Long Dong Ping has also heard about Huang Chao. He was a lecherous person who could not live without women. However, he still did not expect Huang Chao to be the first person to show up. After mulling over it, he was certain Yun Qi Ling had deliberately planned for this. Otherwise, Huang Chao would not have arrived so quickly.

Huang Chao raised his hand and revealed the portrait in his hand as he said domineeringly, “I’m sure you heard my words earlier. Bring the woman to me at once!”

The portrait showed a woman with beautiful and flawless features. Moreover, her figure was extremely seductive. The portrait was extremely life-like. Although most of the people present on the scene had already seen the portrait, their hearts still raced when they looked at the portrait again.

“Elder Huang Chao, I...” Long Dong Ping said rather uneasily, trying to explain his difficulties.

However, before Long Dong Ping could finish his words, a soft and androgynous voice rang from all directions. “Huang Chao, you’re really quick to act! If I were to arrive a little later, the beauty would’ve been taken by you!”

Swoosh!

A figure that moved as fast as the wind appeared near Huang Chao.

In just a moment, a scoff could be heard as a coarse and energetic voice rang in the air. "That beauty is mine! Both of you can screw off!"

Then, a tall middle-aged man with a sturdy build appeared before everyone.

"Xue Lang! Teng Qing!" Seeing the two individuals who appeared one after another, Huang Chao's expression grew dark. He did not expect these two people to come as well. One was a Guardian of the Thousand Spider Celestial Sect, and the other was an elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. Most importantly, the two newcomers were Celestial Dukes like him. Although he knew these two people were also in Tai Yi City and also had a penchant for beautiful women like him, he did not expect them to act so quickly as well.

'Xue Lang? Teng Qing?' Upon hearing Huang Chao's words, Long Dong Ping's eyes widened, and a frightened expression appeared on his face. "Even these two people have come?" Although he had never seen Xue Lang or Teng Qing before, he had heard a lot about them.

Xue Lang, a Guardian Elder of Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, was a Celestial Duke.

Teng Qing, an elder of Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, was also a Celestial Duke.

'In Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland, there are five experts who have a strong liking for beautiful women. Who knew three out of the five would appear today.' Long Dong Ping sighed inwardly. 'However, the woman with the purple-clad young man is indeed flawless in every aspect. All normal men would be moved by her appearance. The other two must not be in the city. Otherwise, there's no doubt there would be five instead of three people here.'

Long Dong Ping found it difficult to maintain his composure. After all, three Celestial Dukes had suddenly appeared before him. Moreover, at this moment, all three Celestial Dukes were staring at him intently. The pressure he felt was as though three mountains were pressing down on him, causing him to feel suffocated.

Chapter 2777: Battle Between the Celestial Dukes

"My lords, I..." Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom and a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, found himself suffocated by the pressure exerted by the three Celestial Dukes. He was trying to find the words to voice out his reluctance and apprehension due to Duan Ling Tian's mysterious and most likely, impressive background. He was prepared to tell the three Celestial Dukes that even Zhou Shu Qiu, the last direct disciple of the former Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Sect Leader and the junior sister of the current sect leader, did not dare to recklessly act against Duan Ling Tian. With this, he believed that even if the three Celestial Dukes did not back down, at the very least, they would not hold it against him for not handing Huan'er over to them.

At this moment, most of the people present on the scene looked into the distance and cried out in surprise, interrupting Long Dong Ping, "It's His Highness, the Thirteenth Prince!"

Long Dong Ping halted his plan to speak and looked into the distance as well. He saw five people making their way over. A purple-clad young man, a golden-clad young man, a cyan-clad young man, and a white-clad woman walked in the lead.

With just a glance, the people from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom recognized the golden-clad young man as Long Fei Yun, the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom.

“That’s...”

In the next moment, they fell into a daze when they saw the white-clad woman. She was extremely dazzling. She was like a luminous pearl in the dark, brightening the world. She had slender eyebrows, limpid eyes, a stunning face, and a graceful and seductive figure. To top it off, she wore a thin white robe. With her cold aura, she seemed like a fairy who had descended to the mortal world. She was truly flawlessly beautiful. It was as though the creator had paid special attention when she was created.

