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Chapter 3341: The Three Titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Palace of the Boundless Heaven

'We were delayed for so long that You Feng Yu's reinforcements have arrived...'

The arrival of the Soaring Celestial Emperor, a subordinate of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, made Duan Ling Tian realize that the golden time for him to escape had passed. His expression was grim as he looked at the Soaring Celestial Emperor. All of a sudden, he was stunned when a figure flashed in front of him, shielding him and confronting the Soaring Celestial Emperor.

"E-eldest Senior Sister?" Duan Ling Tian was momentarily confused. How did Xu Ya Si appear in front of him when she was still battling Lei Ying? However, he got his answer soon enough.

Bang!

A thunderous noise rang from behind him before a grunt followed suit. Xu Ya Si's doppelganger had struck Lei Ying and sent Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor, flying back.

The lightning flashing around Lei Ying's body disappeared immediately as she spat out a mouthful of blood; she had been heavily injured by Xu Ya Si. Hints of fear could be seen in her eyes as her expression changed drastically. "You hid your true strength?"

One could see how strong Xu Ya Si was based on the fact her doppelganger alone was enough to injure Lei Ying. One could only imagine how much stronger she would be if she had attacked along with her doppelganger.

"Run," Xu Ya Si said coldly to Duan Ling Tian.

"Run?" The Soaring Celestial Emperor smiled contemptuously when he heard Xu Ya Si's words. As soon as he finished speaking, the wind began to stir violently, and the sound of wind howling rang in the air.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, two people appeared next to the Soaring Celestial Emperor. One of them was a muscular middle-aged man who was shrouded in flames while the other person was a skinny old woman dressed in a black robe who was holding onto a staff. Apart from her lifeless eyes, the old woman looked ordinary. On the other hand, it was obvious that the middle-aged man had comprehended the law of fire.

Xu Ya Si's eyes narrowed immediately when she saw the newcomers. "The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor and the Water Staff Celestial Emperor!"

Swoosh!

At this moment, Lei Ying moved next to the three newcomers. She glared at Xu Ya Si and said, "Xu Ya Si, enough is enough. Do you think you can fight four of us alone?"

The three newcomers were subordinates of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, and their strength was at the very least on par with Lei Ying's strength.

"Xu Ya Si? The top prodigy in the Heavenly Pool Palace who's only slightly above 1,000 years old but has strength comparable to a titled Celestial Emperor?" The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor said in a booming voice with a smile on his face, "If three of us join forces, even the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace isn't a match for us, let alone someone like you."

"I didn't expect the Palace Master would seek help from three of you," Xu Ya Si said solemnly as her eyes flashed. Earlier, she was relaxed when she faced the Soaring Celestial Emperor. It was clear she was not afraid even if the Soaring Celestial Emperor and Lei Ying joined forces. Similarly, although her expression had grown solemn with the arrival of another two titled Celestial Emperors, she still maintained her calm.

"Alright. All three of you have a reputation for being powerful, I'd like to see your true strength today," Xu Ya Si said. As soon as she finished speaking, her doppelganger entered her body, and a deadly energy appeared around her immediately. It was clear she intended to fight the three titled Celestial Emperors alone.

"Little girl, you're too presumptuous!" The Water Staff Celestial Emperor's expressionless face darkened upon hearing Xu Ya Si's words. In just an instant, a blue energy surged out of her body. Based on this, it was clear she had comprehended the law of water.

Similarly, the Soaring Celestial Emperor and the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor were enraged by Xu Ya Si's words. They did not hesitate and made a move immediately.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Scorching flames burned violently as the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor charged toward Xu Ya Si with a long spear in his hand, looking like a fiery god of war.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When the Water Staff Celestial Emperor brandished her staff, waves after waves of water swept toward Xu Ya Si immediately.

The three titled Celestial Emperors launched their attacks at Xu Ya Si at the same time.

Swoosh!

Xu Ya Si soared high into the sky, avoiding the attacks. However, the attacks seemed to have eyes of their own as they followed closely behind her.

Swoosh!

At this moment, Xu Ya Si's Undead Doppelganger suddenly shot out of her body, seemingly to lure the attacks away, as she vanished out of sight. When she reappeared again, she charged toward the Soaring Celestial Emperor.

The Soaring Celestial Emperor's expression turned grim as he saw Xu Ya Si charging toward him. He cast the Restraining Profundity from the law of space to stop her from advancing.

"Break!" A three-foot-long saber that shone with a black light suddenly appeared in Xu Ya Si's hand before she used it to break the Soaring Celestial Emperor's Restraining Profundity.

'That's...' Duan Ling Tian was stunned when she saw the hilt of the saber that seemed to have wrapped itself around Xu Ya Si's hand like a black python. 'An artifact spirit?'

Duan Ling Tian used to possess the Emperor Grade Celestial Weapon, the Seven Treasures Exquisite Pagoda, that possessed an artifact spirit so he could tell that there was an artifact spirit in the hilt of Xu Ya Si's saber. With this, Xu Ya Si's Emperor Grade Celestial Emperor was almost comparable to a Devata artifact.

"Why are you still here? Go!" Xu Ya Si's voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears at this moment, urging him to leave.

"Eldest Senior Sister..." Duan Ling Tian felt uncomfortable in his heart as he watched the seemingly frail and delicate woman battling three titled Celestial Emperors alone. Although she was very bold, it was clear to him as time passed that she was no match for the trio.

Just as Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu prepared to leave, a voice rang in the air. "Trying to run?"

Soon enough, Lei Ying appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu, blocking their path.

"Senior Lian Qiu, she's injured so let's join forces to defeat her!" Duan Ling Tian hurriedly said as he cast Godly Image Phenomenon of the Pine Willow Divine Tree. In just a second, its branches snaked their way toward Lei Ying at lightning speed.

Meanwhile, Lian Qiu attacked as soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking. Countless energy swords appeared around him before they fell on Lei Ying like torrential rain.

As the Pine Willow Divine Tree's branches snaked toward Lei Ying, Duan Ling Tian boosted his attack with the power of the Five Divine Elements.

"Resistance is futile!" Lei Ying sneered. Bolts of lightning appeared around her body again, obliterating Lian Qiu's energy swords.

"Senior Lian Qiu, keep going, don't stop!" Duan Ling Tian urged Lian Qiu.

With these words, Lian Qiu realized Duan Ling Tian was trying to exhaust Lei Ying's energy. He did not waste time and summoned tens of thousands of energy swords again before launching them at Lei Ying.

Alas, the energy swords were easily destroyed by Lei Ying before they could even land on her. She said disdainfully, "Although I'm injured, I'm still a titled Celestial Emperor. How can a mere Sword Celestial like you threaten me?"

However, as soon as Lei Ying finished speaking, her expression changed dramatically as though she had noticed something was amiss.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Earlier, after Lei Ying deflected Duan Ling Tian's attack, she no longer paid attention to him. After all, his Ning Dragons were still engaged in a battle with Gu Chang Jiang, the Martial Dragon Celestial Emperor. However, when the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree shot toward her this time, she could

acutely sense the threat from them. Unlike earlier, the strength of this attack was comparable to that of a titled Celestial Emperor.

"How's this possible?" Lei Ying, who was unaware that the attack had been boosted with the power of the Five Divine Elements, exclaimed in shock.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

A series of explosions rang in the air as the Pine Willow Divine Tree's branches collided with the lightning that Lei Ying hastily mobilized.

After the collision, Lei Ying was sent flying back as she spat out a mouthful of blood again. With this, her injuries grew worse. Needless to say, her strength had weakened tremendously with this blow.

Chapter 3342: A Close Call

Since most of the titled Celestial Emperors were distracted by their respective battles, none of them noticed that Duan Ling Tian had secretly used the power from the Five Divine Elements. Earlier, he had instructed Lian Qiu to attack Lei Ying to distract her and prevent her from noticing the Five Divine Elements. Now that he had injured Lei Ying, he knew that he would not be able to use the Five Divine Elements' power again without exposing their existence. After all, even if the other titled Celestial Emperors did not notice it, Lei Ying would certainly notice it.

'What was that?' Lei Ying was thoroughly shocked as she looked at the purple figure in the distance. The injuries she sustained from Duan Ling Tian's attack were far heavier than the injuries she sustained from Xu Ya Si's attack. How did a mere Celestial Lord like Duan Ling Tian launch such a deadly attack?

How could Lei Ying know that not only did Duan Ling Tian borrow the Five Divine Elements' power, but he had also used the Devata Artifact, the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword? Otherwise, how could he have dealt such serious injuries to her?

