

Chapter 3331: Lei Jun Begs For His Life

The battle between Pei Yuan Ji, the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor, and You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, had shocked the entire Heavenly Pool Palace. The battle took place outside of the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate, and only seven titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace had witnessed the battle. Lei Jun's mother, Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor, was one of the titled Celestial Emperors who had witnessed the battle. Therefore, Lei Jun was aware of how formidable Pei Yuan Ji was after his mother recounted the battle to him.

'The Nirvanic Celestial Emperor? Why is he here? Why is he with Duan Ling Tian?' Questions raced through Lei Jun's mind, but it did not occur to him that Duan Ling Tian was the one who released Pei Yuan Ji. After all, he did not think Duan Ling Tian was capable of such a feat. When Pei Yuan Ji was imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison, the Formation was reinforced so he could not break free. Even elders would not be able to break the Formation, let alone Duan Ling Tian who was just a prodigious disciple. Moreover, the Formation on the third floor, even before it was reinforced, was much stronger. Only the three Head Wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison knew how to deactivate the Formation.

'That's right! Xu Ya Si is Duan Ling Tian's Eldest Senior Sister! Is it possible that Xu Ya Si taught Duan Ling Tian the way to deactivate the Formation?'

Before Lei Jun could continue to speculate, he and the elder next to him were further shocked when they saw a few titled Celestial Emperors descending from the second floor before moving to stand behind Duan Ling Tian and Pei Yuan Ji.

"Heavens! They broke free of their cells?" The elder even recognized the rarely seen Pei Yuan Ji, how could he not recognize the other five titled Celestial Emperors as well?

Lei Jun's expression changed drastically when he heard the elder's words. All the titled Celestial Emperor imprisoned on the third floor had escaped? Following that, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and grimly said, "Duan Ling Tian, how dare you and Xu Ya Si release these prisoners? Do you know you'll be sentenced to death for this? The Heavenly Pool Palace won't let you get away with this!"

'Eldest Senior Sister?' Duan Ling Tian was briefly stunned when Lei Jun mentioned his Eldest Senior Sister. It did not take long for him to figure out that Lei Jun most likely assumed he released the titled Celestial Emperors with help from his Eldest Senior Sister. Following that, he scoffed before he said, "Lei Jun, are you stupid? If Eldest Senior Sister wants to release them, why would she need help? It'd be more efficient for her to release them herself."

Lei Jun retorted, "If it wasn't Xu Ya Si, how did you manage to deactivate the Formation?"

"Deactivate the Formation?" Duan Ling Tian laughed, "Who said I deactivated the Formation? Brother Pei and the other titled Celestial Emperors broke the Formation!"

"Impossible!" the elder cried out upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. He shook his head and said, "The Formation is special. If they could have broken it, they would've broken it a long time ago. Why would they wait until now?"

Duan Ling Tian replied indifferently, "I taught them the way to break the Formation."

"You?" The elder narrowed his eyes and his expression darkened as he said threateningly, "Duan Ling Tian, even if you manage to escape now, do you know you'll be hunted down by the Heavenly Pool Palace for what you've done? The Heavenly Pool Palace has the support of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. Moreover, the Heavenly Emperor was the one who personally captured Pei Yuan Ji and imprisoned him here. He'll be furious when he finds out that you set him free! He'll definitely kill you for this!"

After the elder finished speaking, Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, scoffed. In just an instant, a freezing energy swept through the entire first floor.

All of a sudden, an ice crystal shot out from where the elder stood and impaled him before freezing him solid.

"Shatter!" Xuan Bing's voice rang in the air.

With that word, the frozen elder shattered into pieces. If one looked closely, specks of blood could be seen on the ground.

Lei Jun's expression changed dramatically as he watched the elder die in just a blink of an eye. His voice trembled as he said, "M-my... My m-mother is Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor! You... Y-you can't k-kill me..."

Faced with death, the usually arrogant Lei Jun was as timid as a mouse.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Lei Jun and sneered. "Lei Jun. Do you know why I released them?"

Lei Jun glanced at Pei Yuan Ji and the other titled Celestial Emperors fearfully before he shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian. A hint of confusion could be seen in his eyes.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Lian Qiu descended from the second floor with a white Phantom Fox in his arm.

"It's them?" A bewildered expression appeared on Lei Jun's face immediately.

"There's another thing I want to tell you... Huan'er and I only joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to save her parents..." Duan Ling Tian said.

"How dare you! You joined the Heavenly Pool Palace with ulterior motives!" Lei Jun's expression soured immediately. He did not expect his junior sister and the purple-clad young man in front of him had only joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to rescue the prisoners here.

A hint of disbelief could be seen in his eyes when he had a closer look at Lian Qiu and the white Phantom Fox in his arms. "A Phantom Fox? He's Lian Qiu? The proud prodigy of the Heavenly Sword Mountain who annulled the marriage alliance with the daughter of our Palace Master? Junior Sister Huan'er is their daughter?"

"Elder Brother Pei, seniors..." Duan Ling Tian called out to Pei Yuan Ji and the others before he continued to say, "Lei Jun and I have unresolved enmity between us. Is it okay if we leave after I settle the grudge between us?"

“Sure. Take your time.” Pei Yuan Ji smiled faintly. “After all, no one knows what’s happening in here now due to the Formations. We can leave when you’re done.”

The prison had incredibly high security due to the Formations that noise and all forms of communication were completely cut off. Therefore, those outside of the prison would not know what was going on inside unless they entered the prison.

“Boy, I haven’t seen you fight before. I can finally watch your performance now,” Ma Chi, the Gale Thunder Celestial Emperor, said with a smile on his face.

Hints of curiosity could be seen in the eyes of the other titled Celestial Emperors and Lian Qiu as they looked at Duan Ling Tian. They were all curious about Duan Ling Tian’s strength.

On the other hand, Lei Jun’s expression turned fearful upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words. “Duan Ling Tian, is there a misunderstanding? How is there any enmity between us?”

Lei Jun was aware that he was no match for Duan Ling Tian, not to mention Duan Ling Tian now had a group of titled Celestial Emperors supporting him. Even Han Yun Jin who had been stronger than him had died in Duan Ling Tian’s hands a year ago during a life-or-death battle. How could he hope to defeat Duan Ling Tian?

“You dare say there’s no enmity between us? How shameless!” Duan Ling Tian laughed mockingly. His gaze turned frosty as he said, “Didn’t you and Han Yun Jin hire Dugu Wen and Dugu Wu to assassinate me?”

Lei Jun feigned a baffled expression on his face, but his eyes darted around nervously. “Duan Ling Tian, what are you talking about? Dugu Wen? Dugu Wu? I don’t understand...”

Duan Ling Tian’s gaze turned frostier as he said, “After I left the Heavenly Pool Palace a few months ago, Dugu Wu had been waiting outside ever since. Are you really going to deny telling him that I had left the Heavenly Pool Palace as well?”

“It... It wasn’t me!” Lei Jun shook his head vehemently, continuing to feign innocence. “Duan Ling Tian, we have no enmity between us. Why would I harm you? There’s no reason for me to go to such trouble to harm you.”

“There’s no enmity between us? You’re really shameless. Do you think I’m unaware of your thoughts about Huan’er?” Duan Ling Tian said before he laughed disdainfully, “Furthermore, we discovered your Soul Pearl in Dugu Wen’s Spatial Ring. Huan’er had verified it herself.”

Celestial Origin Energy surged out of Duan Ling Tian’s body as soon as he finished speaking.

Lei Jun’s face turned ashen, and he fell to his knees immediately. “Duan Ling Tian, I was wrong! I shouldn’t have coveted Junior Sister Huan’er. Please don’t kill me. You... You can use me as a hostage so my mother won’t intervene when you escape! Please! I beg you!”

Upon hearing Lei Jun’s words, Duan Ling Tian could not help but laugh again. “Your mother? It doesn’t matter if your mother intervenes or not. The outcome will remain the same. There’s no need for me to

hold you hostage. I wanted to kill you with my own hands, but I didn't expect you to be such a coward..."

At the end of his words, Duan Ling Tian released the two Ning Dragons in his Little World.

The Ning Dragons roared before shooting a terrifying energy out of their mouths toward Lei Jun.

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"No!" Lei Jun was helpless when faced with the joint attack from the two Ning Dragons, especially since he was caught unprepared. The attack washed over him, killing him immediately. There were no remains at all. In this regard, the elder was slightly better off than him since there were some blood and bits of pieces left behind.

"That... Are those Ning Dragons?"

"Ling Tian, who knew you'd have such a trick up your sleeve! The joint attack of the two Ning Dragons was as powerful as that of an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor."

The Gale Thunder Celestial Emperor, Ma Chi, and the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, Xue Jin Hua, were surprised when they saw Duan Ling Tian releasing the Ning Dragons that killed Lei Jun with just a strike. What was most shocking was Duan Ling Tian being able to control savage Celestial Beasts such as the Ning Dragons. Moreover, the Ning Dragons were known to be stubborn, and it was almost impossible to make them submit.

"If you didn't do stupid things, you wouldn't have this outcome," Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself after killing Lei Jun. He did not have enmity with Lei Jun until Lei Jun repeatedly tried to kill him. How could he let Lei Jun go? He had to kill Lei Jun today. After leaving today, he did not know if he would have a chance of coming back to even the score with Lei Jun. It was a pleasant coincidence that Lei Jun had also volunteered to guard the Thousand Chains Prison, presenting him with an excellent opportunity to kill Lei Jun. If he did not seize the opportunity, who knew if such an opportunity would come by again?

"Seniors, let's leave. We can talk after leaving this place," Duan Ling Tian said after he moved the Ning Dragons back into his Little World, "Now that two people have died, I'm sure the others will be alerted. Even if they can't send any messages from here, the shattering of their Soul Pearls will definitely raise the alarm."

"The man I just killed is the son of Lei Ying, the Heavenly Pool Palace's Merciless Celestial Emperor. Once Lei Ying finds out her son is dead, she'll definitely come to investigate immediately. It won't take her long to arrive at the Thousand Chains Prison at that time," Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "When she realized we broke free of the prison, she'll definitely inform the others titled Celestial Emperor. It's best if we leave this place before she arrives. With that, we have more time before the Palace Master and the others come after us."