“It’s the woman in portrait!”

“Beautiful... Too beautiful! She’s even more beautiful in real life!”

“That’s only natural. How can a portrait compare to the real person? It’s truly unimaginable that such a beauty exists in this world. Being able to see her, I can say that I didn’t live in vain all these years.”

“I’ve seen her before. However, I didn’t see her face because she was wearing a hat and a veil at that time. Who would’ve thought such a beauty was hiding under the hat and veil?”

Huan’er attracted everyone’s attention as soon as she appeared. Since her appearance had already been exposed, there was no longer any point for her to wear a veil and a hat. Therefore, Duan Ling Tian did not make her wear the hat and the veil this time. She was delighted that she no longer had to hide her appearance, as though she was unaware of the danger that was lurking outside. She had no sense of crisis at all. At this moment, she intimately hugged Duan Ling Tian’s arm. Duan Ling Tian who was dashing and handsome when paired with Huan’er made them look like a golden couple, a match made in heaven.

Duan Ling Tian could feel the knife-like gazes directed at him. If looks could kill, he would have died a thousand times over. The gazes from the three Celestial Dukes were especially chilling. Their pressure bore down on him like three mountains.

‘The Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s elder, Huang Chao, the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect’s Guardian, Xue Lang, and the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect’s elder, Teng Qing...’ Duan Ling Tian looked at the three Celestial Dukes. Despite their pointed gaze and intense pressure, his expression remained unchanged.

The other person who walked in the lead was none other than Qin Yun. Meanwhile, the fifth and last person of the group who was walking behind the four people was Qiu Ling.

At this moment, Qiu Ling, a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial, could not help but feel frightened inwardly when confronted with the three Celestial Dukes. Let alone a heaven-rank Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial like him, even a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial

would not dare to act presumptuously in front of a Celestial Duke. Even a mere One Basic Celestial Duke was far superior to a peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestial.

After looking away from Duan Ling Tian, Huang Chao, the elder of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, looked at the two Celestial Dukes and said with a nefarious gleam in his eyes, "Gentlemen....the beauty is here. Shall we discuss who she'll leave with?"

At this moment, the three Celestial Dukes had completely disregarded Duan Ling Tian. They acted as though he did not exist. It was only natural after all. In their eyes, Duan Ling Tian was just a two-bit character. So what if he had a good relationship with the Thirteenth Prince of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom? It was useless. If they so pleased, they could kill the thirteenth prince without any consequences. This showed how powerful a Celestial Duke was.

"I agree with Elder Huang Chao." Xue Lang, the Guardian of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect, agreed with Huang Chao. He looked at the elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, Teng Qing, waiting for his reply.

Huang Chao, Xue Lang, and Teng Qing were Two Forms Celestial Dukes. They all knew each other's cultivation base. They were aware it was pointless to fight since it would only end in a draw. It was useless to fight. It would be more efficient for them to discuss the matter.

Huang Chao and Xue Lang looked at Teng Qing expectantly, fully confident Teng Qing was going to agree, when Teng Qing bluntly refused them. "I'm not willing!" Then, he continued to say, "I know what both of you are thinking. You want to share the beauty. However, I, Teng Qing, will never share the woman I've taken a liking to. She can only belong to me and me alone!" He looked at Huang Chao and Xue Lang before he looked at Huan'er possessively as though he had already thought of her as his property.

"Teng Qing!"

"Are you going to ignore the both of us?"

Huang Chao and Xue Lang's expression turned unsightly as they glowered at Teng Qing.

"We are all Two Forms Celestial Dukes. Even if you're slightly stronger, do you think you can defend against both of us at the same time?" Huang Chao and Xue Lang looked at Teng Qing as though Teng Qing was a fool.

"Two Forms Celestial Dukes?" Teng Qing's smile widened. Then, he said coldly, "You're welcome to try!"

Although Teng Qing's smile caused Huang Chao and Xue Lang to feel like something was amiss, they did hesitate as they charged toward Teng Qing at the same time. They were wary due to Teng Qing's confidence, but they did not plan to let it deter them.