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian had instructed Lian Qiu to attack Lei Ying so that she would be distracted from him to prevent the Five Divine Elements from being exposed.

At this moment...

Bang!

A loud noise rang in the air.

The three titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Palace of the Boundless Heaven's attacks destroyed Xu Ya Si's attack and injured her. She was pushed back quite a distance before she could stabilize her footing. Blood trickled out for the corners of her lips as she inhaled deadly. At the same time, her Undead Doppelganger returned to her body.

"Seniors, you certainly live up to your reputation..." Xu Ya Si said after wiping the blood off the corners of her lips. Her expression was grim as she stared at the three titled Celestial Emperors.

"Girl, your strength is impressive," the Water Staff Celestial Emperor said as hints of surprise flashed in her eyes, "We might not be able to take you down if we didn't join forces..."

The Soaring Celestial Emperor looked at Xu Ya Si and said with a hint of admiration, "Your strength is comparable to that kid You Feng Yu..."

"Xu Ya Si, you've given your best shot... It's impossible for you to stop us. You've done everything you could for them so they can't blame you for failing to help them," the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor said.

It was clear to everyone that Xu Ya Si intended to help Duan Ling Tian flee this place.

Xu Ya Si looked at the three titled Celestial Emperors and solemnly said, "Seniors, I've already told him that if he leaves today, I'll hunt him down and bring him back after three days. As the Head Warden of the Thousand Chains Prison in the Heavenly Pool Palace, I'll keep my words..."

"Three days? Anything can happen in three days. Furthermore, if you fail to capture them, will the Heavenly Pool Palace hold you accountable? Girl, do you think you can fool us? Long before you were born, we were already playing tricks like this..." the Water Staff Celestial Emperor said.

"Little Xu, you would've barely survived our attacks earlier if we didn't hold back... There's no reason for you to continue fighting us. If you continue to oppose us, it'd be considered as you committing treason against the Heavenly Pool Palace..." the Soaring Celestial Emperor said threateningly.

At this moment, You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, called out, "Xu Ya Si! I know you've always been protective of your juniors, but you've already tried your best. The three seniors are kind enough to show you mercy. Otherwise, you would've lost your cultivation base even if you survive. You'd only suffer a loss if you continue to attack. Don't forget that he's not your only junior..."

Nevertheless, a hint of surprise flashed in the depths of You Feng Yu's eyes when he looked at Xu Ya Si. He did not expect that Xu Lang's daughter was now as strong as him. If he did not ask for help from his maternal grandfather, the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, and the Soaring Celestial Emperor, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, and Water Staff Celestial Emperor did not come, Duan Ling Tian and Lian Qiu would have successfully escaped with Xu Ya Si's help.

"Eldest Senior Sister!" Duan Ling Tian did not see what happened to Xu Ya Si earlier since he was engrossed in his fight with Lei Ying. However, based on Xu Ya Si's current state, he could tell Xu Ya Si was in a disadvantageous position. Indeed, if the three titled Celestial Emperors did not hold back, she would have barely survived.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Xu Ya Si gratefully before he said resolutely, "Eldest Senior Sister, you don't have to fight anymore. I'll deal with them on my own."

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he vanished before he reappeared above the Pine Willow Divine Tree. His eyes flashed fiercely as he looked at the three titled Celestial Emperors. He knew the only way he could escape now was to borrow all the power he could from the Five Divine Elements to defeat the three titled Celestial Emperors.

The three titled Celestial Emperors flew in different directions, surrounding Duan Ling Tian in a triangle formation.

Upon seeing this, Lian Qiu moved to stand behind Duan Ling Tian, standing back to back with Duan Ling Tian. His expression was grim as he looked at the three titled Celestial Emperors.

At this moment, apart from Xu Ya Si and Lei Ying, the other titled Celestial Emperors were all engrossed in their respective battles. Lei Ying was heavily injured so she could no longer fight while Xu Ya Si could no longer fight because her next move would be considered treasonous to the Heavenly Pool Palace and the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. She could not afford to provoke the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven and the Heavenly Pool Palace since it would put her father and her juniors in danger. Therefore, she could only halt her attacks.

Xu Ya Si sighed inwardly as she looked at the purple figure in the distance. 'Little Junior Brother, I've done my best...'

Meanwhile, the Water Staff Celestial Emperor sneered before she asked, "Boy, were you the one who released the prisoners in the Thousand Chains Prison?"

After that, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor added in a booming voice, "Boy, are you aware that Pei Yuan Ji was personally captured by the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven?"

"How dare a puny Celestial Lord like you release Pei Yuan Ji and offend the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. Although you're weak, I have to admit you're really bold," the Soaring Celestial Emperor said frostily.

"Enough with your nonsense," Duan Ling Tian said emotionlessly, "Let's fight."

Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted coldly. He had decided to use all the power he could borrow from the Five Divine Elements in his Little World. Even Huang'er, the artifact soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, was prepared to lend Duan Ling Tian her power.

"Boy, since you have a death wish, I'll fulfill your wish!" the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, who had the shortest temper among the trio, said angrily. Fire surged around him in an instant before he stomped his feet and charged toward Duan Ling Tian.

Just as the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor was about to collide with Duan Ling Tian...

Boom!

An invisible barrier suddenly appeared out of thin air, blocking the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor. Flames surged high in the sky as he tried to destroy the barrier, but it was futile. The powerful barrier prevented him from advancing no matter how hard he struggled.

At the same time, upon seeing this, the Soaring Celestial Emperor exclaimed, "It's the law of space!"

Following that, the Soaring Celestial Emperor looked around his surroundings as though he was looking for someone. "Who's there? Why are you helping him?"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The sound of wind howling rang in the air as five figures suddenly appeared out of thin air near Duan Ling Tian. They were a middle-aged man, a beautiful woman, and three young people.

The middle-aged man dressed in a dark gold long robe, who was clearly the leader of the group, was tall and muscular; he had a square jaw and bushy brows and a dignified air about him.

The beautiful woman was dressed in a flowy white robe. Her elegance and beauty made the surroundings pale in comparison.

Among the three young people, one of them was an aloof young man dressed in black robes, a white-clad young woman who looked pure, and a golden-clad young woman who looked rather delicate.

Meanwhile, as soon as the invincible barrier was erected before Duan Ling Tian, he had quickly stopped himself from attacking with the power of the Five Divine Elements. Although he knew someone had shown up to help him, he did not know who it was.

'Is it someone from the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven? Did Senior Meng Chuan ask for reinforcements?'

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian finally noticed the five people who had appeared near him. Since he had comprehended the law of space as well, he could tell that the group of people had appeared near him using the law of space's Teleportation Profundity.

Chapter 3343: Ji Yu Nian, the Fragmentary Element Celestial Emperor!

Duan Ling Tian was certain he had never met the dignified middle-aged man and elegant woman before; they were strangers to him. However, despite not being able to recognize the three young people standing behind the middle-aged man and the elegant woman, he felt a sense of familiarity when he looked at them.

"Who are you?" Fear could be seen in the Soaring Celestial Emperor's eyes when he looked at the golden-clad middle-aged man. Although he did not know who the middle-aged man was, he found the middle-aged man rather familiar.

The golden-clad middle-aged man glanced at the Soaring Celestial Emperor as he said disdainfully, "The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Palace of the Boundless Heaven are quite arrogant. I remember meeting you once, Soaring Celestial Emperor, but it seems like I'm not worthy of your attention..."

"Do I know you?" The Soaring Celestial Emperor's frown deepened. In the Boundless heaven, there were a few titled Celestial Emperors, including him, who were skilled in the law of space, one of the Four Supreme Laws. They would usually travel to other Devata Realms and meet with their peers. However, no matter how he racked his brains, he could not remember where or when he had met the golden-clad middle-aged man.

At this moment, the elegant beauty standing next to the golden-clad middle-aged man laughed before she said, "Old man, it's possible that the Soaring Celestial Emperor can't recognize you because you're not wearing a mask..."

"It seems like the Soaring Celestial Emperor is so important that he has become forgetful..." the goldenclad middle-aged man said lightly.

'Mask?' The Soaring Celestial Emperor was puzzled by the elegant beauty's words. All of a sudden, a thought flashed in his mind, causing his eyes to widen and his face to pale. 'It's him?'

At this moment, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor was already "Enough! Stop fooling around!" The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor who had been furious, to begin with, grew even more furious when he saw the person who had stopped him acting so arrogantly. He turned into a ball of flames and began to attack again.

Boom!

Accompanied by a loud explosion, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor who was shrouded in flames brandished a gigantic mace to attack the golden-clad middle-aged man.