The titled Celestial Emperors agreed with Duan Ling Tian. They did not wish to face the Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors if it were possible.

"Although I've arranged for someone to deal with the Palace Master, the best that person can do is stall for time. Moreover, once the Palace Master discovers all of you, especially Brother Pei, have escaped,

he'll definitely inform the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. If the Heavenly Emperor arrives before we escape, I'm afraid all of us will be killed or imprisoned."

Since Duan Ling Tian knew even the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven could not kill these titled Celestial Emperors, the worst that could happen was for them to be imprisoned again. However, that did not apply to him. He would definitely be killed instead of being imprisoned.

"Let's go!" Pei Yuan Ji said, leading the other prisoners out. He quickly broke the Formation at the entrance of the prison using the technique Duan Ling Tian taught him.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian planned to release the prisoners on the first floor as well. However, he changed his mind at the last minute since he was afraid it would draw more attention once they left the prison.

After leaving the prison, they continued to move without stopping. At this moment, they had arrived at the Life or Death Pavilion where the Life or Death Platform was located. Currently, there were a few people comprehending the law of death on the Life or Death Platform.

Duan Ling Tian and the others were just about to leave using the corridor that led to the Purgatory Pavilion when a few people flew out of the Life or Death Pavilion toward them.

"Hold up!"

"Who are you?!"

The two men, one old and one middle-aged, were elders from the Life or Death Pavilion.

At this point, there were more than 100 prisoners in Duan Ling Tian's group. It was not surprising that they caught the elders' attention.

Xuan Bing, the aloof Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, stepped forward and said, "Go back to where you came from if you don't want to die!"

"The Profound Ice Celestial Emperor?"

The elders from the Life or Death Pavilion had guarded the prison before. It was only natural that they recognized Xuan Bing immediately.

At this moment, Ke Bai Lu, the White Deer Celestial Emperor, an old man with disheveled hair, stepped forward as well and said with a grin, "If you're still here after ten breaths, don't blame me for not showing mercy!"

"The White Deer Celestial Emperor!"

The elders were further shocked when they saw the White Deer Celestial Emperor. For a moment, they wondered if they were dreaming? How could two of the titled Celestial Emperors imprisoned on the third floor of the prison escape?

"Let's go. Don't waste time here," Pei Yuan Ji said indifferently.

It did not take long for the elders of the Life or Death Pavilion to figure out Pei Yuan Ji's identity. Pei Yuan Ji was standing at the lead and dared to speak to the other titled Celestial Emperors in such a

manner; even if they had not seen Pei Yuan Ji before, it was not difficult to guess that the young man dressed in a long white robe was the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor.

The faces of the elders of the Life or Death Pavilion turned ashen immediately. They exchanged a look before they fled for their lives.

Meanwhile, the other elders of the Life or Death Pavilion and the prodigious disciples comprehending the law of death on the Life or Death Platform had also noticed what was happening.

“Hell has arrived in the Thousand Chains Prison!”

“The Nirvanic Celestial Emperor, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, and the White Deer Celestial Emperor have escaped... It’s likely the other three titled Celestial Emperors are with them as well!”

“When has the Heavenly Pool Palace’s Thousand Chains Prison encountered such a situation?”

“How did they break free?”

“Do you think they can make it past the Deadly Square?”

“The Formation in their cells aren’t that different from the Formation in the Deadly Square. If they can break the Formations in their cells, they should be able to break the Formation in Deadly Square.”

Despite the uproar in the Life or Death Pavilion, no one dared to make a move. After all, there were six titled Celestial Emperors among the group of prisoners. If they made the wrong move, they would surely die!

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On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian and the others arrived at the Purgatory Pavilion after leaving the Life or Death Pavilion.

There were people coming in and out of the Purgatory Pavilion at this moment. In fact, there were more people here compared to the Life or Death Pavilion.

Since there were more than 100 people in Duan Ling Tian’s group, it was inevitable that they caught people’s attention.

Duan Ling Tian and the others paid no attention to those who were staring at them in bewilderment and continued to make their way out. They made their way to the corridor that would lead them to the Deadly Square. Once they make it past the Deadly Square, they could be considered to have successfully escaped from the Thousand Chains Prison. After that, they would be free to go wherever they wanted.

‘Initially, I was worried the titled Celestial Emperors won’t fight the Heavenly Pool Palace’s titled Celestial Emperors wholeheartedly. At that time, it’d be difficult for me, Senior Lian Qiu, and Senior Du Xuan to escape unnoticed. However, it seems like I don’t have to worry about that any longer. Even if the other titled Celestial Emperors have no regard for our lives, Brother Pei will definitely help us. With Brother Pei’s presence, we should be safe unless we encounter someone who’s stronger than him...’

Duan Ling Tian finally felt more at ease after thinking about this.

Just as Duan Ling Tian had told Lei Jun earlier, he was not worried once they left the Thousand Chains Prison. He had arranged for Meng Chuan to help them and had also lured the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor and the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor away from the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate. Among the seven titled Celestial Emperors left in the Heavenly Pool Palace, You Feng Yu, the strongest among them, would be dealt with by Meng Chuan, the Jade Bow Celestial Emperor from the Heavenly Palace in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. With You Feng Yu distracted, it would be easy for Pei Yuan Ji and the other titled Celestial Emperors to deal with the remaining six Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors. In fact, if Pei Yuan Ji and the other five titled Celestial Emperors worked together, the five Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors would not be a match for them at all and could only helplessly watch them escape.

Just as Duan Ling Tian and the others were about to step onto the corridor that led to the Deadly Square...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The sound of wind howling rang in the air, heralding the arrival of more than a dozen people who were dressed in long black robes. The group was led by a middle-aged man with a cold expression on his face.

The black-clad middle-aged man arrived in front of Duan Ling Tian and the others in just a blink of an eye. He asked frostily, "Who are you?!"

Among the group of prisoners, there were quite a few of them who recognized the black-clad middle-aged man. Their eyes shone with hatred when they looked at him.

"It's him! He's one of the three Head Wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison! Pavilion Master Fang Qi Han of the Purgatory Pavilion!"

Most of the prisoners were tortured in the Purgatory Pavilion. Fang Qi Han, the Pavilion Master, had personally ordered for them to be tortured. Many of the prisoners did not make it out of the Purgatory Pavilion. Therefore, many of them hated him.

'The Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion?' Duan Ling Tian cocked an eyebrow as he looked at the black-clad middle-aged man. He had heard that his Eldest Senior Sister disliked this man.

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"The Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion?" Pei Yuan Ji narrowed his eyes and looked at the black-clad middle-aged man before he said with a hint of ridicule, "What a show of power."

Although Pei Yuan Ji's voice was not loud, his voice was transmitted to everyone's ears.

Fang Qi Han, the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion, turned to look at the source of the voice, and his expression changed drastically when he saw Pei Yuan Ji. 'Isn't this the person whom the Palace Master failed to defeat 200 years ago? In the end, the Palace Master even sought help from the Heavenly Emperor to capture him! Most importantly, even the Heavenly Emperor could only capture him; he could not kill him at all!'

Fang Qi Han had recognized Pei Yuan Ji with just a look because back then he had been the one who escorted the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven when the Heavenly Emperor brought Pei Yuan Ji to the third floor of the Thousand Chains Prison.

Pei Yuan Ji scoffed softly before the air around Fang Qi Han began to ripple.

At the same time, mustard energy rolled out from Pei Yuan Ji's body toward Fang Qi Han and his men before they could even react.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

"This is bad!"

"How powerful!"

"Run!"

The expressions of Fang Qi Han and his men changed drastically as they defended against the raging energy that had been boosted with the law of earth.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The elders from the Purgatory Pavilion cast all the techniques they had in their arsenal in a flurry. There were all kinds of laws and techniques that could be seen. There was even the law of death, one of the Four Supreme Laws. Despite the storm-like attacks, they were useless against Pei Yuan Ji's formidable mustard energy.

On the contrary, while the elders of the Purgatory Pavilion defended themselves, Fang Qi Han, the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion, cried out hastily, "Lord Pei, please show mercy! I'll leave with my men immediately! Please, Lord Pei!"

At this moment, Fang Qi Han, the Pavilion Master of the Purgatory Pavilion and one of the three Head Wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison, was reduced to begging like a dog.

Alas, the terrifying energy showed no sign of weakening. In fact, it grew even stronger.

"No!"

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Fang Qi Han and his men cried out in despair when the energy finally crashed on them.

The earth quaked and the air rippled as the energy landed on the members of the Purgatory Pavilion.

Everyone still had yet to regain their senses when the energy vanished into thin air as though it was never there at all, to begin with. If it were not for the cloud of blood mist that hung in the air and the Spatial Rings that were falling to the ground, they would have thought they had imagined the one-sided killing earlier.

'He has such terrifying and precise control over his strength.' Duan Ling Tian was similarly shocked. His respect and admiration grew even more after witnessing this. Previously, he knew Pei Yuan Ji was

strong, but he did not know the extent of Pei Yuan Ji's strength after all. Pei Yuan Ji had easily killed Fang Qi Han who was close to being a titled Celestial Emperor and all his subordinates!

Even Lian Qiu who was cradling the white Phantom Fox in his arms could not help but gulp. He looked at Pei Yuan Ji with eyes shining with admiration after he regained his senses. He had fought with Fang Qi Han previously so he was aware of Fang Qi Han's strength. However, an opponent whom he found rather formidable was like a defenseless baby in front of Pei Yuan Ji! How could he not admire Pei Yuan Ji?

"Let's go," Pei Yuan Ji said indifferently as everyone looked at him in awe.

Everyone followed Pei Yuan Ji unquestioningly as he led them to the corridor.

At this moment, some of those who were being tortured by Fang Qi Han and his men in the Purgatory Pavilion managed to free themselves of their restraints. They followed Pei Yuan Ji and the others without any hesitation.

"Let's follow Senior Pei!"

Meanwhile, the other elders from the Purgatory Pavilion could only watch as the prisoners escaped. After witnessing what happened to their peers and their Pavilion Master, how could they have the courage to stop these prisoners from leaving? If the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor was displeased, they would surely die! All of them were relieved they did not follow the Pavilion Master to stop the prisoners from leaving earlier. Otherwise, they would have died as well.