Upon seeing this, Teng Qing scoffed, completely unbothered. In just a blink of an eye, his Celestial Origin Energy surged out from his body like a furious dragon.

Upon closer inspection, one would see Huang Chao and Xue Lang's Celestial Origin Energy had two strands of spirit serpents in them. On the other hand, there were three strands of spirit serpents in Teng Qing's Celestial Origin Energy.

Boom!

An earth-shattering explosion reverberated in the air as Teng Qing collided with Huang Chao and Xue Lang. The shockwaves from the collision rippled out and destroyed the front yard. A huge pit could be seen in the front yard where the three Celestial Dukes hovered above. Then, cracks began to form and spread out at lightning speed.

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The disturbance in the front yard spilled outside, attracting many people's attention.

"What's happening?"

"What's that commotion? Isn't that the residence of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom that's arranged by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?"

"What's happening inside?"

"Don't tell me it has something to do with the woman in the portraits?"

"That's highly likely. Even then, this commotion is quite big. It's unlikely to be caused by peak Overarching Heavenly Supreme Celestials, right?"

People in the vicinity of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom's residence were shocked and confused. It seemed like a violent storm had hit the residence, wrecking it beyond recognition.

Chapter 2778: I'm Disappointed In The Martial Dragon Celestial Sect

The Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom was a high-rank Celestial Kingdom. Moreover, their entourage was personally led by the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom himself. Therefore, the accommodation that had been prepared for them by the Tai Yi Celestial Sect was better than the intermediate-rank and low-rank Celestial Kingdoms. Their residence was exceptionally vast. Just the front yard alone was the size of the entire residence of a low-rank Celestial Kingdom.

However, at this moment, the spacious front yard was wrecked as though a violent storm had just landed. The stone tiles, trees, and plants were overturned and scattered everywhere.

"So this is the strength of a Celestial Duke?"

"Didn't you hear what the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect's Guardian Xue Lang said? All three of them are Two Forms Celestial Dukes!"

"Celestial Dukes have nine divisions of cultivation base. One Basic Celestial Dukes are the weakest, and Two Form Celestial Dukes are a level stronger than One Basic Celestial Dukes!"

"Well, if they're Two Form Celestial Dukes, this level of destruction is not surprising."

“Don’t tell me none of you has discovered that even though we’re so close to the battle, their energies have avoided us...”

“You’re right!”

When the shockwave wrecked the front yard, the people from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Sect had risen into the sky to avoid being caught in the backlash. However, they soon discovered the shockwave seemed to deliberately avoid them.

Indeed, Huang Chao, Xue Lang, and Teng Qing had taken the people of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom into consideration and avoided harming them. To be more precise, they were trying to avoid harming that each of them had already considered as belonging to them. Apart from that, they also did not wish to injure the powerhouses younger than 100 years old who had come to participate in the Wasteland Grand Contest. After all, they would have to explain themselves to their respective sect leaders if the young powerhouses were harmed.

The onlookers surveyed their surroundings. After the dust had settled, they discovered the front yard was completely wrecked. Even Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, was shocked by the sight. They did not expect that just a single exchange of blows between three Celestial Dukes would reduce the front yard to such a state. They found the destructive power astonishing and terrifying!

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, Huan’er, and the other three hovered in the sky and looked down.

Unlike Long Fei Yun and Duan Ling Tian who seemed calm, Qin Yu and Qiu Ling wore an extremely grave expression on their faces.

Meanwhile, Huan’er hugged Duan Ling Tian’s arm with a calm expression as well as she surveyed the wreckage.

‘Three Talent Celestial Duke?’ Duan Ling Tian’s gaze fell on a tall figure standing amidst the ruins. The figure belonged to the elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, Teng Qing. The small spot where he was standing was completely unaffected. It was as though the terrifying force from earlier could not even touch a single strand of his hair.

A few hundred meters across from Teng Qing, two figures whose robes were in tatters looked extremely miserable. These two figures were none other than Huang Chao, the elder of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, and Xue Lang, the Guardian of the Thousand Spiders Sect.