"Stop!" the Soaring Celestial Emperor, who was taken aback by the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor's sudden attack, cried out. He had finally figured out the identity of the golden-clad middle-aged man.

Alas, it was too late. The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor had already launched an attack with all his might. Not only did he use his Celestial Weapon, he even used his fused profundities.

The Soaring Celestial Emperor had used his Celestial Origin Energy to speak when he tried to stop the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor. Therefore, his deafeningly loud voice caught the attention of all the titled Celestial Emperors who were fighting. All of them stopped fighting momentarily, keeping an eye on their opponent as they looked at the Soaring Celestial Emperor and the others. They watched as the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor brandished the gigantic flaming mace and struck the expressionless golden-clad middle-aged man with all his strength, displaying his might as a titled Celestial Emperor from the Heavenly Palace of the Boundless Heaven.

Upon seeing this, Xu Ya Si thought to herself, 'If the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, the Water Staff Celestial Emperor, and the Soaring Celestial Emperor had used their full strength earlier, I would've died...' She knew the trio had been merciful to her. Otherwise, even if she were just facing two of them, she doubted she would be able to last more than 100 moves.

"W-why is he here?" Meng Chuan's eyes narrowed immediately when he saw the golden-clad middle-aged man. Unlike You Feng Yu and Pei Yuan Ji who had no reaction when they saw the golden-clad middle-aged man, he was shocked. He was confused why such a prominent figure would appear at this moment. This person was someone on par with his brother, Meng Luo, the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor. In fact, even before his brother made a name for himself, the golden-clad middle-aged man was already a prominent figure. It was only 100 years ago that his brother fought the golden-clad middle-aged man and barely ended up in a tie.

"Die!" The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor roared. His voice echoed in the sky; it was as loud as thunder. His fury and fighting surged along with the flames on his body as he charged out. Due to the huge commotion, he failed to hear the Soaring Celestial Emperor's warning.

"You're trying to kill me with this level of strength?" The golden-clad middle-aged man smiled faintly as he looked at the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor who was charging toward him ferociously. Killing

intent flashed in his eyes before he suddenly vanished into thin air and reappeared in front of the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor. Then, he said derisively, "I'd like to see how you're going to kill me..."

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Further infuriated by the golden-clad middle-aged man's provocative words, fire surged like a tsunami, covering a radius of more than 10 miles.

Boom!

Duan Ling Tian watched as the fiery mace exploded into pieces as though it had hit something before it could even land on the golden-clad middle-aged man. The fragments from the mace scattered in the air.

Although the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor had used all his strength, he barely left a scratch on the barrier that shielded the golden-clad middle-aged man.

The golden-clad middle-aged man scoffed before a loud ripping noise rang in the air. In just an instant, a terrifying spatial tear appeared above him. Like a gigantic beast that opened its mouth, it devoured the flames in his surroundings, including the fiery fragments of the destroyed mace. Following that, the spatial tear moved and shot toward the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor.

Upon seeing this, the Soaring Celestial Emperor finally regained his senses and cried out in horror, "Lord Ji Yu Nian, please show mercy!"

Alas, it was too late.

The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor tried to avoid the spatial tear, but before he could even move, the spatial landed on him. In just an instant, his body was shredded as though he had been put through a paper shredder. Subsequently, the spatial tear devoured the pieces of his body like a terrifying monster.

Everyone present could sense that the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor had died even before the spatial tear shredded his body to pieces.

'What a terrifying law of space!' Duan Ling Tian was shocked when he saw the golden-clad middle-aged man's mastery over the law of space. Even the Supreme Powerhouse Divinity had only shown him two fused profundities. However, the middle-aged man seemed to have fused three profundities with strength that was comparable to that of four fused profundities!

The Soaring Celestial Emperor could only watch helplessly with a bitter smile on his face as the golden-clad middle-aged man killed the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor.

"Ji Yu Nian?" The Water Staff Celestial Emperor widened her eyes in shock as she looked at the goldenclad middle-aged man standing in the distance. Her voice trembled as she said, "H-he's... He's Ji Yu Nian?!"

"Even Ji Yu Nian showed up to help Duan Ling Tian?" Meng Chuan was similarly shocked when he saw Ji Yu Nian, the Fragmentary Element Celestial Emperor and the Grand Elder from the dragon clan in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven.

Ji Yu Nian was known for fusing profundities from the law of space that was so powerful that it was capable of shredding a person to pieces just like what happened to the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor.

Chapter 3344: All Grown Up

Among everyone present on the scene, only Meng Chuan and the Soaring Celestial Emperor had met Ji Yu Nian, the Fragmentary Element Celestial Emperor, before. Moreover, when they met him, he had always worn a dragon mask. Therefore, they did not recognize him immediately when he had appeared earlier.

If the elegant beauty next to Ji Yu Nian did not speak up, they would not have been able to figure out Ji Yu Nian's identity at all. It was unfortunate that it was too late when the Soaring Celestial Emperor figured out Ji Yu Nian's identity. In the end, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor died an incredibly horrible death.

Although the other titled Celestial Emperors had never met Ji Yu Nian, they had heard of him before.

"So he's Ji Yu Nian, the Fragmentary Element Celestial Emperor and the Grand Elder of the dragon clan in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven?"

"I've heard of the Fragmentary Element Celestial Emperor before! To think he killed the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, who was one of the strongest titled Celestial Emperors in the service of the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, so easily!"

"How terrifying!"

Meanwhile, the six titled Celestial Emperors who had escaped from the Thousand Chains Prison lit up with hope when they saw Ji Yu Nian even though they were shocked and surprised by Ji Yu Nian's appearance and his intention to help them.

At this moment, You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, greeted Ji Yu Nian with an unsightly expression on his face. "Elder Ji." How could he not be displeased that the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, whom his maternal grandfather, the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, had sent to help him, had died? He said frostily, "The Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor was sent by my grandfather to help me capture these prisoners. I hope you can give an explanation on why you killed him..."

Others might fear Ji Nian Yu, but You Feng Yu was not. Similar to Meng Chuan, he knew Ji Nian Yu would not kill him because of his grandfather, the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. Although he did not care much about the death of the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, he had to keep up his imposing air to keep everyone's spirits high. After all, he could see the Soaring Celestial Emperor and the Water Staff Celestial Emperor had thoughts about retreating.

"An explanation?" Ji Niang Yu looked at You Feng Yu indifferently as he said, "Perhaps, I might provide your grandfather with an explanation if he were here, but you're not worthy to demand an explanation from me..."

"Elder Ji, do you intend to provoke the Heavenly Pool Palace and the Heavenly Palace of Boundless Heaven?" You Feng Yu did not expect Ji Nian Yu would refuse him so blatantly. His expression darkened immediately as he glared at Ji Nian Yu. If looks could kill, Ji Nian Yu would have already died.

"If that's how you want to interpret it, so be it," Ji Nian Yu replied nonchalantly, clearly unbothered by You Feng Yu's threats.

"You!" You Feng Yu was furious. However, there was nothing he could now apart from sending a message to his maternal grandfather, the Heavenly Emperor of Boundless Heaven.

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When the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven received You Feng Yu's message earlier, he had sent the Soaring Celestial Emperor, the Water Staff Celestial Emperor, and the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor to help You Feng Yu. However, he did not expect Ji Nian Yu would show up as well.

"How presumptuous! I'll be there shortly" The Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven was displeased upon receiving You Feng Yu's latest message, especially when he heard about how Ji Nian Yu disregarded him.

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After receiving his grandfather's reply, You Feng Yu's eyes were bright as he said to Ji Nian Yu meaningfully, "My grandfather is on his way here now. Are you going to wait for him or scurry away like a rat?"

As soon as You Feng Yu finished speaking, Ji Nian Yu's expression darkened slightly. He scoffed before he flashed and reappeared in front of You Feng Yu.

Bang!

You Feng Yu hastily mobilized his energy to defend himself, but he was no match for Ji Nian Yu.

Ji Nian Yu easily broke through You Feng Yu's defense and struck him at the chest, sending him flying in the air. He spat out a mouthful of blood as he tried to stabilize his footing.

"Palace Master!" The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace cried out in horror when they saw the badly injured You Feng Yu.

Ji Nian Yu calmly said, "You Feng Yu, you haven't improved the slightest bit even after so many years have passed. Even that young woman is much stronger than you..." He glanced at Xu Ya Si briefly at the end of his words.

Based on Ji Nian Yu's words, it seemed like he had arrived a while ago and was observing the fight.

Upon sensing the gazes of the titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace, Ji Nian Yu asked airily, "Do any of you want to challenge me? All of you can attack at the same time if you want."