When traveling through the corridor, Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Lian Qiu. "Senior Lian Qiu, after we get out of the Thousands Chains Prison, we'll leave with Brother Pei..."

"Alright," Lian Qiu responded. There was a hint of appreciation and acknowledgment when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. After a moment, he asked through Voice Transmission, "Is my daughter... Is she alright?"

"Yes. She's good." Duan Ling Tian smiled when Lian Qiu mentioned Huan'er. A hint of tenderness could be seen in his eyes as he said, "She wanted to come along, but I made her stay in the mundane realm I came from since it's so dangerous here. If we manage to escape, I'll bring you and Senior Du Xuan to the mundane realm to look for her."

"Alright." Lian Qiu nodded as his eyes flashed in anticipation. Then, he turned to look at the white Phantom Fox that was still unconscious in his arms and murmured, "Xuan'er, we'll reunite with our daughter soon. Not only will you see our daughter again, but you'll be able to meet our son-in-law as well... He's a remarkable young man. I'm pleased with our daughter's choice, and I'm sure you'll be pleased as well..."

Although Lian Qiu did not spend much time with Duan Ling Tian, he had a favorable impression of Duan Ling Tian. Just the fact that Duan Ling Tian was not willing to endanger his daughter's life and came to save them alone was more than enough for him to acknowledge Duan Ling Tian.

When they were almost at the end of the corridor, Ma Chi, the Gale Thunder Celestial Emperor, said with a grin, "I wonder if we'll encounter anyone ignorant enough to seek death? Xuan Bing, Old Pei, if

someone stops us after this, leave them to me. After being imprisoned for so long, I'm itching for a fight!"

Ke Bai Lu, the White Deer Celestial Emperor, chimed in, "You are not the only one! I'm itching for a fight as well!"

"Alright, alright. Old Pei and Xuan Bing can watch while we take them on!" Ma Chi said happily.

Although they were escaping with ease now, everyone knew this was because they were still in the Thousand Chains Prison. After all, there were no titled Celestial Emperors guarding the Thousand Chains Prison. They knew it would no longer be so easy once they left the Thousand Chains Prison.

When the group of prisoners arrived at the Deadly Square, the elders there, naturally, noticed them immediately. Those with better eyesight zeroed in on Pei Yuan Ji who was leading the group immediately.

"That's Pei Yuan Ji, the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor! How did he escape?!"

Once the elders saw Pei Yuan Ji, they did not dare to stop the group from leaving at all. They knew the outcome of stopping the group of people would only be death. Pei Yuan Ji was so powerful that the Palace Master of the Heavenly Palace could not even defeat him.

"Wait! Isn't that Duan Ling Tian? The Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor's seventh prodigious disciple? He's Head Warden Xu's Little Junior Brother as well! Why is he with Pei Yuan Ji? It doesn't look like he's being held hostage. In fact, they look very well acquainted!"

"Don't tell me Duan Ling Tian came here to rescue Pei Yuan Ji?"

"Is he capable of such a feat?"

"Otherwise, how else would you explain what's happening? If he didn't set Pei Yuan Ji free, how could Pei Yuan Ji be here? Look! The other five titled Celestial Emperors are there as well!"

"Heavens! All the titled Celestial Emperors imprisoned on the third floor have escaped!"

"The Thousand Chains Prison is about to go to hell!"

"Should we report this?"

"Report this? If you dare to make any movement now, I'm afraid you'd be killed before you can even react. If you don't believe me, you can try..."

"Nevermind then..."

There were not many elders at the Deadly Square anyway. When this small group of elders saw Pei Yuan Ji and the other prisoners leaving, they did not even dare to move, let alone stop them.

"Hey, isn't this too easy?" Ma Chi, the Gale Thunder Celestial Emperor, said defeatedly when he saw no one stopped them from leaving. "The people at the Deadly Square are worse than the people from the Purgatory Pavilion!"

Ke Bai Lu, the White Deer Celestial Emperor, said, "You mean those at the Deadly Square are much smarter than those at the Purgatory Pavilion."

"Alright, stop chatting. We have to be on alert from now on. Once we break the Formation in the Deadly Square and leave the Thousand Chains Prison, we'll have to face the Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors," Xue Jin Hua, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, said, "No one is alerted of our escape yet since the people here would need to physically leave this place to alert the others. The only way someone outside knows something is wrong in here is if they noticed the shattered Soul Pearls of those we killed. However, once we break the Formation here, the Formation outside will alert the others of the broken Formation in the Deadly Square. There's no doubt the Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors will make their way here after that. We'll probably meet them after we leave the Thousand Chains Prison."

Chapter 3334: The Nine Titled Celestial Emperors

The Heavenly Pool Palace has nine titled Celestial Emperors. Although Duan Ling Tian managed to lure two of them away, there were still seven left in the Heavenly Pool Palace's estate. On the other hand, there were only six titled Celestial Emperors in Duan Ling Tian's side, excluding Meng Chuan, the Jade Bow Celestial Emperor, who would be in charge of stalling You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace. In addition to that, Duan Ling Tian had two Ning Dragons in his Little World whose joint attack was equivalent to that of an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor. Therefore, the group of prisoners was optimistic about their chances of escaping. All they needed to do was stay on guard.

'Deadly Square!' Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted as he looked around the square. This was his fourth time here. The first time he was here was when he was being shown around the Thousand Chains Prison. The second time was when he left the Thousand Chains Prison during his first visit. The third time was when he entered the Thousand Chains Prison again a few days ago. After breaking the Formation here and leaving this place, they would finally be out of the Thousands Chains Prison.

The Formation in the Deadly Square was their biggest obstacle in the Thousand Chains Prison. Although it was somewhat similar to the Formations on the third floor of the prison, the Formation here had a potent killing Formation that was powerful enough to injure and possibly kill a titled Celestial Emperor. Those who were below the stage of a titled Celestial Emperor would undoubtedly die if they triggered the Formation.

Duan Ling Tian said at this moment, "Brother Pei, you'll need to work with the other five seniors to break the Formation here. I can only rely on all of you for this matter."

Duan Ling Tian had already informed the six titled Celestial Emperors of this matter beforehand and taught them the way to break the Formation as the World Cleansing Divine Water had taught him.

"Alright." Pei Yuan Ji nodded. Then, he wasted no time in getting the other five titled Celestial Emperors into positions. Once everyone was in position, he said, "Now!"

As soon as Pei Yuan Ji's voice fell, a mustard energy rolled off his body. Similarly, mustard energies rolled out of the other titled Celestial Emperor's bodies as well. The only exception was Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, who had emitted an icy energy.

Although Xuan Bing's comprehension of the law of earth was rather good, his comprehension of the law of ice was better. Therefore, he decided to use the law of ice to break the Formation.

As for Pei Yuan Ji and the other four, they could only use the law of earth since that was the only law they comprehended. Although the law of earth specialized in defenses and they needed offensive power at this time, they could only make do with the law of earth since it was the only law they comprehended.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian said to the others, "Everyone, stay where you are. Don't move. Otherwise, you'll die!"

Following that, Duan Ling Tian summoned the two Ning Dragons from his Little World. They hovered in the air and stared at the group of prisoners. There was no harm in being cautious since the slightest movement at this critical moment could get them all killed.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

At some point, Lian Qiu who was standing next to Duan Ling Tian had already sent his wife into his Little World. Numerous energy swords revolved around him as he kept an eye on the group of prisoners behind them as well.

A middle-aged man said with a grin, "Brother, relax. We won't allow anyone to interrupt Lord Pei as well."

"That's right!"

Many people nodded in agreement.

"Anyone who dares to interrupt Lord Pei is an obstacle to our freedom! We'll definitely kill such a person!"

"That's right!"

Needless to say, the prisoners did not dare to move at all.

After roughly 15 minutes had passed, a violent wind stirred in the Deadly Square.

When the violent wind died down, Pei Yuan Ji's indifferent voice that was not loud rang in everyone's ears. "Alright."

It was as silent as a graveyard for a moment before everyone sighed in relief.

As they moved across the square that was now free from the killing Formation, Pei Yuan Ji said coldly, "After leaving the Thousand Chains Prison, everyone should stop following me and go their own way! Whether you successfully escape after leaving the prison or not will depend on your luck!"

The reason Pei Yuan Ji had reminded these prisoners not to follow him was to create a distraction. Although the prison was not located in the Heavenly Pool Palace due to the conditions of some of the Formations, the outside was heavily surveilled. As soon as they break out of the Thousand Chains Prison, You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, and the other titled Celestial Emperors would be alerted.

When Duan Ling Tian and the others finally arrived at the entrance of the Thousand Chains Prison, Ma Chi and Ke Bai Lu dealt with all the elders on duty there. With two titled Celestial Emperors clearing the way, the elders from the Thousand Chains Prison did not even have a chance to react, let alone stop them.

“Leave!” Pei Yuan Ji said.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, rushed out of the Thousand Chains Prison immediately. The few elders that were guarding the outside of the prison were quickly killed by the titled Celestial Emperors before they could even react.

The prisoners were in high spirits after leaving the Thousand Chains Prison. They were shouting, laughing, and cheering as they fled at top speed.

“Go!”

“I’m finally free!”

“Heavenly Pool Palace, I will even the score with you in the future!”

“Let’s go!”

Similarly, Duan Ling Tian and the others did not linger at the entrance of the Thousand Chains Prison as well.

“Hmm?” At this moment, Duan Ling Tian saw a vaguely familiar figure in the distance that was heading in their direction. After a moment, he discovered it was Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor. ‘It seems like Lei Ying has already found out about her son’s death.’

“Brother Pei, Senior Lian Qiu, seniors, this way!” Previously, Duan Ling Tian and the other titled Celestial Emperors had agreed to stick together after leaving the Thousand Chains Prison to avoid getting taken out one by one. The direction he was leading everyone to was the location he had agreed to meet with Meng Chuan, the Solitary Destructive Heaven’s Jade Bow Celestial Emperor.