As though it was premeditated, Huang Chao and Xue Lang trembled in unison before they spat out a mouthful of blood. Their faces were as pale as a sheet of blank paper. After they took a deep breath, they looked at Teng Qing in shock and horror as they cried out in unison, “Teng Qing, you actually broke through and became a Three Talent Celestial Duke?!” It seemed as though they had rehearsed this line beforehand.

“Three Talent Celestial Duke?”

Upon hearing Huang Chao and Xue Lang's words, everyone's expressions turned grim except for Duan Ling Tian and Huan'er.

Three Talent Celestial Dukes were much stronger than One Basic Celestial Dukes and Two Forms Celestial Dukes. There were less than twenty Three Talent Celestial Dukes in the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland.

"It seems like Elder Teng Qing has recently broken through and became a Three Talent Celestial Duke!"

"No wonder Elder Teng Qing is so confident he'll be able to obtain the beauty for himself. As it turns out, he has already become a Three Talents Celestial Duke! Since Elder Huang Chao and Guardian Xue Lang are both Two Forms Celestial Dukes, they're naturally not a match for him."

"It seems like the beauty will fall into Elder Teng Qing's hands."

As the people from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom discussed among themselves, they looked at Huan'er who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian sympathetically.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Teng Qing glanced at Huang Chao and Xue Lang indifferently as he asked, "Gentlemen... Do you still want to continue?"

Huang Chao and Xue Lang exchanged a glance upon hearing his words. Their expressions darkened, but they remained silent. They were well aware that they were not a match for Teng Qing even if they joined forces since Teng Qing was now a Three Talent Celestial Duke. Although they were unwilling, they had no choice but to give up on the beauty.

Seeing the lack of objection from Huang Chao and Xue Lang, Teng Qing laughed heartily. Then, he flew toward Huan'er like a goshawk. Everyone looked at him as he flew at a speed that was neither fast nor slow.

People like Long Dong Ping who suspected Duan Ling Tian had an ordinary background turned to look at Duan Ling Tian immediately. They were curious about how Duan Ling Tian was going to react. They wondered if Duan Ling Tian would be able to protect the woman by his side. In their opinion, the only thing Duan Ling Tian could do at this point to stop Teng Qing was to reveal his extraordinary background. After all, regardless of how talented Duan Ling Tian was, he was no match for a Three Talent Celestial Duke yet.

When Teng Qing was about to reach Huan'er's side, a purple figure flashed in front of Huan'er, shielding her from Teng Qing's unrestrained gaze.

Upon seeing this, Teng Qing's expression darkened immediately. "Brat, you're seeking death!" His eyes gleamed coldly as Celestial Origin Energy surged out of his body. It was clear he was prepared to kill Duan Ling Tian who stood between him and Huan'er.

Upon facing Teng Qing who was poised to attack, Duan Ling Tian's expression remained impassive as he said, "I'll give you one chance... Get lost within three breaths, and I'll let your behavior slide... Otherwise..."

Before Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Teng Qing sneered and interjected, "Otherwise what?" He looked at Duan Ling Tian contemptuously as he continued to say, "You're just an insignificant ant in one of the Celestial Kingdoms of the Wasteland. How dare you run your mouth before me, telling me to get lost. If I don't kill you today, I'll be doing my reputation a disservice!" As soon as he finished speaking, his Celestial Origin Energy surged toward Duan Ling Tian like a fierce beast that was going to devour Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian said in a faint voice, "They say that birds of a feather flock together... Your behavior has made me disappointed with the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect." Then, he turned to look at Long Fei Yun and said, "Thirteenth Prince, I might not be able to fulfill my promise to you to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. However, rest assured that even if I don't join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, I'll still fulfill my other promise!"

Naturally, Duan Ling Tian's words and the nature of the promise were only understood by Long Fei Yun and Qiu Ling. Long Fei Yun knew that Duan Ling Tian would still help him ascend the throne and become the next Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom even if he did not join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect!

Before Long Fei Yun could reply, a loud laughter rang in the air.