Although Ji Nian Yu was arrogant, it was not surprising since he was indeed very strong.

The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace exchanged a look. None of them dared to make a move at all.

At this moment, Ji Nian You's eyes suddenly found Yang Xiao Tian, the Howling Heaven Celestial Emperor. "No wonder I found you familiar... Aren't you the Three-Eyed Celestial Emperor's Howling Heaven Celestial Dog? What are you doing in the Heavenly Pool Palace? You're better off staying with the Three-eye Celestial Emperor..." He shook his head at the end of his words.

"Senior Ji." Yang Xiao Tian was not angered by Ji Nian Yu's words. Instead, he looked slightly embarrassed and fearful as he said, "There's some conflict between my eldest brother and me. That's why I left to calm down."

Yang Jian, whom Yang Xiao Tian treated as his eldest brother, had brought him along to meet Ji Nian Yu in the past to challenge Ji Nian Yu to a duel. In the beginning, Yang Jian was no match for Ji Nian Yu at all and would always suffer a heavy beating. It was only not too long ago that Yang Jian could fight to a draw with Ji Nian Yu.

Ji Nian Yu nodded slightly after listening to Yang Xiao Tian's explanation.

At this moment, You Feng Yu who had recovered from Ji Nian Yu's beating grimly asked, "Why are you interfering with the Heavenly Pool Palace's matter?"

"Regarding this matter, you'll have to ask the three little ones standing behind me," Ji Nian Yu said nonchalantly. His tone softened considerably when he mentioned the three young people behind him.

With these words, everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, looked at three young people standing behind Ji Nian Yu and the elegant beauty.

At this moment, the golden-clad young woman looked at the black-clad young man and white-clad young man as she said smugly, "Little Black, Little White, I was right! Brother Ling Tian doesn't recognize us at all!"

"Fine, fine, you're right!" the white-clad young man said with a hint of helplessness and amusement.

Although the trio's voices were not loud, everyone heard their words clearly.

Everyone, including Pei Yuan Ji and You Feng Yu, shifted their attention to Duan Ling Tian as soon as they heard these words.

'Little Black? Little White?' Duan Ling Tian was so stunned by the trio's conversation that he did not pay attention to the others at all. He looked at the trio again for a moment before realization dawned on him. His heart raced in his chest as he thought to himself, 'I-it's them? They've all grown up!'

Duan Ling Tian recalled the time when the trio were just children when they gained their human forms. The three people before him had grown up and looked to be his age. At this moment, he finally realized why he had found the trio so familiar; they were the two small pythons and the little golden mouse who followed him in the past.

"Brother Ling Tian." The aloof black-clad young man was the first to move. He flew out and came to a stop in front of Duan Ling Tian and smiled. His expression was no longer cold when faced with Duan Ling Tian.

"Little Black?" Duan Ling Tian said tentatively as he looked at the black-clad young man who was almost as tall as him. Although he knew the identity of the black-clad young man now, he still found it hard to believe.

"Yes, it's me." The black-clad young man's eyes lit up. His body trembled slightly due to the overwhelming emotions in his heart and he reached out to Duan Ling Tian as tears threatened to spill out of his eyes.

"Little Black, it really is you!" Duan Ling Tian stepped forward and hugged Little Black. He could barely restrain his emotions at this moment. He felt as though he had been reunited with his family again.

It had been more than 200 years since he had last seen Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold. The little ones were all grown up now.

Chapter 3345: Escape

Duan Ling Tian had known Little Black and Little White since he was a teenager. At that time, they were merely two little pythons that were rather unique. The two little pythons began to cultivate, and after some time had passed, they gained their human forms. Similarly, he had also met Little Gold when he was a teenager. The trio suddenly disappeared when they were in the mundane realm's Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, and he had never seen them again. Whenever he thought about the trio, he would wonder what happened to them and if something untoward had happened to them. When he thought about something bad happening to them, he did not dare to continue down that line of thoughts.

"Brother Ling Tian!"

As soon as Duan Ling Tian separated himself from Little Black, a golden figure dashed into his arms.

Duan Ling Tian chuckled. "Little Gold, you're all grown up now..." He could sense Little Gold's turbulent emotions as he watched tears stream down her face due to happiness. He hurriedly patted her back and said softly to console her, "Silly girl, don't cry. Isn't it a good thing we're reunited?"

At this moment, the graceful and quiet white-clad young woman frowned slightly when she saw the golden-clad young woman had no intention of letting Duan Ling Tian go after hugging him for so long. She grumbled in a soft voice, "Little Gold, you've hugged Brother Ling Tian long enough..."

"Why? Do you want to hug Brother Ling Tian as well? I'm not letting go. You won't have a chance to hug him!" Little Gold smiled mischievously when she heard Little White's words. She pulled her face and tightened her hold around Duan Ling Tian.

Little White scoffed before she stepped forward to push Little Gold away. She hugged Duan Ling Tian's arm and leaned against his chest as tears streamed down her face as well as she said, "Brother Ling Tian, Little White misses you terribly! We finally found you..."

Meanwhile, Ji Ning Yun, the elegant woman and the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan, who was standing nearby watched the reunion in fascination. This was her first time seeing this side of Little White. All this time, Little White had always appeared cheerful and independent in front of her. Little White hardly ever revealed her emotions, let alone cry. The same went for the aloof Little Black and mischievous Little Gold. She thought to herself, 'This is why Little Black and Little White insisted on using the surname Duan and refused to use the surname Ji like everyone in the clan..."

Needless to say, at this time, Ji Ning Yun knew the purple-clad young man in front of her whom the three little ones were so attached to was none other than Duan Ling Tian.

At this time, Ji Yu Nian, the Grand Elder of the dragon clan, said to Ji Ning Yun, "Yun'er, bring them away. I'll stay here and wait for the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. I haven't seen him in many years; this is a good opportunity to catch up with an old friend. I'll look for you once I'm done here..."

"Alright," Ji Ning Yun replied. Then, she turned to the three little ones and Duan Ling Tian before she said, "You should continue your conversation somewhere else. Leave the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless to the old man..."

As soon as Ji Ning Yun finished speaking, a pure and white energy shot out like a beam of light in the dark and shrouded the three little ones and Duan Ling Tian.

"Let's go!"

"Senior, can you please bring Senior Lian Qiu with us?" Duan Ling Tian asked respectfully as he looked at Lian Qiu who was hovering in the distance.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, Ji Ning Yun's energy shot toward Lian Qiu.

"Thank you, senior," Duan Ling Tian hurriedly thanked Ji Ning Yun. Before he left, he called out, "Brother Pei, all of you can leave now!"

Upon hearing these words, Pei Yuan Ji and the other titled Celestial Emperors who used to be imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison made their moves immediately.

The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace could only watch helplessly as the prisoners left. They did not dare to stop the prisoners at all as they looked at the golden-clad middle-aged man standing nearby from the corners of their eyes with various expressions of fear and wariness.

Similarly, the Soaring Celestial Emperor and the Water Staff Celestial Emperor did not dare to make a move as well.

'Damn it! Duan Ling Tian is going to escape!' Lei Ying's expression was incredibly unsightly at this moment. She did not expect Duan Ling Tian would be able to escape. When Ji Yu Nian was not looking, she glared at him with eyes that brimmed with hatred. Naturally, she could only lower her head when Ji Yu Nian turned to look at her. With Ji Yu Nian's strength, it would be easy for him to kill her even if she was in peak condition, let alone when she was severely injured. She knew he could kill her with just a thought using his formidable space energy. His comprehension of the law of space was on par with the Heavenly Emperors who had comprehended the law of space as well. Moreover, he could also revert to his true form, a Nine-clawed Divine Dragon, to increase his strength. All in all, his strength was on par with those weaker Heavenly Emperors.

In just a blink of an eye, Duan Ling Tian, Pei Yuan Ji, and the others disappeared from sight. No traces of them could be seen at all.

At the same time, You Feng Yu, the Palace Master of the Heavenly Pool Palace, had finally healed his injuries after 15 minutes. When he finally felt better, he looked at Ji Yu Nian with a grim expression on his face and asked in a low voice, "Elder Ji, so be it if you want to protect Duan Ling Tian, but why do you

have to protect the others as well, especially Pei Yuan Ji, the Nirvanic Celestial Emperor? My grandfather personally captured Pei Yuan Ji and imprisoned him in the Thousand Chains Prison. Why would you intentionally make an enemy out of my grandfather?"

Ji Yu Nian glanced at You Feng Yu and replied indifferently, "I only appeared to save Duan Ling Tian, and I don't care about the others. However, you can think what you like..."

The titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Pool Palace were rendered speechless when they heard Ji Yu Nian said he had no intentions of protecting the others. Alas, 15 minutes had passed; even if they gave chase now, it would be impossible to catch up to the other prisoners.

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'She's the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan? The Converging Clouds Celestial Emperor?'

Although Duan Ling Tian had guessed Ji Ning Yun was also a titled Celestial Emperor based on her energy when she brought him and the others away, he did not expect she was also the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan.

The dragon clan in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven was also a heaven-grade force just like the Heavenly Pool Palace in the Boundless Heaven and the Heavenly Sword Mountain in the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Nevertheless, the dragon clan was much stronger than the Heavenly Pool Palace and the Heavenly Sword Mountain. In fact, the dragon clan was considered one of the top heaven-grade forces. Therefore, even weaker Heavenly Emperors would not provoke the dragon clan unnecessarily.

After all, there were more than a dozen titled Celestial Emperors in the dragon clan. Even their weakest titled Celestial Emperor was slightly stronger than or on par with the Heavenly Pool Palace's Xu Lang, the Verdant Prairie Celestial Emperor. The titled Celestial Emperors in the dragon clan had an edge over other titled Celestial Emperors since they could revert to their true forms that would boost their strength.

Apart from that, there was a rumor that one of the Heavenly Emperors of the Devata Realm was from the dragon clan. Although he was no longer in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven, he would not stay idle if the dragon clan was threatened. He was known to be rather strong, and if one were to compare him to the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven, his strength was somewhere in the upper-middle tier while the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven's strength was only ranked in the lower-middle tier.

At this moment, Little Gold asked curiously, "Brother Ling Tian, when we went to the Thousand Tribulations Sword Sect to look for you, we heard of a Sister Huan'er by your side. Where is she now?"

"She's waiting for me in the Saint Province Realm," Duan Ling Tian replied with a smile. Then, he added, "Senior Lian Qiu is Huan'er's father..."

Following that, Duan Ling Tian looked at Lian Qiu and introduced him to the others. "Senior Lian Qiu, they're my brother and sisters. I've known them since I was a teenager in the mundane realm..."

"Hello." Lian Qiu smiled amicably. Since his wife was a Phantom Fox, he was rather fond of Celestial Beasts.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, "Little Black, Little White, Little Gold, what happened to all of you when we were in the Saint Province Realm's Beyond Heaven Secret Zone?" Duan Ling Tian asked curiously. After entering the Beyond Heaven Secret Zone, the trio disappeared mysteriously. He could not find them and did not hear from them until now.

"Brother Ling Tian, we were brought to the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven at that time," Little White replied.

Little Black and Little White were brought to the dragon clan while Little Gold was brought to Blood Moon Ridge. Then, she recounted everything that had happened since then.

After Little White recounted what had happened, Little Gold said with a wry smile on her face, "Brother Ling Tian, we thought we'd be much stronger than you now. As it turns out, we're still weaker than you..."

Earlier, before Ji Yu Nian stepped forward, they had been observing the fight while they stayed hidden behind the clouds. Therefore, they saw Duan Ling Tian defeating one of the titled Celestial Emperors.

Due to the distance, Ji Yu Nian did not detect the Five Divine Elements' presence when Duan Ling Tian borrowed their powers. Nevertheless, even if Ji Yu Nian were closer to him, Ji Yun Nian still might not be able to detect the Five Divine Elements' presence since he was incredibly discreet when borrowing their powers. In any case, he did not have to use the Five Divine Elements' power again since Ji Yu Nian stepped forward at the crucial moment.

Fear still lingered in Duan Ling Tian's heart when he recalled that moment when he faced the Soaring Celestial Emperor, the Explosive Flame Celestial Emperor, and the Water Staff Celestial Emperor. 'Fortunately, the Grand Elder showed up in time. Otherwise, to deal with all three titled Celestial Emperors, I'm afraid the existence of the Five Divine Elements would be exposed

Chapter 3346: Small Talk

Duan Ling Tian had been very close to exposing the existence of the Five Divine Elements in front of the group of titled Celestial Emperors earlier. He would be like a walking invaluable treasure in their eyes once the Five Divine Elements were exposed. After all, almost no one could ignore the Five Divine Elements.

Even in their lowest forms, the Five Divine Elements could still help titled Celestial Emperors who comprehended laws with similar elements and increased their chances to attain godhood. Attaining godhood was the dream of every titled Celestial Emperor.

Among all the Heavenly Emperors of the Devata Realms, there were less than a handful who were capable of attaining godhood. Therefore, even Heavenly Emperors would covet the Five Divine Elements.

If everyone knew Duan Ling Tian possessed the Five Divine Elements, there was no doubt he would be targeted no matter where he went.

At this moment, Little Gold asked curiously, "Brother Ling Tian, where are Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er? Did all of you ascend to the Devata Realm together?"

"Ke'er and Fei'er?" Duan Ling Tian fell silent upon hearing Little Gold's question. Hatred and anger flashed in his eyes when he said, "They're not here. In fact, they're not in any of the Devata Realms..."

"They're not in any of the Devata Realms?" Little Gold frowned. "Impossible. Little Black, Little White, and I returned to the Saint Province Realm. Not only did we fail to find you, but we couldn't find Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er as well..."

Little Black and Little White looked at Duan Ling Tian as well, waiting for his answer.

"They're in a Realm of Gods called the Divine Offering Land," Duan Ling Tian said in a low voice

"A Realm of Gods? The Divine Offering Land?"

Little Gold, Little White, and Little Black frowned upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. They had heard about Realms of Gods, but they had never heard of one called the Divine Offering Land.

Meanwhile, Ji Ning Yun, the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan, looked at Duan Ling Tian curiously as well. After all, even she was in awe of the Realms of Gods.

Little White asked, confused, "Brother Ling Tian, why are Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er in a Realm of Gods?"

Since Little White, Little Black, and Little Gold were brought to the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven from the mundane realm before Ke'er and Fei'er were abducted by Yun Qing Yan to the Divine Offering Land, they were unaware of what had happened.

Faced with Little White's question, Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he recounted what happened. After so many years, he was still filled with fury when talking about the matter. He was so angry that his body even trembled slightly.

"The Yun clan in the Divine Offering Land?" Ji Ning Yun inhaled sharply upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words.

"Senior, you've heard of the Yun clan in the Divine Offering Land?" Little Gold asked when she saw Ji Ning Yun's reaction. Her eyes flashed with anger as well/ She did not expect Ke'er, Li Fei, and her niece and nephew would be abducted. If possible, she wanted to help Duan Ling Tian rescue them as well.

"I only know a little about them," Ji Ning Yun said solemnly, "The Yun clan can be considered as a prominent clan in the Divine Offering Land; they're very powerful. Just a random elder from the Yun clan is stronger than the top titled Celestial Emperors."

Duan Ling Tian had already known this for a long time now. After all, even Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, was forced to escape to the Asura Hell, one of the seven deadliest places in all Devata Realms, by a servant of the Yun clan.

Realization dawned on Ji Ning Yun before she said, "As it turns out, the reason Feng Qing Yang was forced to escape to the Asura Hell by the Divine Offering Land's Yun Clan is you..."

Duan Ling Tian said bitterly, "I didn't mean to bring him harm..."

"I didn't expect you to be Feng Qing Yang's successor in the mundane realm. As far as I know, he doesn't have any disciples at all in the Devata Realm... Why didn't you look for him in the Solitary Destructive Heaven?"

"I only found out recently that Senior Feng Qing Yang had returned from the Asura Hell and reclaimed his position as the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Moreover, I assumed I was just one of his many successors in the mundane realm. I'm afraid he might not accept me even if I show up..." Duan Ling Tian said with an awkward expression on his face.

"Might not accept you? You're overthinking things," Ji Ning Yun shook her head as she said, "Feng Qing Yang is, indeed, aloof. However, he's not like that toward the people he considers his own. Back then, he came to the dragon clan to challenge our Patriarch, and they became good friends after their fight. Ever since then, he didn't hesitate to help our Patriarch whenever our Patriarch needed help. Therefore, I think not only will he recognize you as his successor, but you're likely important to him as well..."

"You're Lord Heavenly Emperor's successor?" Lian Qiu, who was from the Solitary Destructive Heaven, was shocked by Duan Ling Tian's words. He did not expect the young man whom he considered as his son-in-law had such a close connection with the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. For a moment, he thought his daughter was incredibly lucky to meet such a man.

Needless to say, to Lian Qiu who was from the Heavenly Sword Mountain in the Solitary Destructive Heaven, Feng Qing Yang was like a symbol of faith. Many Sword Celestials in the Solitary Destructive Heaven regarded him as their belief, like a god.