“Senior Meng Chuan, I’ve left the prison. The six titled Celestial Emperors previously imprisoned there are with me as well. I’ll see you at our meeting point. With all of us present, it shouldn’t be difficult for us to escape from the Heavenly Pool Palace’s titled Celestial Emperors.” Duan Ling Tian sent a message to Meng Chuan while he made his way to the meeting point.

Meng Chuan was already at the meeting point when he received Duan Ling Tian’s message. However, he decided not to wait and meet the others halfway.

The distance between Duan Ling Tian and Meng Chuan was closing when Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor, had arrived and saw the chaos in the Thousand Chains Prison. Due to the chaos, she did not notice Duan Ling Tian. She only saw the six titled Celestial Emperors. She could recognize them since she had seen them before in the past. She did not hesitate and hurriedly sent a message to You Feng You, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, and the other seven titled Celestial Emperors.

“Pavilion Master, many prisoners have escaped from the Thousand Chains Prison. The Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor and the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor are among them. There’s a white-clad young man with them who seems to be Pei Yuan Ji, the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor! The other three titled Celestial Emperors, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor; the White Deer Celestial Emperor; and the Gale Thunder Celestial Emperor, have escaped as well!”

After sending the message, Lei Ying silently tailed Duan Ling Tian and the others. When she came across some of the prisoners who had escaped, she would kill them as well.

These prisoners had chosen to head in the same direction as Duan Ling Tian and the others. For this reason, they were unlucky and ran into Lei Ying as well.

At this moment, Lei Ying finally received a reply from You Feng Yu. “I’ve heard about this from the elders guarding the Thousand Chains Prison.”

Although You Feng Yu’s voice was calm, Lei Ying could hear the underlying rage in his voice.

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Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Soon after, eight figures caught up with Lei Ying. The person in the lead was You Feng Yu, the First Trial Celestial Emperor and the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace. Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor; Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor; the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor; and the Smoke Wave Celestial Emperor. Apart from that, there were two women and a man as well.

One of the women was dressed in long black robes. Her face was beautiful, framed by her jet black hair that draped on her back. Her gaze was piercing, and she had a cold expression on her face. This woman was none other than the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor whose strength was said to be on par with the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor. She was one of the two titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace whose strength in the palace was only second to You Feng Yu. She was also the master of Liu Bai Feng, one of the prodigious disciples in the Heavenly Pool Palace.

The other woman was dressed in a light green dress and held a zither in her arms. Her movements were enchanting and graceful. She was none other than Ji Qiu Ran, the Cloud Zither Celestial Emperor.

Rounding up the group of the nine titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace was a slender and tall young man. Although his facial features were ordinary, his gaze was piercing and fierce like that of a wolf. He was none other than Yang Xiao Tian, the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor.

Chapter 3335: Exposed

“Lei Ying, which direction did they go?” You Feng Yu, the First Trial Celestial Emperor and the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, who was standing at the lead calmly asked. His complexion was like jade, and he was dressed in a long white robe. From his bearing alone, one could see he was someone who was used to being in a high position. Although he sounded calm when he spoke, a hint of viciousness could be seen in his eyes.

“There.” Lei Ying pointed.

You Feng Yu continued to ask. Are you sure all six of them are together?"

"Yes." Lei Ying nodded.

"Let's catch up to them first," You Feng Yu said with a cold expression on his face. A cold wind began to stir around him, and in just a blink of an eye, the wind blew across all nine of the titled Celestial Emperors, boosting their speed a level higher.

You Feng Yu had comprehended the law of wind. Therefore, his speed was superior to many people who comprehended another law to the same level as him.

With You Feng Yu boosting the speed of eight other people, their speed was much faster than the person with the fastest speed previously.

Whoosh!

The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace traveled so fast that it did not take long for them to close the distance between them and Duan Ling Tian's group.

At this moment, Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor, asked, "Lei Ying, is it just the six of them?"

"No, there's eight of them..." Lei Ying replied.

"Eight?" Xu Lang was slightly surprised. "Who else is with them?"

You Feng Yu and the others looked at Lei Ying curiously as well.

"I only saw their backs. However, one of them seemed rather familiar. I just can't put my finger on it..." Lei Ying replied with a slight frown on her face. She only had a clear look of two people: Teng Xiong Ba, the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor, and Xue Jin Hua, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor. She only assumed the others, including Pei Yuan Ji, were the other titled Celestial Emperors based on what little she remembered of them. As for the two other people with the group of titled Celestial Emperors, she was unfamiliar with one of them while the other person who wore a purple robe evoked a sense of familiarity in her. However, she could not figure out where she had seen that purple figure before. In the end, she concluded the purple figure must be one of the prisoners in the Thousand Chains Prison whom she had seen before.

At this moment, the Smoke Wave Celestial Emperor said, "In any case, that person must have a good relationship with one of the titled Celestial Emperors since he's traveling with them. Otherwise, they would not bring him along since he would only slow them down."

The others agreed with the Smoke Wave Celestial Emperor's words.

"It doesn't matter. We'll find out who he is once we catch up to them," You Feng Yu said indifferently. Despite the indifference, his eyes shone with killing intent when he spoke.

Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor, asked curiously, "Palace Master, how many prisoners escaped from the Thousands Chains Prison this time? Is it just the eight of them?"

“Apart from the members of the Heavenly Pool Palace who are imprisoned on the first floor, all the others have escaped,” You Feng Yu replied. This time, a hint of emotions could finally be heard in his voice.

“What?!”

“So many of them?”

Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor; Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Emperor; the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor; the Cloud Zither Celestial Emperor; the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor, and the others were shocked.

You Feng Yu said in a voice that barely contained his fury and killing intent, “Our objective is to capture all six titled Celestial Emperors. As for the other two, just kill them!”

At this moment, Lei Ying asked, “Palace Master, did they kill all the members on duty in the Thousand Chains Prison? Do you know how my son died?”

“Y-your son died?”

Xu Lang and the others were shocked when they learned that Lei Jun, Lei Ying’s son, was dead.

Lei Ying said darkly, “I rushed to look for my son when I discovered his Soul Pearl had shattered. It was then I learned that he was on duty in the Thousand Chains Prison. In fact, I don’t even know why he suddenly decided to volunteer there.”

You Feng Yu said, “I just spoke to the surviving elders from the Thousand Chains Prison to ask about your son’s death, but none of them knows anything except that he was guarding the prison.” After a brief pause, he continued to say, “Usually, six people would guard the prison. These people would be divided into three groups of two. From what I found out, this time a prodigious disciple and an elder were guarding the first floor, two prodigious disciples were guarding the second floor, and similar to the first floor, a prodigious disciple and an elder were guarding the third floor. The five guards are all accounted for. Only the prodigious disciple guarding the third floor is unaccounted for...”

After a long while, You Feng Yu’s expression suddenly turned frosty as he turned to look at Xu Lang and asked, “Xu Lang, do you know who’s the prodigious disciple who’s unaccounted for?”

“Who is it?!” Xu Lang asked, puzzled. He did not know why You Feng Yu would ask him that.

“It seems like you’re truly unaware,” You Feng Yu said as he nodded. He could tell Xu Lang was not feigning ignorance.

“Palace Master, what do you mean?” Xu Lang frowned slightly. He did not understand You Feng Yu’s words at all.

“The prodigious disciple who’s missing is your seventh prodigious disciple, Duan Ling Tian,” You Feng Yu stared at Xu Lang intently as he said, “Tell me, what do you think I mean?”

As soon as You Feng Yu finished speaking, all the other titled Celestial Emperors turned to look at Xu Lang in shock. Those who had conflicts with Xu Lang and Duan Ling Tian such as the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor, the Smoke Wave Celestial Emperor, and the Profound Heavenly Celestial Emperor carried a hint of gloating in their expressions.

“Impossible!” Xu Lang exclaimed in disbelief. When he felt the others’ gazes on him, he shook his head and said, “It’s impossible. There must be a mistake!”

Although You Feng Yu did not say it outright, the implied meaning was clear: the prodigious disciple on duty on the third floor who was missing from the prison was the one who released the prisoners.

Xu Lang did not believe Duan Ling Tian would do such a stupid thing. After all, doing something like that would only put Duan Ling Tian on the opposing side with his fellow disciples, teacher, and the Heavenly Pool Palace. That aside, how could Duan Ling Tian be so stupid as to release Pei Yuan Ji, the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor, as well? Doing so was equivalent to offending the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven who personally captured Pei Yuan Ji. Duan Ling Tian was smart after all; he did not think Duan Ling Tian would do something as stupid as offending the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven.

“There must be a mistake?” You Feng Yu said, “No. Xu Lang, you’re the one who’s mistaken. Your seventh prodigious disciple isn’t simple. The Deadly Square elders saw him leaving with the others. Most importantly, he and Pei Yuan Ji led the group of prisoners out. Even the other five titled Celestial Emperors were following his lead...”

You Feng Yu looked at Xu Lang as he continued to say, “From what I know, he only joined us recently. You don’t know anything about his background. In my opinion, he only joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to rescue Pei Yuan Ji. If he wasn’t for him, how could Pei Yuan Ji and the others break the Formations in the Thousand Chains Prison? If Pei Yuan Ji and the others are capable of breaking the Formations, they would have done so a long time ago. Moreover, they did not break the surveillance Formation. The recording had been brought out by an elder from the Thousand Chains Prison.”

You Feng Yu paused for a moment before his tone turned pointed and cold as he said, “The prisoners escaped five days after your student went to guard the third floor of the prison. The elder who was guarding the first floor of the prison is killed by Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor....”

Then, You Feng Yu shifted his gaze to Lei Ying and said, “As for Lei Jun... Duan Ling Tian’s the one who killed him. Duan Ling Tian summoned two Ning Dragons to kill Lei Jun. There was nothing Lei Jun could do; the combined force of the two Ning Dragons was equivalent to that of an ordinary titled Celestial Emperor...”

“Xu Lang, there’s more than meets the eyes with your seventh prodigious disciple...” You Feng Yu said with a sneer.

You Feng Yu was privy to this information because an elder of the Thousand Chains Prison had just sent him a message detailing everything that happened.