Teng Qing laughed as though he had heard a funny joke as his Celestial Origin Energy continued to surge. He regarded Duan Ling Tian as though he was looking at a fool. "Disappointed in the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect? Not joining the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect?"

When Teng Qing finally stopped laughing, he looked at Duan Ling Tian mockingly and said, "Do you think you can join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect just because you want?" Then, he added, "Brat, I've changed my mind. Initially, I was going to grant you an easy death. However, seeing how you insult the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect, I'm going to make you suffer so much that you wish for death before I finally kill you!"

Chapter 2779: Prominent Celestial Fire!

When Duan Ling Tian had stood in front of Huan'er to shield her, most of the onlookers thought he had a death wish.

Naturally, there were some people, including Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, who knew about Duan Ling Tian's remarkable background. These people were eagerly waiting for Duan Ling Tian to reveal his background to intimidate Teng Qing, the elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect! They had no doubt that he had an extraordinary background since even Zhou Shu Qiu, the third miss of the Zhou clan did not provoke him. Otherwise, as the direct disciple of the former Sect Leader of the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect and the junior sister of the current sect leader, she would have never held back.

Nevertheless, the sudden change that followed Teng Qing's hostile words surprised everyone except for Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, Long Fei Yun, and Qiu Ling.

The moment Teng Qing finished speaking, his Celestial Origin Energy surged as he prepared to attack Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, lifted his hand. Under everyone's watchful eyes, a dancing grey flame appeared on his right palm.

Sizzle! Sizzle! Sizzle!

The sizzling sound of the grey flame resounded in the air. Its aura was terrifying, sending chills running up everyone's spines.

The onlookers were in an uproar when they saw the grey flame hovering above Duan Ling Tian's palm. They discussed among themselves as their eyes were trained on the grey flame. Shock and disbelief could be seen on their faces.

"I-is... Is that a Celestial Fire?!"

"There's no doubt it's a Celestial Fire. Moreover, it's not an ordinary Celestial Fire."

"I've seen a primitive Celestial Fire before so I'm sure this isn't a primitive Celestial Fire... Its aura is much stronger than a primitive Celestial Fire!"

"I was fortunate enough to see a mediocre Celestial Fire once. Even the mediocre Celestial Fire's aura is weaker than this Celestial Fire!"

"If that's the case, does it mean it's a prominent Celestial Fire?"

"A prominent Celestial Fire?!"

A prominent Celestial Fire?! If the purple-clad young man before them truly possessed a prominent Celestial Fire, did it mean he was a prominent Celestial Alchemist or a prominent Celestial Weapons Craftsman?

"Wait... Do you remember when the thirteenth prince exchanged a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon for a prominent Celestial Cauldron after he won the selection in Xu Rong Palace?"

"Of course! Back then, everyone thought he had gone mad!"

"What now? Do you still think he is crazy?"

"Could... Could it be that the thirteenth prince wanted the prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron because of the purple-clad young man?"

"There's no other explanation that makes sense apart from that."

"I didn't expect the thirteenth prince to have a prominent Celestial Alchemist by his side!"

Many of those from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom remembered the incident in Xu Rong Palace when Long Fei Yun had requested for a prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron in exchange for the Duke Grade Celestial Weapon he won. At that time, everyone thought he had gone mad. After all, the value of a prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron could not compare to a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon. However, now

that they had seen the prominent Celestial Fire that was summoned by the purple-clad young man, they no longer thought Long Fei Yun had made a mistake. Instead, they thought he had made a wise choice back then. After all, befriending a prominent Celestial Alchemist was much more valuable than a Duke Grade Celestial Weapon.

“As the saying goes, ‘I’m the only enlightened one while others are in a haze’...That must be how the thirteenth prince felt back then in Xu Rong Palace.”

“To think I thought he had gone mad back then... In hindsight, we’re a joke!”

“This is why the thirteenth prince is the most remarkable prince among all the princes in the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom. He’s wise and farsighted. Even the fourth and seventh prince are not a match for him.”

Unlike that time in Xu Rong Palace, everyone was praising Long Fei Yun now.