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly. "It's unfortunate that Senior Meng Chuan couldn't contact him..."

"Meng Chuan? No wonder I thought the person fighting You Feng Yu was rather familiar. As it turns out, he's the Jade Bow Celestial Emperor, the younger brother of the Heavenly Savage Celestial Emperor." Realization dawned on Ji Ning Yun. Then, she asked in confusion, "Since Meng Chuan is willing to help you, why aren't there more titled Celestial Emperors from the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven today? If they were here, you wouldn't have ended up in that situation earlier. All of you would be able to escape smoothly..."

"Senior Meng Chuan couldn't get in touch with Senior Feng Qing Yang and his brother. Since he was not sure if Senior Feng Qing Yang would accept me, he did not think it was appropriate to seek help from the others..."

"I see." Ji Ning Yun nodded. As it turned out, Meng Chuan was there to fight You Feng Yu and stall for time.

"Brother Ling Tian... There are more than 700 years left before the passage from the Devatar Realms to the Divine Offering Land opens. Based on our current strength, I believe at that time we would've grown strong enough to rescue Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er!" Little White said in order to console Duan Ling Tian.

Although Little Black remained silent, his eyes flashed coldly when Little White mentioned the Divine Offering Land.

"You're right." Duan Ling Tian nodded with a smile on his face. "I've already survived for more than 200 years; what are another 700 years? I only wish that they're safe and sound in the Divine Offering Land..." A hint of worry could be seen in the depths of his eyes when he finished speaking.

"Brother Ling Tian," Little Gold called out. She was standing next to Huan'er so she could see he was worried. Therefore, she hurriedly changed the topic and asked, "Tell us about Sister Huan'er. How did you meet? You really went to a lot of trouble for her this time..."

Little Gold was genuinely curious.

"Huan'er..." A dazed expression appeared on Duan Ling Tian's face as he said, "I met her 200 years ago..."

After Duan Ling Tian recounted his and Huan'er's first meeting, Lian Qiu said bitterly, "It's all my fault. If I weren't imprisoned in the Thousand Chains Prison, Xuan'er wouldn't have come looking for me. In turn, Huan'er wouldn't have been abandoned. Fortunately, she met you. As it turns out Xuan'er wasn't lying when she saw she met with a senior from the Phantom Fox Clan who could foresee the future. At that time, the senior had told her Huan'er would meet her guardian angel..."

After a while, Duan Ling Tian said, "Senior Lian Qiu, I'll bring you to the Saint Province Realm after this." Then, he turned to look at Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold before he asked, "Are you going to return to the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven or do you want to come to the Saint Province Realm as well?"

"Brother Ling Tian, of course, we want to go with you! I'd like to meet Sister Huan'er as well..." Little Gold said with a smile.

Little White and Little Black remained silent and turned to look at Ji Ning Yun for approval instead.

"Since you're finally reunited after so long, you can go to the Saint Province Realm as well. I'd like to have a look at the mundane realm you came from as well," Ji Ning Yu said with a faint smile on her face when she saw the duo looking at her.

At this moment, as though he had just recalled something, Duan Ling Tian looked at Ji Ning Yu and solemnly asked, "Senior, is it really okay to leave Senior Ji Yu Nian there? Will he be okay?"

Duan Ling Tian could not but worry slightly even though he knew Ji Nian Yu, as the Grand Elder of the dragon clan, had the support of the powerful dragon clan. Not only was the dragon clan powerful, but it had the support of a Heavenly Emperor of another Devata Realm as well. If something happened to Ji Yu Nian, the dragon clan would surely avenge him, but there was no guarantee the Heavenly Emperor from the dragon clan would do so.

Chapter 3347: Returning to the Saint Province Realm

Ji Ning Yun was rendered speechless by Duan Ling Tian's question.

On the other hand, after hearing Duan Ling Tian's question, Little White and Little Gold began to laugh. Even Little Black carried a hint of a smile on his face.

"What?" Duan Ling Tian asked, perplexed. There was nothing wrong with his question, was there?

"Brother Ling Tian," Little Gold said with a smile, "Have you heard that there's a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Clan who used to be from the dragon clan?"

"I have." Duan Ling Tian nodded. Although he thought the Heavenly Emperor would not be too excessive with Ji Yu Nian, the Grand Elder of the dragon clan, in fear of provoking the dragon clan, it did not mean the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven would not do anything at all. Moreover, the person from the dragon clan who had become a Heavenly Emperor might care about the dragon clan, but it did not mean he would care about Ji Nian Yu as an individual.

Little Gold continued to ask, "Then, have you heard of the relationship between that Heavenly Emperor and Elder Ji Yu Nian?"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and asked, "Does Elder Ji have a close relationship with that Heavenly Emperor?"

"Elder Ji Yu Nian is a direct descendant of that Heavenly Emperor; he's Elder Ji Yu Nian's great grandfather," Little Gold said with a grin, "Moreover, Elder Ji Yu Nian was sent to stay with his great grandfather for 1,000 years when he was young. It was at that time that he laid a strong foundation for his cultivation base, leading him to reach such great heights now. Do you think the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven would dare to harm Elder Ji Yu Nian even if Elder Ji Yu Nian were not a match for him? Everyone, even Heavenly Emperors, knows about Elder Ji Yu Nian's connection to that Heavenly Emperor..."

After listening to Little Gold's explanation, Duan Ling Tian finally realized why Ji Ning Yun, the Fourth Elder of the dragon clan, was not the slightest bit worried about leaving her husband to face the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven. As it turned out, Ji Yu Nian had such a strong supporter.

'It seems like I was worried for nothing.' Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief inwardly. He was incredibly grateful toward Ji Yu Nian. After all, Ji Yu Nian did not only save him, but Ji Yu Nian saved Lian Qiu, Pei Yuan Ji, and the others as well.

Duan Ling Tian immediately sent a message to Pei Yuan Ji when he thought about Pei Yuan Ji. Since they had exchanged Soul Pearls back in the Thousand Chains Prison, it was easy for him to contact Pei Yuan Ji. "Brother Pei Yuan Ji, we're planning to go to the Saint Province Realm to see Huan'er. Do you want to come with us?"

"I won't be joining you," Pei Yuan Ji replied, "Since Du Xuan is now free, I've fulfilled my promise to Du Fei. I'll continue down my own path now. I hope we'll have the chance to meet again in the future..."

"I'm sure we will," Duan Ling Tian responded. Following that, he sent a message to Meng Chuan as well. "Senior Meng Chuan, have you left?"

When Pei Yuan Ji and the others left earlier, Duan Ling Tian noticed Meng Chuan had stayed back.

"I've left." Meng Chuan's reply came swiftly. "I'm not going to stay there to be a punching bag."

"A punching bag?" Duan Ling Tian asked in confusion.

Meng Chuan laughed before he explained, "When the Heavenly Emperor of the Boundless Heaven arrives, he won't be able to do anything to Ji Yu Nian. I'm afraid at that time he would vent his anger on me... Even if he can't kill me, he can still beat me up to make me suffer a little. Therefore, it's best I leave before that old man arrives."

Duan Ling Tian could not refute Meng Chuan's words; they made sense.

After a moment, Meng Chuan sent another message. "Duan Ling Tian, I didn't expect you to be able to get the Grand Elder of the dragon clan to help you. In fact, with his help, there's no need for me to be here at all..."

"In fact, I didn't expect this as well. It wasn't part of the plan," Duan Ling Tian said.

"Alright. I'll see you again. When Lord Heavenly Emperor returns, I'll inform him about you. I'll bring you to him at that time if he wants to see you. You'll still be in the Boundless Heaven, right?"

Communication Celestial Talismans were only effective in the same realm. No matter how high quality a talisman was, it could not be used to communicate between different realms.

Duan Ling Tian said, "I'll be heading to the Saint Province Realm after this. It's also Senior Feng Qing Yang's hometown... As for the BoundlessHeaven..." He hesitated for a moment, trailing off. Initially, he wanted to say he was not coming back to the Boundless Heaven, but he suddenly thought of his teacher and seniors in the Heavenly Pool Palace, especially his Eldest Senior Sister who stood firmly on his side even though it was their first meeting. In the end, he only said, "If there are no changes, I probably won't return..."

"Then, which Devata Realm are you heading to after leaving the mundane realm? I have to know so I can contact you if Lord Heavenly Emperor wants to meet you..."

"I should be in the Jade Emperor Heaven, the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven, the Spirit Overarching Heaven, or the Solitary Destructive Heaven..." Duan Ling Tian said. After a beat, he added, "If you can't find me in those places, you can try the Boundless Heaven..."