Xu Lang’s expression changed slightly when You Feng Yu mentioned the two Ning Dragons. At this moment, he realized You Feng Yu might be right. His seventh prodigious disciple was probably the one who released Pei Yuan Ji and the others from the Thousand Chains Prison.

Chapter 3336: Surrounded

“You’re right! It’s Duan Ling Tian!” Lei Ying said through gritted teeth at this moment. Her expression darkened as soon as You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, finished speaking. “No wonder I found that purple figure so familiar.”

Following that, Lei Ying turned to Xu Lang and sneered before she said in an increasingly cold voice, “Xu Lang, your student is really amazing. Not only did he release Pei Yuan Ji and the others, but he even killed my son. To think I helped you persuade the Palace Master to go to the Prodigy Arena to stop the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor at that time. In the end, it came back and bit me in the ass*!”

Upon hearing Lei Ying’s words, Xu Lang’s first thought was that Lei Ying only helped him because of Huan’er; it was not out of the goodness of her heart. After all, Huan’er was the prodigious disciple she was most proud of. Naturally, he kept his thoughts to himself. He only smiled bitterly before he said with a sigh, “Lei Ying, I’m really unaware of this. Otherwise, I would’ve stopped him.”

“Doesn’t this mean my eldest disciple died for nothing? He was killed by a spy!” An old man with white hair who looked younger than his age finally spoke up as he looked at Xu Lang with a cold gaze after remaining silent all this time. He was none other than the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor whose strength was only second to You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace. Then, he shifted his gaze that now contained a hint of gloating to Lei Ying as he said, “Lei Ying, to think you saved that person only for him to kill your son.”

Lei Ying’s expression darkened further when she heard the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor’s words that poked at her sore spot. She said icily, “Once we find them, I want to kill Duan Ling Tian with my own hands. No one’s to interfere.”

Although Lei Ying was usually very strict with Lei Jun, she only wanted the best for him. After all, he was her son. To others, her son might not be as outstanding as Huan’er or her eldest disciple, but to her, her son was, naturally, the most important even if she did not show it.

“Don’t worry, Lei Ying... You can kill Duan Ling Tian; we won’t fight you for it. After all, he killed your son,” Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Emperor, said with a smile. Then, he turned to Xu Lang and said mockingly, “However, I don’t know if Xu Lang wants to kill Duan Ling Tian with his own hands as well...”

Xu Lang remained silent, and his expression remained grim. Despite the evidence, he still had a difficult time believing his seventh prodigious disciple had betrayed him and the Heavenly Pool Palace. After a moment, he thought to himself, ‘I’m sure Ya Si has heard about this by now...’

Xu Ya Si, Xu Lang’s daughter, was one of the three Head Wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison. Now that something so serious happened in the Thousand Chains Prison, the elders from the prison definitely would have informed her of it. Moreover, she was not only one of the three Head Wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison, but she was also the Pavilion Master of the Life or Death Pavilion in the Thousand Chains Prison.

With these thoughts in mind, Xu Lang sent a message to Xu Ya Si.

Soon enough, Xu Lang received Xu Ya Si’s reply.

“Yes, I’ve heard about it.”

As Xu Lang expected, Xu Ya Si had heard about what had transpired from the elders of the Thousand Chains Prison.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had already expected Xu Lang to find out about what he had done. However, what he did not expect was for Xu Lang and the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor to be in the Heavenly Pool Palace. After all, he had already planned for the duo to be lured away from the Heavenly Pool Palace’s estate. Who could he have known that the person he had hired to imitate him was killed and did not have a chance to carry out his plan? According to his plan, there were another five to six days before the duo returned to the estate after receiving news about the prison break.

“Senior Meng Chuan!” Duan Ling Tian called out.

Duan Ling Tian, Pei Yuan Ji, and the others had traveled swiftly and finally met Meng Chuan at the halfway point.

Meng Chuan smiled faintly when he saw Duan Ling Tian and the others. He said, “I guess your plan went smoothly...”

“You’re Meng Chuan? The Jade Bow Celestial Emperor from the Solitary Destructive Heaven’s Heavenly Palace?” Xue Jin Hua, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, who was also from the Solitary Destructive Heaven stepped forward at this moment. Her cloudy eyes seemed to brighten when she looked at Meng Chuan. “I’ve heard so much about you and your brother, Meng Luo.”

“You are?” Meng Chuan asked as he looked at the old lady in front of him.

“I don’t think you’ve heard of me. I’m Xue Jin Hua, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor”

Meng Chuan was looking at the old lady.

“Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, Xue Jin Hua... Nevertheless, you must not have heard of me,” Xue Jin Hua said.

“The Golden Flower Celestial Emperor?” Meng Chuan’s eyes widened when he heard Xue Jin Hua’s words. “You... Are you the craz...” He swallowed the word ‘crazy’ and hurriedly changed his words as he said, “You’re the one who killed your husband because he was still fooling around despite his old age?”

“There’s no need for you to spare my feelings. Indeed. I’m that crazy woman. I didn’t expect you to have heard of that matter....” Xue Jin Hua said after she laughed bitterly, “I guess most titled Celestial Emperors in the Solitary Destructive Heaven had heard of that matter....”

Meng Chuan nodded slightly. “After all, both of you are titled Celestial Emperors. We all run in the same circle...”

“Indeed.” Xue Jin Hua nodded.

Duan Ling Tian, Pei Yuan Ji, and the others were shocked by this revelation. Who knew the old lady had such a past?

Ke Bai Lu, the White Deer Celestial Emperor, gulped before he said, "Old Lady Xue, who knew you're so savage. You even killed your husband! I knew you were crazy, but I didn't expect you to be crazy enough to kill your husband!"

"He brought it upon himself," Xue Jin Hua scoffed before she said, "I've always let it slide when he fooled around outside. Who knew he'd be so bold as to bring them back to our residence? I, Xue Jin Hua, would be a doormat if I didn't kill him!"

At this moment, the fat old man, Ma Chi, the Thunder Hurricane Celestial Emperor, swiftly changed the topic. "Let's go! If we stay here and chat, the Heavenly Pool Palace is going to catch up to us!"

"They've already caught up to us," Pei Yuan Ji said as soon as Ma Chi finished speaking. He turned around to look at the seemingly empty horizon.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as Pei Yuan Ji's voice fell, the sound of wind whistling rang in the air. In just a blink of an eye, nine people surrounded Duan Ling Tian and the others.

Needless to say, the nine people were You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Palace, and the other eight Heavenly Pool Palace's titled Celestial Emperors.

'Teacher?' Duan Ling Tian's expression changed slightly when he discovered Xu Lang was among the group of people who surrounded them. With this, he knew his plan had gone awry.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian heard the Voice Transmission from Xue Jin Hua. "Ling Tian, what happened? I thought you said the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor and the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor won't be here? All of them are here!"

"I... I'm not sure. Something might have happened to the person I hired to lure them away," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission. He did not think the person he had hired had intentionally messed up his plan. After all, he would not have hired the person if he had deemed the person unreliable. Therefore, he was rather certain something had happened to that person before that person could send a message to Xu Lang and the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor.

Similarly, the others, except for Pei Yuan Ji, also sent Voice Transmissions to Duan Ling Tian, asking him about what happened.

Duan Ling Tian replied bitterly, "Something went wrong with my plan..."

At this moment, You Feng Yu's gaze fell on Meng Chuan after he glanced at Pei Yuan Ji. "Meng Chuan? You even stooped so low as to work with Duan Ling Tian for the sake of rescuing Lian Qiu?"

Previously, Meng Chuan had looked for You Feng Yu to ask for the release of Lian Qiu and his wife. However, he had denied Meng Chuan's request. Therefore, he came to this conclusion when he saw Meng Chuan with Lian Qiu and the others.

Meng Chuan said indifferently, "I don't know Lian Qiu. I'm only here because of Duan Ling Tian..."

You Feng Yu was shocked by Meng Chuan's words. This meant that Meng Chuan had come to him previously because of Duan Ling Tian as well. There was a hint of surprise in his eyes when he looked at Duan Ling Tian again. When he regained his senses, he asked, "Meng Chuan, are you going to make an enemy out of the Heavenly Pool Palace? Does your action represent you alone or the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven?"

"Does it matter? You can interpret my actions as you see fit..." Meng Chuan said with a faint smile. If it were not for his brother, Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, he knew You Feng Yu would not even ask if his actions represented the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

At this time, Lei Ying could no longer hold back. She glared at Duan Ling Tian with bloodshot eyes as she asked through gritted teeth, "Duan Ling Tian! Why did you kill my son? What did he ever do to you?"

Chapter 3337: The Battle Between the Titled Celestial Emperors

After listening to You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace earlier, Lei Ying managed to piece some things together. Since the elder on the third floor and the two prodigious disciples on the second floor survived, she was certain Duan Ling Tian had asked the titled Celestial Emperors to spare them. Otherwise, with their volatile temper, they would not have spared the guards of the prison. This meant it was not necessary to kill the guards on the first floor. However, her son and the elder on the third floor had died. She learned that Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, had killed the elder on the third floor. She did not know why the elder was killed, but she was certain Duan Ling Tian did not kill her son out of necessity when he summoned the two Ning Dragons. It felt like he had intentionally taken the time just to kill her son.

"Why?!" Lei Ying asked again in a low voice.

Although Duan Ling Tian was surprised by the change in plan, he was not afraid. If it were necessary, he would borrow the strength of the Five Divine Elements to deal with the titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace. He knew exposing the fact that he possessed the Five Divine Elements was no different from digging his own grave. However, he had no other choice since he had to save Huan'er's parents and preserve his life. Based on the killing intent flashing in You Feng Yu's eyes, it was clear You Feng Yu had no intention of letting him live.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian looked at Lei Yin and replied unhurriedly, "He tried to kill me many times... Why is it wrong if I kill him? If he didn't try to kill me, I wouldn't have killed him since he was Huan'er's Second Senior Brother..."

Lei Ying was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's words. Although she could not confirm if Lei Jun had tried to kill Duan Ling Tian, she had a feeling he was telling the truth. After all, he had spared the two prodigious disciples on the second floor. If there was no enmity between him and her son, he would have likely spared her son's life.