Meanwhile, the Fourth and Seventh Princes of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom’s expressions turned unsightly when they heard the discussions in their surroundings. Jealousy brimmed in both their eyes as they looked at Long Fei Yun. They were acutely aware that they did not stand a chance of becoming the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom if Duan Ling Tian decided to help their thirteenth brother. Although they were displeased and dissatisfied, they knew there was nothing they could do unless they managed to recruit a prominent Celestial Alchemist as well. It was almost impossible for them to do so.

“Prominent Celestial Fire?!” Qin Yu who was hovering near Duan Ling Tian stared at the grey flame in shock. He was dumbfounded. He found it difficult to believe that Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist

On the other hand, Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, looked at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief. ‘He... He’s a prominent Celestial Alchemist?!’ He truly did not expect this. He had expected Duan Ling Tian to reveal his background to scare Teng Qing off. Contrary to his expectations, Duan Ling Tian had summoned his prominent Celestial Fire instead and revealed his identity as a prominent Celestial Alchemist.

Long Dong Ping continued thinking to himself, ‘Even if he doesn’t reveal his background. Based on the fact that he’s a prominent Celestial Alchemist, it’s more than enough for him to stop Teng Qing.’ Then, he turned to look at Long Fei Yun who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian. ‘Fei Yun is lucky to meet Duan Ling Tian... If Fei Yun had told me the prominent Celestial Pill Cauldron was for Duan Ling Tian, I wouldn’t have refused him!’ He could not help but sigh. He knew he had missed the chance to befriend a prominent Celestial Alchemist.

“A prominent Celestial Fire!”

“Is he a prominent Celestial Alchemist?!”

Huang Chao and Due Lang who thought Huan’er would definitely be taken away by Teng Qing were similarly stunned when they saw the grey flame Duan Ling Tian had conjured up. As Celestial Dukes, they were certain Duan Ling Tian’s grey flame was a prominent Celestial Fire even if they were not sure if it

was used to refine pills or forge weapons. However, based on the discussions in the surroundings, they learned that Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist. When they regained their composure, their eyes were filled with wariness when they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

‘A prominent Celestial Fire?’ Teng Qing was prepared to kill Duan Ling Tian. However, his expression changed drastically when he saw the grey flame in Duan Ling Tian’s hand. He quickly withdrew his Celestial Origin Energy, afraid Duan Ling Tian would sense his killing intent. After all, if Duan Ling Tian decided to explode the prominent Celestial Fire, he would surely die unless he could escape to about 1,000 meters away. Even then, he would be severely injured. Prominent Celestial Fires were capable of killing even the most powerful Celestial Dukes. In close range, they had no chance of survival at all! Moreover, he was only a Three Medium Celestial Duke. After he took a deep breath to calm down, he looked at Duan Ling Tian warily. “Please excuse my behavior. I didn’t expect you to be a prominent Celestial Alchemist!”

Upon hearing this, Duan Ling Tian asked indifferently, “Elder Teng Qing, didn’t you intend to snatch Huan’er away? If you’re confident, you can try...”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, an expression of fear and anxiety could be seen on the faces of everyone present including Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, and Huang Chao and Xue Lang, the two Celestial Dukes. If Teng Qin insisted on kidnapping Huan’er, Duan Ling Tian would certainly explode his prominent Celestial Fire. At that time, not only would Teng Qing die, but they would die or be severely injured as well!

Colors drained from Teng Qing’s face when he heard Duan Ling Tian’s words. He was caught between a rock and a hard place. At this point, how could he attack? Although he was confident about the swiftness of his speed, his opponent could explode the prominent Celestial Fire with just a thought. He did not dare to take the risk at all! Regardless of how beautiful Huan’er was, it was foolish to risk his life for a woman. He was at a loss over how to respond to Duan Ling Tian.

“Master Duan!” At this moment, a loud voice rang in the air. Despite the volume, it sounded polite. It seemed to ring from all directions.

Everyone present on the scene clearly heard the voice and began to look around for the source of the voice.

“This voice...” Huang Chao, the elder of Tai Yi Sect, was stunned when he heard the voice. His eyes widened when he realized to whom the voice belonged. ‘Isn’t it Guardian Tie?’