"Alright," Meng Chuan replied.

After speaking to Meng Chuan, Duan Ling Tian thought about sending Xu Lang a message. Then, he recalled he had surrendered Xu Lang's Soul Pearl to the person who was supposed to imitate him before he entered the Thousand Chains Prison.

'I suppose I can only contact Second Senior Brother, Third Senior Sister, Fourth Senior Sister, Fifth Senior Brother, and Sixth Senior Brother now...' Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly when he thought about his seniors. He thought his seniors probably had not heard of what had happened yet at this time. Although he did intend to use them, by betraying the Heavenly Pool Palace, he knew he would subject them to other people's judgment. After all, there was a traitor in their ranks.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian inhaled deeply before he decided to speak to Hong Fei, his Sixth Senior Brother, and Hu Mei, his Third Senior Sister, whom he was the closest to.

"Third Senior Sister, please help me apologize to teacher and Eldest Senior Sister when you see them..."

"Sixth Senior Brother, when you see teacher and Eldest Senior Sister, please tell them I'm sorry..."

Needless to say, Hu Mei and Hong Fei were thoroughly confused when they received Duan Ling Tian's message. Both of them replied to Duan Ling Tian, asking him what was wrong.

"I'm sure both of you have heard that almost all the prisoners in the Thousand Chains Prison have escaped, right?"

They had broken out of the Thousand Chains Prison quite a while ago. It stood to reason that word about the prison break had spread.

"Yes. I heard that a prodigious disciple released the prisoners," Hu Mei replied.

Hong Fei replied excitedly, "I heard about that as well. In fact, there are rumors saying that person was you! Don't worry, I defended you! After all, our Eldest Senior Sister is one of the Head Wardens of the Thousand Chains Prison, how could you..."

Hong Fei suddenly stopped speaking when he recalled Duan Ling Tian's earlier message that asked him to apologize to Xu Lang and Xu Ya Si. Then, he asked tentatively, "Little Junior Brother, it's... it's not you, right?"

"It's me." Duan Ling Tian said.

Following that, Hong Fei and Hu Mei did not reply to Duan Ling Tian's message for a while.

After Duan Ling Tian explained everything, Hu Mei fell silent again.

After a short moment, Hu Mei finally replied, "Little Junior Brother, I understand..."

Duan Ling Tian was moved when he heard Hu Mei's reply and hurriedly said, "Third Senior Sister, all of you will always be my seniors. If you ever need help in the future, I will not hesitate to go through fire to help you!"

"You'll always be my Little Junior Brother. Don't forget that," Hu Mei said, "Apart from that, I have to tell you that I know our Eldest Senior Sister very well. The fact that she let you meant that everything she said was just for show to the others. If she truly wanted to keep you here, she wouldn't have done exactly so."

"I understand," Duan Ling Tian answered.

At this moment, Hong Fei who finally regained senses hurriedly replied, "Little Junior Brother, what happened? You... Why did you free them?"

"I've already explained everything to Third Senior Sister so you can speak to her. I'm leaving the Boundless Heave now. Please help to apologize to teacher and Eldest Senior Sister..."

After Duan Ling Tian sent that message to Hong Fei, Duan Ling Tian, Lian Qiu, Ji Ning Yun, and the three little ones left the Boundless Heaven for the Saint Province Realm.

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Duan Ling Tian had a different feeling returning to the Saint Province Realms with the three little ones compared to the time when he came with Huan'er.

After arriving, Duan Ling Tian did not waste time and led the others to the Crimson Sky Kingdom where Huan'er was waiting.

When they arrived, a peerless beauty that seemed to only exist in stories rushed into Duan Ling Tian's arms immediately.

"Brother Ling Tian."

Upon seeing Huan'er, the eyes of the three little ones and Ji Ning Yun brightened immediately. They had never seen someone so beautiful in their lives.

Chapter 3348: Purgatory

Although Huan'er did not accompany Duan Ling Tian to rescue her parents, the pressure she felt was not any less. Moreover, she had been worried something would happen to Duan Ling Tian. She had decided if he perished while rescuing her parents, she would join him in death. She had told Duan Ling Tian that as well before he left to rescue her parents. Now that she saw Duan Ling Tian was safe and sound, she was so happy that she momentarily forgot about her parents.

Meanwhile, Lian Qiu watched the young woman who was hugging Duan Ling Tian with glazed eyes and a tender expression on his face.

"Xuan'er, do you see this?" Lian Qiu said. At some point, he had returned to carrying the white Phantom Fox in his arms.

At this time, it seemed like Phantom Fox was awake. It was trying to open its eyes at this moment. The excitement in her eyes was obvious when she saw Huan'er hugging Duan Ling Tian.

As though she could sense her parent's gazes, Huan'er left Duan Ling Tian's arms and walked toward Lian Qiu. She nodded at him but could not bring herself to call him father. After a moment, her eyes landed on the white fox in Lian Qiu's arms.

"Huan'er... Is it really you, my daughter?"

A voice rang in Huan'er's mind at this moment. To her, this voice that she had not heard for more than 200 years was like the voice of an angel.

"Mom, it's me," Huan'er said as she tried to hold back her tears. At the same time, her white robes began to flutter even though there was no wind. Soon enough, the giant silhouette of a pure and elegant white fox appeared behind her.

Upon seeing this, Ji Ning Yun, Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold felt a crushing pressure deep in their souls. This was an instinctual reaction since the Huan'er's true form was considered the top among Celestial Beasts.

"This..." Ji Ning Yun frowned slightly as she looked at the giant silhouette behind Huan'er. After a beat, her eyes widened as she exclaimed, "A Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox!"

"A Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox?"

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Similarly, the Blood Moon Ridge also had Divine Beasts. Unlike the dragon clan's Ten-Clawed Divine Dragon that appeared once every 100,000 years, the Divine Beast in the Blood Moon Ridge would appear randomly. Sometimes it might take several hundred thousand years before a Divine Beast would appear; sometimes there might be two or more Divine Beasts appearing within tens of thousands of years. The most famous Divine Beast in the Blood Moon Ridge was the Nine Depths God Killing Mouse. The current Patriarch of the Blood Moon Ridge was its direct descendant.

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Ji Ning Yun murmured, "A Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox, the Divine Beast from the Phantom Fox Clan that only appears once every 1,000,000 years. I didn't think I'd be able to see one with my own eyes..."

Following that, Ji Ning Yun shifted her gaze to Little Black and Little White as she thought to herself, 'When a Ten-Clawed Divine Dragon appears in the dragon clan, the Phantom Fox Clan's Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox might not appear. However, when a Thousand Phantoms Ice Fox appears, the Ten-Clawed Divine Dragons would usually show up as well. It seems like our dragon clan's Ten-Clawed Divine Dragon will appear soon... Little Black and Little White are the likeliest candidates; I wonder which of them will become a Ten-Clawed Divine Dragon?'

This matter had been on Ji Ning Yun's mind for a long time now. The high-ranking officials in the dragon clan had held more than one meeting to discuss this matter. Among all the Nine-Clawed Divine Dragons in the dragon clan, Little Black and Little White had the highest chances to evolve into a Ten-Clawed Divine Dragon.

At this moment, Ji Ning Yun smiled as she walked toward Huan'er and said, "You're Huan'er, right? Please give me some space so I can heal your mother..."

Huan'er turned to look at Duan Ling Tian first. Only when she saw Duan Ling Tian nodding did she move aside.

"Your daughter is amazing," Ji Ning Yun said to Lian Qiu and the white fox in his arms. At the same time, a pure energy surged out of her and shrouded the white fox in Lian Qiu's arms.

With that, the external injuries on the white fox healed at a speed visible to naked eyes.

Upon seeing this, Duan Ling Tian said, "I've long heard that the healing abilities of the law of light are far superior to the law of wood. It seems like it's true!"

After half an hour, Ji Ning Yun managed to completely heal the white fox's external injuries and 80% of its internal injuries. When she finally stopped healing the white fox, her forehead was drenched with sweat. She quickly evaporated them with her energy once she was done.

Swoosh!

Suddenly, the white fox in Lian Qiu's arms disappeared, and a white-clad woman whom Huan'er resembled appeared. She was none other than Du Xuan, Huan'er's mother. As soon as she returned to her human form, she expressed her gratitude to Ji Ning Yun. "Thank you, Fourth Elder..."

Although Du Xuan was severely injured and could not communicate, she was still aware of everything that had happened. Even when she was in her husband's Little World, she was aware of what was happening outside.

"You're welcome." Ji Ning Yun nodded.