Nevertheless, as Lei Jun's mother, how could Lei Ying blame her son, especially now that he had died? Her gaze was icy and she looked as though she could not wait to tear Duan Ling Tian into pieces as she said, "Since you killed my son, I'll avenge him today!"

As soon as Lei Ying finished speaking, purple lightning bolts flashed around her. She was emitting a terrifying energy as well.

Duan Ling Tian said indifferently, "Get in line. You're not the only one who wants to kill me."

Since Duan Ling Tian had decided to go all out, he was fearless. So what if Lei Ying was a titled Celestial Emperor? It was not like he had never killed a titled Celestial Emperor before. Moreover, Lei Ying's strength should be on par with Dugu Wen, the Hundred Variants Celestial Emperor, whom he killed.

As Duan Ling Tian and Lei Ying confronted each other, Xu Lang sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, did you really join the Heavenly Pool Palace only to free Pei Yuan Ji?"

"Teacher, I'm really sorry." Duan Ling Tian truly felt guilty about Xu Lang. After all, Xu Lang had treated him sincerely and had taken good care of him during his time in the Heavenly Pool Palace. He knew he had put Xu Lang in a tough spot because of his actions. He explained, "It's true that Huan'er and I joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to free the prisoners. However, it was not to free Brother Pei. Although I knew Brother Pei for a long time, I was unaware that he was imprisoned here until recently."

"If you're not here for Pei Yuan Ji... You're here to free Lian Qiu?" Xu Lang asked.

"That's right," Duan Ling Tian replied truthfully, "Huan'er and I joined the Heavenly Pool Palace not only to rescue Senior Lian Qiu, but we're here to free Senior Du Xuan as well. They're Huan'er's parents..."

Duan Ling Tian said remorsefully, "Teacher, I'm sorry. I admit I had ulterior motives for joining the Heavenly Pool Palace. However, I sincerely felt a sense of belonging with you and the other seniors. For the first time in more than 200 years since I ascended to a Devata Realm, I felt at home. However, I really need to free Huan'er's parents. I'm really sorry I have to leave the Heavenly Pool Palace in such a manner. I only hope my actions won't bring trouble to you and my seniors..."

Xu Lang sighed inwardly. After a beat, he replied, "Silly boy, you should've spoken to me about this. We could've resolved this in a much easier method with Ya Si's help. Although I didn't oppose the imprisonment of Lian Qiu and his wife, it doesn't mean that I agree with it. Ya Si and I could have helped you to free them. However, you really crossed the line by releasing Pei Yuan Ji, the other titled Celestial Emperors, and so many others just to rescue Huan'er's parents. Moreover, the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven had personally captured Pei Yuan Ji. By releasing Pei Yuan Ji, you're going to incur the wrath of the Heavenly Emperor. Since the situation has escalated to this extent, I won't be able to help you openly. After all, I still need to consider your senior brothers and senior sisters." He sighed again after he finished speaking.

"Teacher..." Duan Ling Tian felt even guiltier when he heard Xu Lang's words. He had prepared himself for Xu Lang to turn against him, but he did not expect Xu Lang to be so understanding and even wanted to help him. A mix of warmth and remorse surged in his heart immediately. After a moment, he said, "Teacher, please do what you need to do. You don't have to be merciful to me!"

"Duan Ling Tian, you don't stand a chance against them..." Xu Lang said.

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly upon hearing Xu Lang's words before he said, "Don't stand a chance? We'll see..."

Xu Lang was taken aback by Duan Ling Tian's response. He wondered if Duan Ling Tian had a hidden trump card. Otherwise, why was Duan Ling Tian so confident? He was confused. Although Duan Ling Tian had killed Dugu Wen, the Hundred Variants Celestial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian had told him that he

only managed to do so due to Dugu Wen's carelessness. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was not facing one or two titled Celestial Emperors now, but he was facing nine titled Celestial Emperors, including him.

At this moment, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor, who looked younger than his age, said coldly, "Duan Ling Tian, I would've killed you immediately at the Prodigy Arena if I knew you're a traitor!"

The Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor had been dissatisfied with Duan Ling Tian ever since Duan Ling Tian killed his eldest disciple, Han Yun Jin. Now that he found out Duan Ling Tian was a traitor who only joined the Heavenly Pool Palace to rescue Pei Yuan Ji, he felt incredibly regretful that he did not kill Duan Ling Tian at that time and save his disciple.

"Kill me?" Duan Ling Tian faintly smiled. "You think you're capable of that?"

The Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor who had lived a long life was infuriated by Duan Ling Tian's words. He looked at Lei Ying and said, "I'll help you kill Duan Ling Tian!"

Lei Ying decisively rejected him. "No. I want to end him with my own hands."

"Let's see if you're faster than I am..." The Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor was so furious that he even snatched the opportunity to kill Duan Ling Tian from Lei Ying. If he was consumed by anger, he would not have done such a thing.

"Li Xuan Tian, how dare you!" Lei Ying growled.

Li Xuan Tian was the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor. Not many people knew his name in the Heavenly Pool Palace. Apart from the titled Celestial Emperors in the palace, only a few elders who knew him in the early days knew his name.

At this moment, You Feng Yu said, "That's enough! Lei Ying, you can kill Duan Ling Tian. After you're done, help Xuan Tian capture Pei Yuan Ji. You Han, deal with Xuan Bing. Meng Chuan must be here for me so I'll deal with him..."

You Feng Yu continued firing out instructions calmly. "Xu Lang, you deal with the White Deer Celestial Emperor; Gu Chang Jiang, deal with the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor; Yan Bo, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor is yours; Yun Qin, take on the Thunder Hurricane Celestial Emperor; Xiao Tian, you'll be our reinforcement. You're free to help whoever needs it. Try to capture all of them as fast as you can. If that Lian Qiu from the Heavenly Sword Mountain dares to run away, kill him immediately!"

At this moment, it could be seen why You Feng Yu was the leader of the nine titled Celestial Emperors. When he was done instructing them, he said, "Attack!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As soon as You Feng Yu's voice fell, all of the titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace made a move, except for You Feng Yu. He looked at Meng Chuan solemnly.

Meanwhile, Lei Ying seemed to have transformed into a bolt of purple lightning as she shot toward Duan Ling Tian. "Duan Ling Tian, a life for a life. I'm going to kill you and avenge my son!"

“Pei Yuan Ji, let’s see what you’re made of!” Li Xuan Tian, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor, cried out as he shot toward Pei Yuan Ji.

As You Feng Yu had instructed, the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor shot toward Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor, whose strength was only second to Pei Yuan Ji among the six titled Celestial Emperor.

It could be seen that You Feng Yu had put some thoughts into his arrangement when he instructed two of his strongest subordinates to deal with the two strongest titled Celestial Emperors who escaped from the Thousand Chains Prison.

Chapter 3338: The Origin of Journey to the West?

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The Heavenly Pool Palace titled Celestial Emperors flew toward their respective targets as soon as You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, finished speaking.

Similarly, the titled Celestial Emperors from Duan Ling Tian’s group stepped forward to deal with their opponents.

Only Duan Ling Tian, Pei Yuan Ji, and Lian Qiu stayed in a group.

For this reason, Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor, and Li Xuan Tian, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor, charged in the same direction despite having different targets.

“This makes things easier for me,” Pei Yuan Ji said when he saw Lei Ying and Li Xuan Tian flying toward them. He knew Lei Ying wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian, therefore, before he even dealt with Li Xuan Tian, he raised his hand and turned his mustard energy into pillars of energy to trap Lei Ying.

“Pei Yuan Ji, you should worry about yourself instead of taking care of Duan Ling Tian.” Lei Ying scoffed. Her energy surged out of her body like a chain of lightning dragons and slammed against the energy pillars. However, how could she easily destroy Pei Yuan Ji’s energy pillars?

Pei Yuan Ji was much stronger than You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, so it was not difficult for him to restrain Lei Ying while he dealt with Li Xuan Tian.

Lei Ying had attacked the energy pillars with all her might, but she only managed to leave fine cracks on them. Perhaps, she would be able to break free if she continued attacking them, but it would take her a long time to do so. Her expression soured when this realization dawned on her. Soon after, she brought her Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon out and repeatedly struck at the energy pillars that trapped her.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Thunder clapped in the air as the purple lightning bolts in the cage Pei Yuan Ji created suddenly merged into a ball of energy and exploded. Based on this, it could be seen that Lei Ying was doing all she could to free herself as fast as she could.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian inhaled sharply. ‘This technique... Brother Pei merged two triple-fused profundities from the law of earth?!’

No wonder Pei Yuan Ji was stronger than You Feng Yu. His comprehension of the law was truly high.

Nevertheless, although the law of earth's defenses were really strong, its offensive power was truly weak. Pei Yuan Ji's comprehension of the law of earth was so high that even the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless could not kill him. His comprehension of the law was so high that if he had the same level of comprehension of one of the Four Supreme Laws, he would be stronger than many titled Celestial Emperors in the Devata Realms. Even if it was just an ordinary elemental law, or a weaker derivative law, with that level of comprehension, he would still be stronger than a lot of titled Celestial Emperors.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

Li Xuan Tian, whose strength was only second to You Feng Yu, was no pushover. His Origin Energy that had been boosted with the Fundamental Profundity from the law of destruction swept toward Pei Yuan Ji.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Li Xuan Tian's attack, naturally, failed to breach Pei Yuan Ji's defenses. Although he comprehended the law of destruction that had high offensive power, how could he hope to break Pei Yuan Ji's defenses or defeat Peo Yuan Ji when even the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven could not kill Pei Yuan Ji.

Pei Yuan Ji easily defended against Li Xuan Tian's attacks as he restrained Lei Ying. He even mended the cracks on the pillars that trapped Lei Ying at the same time.

"Pei Yuan Ji!" Lei Ying roared. Her blood boiled when she saw the cracks on the pillars disappearing. Her previous efforts were all in vain!

'It seems like I've underestimated Brother Pei,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he watched Pei Yuan Ji easily deal with two titled Celestial Emperors. Since he did not need to do anything with Pei Yuan Ji making a move, he even had the time to look at the other titled Celestial Emperors' battles.

At this time, all the titled Celestial Emperors were engaged in their respective battles except for You Feng You and Meng Chuan, the Jade Bow Celestial Emperor, who stared at each other from afar.

Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor, one of three female titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace. Similar to Li Xuan Tian, her strength was only second to You Feng Yu in the Heavenly Pool Palace. She wore a long black robe, and her long silky hair was draped on her back. At this moment, a cold expression could be seen on her delicate and beautiful face. Her gaze was equally as frosty as she seemed to have turned into a dark energy as she shot toward Xuan Bing, the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes narrowed upon seeing this. 'It's the law of darkness!'

Apart from the Four Supreme Laws, the five elemental laws and their derivative laws, there were other laws that fell beyond these categories. These laws were the law of darkness, the law of light, and the law of destruction.

At this moment, the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor had cast the profundity from the law of darkness. Darkness instantly shrouded her and Xuan Bing, forming a small battleground for them.

For Xuan Bing, it was completely dark, and he could barely see his surroundings.

On the other hand, those who were outside could only vaguely see two figures in the haze of darkness.

Xuan Bing said, seemingly unflustered by his dark surroundings, "I've heard that the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor from the Heavenly Pool Palace had fused a few profundities and created the Dark Field Profundity. You're quite impressive." As he spoke, a bone-chilling cold permeated the air.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

A thunderous noise rang in the air as the bone-chilling energy clashed with another wave of energy.

"Revert to your true form," the Cold Gloom Celestial Emperor said coldly, "Otherwise, you won't be a match for me."

"Well, since you asked so nicely..." Xuan Bing said with a hint of ridicule.

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After that, Duan Ling Tian shifted his attention to his teacher, Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor, and Ke Bai Lu, the White Deer Celestial Emperor. In the beginning, the duo seemed to be equally matched. However, as time passed, Xu Lang gained the upper hand. Ke Bai Lu switched from offense to defense, using the formidable defenses from the law of earth. Therefore, although Xu Lang's offensive power was stronger, he was helpless against Ke Bai Lu's defenses. After all, even You Feng You could not breach Ke Bai Lu's defenses to kill him; it was not surprising that Xu Lang was unable to breach Ke Bai Lu's defenses.

Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Xu Lang and Ke Bai Lu reach a stalemate. Following that, he looked at the other titled Celestial Emperors' battles.

Teng Xiong Ba, the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor, and Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor, fought fiercely. At one point, Teng Xiong Ba managed to pressure Gu Chang Jiang.

Xue Jin Hua, the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, seemed to be evenly matched with the Smoke Wave Celestial Emperor.

Swoosh!

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian noticed a tall and slender young man with an ordinary appearance shot toward Teng Xiong Ba like a ball of flames with eyes that glinted like that of a wolf. With his intervention, Teng Xiong Ba who had gained the upper hand fell into a disadvantageous position. Teng Xiong Ba now had to battle two titled Celestial Emperors on his own.

'Yang Xiao Tian, the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor?' Although Duan Ling Tian had not met some of the titled Celestial Emperors in the Heavenly Pool Palace, it was not difficult to identify some of them.

"Come out." Duan Ling Tian summoned the two Ning Dragons with just a thought to help Teng Xiong Ba.

Meanwhile, Lian Qiu stood next to Pei Yuan Ji helplessly. Although he was powerful, it was only almost that of a titled Celestial Emperor. How could he stand a chance against any of these titled Celestial Emperors? He could only smile bitterly as he watched the battles in his surroundings.

When Duan Ling Tian was helping Teng Xiong Ba, he received a Voice Transmission. “Duan Ling Tian, I heard from Sun Xing that you ascended from Planet Yan Huang in the Yan Huang Realm. Is that true?”

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian could tell that Yang Xiao Tian was deliberately holding back his strength and slowing down his speed.

“Yes,” Duan Ling Tian replied, surprised. Then, he asked curiously, “Senior Xiao Tian, have you heard about the novel ‘Journey to the West’?”

“Journey to the West?” Yang Xiao Tian was briefly stunned. When he recovered his senses, he smiled and said, “Sun Xing said you were born a few hundred years after he was born. It seems like ‘Journey to the West’ managed to survive through the years...”

“So... You’ve heard of Journey to the West?” Duan Ling Tian was stunned. He did not expect Yang Xiao Tian would know about it.

“Of course. Journey to the West came from me after all. It came from the legacy and secret codes I left behind in Planet Yan Huang,” Yang Xiao Tian said as a hint of nostalgia flashed in his eyes.

Chapter 3339: An Unexpected Newcomer

Unbeknownst to the rest of the titled Celestial Emperors of the Heavenly Pool Palace who were in the midsts of their respective battles, Yang Xiao Tian, the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor, was communicating with Duan Ling Tian via Voice Transmission about a novel in the mundane realm, Journey to the West.

“So, the elements in Journey to the West originated from the secret codes you left behind?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

“Yes.” Yang Xiao Tian slightly nodded before he helplessly said, “However, I didn’t expect Sun Xing’s friend would glorify that monkey to such an extent. Nevertheless, that monkey’s capabilities recorded in Journey to the West were quite justified. He was a lord who could break through the heavens.” A hint of reverence could be seen in his eyes near the end of his words.

‘The author of Journey to the West, Wu Cheng En, was from the Ming Dynasty. Similar to Senior Brother Sun Xing, he was born in 1,500 A.D. The timeline and person matched. It seems like Journey to the West is indeed closely related to Yang Xiao Tian,’ Duan Ling Tian mused inwardly.

“Duan Ling Tian, the trouble you caused today is too big... Otherwise, I would have helped you because we came from the same place,” Yang Xiao Tian said with a sigh.

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by Yang Xiao Tian’s words. He never expected Yang Xiao Tian, who looked aloof, to be rather kind.

“I won’t attack you... Flee if you have a chance,” Yang Xiao Tian added.

As soon as his voice fell, Yang Xiao Tian attacked Teng Xiong Ba, the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor, again. Raging flames rained down on the flustered Teng Xiong Ba as he hastily defended himself.

At this moment, Meng Chuan’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears.

“You Feng Yu... I, Meng Chuan, would like to see what you’re made of!” As soon as Meng Chuan finished speaking, blue energy surged out of his body and formed a giant sword that fell on You Feng Yu.

“The Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, Meng Luo, has a very good reputation. As his younger brother, I hope you won’t disappoint me,” You Feng Yu replied airily. He flashed and moved toward Meng Chuan like a flurry of green tornado.

In just a blink of an eye, You Feng Yu and Meng Chuan collided and battled fiercely. However, as time passed, Meng Chuan was pushed into a disadvantageous position. He was clearly weaker than You Feng Yu. Nevertheless, the tenacious law of water that he comprehended was enough to hold You Feng Yu back since You Feng Yu had to hold back from killing him.

‘Meng Chuan, it seems like you’re just buying time for them.’ Realization dawned on You Feng Yu at this moment as his expression darkened. A hint of helplessness flashed in the depths of his eyes. Even if he knew Meng Chuan’s real intention, there was nothing he could do since he could not kill Meng Chuan. The consequences of killing Meng Chuan would be devastating. Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor, was known to be protective of his younger brother and would definitely wreak havoc in the Heavenly Pool Palace if he killed Meng Chuan.

In the past, before Meng Chuan became a titled Celestial Emperor, he was almost killed by a titled Celestial Emperor from a heaven-grade force. Meng Luo was so furious that he stormed that heaven-grade force alone, killed the titled Celestial Emperor who nearly killed Meng Chuan, and severely injured many of that heaven-grade force’s titled Celestial Emperors. After that, his reputation spread like a wildfire. Therefore, unless it was absolutely necessary, You Feng Yu did not want to kill Meng Chuan. He was not willing to provoke Meng Luo. Although he had the support of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven who was his maternal grandfather, he did not want to create unnecessary conflict. After all, if his grandfather intervened, would the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven sit back and do nothing? Of course, not. Before the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive entered and escaped from the Asura Hell, his grandfather was already not a match for the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Now that the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven had been tempered by his time in the Asura Hell, there was no doubt that he had grown even stronger. According to his grandfather, there was a possibility that the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven had already attained godhood.

and killed that titled Celestial Emperor who nearly killed Meng Chuan. After that battle, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor’s reputation spread like wildfire. Therefore, You Feng Yu was unwilling to provoke Meng Luo if not necessary. Although he was no match for Meng Luo, You Feng Yu did not fear him. After all, he had the support of the Heavenly Emperor of Boundless Heaven; his maternal grandfather.

“Duan Ling Tian, leave now.” Meng Chuan’s voice rang in Duan Ling Tian’s mind, urging him to run.

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian frowned slightly as he glanced at Pei Yuan Ji and the other titled Celestial Emperors. He was not too concerned about the other titled Celestial Emperors, but he was rather reluctant to leave Pei Yuan Ji behind. After all, not only were they acquainted, but Pei Yuan Ji was related to Huan’er’s grandaunt, Du Fei.

'If things went according to plan, and teacher and the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor were lured away, it would've been easy for all of us to escape. As it is, we're stuck in a stalemate.' Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened as he looked at the situation that had escalated beyond his control.

"Duan Ling Tian, bring Lian Qiu with you and leave!" Pei Yuan Ji's voice promptly rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears. "Even if both of you leave, they won't be able to do anything to us. At most, they'd imprison us again. As for Meng Chuan, You Feng Yu doesn't dare to harm him at all. I'll feel more at ease if you leave. When you grow stronger in the future, you can come back for us! I have faith in you."

Pei Yuan Ji wanted Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu to leave so that all their effort would not be in vain. It did not matter if he were imprisoned again.

Duan Ling Tian hesitated when he heard Pei Yuan Ji's words. At the same time, different voices began to ring in his ears.

"Duan Ling Tian, listen to Old Pei and leave!"

"Boy, flee!"

"We'll wait for you to rescue us!"

These voices that persuaded him to leave came from the other five titled Celestial Emperors who escaped from the Thousand Chains Prison: the Golden Flower Celestial Emperor, the White Deer Celestial Emperor, the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor, the Thunder Hurricane Celestial Emperor, and the Profound Ice Celestial Emperor.

Duan Ling Tian knew Pei Yuan Ji must have spoken to them and asked them to persuade him to leave. He took a deep breath before he finally said, "Senior Lian Qiu, let's go."