Chapter 2780: Chief Celestial Alchemist?

Under everyone’s watchful eyes, a tall and sturdy figure appeared. His speed seemed slow, but he had appeared in front of everyone in just a blink of an eye. His movements seemed to contain the profundity of heaven and earth. He had a square face that was filled with stubbles, and an eye-catching red mole could be seen between his brows.

Before the others regained their senses, Huang Chao stepped forward and respectfully greeted the middle-aged man, “Huang Chao greets Lord Left Guardian!” A hint of confusion could be seen in his eyes

at this moment. As far as he knew, Tie Tai He, the Left Guardian of the Tai Yi Celestial Sect usually stayed away from women. Why was he here then? All of sudden, his eyes widened as he recalled something. 'Wait... Guardian Tie greeted the purple-clad young man earlier... Moreover, his tone was rather polite. Is it possible that the purple-clad young man, a prominent Celestial Alchemist, is acquainted with Guardian Tie?' As he thought to himself, his eyes darted between Duan Ling Tian and Tie Tai He.

It only made sense that the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect would be courteous to a prominent Celestial Alchemist. Moreover, as far as Huang Chao knew, the only prominent Celestial Alchemist here was the purple-clad young man. Therefore, the Master Duan whom the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect had mentioned was probably the purple-clad young man!

Regret welled up in Huang Chao's heart. 'If I knew Guardian Tie was acquainted with this young man, I wouldn't have come no matter how much I want this woman. No, in fact, if I knew this young man is a prominent Celestial Alchemist, I wouldn't have come at all. I have to calm down... Perhaps, Guardian Tie won't punish me. After all, it's not 100% certain that he's acquainted with the young man.'

As an elder in Tai Yi Celestial Sect, Huang Chao, naturally, knew about Tie Tai He's explosive temper. At this point, he could only fervently pray that the purple-clad young man was not acquainted with Tie Tai He. Otherwise, things definitely would not end well for him!

"Greetings, Guardian Tie!"

"Greetings, Guardian Tie!"

Following that, the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect's elder, Teng Qing, and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect's elder, Xue Lang, regained their senses and respectfully greeted Tie Tai He.

At the same time, the onlookers regained their senses as well. Their attention was focused on Tie Tai He. They began to discuss the identity of the newcomer.

"Tai Yi Celestial Sect's Elder Huang Chao addressed him as Guardian Tie?"

"Even the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect's Elder Teng Qing and the Thousand Spiders Celestial Sect's Elder Xue Lang addressed him as Guardian Tie... He... he must be Tie Tai He, the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect, right?!"

"The Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect? Isn't he the one who recently became a Seven Stars Celestial Duke?!"

"A Seven Stars Celestial Duke!"

As the onlookers continued their discussion, they recalled the rumor about the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect's recent breakthrough and becoming a Seven Stars Celestial Duke stage that was spreading like wildfire. An uproar broke out immediately.

Seven Stars Celestial Duke! Even the Sect Leaders of the Three Major Celestial Sects of the Wasteland were also Seven Stars Celestial Dukes. Seven Stars Celestial Dukes were the strongest beings in the Wasteland!

Meanwhile, Tie Tai He ignored Huang Chao, Teng Qing, and Xue Lang as he looked at Duan Ling Tian who was standing nearby.

“Master Duan... It seems that you’ve met with some problems?” Tie Tai He asked with a faint smile. His tone is still extremely polite as always.

“Guardian Tie.” Duan Ling Tian lifted his hand and withdrew the grey flame in his hand. He said in a casual manner, “You should know very well if I’ve met with trouble or not... If I’m not mistaken, you’ve been here since a while ago, right?” He looked at Tie Tai He with gleaming eyes as he spoke.

Tie Tai He who had been seen through by Duan Ling Tian only smiled sheepishly.

When Duan Ling Tian withdrew the grey flame, a hint of killing intent flashed in the eyes of Teng Qing, an elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. However, based on Duan Ling Tian’s interaction with Tie Tai He, he suppressed his killing intent. He could tell the relationship between Duan Ling Tian and Tie Tai He was not simple. Although Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist, Tie Tai He seemed to treat Duan Ling Tian more politely than he did other prominent Celestial Alchemists. He had seen Tie Tai He interacted with other prominent Celestial Alchemists previously. At that time, Tie Tai He was still a Six Combination Celestial Duke. He was, naturally, unaware that Tie Tai He treated Duan Ling Tian differently from other prominent Celestial Alchemists not because they had a particularly good relationship. It was because Duan Ling Tian was a prominent Celestial Alchemist who could refine Overarching Heaven Pills. This put Duan Ling Tian above ordinary prominent Celestial Alchemists.

“What’s happening?”

“What?”

“The Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect seems to have a good relationship with Duan Ling Tian...”

“Even a prominent Celestial Alchemist wouldn’t be treated in such a manner by a Seven Stars Celestial Duke, right? There must be more to it.”

The people from the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom were confused and in disbelief. They did not expect the purple-clad young man by the thirteenth prince’s side to be acquainted with the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

‘Didn’t he say that he intends to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect? If he’s close to the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Left Guardian, isn’t it better for him to join Tai Yi Celestial Sect?’ Long Dong Ping, the Emperor of the Soaring Dragon Celestial Kingdom, was confused as well when he recalled what Duan Ling Tian had said previously.

“Brother Duan...”

“Duan Ling Tian...”

Long Fei Yun and Qin Yu were baffled as well. How did Duan Ling Tian meet Tie Tai He, the Left Guardian of Tai Yi Celestial Sect who was a Seven Stars Celestial Duke?

“Guardian Tie, I don’t like to beat around the bush...” Duan Ling Tian, who was the object of everyone’s attention, looked at Tie Tai He and said indifferently, “You should know that I plan to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect.” Then, he glanced at Teng Qing, the elder of the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect.

Colors drained from Teng Qing’s face immediately. If Duan Ling Tian was telling the truth, and the matter today was found out by the Sect Leader and high-ranking officials of the Martial Dragon Celestial, he would definitely get into trouble. After all, he might have caused the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect to lose a prominent Celestial Alchemist over a woman!

“Of course.” Tie Tai He nodded in response to Duan Ling Tian’s question.

Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow and asked, “Guardian Tie, do you want me to join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Tie Tai He’s eyes brightened immediately. He was visibly excited as he asked, “Master Duan... You... You’re willing to join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect?”

As Duan Ling Tian had guessed, Tie Tai He had arrived and stayed hidden a while ago. He had heard Duan Ling Tian expressing his disappointment with the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect and Teng Qing. He had also heard Duan Ling Tian telling Long Fei Yun that he was not going to join the Martial Dragon Celestial Sect. After hearing all those things, his mind went into overdrive. Based on Duan Ling Tian’s words, it seemed like he was considering joining the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. How could he not feel delighted? He said excitedly, “Master Duan, we will not mistreat you if you join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect... At that time, we will appoint you as the Tai Yi Celestial Sect’s Chief Celestial Alchemist and do all we can to satisfy all your needs!” Based on his words, it could be seen that he was eager for Duan Ling Tian to join the Tai Yi Celestial Sect no matter the cost.

The entire place fell silent as soon as Tie Tai He finished speaking

Chief Celestial Alchemist?

It should be noted that Tai Yi Celestial Sect had several prominent Celestial Alchemists, but their statuses in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect were equal since none of them were more skilled than the other. Therefore, there was no Chief Celestial Alchemist in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect.

However, Tie Tai He just promised to make Duan Ling Tian the Chief Celestial Alchemist if he joined the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. This meant that the Tai Yi Celestial Sect, or Tie Tai He at least, acknowledged that Duan Ling Tian’s refining skills were superior to the existing prominent Celestial Alchemists in the Tai Yi Celestial Sect. It was a huge honor since they might risk angering the other prominent Celestial Alchemists, causing them to leave. Based on this, one could tell how superior Duan Ling Tian was compared to other prominent Celestial Alchemists!