"Mom!" Huan'er was delighted when she saw Du Xuan's human form, looking no different from the day she left. She hurriedly stepped forward and hugged Du Xuan.

"Huan'er, you've grown up. I'm so happy. When I left, I was incredibly worried about you, but I had no choice. I was afraid I wouldn't even be able to see your father one last time. I was selfish; I hope you don't blame me..." Du Xuan said emotionally.

Duan Ling Tian and Ji Ning Yun exchanged a look and tacitly agreed to leave Huan'er to reunite with her family. They brought Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold away to give the family of three some space.

After walking away, Ji Ning Yun asked, "Duan Ling Tian, what's your plan after this?"

"I have no plans for now." Duan Ling Tian shook his head as his eyes shone brightly. "I just want to reach the stage of a Celestial Emperor as soon as I can..."

Duan Ling Tian could only fuse his profundities once he became a Celestial Emperor. Otherwise, it did not matter even if he had heaven-defying talents.

"You can come with us to the dragon clan if you have no plans," Ji Ning Yun said with a smile as she glanced at Little Black and Little White, "These two will be incredibly happy if you visit the dragon clan..."

As soon as Ji Ning Yun finished speaking, Little Black and Little White stared at Duan Ling Tian eagerly. It was just as Ji Ning Yun said; they would be incredibly happy if Duan Ling Tian came with them to the dragon clan.

"Brother Ling Tian, come with us... We can cultivate together. Once the passage to the Divine Offering Land opens, we can rescue Sister Ke'er and Sister Fei'er!" Little White said to Duan Ling Tian.

"Brother Ling Tian, you can come to the Blood Moon Ridge as well if you don't want to go to the dragon clan. Our Blood Moon Ridge is just as good!" Little Gold smirked.

Duan Ling Tian smiled and refused Ji Ning Yun's invitation. "Senior, I truly appreciate the gesture... However, I just recalled there's somewhere I have to go."

"Where is that?" Ji Ning Yun asked curiously. What place could be better than the dragon clan? After all, many would die for a chance to be invited to the dragon clan, and yet, this human easily refused the invitation. However, she was also aware that Duan Ling Tian was not the average human. He was not even 300 years old, but his strength had surpassed Little Black and Little White. Moreover, he was also the successor of Feng Qing Yang, the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

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"Brother Ling Tian, if the Fourth Elder sent you a Voice Transmission asking you to dissuade us, just disregard it. After returning to the dragon clan's estate, we can sneak out and meet you in the Purgatory Battlefield!"

"Brother Ling Tian, I want to follow you."

Duan Ling Tian was moved when he heard the trio's Voice Transmissions. In the end, he said, "Three of you should think this through. In any case, I won't be entering the Purgatory Battlefield so soon; I'll be staying in the Saint Province Realm for a while. You have three years to consider this. At that time, if you're still determined to follow me, we'll go to the Purgatory Battlefield together."

Duan Ling Tian did not mind the trio following him to the Purgatory Battlefield even if it meant they would discover the Five Divine Elements in his body. Although they had been separated for more than 200 years, he could tell they still genuinely cared about him and their affection did not fade at all. In fact, it seemed to have grown deeper with time. Therefore, he knew they would never betray him even if they discovered he was in the possession of the Five Divine Elements. Apart from that, if it were up to him, he would prefer it if the trio joined him. After all, it would be beneficial not only to him but to the trio as well.

The trio's eyes lit up as soon as they received Duan Ling Tian's reply. Since Duan Ling Tian no longer stopped them, there was nothing else standing in their way.

At this moment, Ji Ning Yun said, "Before we arrived in the Saint Province Realm, I've already sent a message to that old man. He'll directly return to the dragon clan after dealing with the matters in the Boundless Heaven. During this time, you can all stay here and accompany your Brother Ling Tian."

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In just a blink of an eye, three months had passed, and it was time for Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold to leave. In order to avoid arousing suspicions, the trio behaved obediently.

During this time, the trio had grown closer to Huan'er. Even Ji Ning Yun got along very well with her.

Before they left the Saint Province Realms for the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven, the trio exchanged Soul Pearls with Duan Ling Tian. Naturally, they also sent Voice Transmissions to Duan Ling Tian, telling him they would return to meet him as soon as possible.

After the trio left, Duan Ling Tian asked Huan'er's parents, "Senior Lian Qiu, Senior Du Xuan, do you have any plans after this?"

Since Huan'er would follow him to the Purgatory Battlefield, in order to give Huan'er peace of mind, it was important that he made sure her parents settled down before they left.

"We plan to stay in the Saint Province Realm for the time being," Du Xuan said as she looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of satisfaction. At this moment, she looked like a mother-in-law who was pleased by her son-in-law. "We'll discuss future plans when you and Huan'er return from the Purgatory Battlefield."

Although Du Xuan and Lian Qiu were aware of the dangers lurking in the Purgatory Battlefield, they were assured by Duan Ling Tian's brimming confidence. Moreover, Lian Qiu had seen Duan Ling Tian injuring Lei Ying, the Merciless Celestial Emperor, whom even Lian Qiu was no match for.

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

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Over the next period of time, Duan Ling Tian, Huan'er, Du Xuan, and Lian Qiu wandered to every corner of the Saint Province Realm.

When they passed through places Duan Ling Tian had connections to, Huan'er would explain them to her parents and recount Duan Ling Tian's experiences to them.

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"Alright, then let's wait for another year." Duan Ling Tian nodded. He was somewhat happy to hear this since this proved the dragon clan truly cherished Little Black and Little White. In fact, it was far beyond what he had expected.

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After a year had passed, Little Black and Little Gold still failed to show up. Therefore, Little Gold returned to the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven to confirm that the duo was unable to follow them to Purgatory Battlefield. After confirming the duo truly could not leave the dragon clan's estate, Duan Ling Tian and Little Gold had no choice but to enter the Purgatory Battlefield without Little Black and Little White.

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In the Jade Emperor Heaven's Jade Emperor Territory...

"Brother Ling Tian, the entrance to the Purgatory Battlefield should be up ahead..." Little Gold said when she saw a two-story building.

The entrance to the Purgatory Battlefield could be found in all Devata Realms. However, the exits were not fixed even though one would usually be transported back to the Devata Realm they came from.

Duan Ling Tian randomly decided to enter the Purgatory Battlefield through the entrance in the Jade Emperor Heaven. After all, it did not matter which entrance he used; they were all the same.

When they drew closer to the buildings, they saw many small platforms around the building. There were people on some of the platforms as well. After these people inscribed their names on the platform, they would vanish into thin air.

"Brother Ling Tian, these Transportation Formations on the platforms will bring us to the Purgatory Battlefield... All we need to do is inscribe our name on the platform," Little Gold said.

Before leaving the Blood Moon Ridge in the Ten Thousand Beasts Heaven, Little Gold had studied everything she could about the Purgatory Battlefield.

"If someone who shares the same name as you enters the Purgatory Battlefield, you won't be able to enter until that person is eliminated. Killing opponents in there will earn you military merits. You can easily check your merit points and rank with just a thought. Only those in the top 1,100 places will be ranked and be given military ranks. The top individuals will be given the rank of Commander the following 1,000 will be given the ranks of Lieutenant. Apart from that, we can also use our military merit points to trade for a chance to enter secret zones. If you have enough military merits, you can trade for a chance to enter a certain secret zone on your own. Using up your military merits will not affect your ranking," Little Gold explained.

After listening to Little Gold, Duan Ling Tian gained a better understanding of the Purgatory Battlefield.

"It seems like we can enter in groups," Duan Ling Tian said when he saw people in groups of twos and threes being transported away at the same time. After a beat, he asked, "Little Gold, since they're transported away together, they should appear at the same location in the Purgatory Battlefield, right?"

"Yes." Little Gold nodded and said with a smile on her face, "Brother Ling Tian, all we have to do is use the same Transportation Formation and inscribe our name at the same time if we want to be transported to the same location in the Purgatory Battlefield."

Duan Ling Tian nodded. Then, he called out Huan'er before he led them to one of the small platforms.

Following Little Gold's instructions, the trio inscribed their names at the same time before they vanished into thin air.

When the darkness faded away and was replaced by light, Duan Ling Tian found himself in a place that was shrouded by thick fog. Due to the terrible visibility, he could not really see his surroundings.

After he confirmed Little Gold and Huan'er were both with him, he checked his military merits with just a thought. He discovered he had one military merit point and was ranked at the 137,615th place. Apart from that, he saw a list of names as well. It was not difficult for him to figure out the list of names was the ranking for the top 1,100 people in the Purgatory Battle.