This was the only choice Duan Ling Tian was left with. If he did not leave with Huan'er's parents, the three of them would surely die while the other six titled Celestial Emperors would be imprisoned again. He had planned to use the power of the Five Divine Elements, but it seemed unnecessary now. Even the World Cleansing Divine thought it was unnecessary.

"What about them?" Lian Qiu asked, reluctant to leave. He was unaware that Duan Ling Tian and the others had communicated through Voice Transmission, after all.

"Senior Meng Chuan will be fine, You Feng Yu won't dare to harm him. As for Brother Pei and the others, the worst-case scenario is that they'll be imprisoned again. However, I'll definitely save them in the future. If both of us stay here, we'll surely die. Moreover, with both of us here, Brother Pei won't be able to fight with all his strength," Duan Ling Tian said.

Lian Qiu nodded. He knew Duan Ling Tian was right. "Let's go!"

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu trying to escape, You Feng Yu cried out, "Xiao Tian, kill them!"

Yang Xiao Tian sighed inwardly. He stopped attacking Teng Xiong Ba and turned into a ball of flames and shot across the sky toward Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu like a flaming meteorite.

Boom!

Yang Xiao Tian was halfway across the sky when he smashed into a barrier that was suddenly erected in front of him. The barrier shook slightly as he bounced back. He looked sheepish for a moment before he moved toward Pei Yuan Ji who stopped him from giving chase.

Pei Yuan Ji's expression turned grim. The pressure on him mounted since he was now fighting alone against three titled Celestial Emperors. He shouted, "Go!"

Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu no longer lingered and quickly fled. Alas, before they could get very far, a figure appeared, blocking their path.

Duan Ling Tian stepped back as he sized up the figure that emitted a dangerous aura. The person had a medium build and wore a bamboo hat and a long grey robe. The aura the person emitted was heavy and gloomy, not unlike the aura in the Life or Death Platform.

Lian Qiu stepped back as well with a grim expression on his face.

"So, you must be my Little Junior Brother..." A cold and indifferent but soft voice rang in the air. The person moved, revealing a white and slender hand when removing the bamboo hat.

Soon enough, an aloof peerless beauty with bright and clear eyes appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian.

Chapter 3340: Xu Ya Si

"So, you must be my Little Junior Brother?"

As soon as he heard these words, Duan Ling Tian knew who the woman was immediately. She was none other than Xu Ya Si, Xu Lang's daughter and eldest disciple. She was also one of the three Head Wardens in the Thousand Chains Prison and the Pavilion Master of the Life or Death Pavilion in the Thousand Chains Prison. He did not expect the Eldest Senior Sister whom he had never met before would make an appearance at this time, obstructing his path.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian could only smile wryly and said in a helpless tone, "Greetings, Eldest Senior Sister."

At this moment, Li Xuan Tian, the Profound Heaven Celestial Emperor, who had noticed Xu Ya Si's arrival, said viciously with bright eyes, "Head Warden Xu, you came right on time! Kill them!"

However, Li Xuan Tian's words seemed to have fallen on deaf ears.

Xu Ya Si looked at Duan Ling Tian as the corners of lips lifted into a slightly wicked smile. "Little Junior Brother, you're really something. I don't think anyone has done what you did today. In fact, even the Palace Master is incapable of breaking the Formations in the Thousand Chains Prison."

Contrary to Duan Ling Tian's expectations, Xu Si Ya did not reproach him. Instead, it seemed like she was having a casual conversation with him. He said, slightly embarrassed, "Eldest Senior Sister, I was just lucky my petty tricks worked..."

Although Xu Ya Si was Duan Ling Tian's Eldest Senior Sister, she was also one of the three Head Wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison. Due to her status, it was impossible for her to let him leave. However, strangely, he did not detect any hostility from her.

"Well, your petty tricks are enough to show your capabilities," Xu Ya Si said.

At this moment, Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor, who had just deflected an attack from the Swirling Cloud Celestial Emperor, repositioned himself before he glanced at Xu Ya Si and said, "Head Warden Xu, are you going to be lenient to him because he's your Little Junior Brother?"

Once again, it seemed as though Xu Ya Si did not hear the words of the titled Celestial Emperor. Instead, she looked at Duan Ling Tian expressionlessly and said, "Little Junior Brother, I'll give you two options now. One, cooperate with me, send Lian Qiu back to the Thousand Chains Prison, and remain my Little Junior Brother. I guarantee no one in the Heavenly Pool Palace will dare to lay a hand on you. Second, sever your ties with your teacher and all your seniors, including me. I'll allow you to leave now, but when we meet again, we'll meet as enemies. Not only that, but I'll begin to hunt you down in three days." She spoke with such confidence that it was even rare among men.

"Eldest Senior Sister." Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly. "I have to rescue Senior Lian Qiu... However, I can't choose the second option. As the saying goes, 'Once a teacher, forever a teacher'. Moreover, I treat senior brothers and senior sisters like my family. Although this is our first meeting, you're like my family as well."

"After speaking so much, the conclusion is you insist on saving him?" Xu Ya Si asked in a faint voice as she glanced at Lian Qiu.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded resolutely.

Xu Ya Si stepped aside and said nonchalantly, "Alright. From today onward, you're no longer my Little Junior Brother."

"Whether you treat me as your Little Junior Brother or not, you're still my Eldest Senior Sister. Teacher and the other seniors will always be family as well." Duan Ling Tian looked at Xu Ya Si gratefully as he left with Lian Qiu.

Boom!

A loud boom suddenly rang in the air.

While Meng Chuan was slightly distracted, You Feng Yu had helped the others to break Pei Yuan Ji's energy pillars that trapped Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor. He shouted, "Lei Ying, kill them! Xiao Tian, work with Xuan Tian to restrain Pei Yuan Ji!"

"Understood, Palace Master!"

Yang Xiao Tian and Li Xiao Tian joined forces to hold Pei Yuan Ji back as Lei Ying rushed toward Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu like a bolt of lightning.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian was prepared to cast the Godly Image Phenomenon of the Pine Willow Divine Tree with the help of the Five Divine Elements.

Swoosh!

To Duan Ling Tian's surprise, Xu Ya Si appeared in front of Lei Ying, blocking Lei Ying's path.

"Elders Senior Sister..." Duan Ling Tian was stunned. Although Xu Ya Si had let him go, he did not expect her to step forward and help him.

"Xu Ya Si, what are you doing?" Lei Ying glared at Xu Ya Si. "I don't care if you let him go earlier because he's your junior brother. However, how dare you stop me from killing him after hearing the Palace Master's orders? Do you have no regard for the Palace Master?"

Xu Ya Si said airily, "I'll personally hunt them down and bring them back after three days."

At this moment, You Feng Yu who had not spoken to Xu Ya Si finally said, "Xu Ya Si! I don't blame you if you let him go because he's your junior brother. However, don't you think you're crossing the line by stopping Lei Ying from carrying out her orders..."

"Palace Master, I've already said I'll hunt them down after three days and bring them back..." Xu Ya Si did not waver even when faced with You Feng Yu.

Clearly displeased, You Feng Yu barked, "Xu Lang, control your daughter!"

"Palace Master, do you think she'd behave in this manner if I can control her?" Xu Lang smiled wryly.

You Feng Yu scoffed before he said, "Lei Ying, you don't have to go soft on her since she's asking for it."

"Yes, Palace Master!" These words that Lei Ying had been waiting for. She sneered as she said to Xu Ya Si, "Xu Ya Si, I heard your strength is now comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor. Let me test how strong you've gotten. Let's see how strong you are compared to your father."

Lightning flashed around Lei Ying as her Celestial Origin Energy. In just a blink of an eye, she shot toward Xu Ya Si like a bolt of lightning.

Xu Ya Si snorted lightly. "Merciless Celestial Emperor, I'd like to see why your strength is ranked the same as my father in the Heavenly Pool Palace!" A dark energy surged out of her body, and in just an instant, the dark energy transformed into another Xu Ya Si. The only difference was the clone's eyes were red. This was the Undead Doppelganger Profundity from the law of death.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Xu Ya Si's doppelganger collided with Lei Ying. The black energy that shrouded the doppelganger suddenly morphed into a black energy sword before shooting toward Lei Ying.

At the same time, Lei Ying's energy flashed in the sky and clashed with Xu Ya Si's black energy sword.

Upon seeing this opening, Pei Yuan Ji shouted, "Duan Ling Tian, run!"

"Elder Senior Sister..." Duan Ling Tian did not leave immediately because he was concerned about Xu Ya Si's safety.

Upon hearing Pei Yuan Ji's reminder, Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, 'Eldest Senior Sister seems to be on par with Lei Ying. Even if she's not as strong as Lei Ying, Lei Ying wouldn't kill her since Lei Ying would have to deal with teacher at that time.'

If Lei Ying killed Xu Ya Si, Xu Lang would definitely not let the matter slide. Even You Feng Yu would not be able to stop Xu Lang from seeking revenge. For this reason, Duan Ling Tian was certain Lei Ying would not dare to kill Xu Ya Si.

"Senior Lian Qiu, let's teleport away!" Duan Ling Tian placed his hand on Lian Qiu's shoulder, preparing to teleport away, when he felt a powerful energy trapping him in place.

"Who is it?!" Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically as he looked at his surroundings warily. None of the titled Celestial Emperors present on the scene had comprehended the law of space. He could tell he was being restrained by the Restraining Profundity from the law of space. Regardless, the person who trapped him was definitely not a friend but a foe.

Swoosh!

Shortly after, an old man suddenly appeared at the periphery of his vision.

When Duan Ling Tian turned to look, he saw an old man wearing a long grey robe with curly hair falling on his back. The old man looked rather exotic.

At this moment, the old man looked at Duan Ling Tian and said with a hint of derision, "Boy, it won't be easy for you to leave my Restraining Profundity."

"Who are you?" Duan Ling Tian looked at the old man warily.

Before the old man could reply, Ma Chi, the Thunder Hurricane Celestial Emperor exclaimed, "The Soaring Celestial Emperor!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened imperceptibly. He had previously heard his Sixth Senior Brother say that the Soaring Celestial Emperor was a subordinate of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven.