

Sovereign 4221

Chapter 4221 Entering the Divine Sanction Battlefield After Ten Years

As soon as Yang Yu Chen finished speaking, his terrifying attack swept out like a phantom.

In just a blink of an eye, the middle-aged man was reduced to dust as though he had gone through a millstone. Despite resisting with all his might, it was futile. The difference between his and Yang Yu Chen's strength was insurmountable. It was just like how Duan Ling Tian had easily killed imminent Supreme Gods.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian, who was standing at the side, was stunned by Yang Yu Chen's earlier words and decisive actions. He had assumed that Yang Yu Chen would let the middle-aged man go if the middle-aged man managed to defeat him. He did not expect Yang Yu Chen to kill the middle-aged man before the middle-aged man could defeat him. With this, Yang Yu Chen indeed did not break his promise.

Another unwilling cry rang in the air as a huge figure appeared in the air after the middle-aged man died.

The phenomenon that indicated the death of an intermediate Supreme God appeared twice in a row.

At this time, the expressions of the powerhouses, who were drawn over by the previous phenomenon, changed drastically, shocked that another intermediate Supreme God died. Moreover, the two intermediate Supreme Gods died in the same place.

"Two intermediate Supreme Gods died at almost the same time!"

“Are they from the same Realm of Gods?”

“They’re like companions...”

The powerhouses were, without exceptions, in or above the realm of an intermediate Supreme God. Moreover, all of them were confident about their strength to a certain extent. Otherwise, they would not have ventured so close to have a look at what was going on.

A few years ago, two intermediate Supreme Gods from the Zen Boundary Land died consecutively as well. A few years later, another two intermediate Supreme Gods died again.

The powerhouses could not figure out what was going on. Under normal circumstances, it was rare for those in or above the realm of an intermediate Supreme God to die. More than decades could pass, and not one intermediate Supreme God would die. However, their deaths were so frequent in recent years. It was truly baffling. After reaching this realm, most of them were very cautious and vigilant. If they could not defeat their opponents, they would not hesitate to flee to the nearest base camp.

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After killing two intermediate Supreme Gods in a row, Yang Yu Chen still looked calm. He collected the duo’s prominent divine artifact before he said, “Junior brother, let’s go.”

As they left, Yang Yu Chen said, “The phenomena that appeared after those two died definitely attracted attention due to how eye-catching they were. A lot of powerhouses are going to come over to check on the situation. There are likely quite a few advanced Supreme Gods among these powerhouses. Hence, it’s imperative that we leave as soon as possible. Who knows if we would run into a stronger opponent from the Zen Boundary Land if we didn’t leave?”

Previously, Yang Yu Chen did not react when the rudimentary Supreme Gods died. After all, the rudimentary Supreme Gods did not die in the inner area of the battlefield. There were not many powerhouses outside of the inner area so most people did not dare to come close to have a look. Moreover, even those who dared to come over were intermediate Supreme Gods at most. Yang Yu Chen was not afraid of intermediate Supreme Gods. Even if he ran into an intermediate Supreme God stronger than him, he was confident he could escape unscathed with Duan Ling Tian even if he could not defeat the other party.

Duan Ling Tian nodded in response to Yang Yu Chen's words. He had also thought about this matter before. The appearance of such a phenomenon was tantamount to telling people that a Supreme God died and revealing the location where the Supreme God died. It was risky to stay on the scene.

At this moment, Yang Yu Chen said in an attempt to comfort Duan Ling Tian, "Junior brother, there's no need to feel discouraged because you weren't a match for that intermediate Supreme God. In fact, with your current strength, you can defeat new intermediate Supreme Gods who have just broken through. You're only slightly weaker than those intermediate Supreme Gods who have just stabilized their cultivation bases. At the very least, you may not lose to Fourth Junior Sister in a fight."

In Yang Yu Chen's opinion, although Lang Chun Yuan was very talented, Duan Ling Tian was even more talented. If the two were to fight, there was a high chance that it would end in a draw.

Duan Ling Tian grinned, revealing two rows of white teeth. "Third Senior Brother, there's no need to comfort me. I'm not discouraged. After all, I'm just an advanced Emperor of Gods now."

Yang Yu Chen fell silent upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. At the same time, he felt emotionally exhausted. Indeed. His junior brother was just an advanced Emperor of Gods now. It seemed like he was worried for nothing. His junior brother was an advanced Emperor of Gods who could defeat most, if not all, rudimentary Supreme Gods. Why would his junior brother feel discouraged?

Yang Yu Chen thought about how he could only defeat the average rudimentary Supreme Gods when he was an advanced Emperor of Gods. He was no match for powerful rudimentary Supreme Gods at that time.

Then, Yang Yu Chen sighed, slightly exasperated, as he thought to himself, 'I don't need you to remind me. I already know you're just an advanced Emperor of Gods. You used to be so sensible, junior brother. Why are you tactless now? Don't you know that your words will poke my sore spot? Forget it. Children are ignorant. I shouldn't take this to heart.'

Duan Ling Tian had been on the Realm Battlefield for eight years now. He had learned many things from Yang Yu Chen, and he also gained many experiences. However, he felt that he gained the most combat experience from his fight with the intermediate Supreme God. He had fought with all his might, but he still fell short in the end.

The intermediate Supreme God was just an ordinary intermediate Supreme God who could only attack physically. If Duan Ling Tian were to encounter an intermediate Supreme God who specialized in soul attacks, even if the other party was only average, Duan Ling Tian knew he would be in an even more disadvantageous position. However, with his soul-type defensive artifacts, he did not have to fear rudimentary Supreme Gods who specialized in soul attacks

It had to be said that Duan Ling Tian only had to fear intermediate Supreme Gods who specialized in soul attacks now because one of the Five Divine Elements, the Profound Divine Metal, was still hibernating. Otherwise, the other party would not be able to seriously injure him with soul attacks at all.

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Duan Ling Tian stayed with Yang Yu Chen over the next two years. During this time, they ran into an intermediate Supreme God who had yet to stabilize his cultivation base. As such, Duan Ling Tian, who attacked without reservations, managed to kill the other party after dozens of moves.

When the other party died, he naturally died with regrets. Until his death, he still could not figure out how an advanced Emperor of Gods managed to kill him. When did advanced Emperors of Gods gain the ability to kill intermediate Supreme Gods?

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Time continued to fly by quickly. In just a blink of an eye, it had been ten years since Yang Yu Chen and Duan Ling Tian entered the Profound Zen Battlefield. It was finally time for the duo to part ways.

Before parting ways, Yang Yu Che accompanied Duan Ling Tian to a place where the fabric of space was thinner, which would transport Duan Ling Tian to another Realm Battlefield. He accompanied Duan Ling Tian and traveled through several Realm Battlefields before they finally arrived at the Divine Sanction Battlefield, which was formed by the collision of the Divine Offering Land and the Sanction Land.

The Divine Sanction Battlefield was where Duan Ling Tian suspected his wife, Ke'er, was at. Members of prime supreme-rank forces in the Divine Offering Land like the Xia clan and the Yu clan would enter the Divine Sanction Battlefield as well.

“Junior brother, you can continue to roam the Divine Sanction Battlefield with your battle merit token. However, you’ll definitely be targeted by people from the Divine Offering Land and the Sanction Land if you do so. I suggest you temporarily leave the Divine Sanction Battlefield and enter the Divine Offering Land or the Sanction Land before entering the Divine Sanction Battlefield again. With that, you can form a new battle merit from the Divine Offering Land or the Sanction Land...” Yang Yu Chen said.

One’s battle merit token would be formed according to the place where one came from. As such, Duan Ling Tian, who entered the Realm Battlefield from the Profound Energy Land, had the battle

merit token from the Profound Energy Land. It would not change even if he had snuck into the Divine Sanction Battlefield. The battle merit token would only disappear if he left the Realm Battlefield.

“I understand, Third Senior Brother. Don’t worry, you can leave first. There’s no need for you to accompany me to the Divine Offering Land or the Sanction Land,” Duan Ling Tian said to Yang Yu Chen with a smile.

Despite Duan Ling Tian’s reassurance, Yang Yu Chen was still worried. As such, he followed Duan Ling Tian for a while, and after confirming that they were not in the inner area of the Divine Sanction Battlefield, he finally left at ease. Before leaving, he also did not forget to warn Duan Ling Tian about certain things.

Duan Ling Tian felt helpless about Yang Yu Chen’s constant reminders, but he was also moved. As he watched Yang Yu Chen leave after finding a place where the fabric of space was the thinnest, his eyes were brimming with warmth as he murmured to himself, “Third Senior Brother, Fourth Senior Sister, it’s my blessing to have met both of you...”

At this point, Duan Ling Tian had already regarded Yang Yu Chen and Lang Chun Yuan as part of his family. The duo had treated him like family, after all, and gave him the comfort and warmth of home.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian finally turned to leave. At this time, the warmth in his eyes was replaced by frost as he muttered under his breath, “This is the Realm Battlefield of the Divine Offering Land and the Sanction Land. The Divine Offering Land, the Yun clan...”

The figure of a domineering young man appeared in Duan Ling Tian’s mind at this moment. In the past, the young man had behaved arrogantly in the mundane realm and easily suppressed and trampled on him. At that time, he was desperate and helpless. No matter how unwilling he was, he could not fight back. In front of that man, he was as weak as an ant. If it were not for Ke’er risking her life, perhaps, that man would have killed him at that time.

Duan Ling Tian had always possessed a strong sense of pride. Back then, Ke'er had desperately protected him, making him feel useless. He had felt bothered about that matter even if he did not say it. There was nothing he could do since he was truly weak at that time. He had secretly made an oath that he would pay back the humiliation he suffered at the hands of Yun Qing Yan, the Young Master of the Divine Offering Land's Yun clan.

'Third Senior Brother is right. It's dangerous for me to wander around with the battle merit token from the Profound Energy Land. I'll go to the Divine Offering Land first to have a look at the place where Ke'er grew up in her past life and the Xia clan, the prime supreme-rank force. After that, I'll have a look at... the Yun clan...'

With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian made his way to the nearest base camp. During the journey there, he was stopped by two advanced Emperors of Gods from the Divine Offering Land. One tried to escape after he killed the other one, but needless to say, the other party failed to escape. It was easy for him to kill the two advanced Emperors of Gods.

Chapter 4222 A Group of Bandits Comparable to a Supreme-Rank Force

The Divine Offering Land was a Realm of Gods and shared similarities with the Profound Energy Land. As such, although Duan Ling Tian was transported to an unknown place in the Divine Offering Land, he did not feel completely unfamiliar.

'I wonder how far are the Xia clan and Yun clan from here...'

Duan Ling Tian found a city nearby and discovered that he was in a territory ruled by a powerful heavyweight supreme-rank force that was comparable to the Profound Energy Land's Myriad Laws Academy and Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation.

In the Divine Offering Land, there were at least a dozen heavyweight supreme-rank forces that were only second to prime supreme-rank forces.

The Xia clan and the Yun clan were both prime supreme-rank forces in the Divine Offering Land. If Duan Ling Tian was in a remote village, perhaps, no one would know the locations of the Xia clan and the Yun clan. Fortunately, he was in a city ruled by a heavyweight supreme-rank force. As such, with a little bit of effort, he found the locations of the Xia clan and the Yun clan.

The Xia clan was located north of the Divine Offering Land. It was said that the place was like a paradise. Despite being surrounded by glaciers, it was miraculously spring all year round.

As for the Yun clan, it was located northwest of the Divine Offering Land. It was said that the place was a barren desert, but the Yun clan's estate was surrounded by an oasis filled with abundant resources.

The two prime supreme-rank forces' bases were located far from civilization and hidden from the masses.

'I'll go to the Xia clan first,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself before he left the city.

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When Duan Ling Tian was asking around for the whereabouts of the Xia clan and the Yun clan, he was unaware that he had attracted the attention of certain people. Those people thought that Duan Ling Tian must have connections with the two clans even if he were not a member of the clans. After confirming that he had a powerful background, they also concluded that he must possess many valuable treasures. As such, they began to follow him out of the city. However, after following him out of the city, none of them dared to make a move after witnessing his speed. They finally realized that he was someone they could not afford to offend.

‘I thought he’d be an easy target and that I’ll be able to make a fortune. Who knew that he’s a powerhouse...’

The bandits sighed as they watched Duan Ling Tian vanish out of sight.

Even if Duan Ling Tian was from a prime supreme-rank force, these bandits would not hesitate to make a move on Duan Ling Tian as long as he was weaker than them. After all, as long as they were cautious and did not leave traces behind, even a prime supreme-rank force could not find them. Apart from that, there was no guarantee that the prime supreme-rank force would even investigate his death. The bandits even came up with a plan to hide their crime and leave the area. Alas, Duan Ling Tian turned out to be someone they could not afford to offend.

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Before leaving the city, Duan Ling Tian already discovered the people following him. Under normal circumstances, he would toy with them after leaving the city. However, he was not in the mood to deal with those people now. He was anxious to go to the Xia clan and the Yun clan, and he wanted to gather as much information as he could about Ke’er. It would be a bonus if he could kill Yun Qing Yan in the process.

In the past, due to their overwhelming difference, Duan Ling Tian was unable to gauge how strong Yun Qing Yan was. Based on the average strength of the members in prime supreme-rank forces, he speculated that Yun Qing Yan was likely an intermediate Supreme God now. Moreover, he felt like he had also overestimated Yun Qing Yan’s strength. He also did not consider the possibility of Yun Qing Yan being an advanced Supreme God at all.

‘If I’m able to kill Yun Qing Yan this time, I’ll be able to settle the matter in the Divine Offering Land and put an end to Ke’er’s suffering. At that time, the only thing I need to do is to find Ke’er and reunite with her,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian traveled at top speed using an emperor-grade flying ship. At the same time, he cultivated and absorbed the large amount of energy he obtained from the rewards. These rewards could only be obtained in the Trial of Gods and on Realm Battlefields, but the energy from the rewards would not dissipate immediately after leaving those places. However, the energy would dissipate twice as fast outside of those places.

Duan Ling Tian did not care about the loss. He could always gain it again when he entered the Realm Battlefield. Moreover, he had so much energy stored in his body that he was confident that he would not be done absorbing it when he entered the Realm Battlefield again.

The emperor-grade flying ship traveled at the speed of an advanced Emperor of Gods. Under normal circumstances, bandits would not target the passengers of such a flying ship since there was a chance the passengers were stronger than them. However, there were powerful bandits who would specifically target such people.

At this moment, a bandit, who was an intermediate Emperor of Gods, was hiding in a corner as he watched the flying ship fly past. He quickly sent a message.

“Vice leader, there’s an emperor-grade flying ship heading north at the speed of an advanced Emperor of Gods...”

Soon, he received a reply.

The other party said indifferently, “Alright, I’ll inform our leader at once.”

This group of bandits was a supreme-rank force led by a rudimentary Supreme God. The vice leaders of the group were all imminent Supreme Gods. They had many advanced Emperors of Gods who served as captains of smaller groups within the group. Even the weakest members in those small groups were rudimentary Emperors of Gods, who were usually responsible for dealing with trivial matters and cleaning up after the group.

This group of bandits was among the strongest bandits in the Divine Offering Land. The other bandits feared them and did not dare to trespass into their territory.

Swoosh!

Shortly after Duan Ling Tian's emperor-grade flying ship flew past, a supreme-grade flying ship flew past as well.

A burly middle-aged man with a piercing gaze stood at the helm of the flying ship and calmly asked, "That flying ship flew in this direction, right?"

"Yes, my lord," the intermediate Emperor of Gods, who just boarded the ship, replied.

"Very good," the middle-aged man said with a nod, "According to the rules, you'll receive 1% of everything we obtain in this operation."

"Thank you, my lord!"

After recovering from the surprise, the intermediate Emperor of Gods quickly expressed his gratitude. He hoped that they would gain a lot this time. With that, his reward would be abundant as well.

About 15 minutes later, the middle-aged man, who was the leader of the group of bandits, saw a black dot, which was slowly increasing in size, in the distance. He said, “There it is... I’ll block its path with our flying ship while all of you surround it in all directions.”

The vice leaders quickly nodded in agreement.

These bandits were highly ambitious and only targeted the wealthy and the powerful. All of the members would be involved during an operation. As such, they even managed to kill a lone rudimentary Supreme God, who had stabilized his cultivation base, in the past. Their leader was only on par with the rudimentary Supreme God, but with everyone’s help, they managed to kill the rudimentary Supreme God.

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At this time, the voice of Huang’er, the artifact soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears.

“My lord, a supreme-grade flying ship is tailing us.”

Following that, another woman’s voice, which was as melodious and enchanting as that of Huang’er, rang in Duan Ling Tian’s ears as well.

“My lord, intruders alert!”

The second voice belonged to the artifact soul of the prominent divine sword that Duan Ling Tian obtained on the Profound Zen Battlefield. It used to belong to a rudimentary Supreme God whom Duan Ling Tian managed to kill with Yang Yu Chen's help. Usually, the prominent divine sword and its artifact soul, which were given to Duan Ling Tian's doppelganger, would be stored in Duan Ling Tian's body. Today was an exception.

After the two artifact souls spoke, the supreme-grade flying ship suddenly picked up speed and flew at an astonishing speed. Its speed was comparable to that of an intermediate Supreme God. In just a blink of an eye, it overtook Duan Ling Tian's flying ship and stopped him from advancing.

Subsequently, many figures flew out from the flying ship and surrounded Duan Ling Tian in all directions. Then, a burly figure shot appeared in front of Duan Ling Tian's flying ship and punched his fist out.

A terrifying shockwave swept out and overturned Duan Ling Tian's flying ship, shaking the void.

"A rudimentary Supreme God?"

Duan Ling Tian hovered in midair, completely unharmed. He looked at the group of people coldly.

'There are so many of them... Are they bandits? Their group can be considered a supreme-rank force...'

Duan Ling Tian felt very lucky to run into these bandits. After all, bandit groups comparable to supreme-rank forces were incredibly rare in Realms of Gods.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian put his flying ship away and revealed himself.

There were at least 30 bandits present on the scene. Except for a few rudimentary and intermediate Emperors of Gods on patrol duty, the entire group was here.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian, the bandits frowned slightly in confusion. A hint of disappointment could be seen in their eyes and on their faces as well.

“He’s alone?”

The intermediate Emperor of Gods, who discovered Duan Ling Tian first, was the most disappointed. After all, how much could they obtain from one person? He would only be obtaining 1% of the overall loot, after all.

“He’s alone?”

Most of the bandits furrowed their brows as Duan Ling Tian showed up. A hint of disappointment could be seen on their faces.

The intermediate Emperor of Gods who discovered Duan Ling Tian was thoroughly disappointed after realizing the limited resources they would obtain from a loner, let alone his meager share of 1% from it.

Chapter 4223 The Xia Clan

“Young man, relinquish your ownership over your spatial ring, and I’ll spare your life!”

The leader of the bandits, who was a rudimentary Supreme God, rose higher in the air and stared at Duan Ling Tian indifferently. If he rashly killed Duan Ling Tian, the spatial ring would self-destruct. As such, these words were a standard procedure; they would always request their victims to relinquish their claims over their spatial rings.

“Spare my life? Are you really going to spare my life if I do that?” Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly with a hint of derision upon hearing the other party’s words.

“Of course,” the rudimentary Supreme God replied without missing a beat.

“If that’s the case, why don’t all of you swear on the Devil Heart’s Blood Oath? I’ll relinquish my ownership of the spatial ring after you do so,” Duan Ling Tian said. His expression was serious, but if one took a closer look, one would be able to see the contempt in the depths of his eyes.

Before the rudimentary Supreme God could respond, one of the vice leaders said with a scoff, “Quit wasting our time! You’re not in the position to demand anything from us!”

The other bandits looked at Duan Ling Tian menacingly as the vice leader spoke.

“How insincere,” Duan Ling Tian said with a faint smile, “It seems like I have no other choice. I’ll hand my spatial ring over. I hope you’ll keep your promise.”

As soon as Duan Ling Tian’s voice fell, he vanished into thin air before he reappeared next to the rudimentary Supreme God.

The rudimentary Supreme God was caught off guard. He had let his guard down after he confirmed that Duan Ling Tian was just an advanced Emperor of Gods. As such, he could not react in time.

With Duan Ling Tian's current strength, very few rudimentary Supreme Gods, including the powerful ones, were a match for him.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

A seven-colored sword ray pierced the rudimentary Supreme God's body before it exploded into countless sword rays, bursting out of his body.

Subsequently, a figure appeared in the air and let out a cry before it collapsed. It was the phenomenon that announced the death of a Supreme God. However, since they were not in the Realm Battlefield, the phenomenon was fleeting and not very clear. Moreover, it was not huge to the point where it could be seen from far away.

"My lord!"

The expressions of the bandits changed greatly when they regained their senses. After a beat, all of them tried to flee. Alas, they were no match for the seven-colored sword rays.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The seven-colored sword rays easily killed the remaining bandits, except for the vice leaders. The sword rays were not strong enough to kill those imminent Supreme Gods, but they were more than enough to stop them while Duan Ling Tian killed them.

Needless to say, the imminent Supreme Gods could not resist at all when Duan Ling Tian killed them.

“There’s no way all of you could’ve escaped from me,” Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself as he shook his head and collected the bandits’ belongings. Then, he boarded the bandits’ supreme-grade flying ship.

Although the spatial rings had exploded upon the bandits’ deaths, Duan Ling Tian found a huge number of divine crystals in the flying ship. Since he also possessed a large number of diving crystals, he did not hesitate to fly the flying ship at top speed, which would consume a huge number of divine crystals.

When Duan Ling Tian finally arrived near the Xia clan, he had completely exhausted the divine crystals in the flying ship. Hence, he had to use his own divine crystals to fly the flying ship to the Xia clan’s estate.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived, he hovered above a huge glacier and looked in the distance.

“The Xia clan... So this is Ke’er’s home in her past life... Father, mother, Little Fei’er, and the others were imprisoned here in the past... I wonder if Third Uncle is here now...”

Duan Ling Tian recalled the unkempt middle-aged man he met in the mundane realm. The middle-aged man was Xia Jie, and he was Ke’er’s third uncle in her past life. Xia Jie was also the one who rescued Duan Ling Tian’s family and friends.

Duan Ling Tian wondered if he should pay Xia Jie a visit. However, he quickly dismissed the thought. There was no point in meeting Xia Jie now when he still had to return to the Realm Battlefield to look for Ke’er.

‘I don’t think Ke’er is here...’

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Duan Ling Tian spent ten days near the Xia clan’s estate before he ran into a member of the Xia clan.

Duan Ling Tian easily restrained the young man with his Refraining Profundity before he cast a Formation to prevent the young man from sending messages back to the Xia clan.

The young man’s face turned ashen as though he could see death looming in front of him. He stammered, “W-who are you?”

Duan Ling Tian said in a leisurely manner, “Relax. I just want to ask you a few questions. As long as you answer me honestly, you’ll be able to leave in no time at all.”

The young man sighed in relief. He was willing to cooperate as long as he could preserve his life. He asked, “W-what do you want to know?”

Duan Ling Tian looked at the young man and asked, “Do you know Xia Ning Xue, the Eldest Miss of the Xia clan?”

The young man did not reply hastily. Instead, he stared at Duan Ling Tian with a solemn expression as he asked warily, “Why do you want to know?”

Duan Ling Tian grunted coldly before he said, “That’s because I want to rescue her. Don’t you know that she’s entered the Realm Battlefield and has yet to leave?”

“I know that,” the young man replied with a nod. After a moment, his expression changed as though he had just thought of something. He asked, “D-did you kidnap our Eldest Miss and came here to ask for ransom?!”

Thud!

Duan Ling Tian smacked the back of the young man’s head before he said, “Nonsense! I’m her husband. Why would I kidnap her?”

Duan Ling Tian did not bother to hide his identity at all. He was not afraid of the Xia clan, after all.

“Impossible!” the young man said as he shook his head vehemently, “I heard that our Eldest Miss married a mortal from the mundane realm. How can you be her husband?”

Duan Ling Tian laughed upon hearing the young man’s words. Then, he said, “It seems like you know quite a bit. Who are you?”

The young man raised his chin slightly before he proudly replied, “My father has served the Third Master since he was young. As such, he was bestowed the surname Xia by the ancestor.”

Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. “Third Master? Do you mean Xia Jie?”

“How dare you address the Third Master by his name!” the young man said indignantly with a frown on his face, “Alas, I’m no match for you! If my father were here and he witnessed your impudence, he wouldn’t let you go!”

Duan Ling Tian smiled upon learning the young man was associated with Xia Jie. Then, he asked, “Is the Third Master in the clan’s estate?”

“No,” the young man said as he shook his head, “He’s entered the Realm Battlefield. It’s been so long, but the Eldest Miss has yet to return. He was very worried so he left to find her.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded before he patted the young man’s shoulder and said, “I’m sorry I offended you. Let me introduce myself. I’m Duan Ling Tian.”

As Duan Ling Tian spoke, he withdrew the Formation and flew away.

After Duan Ling Tian left, the young man frowned as he muttered to himself, “Duan Ling Tian? His name sounds familiar. Did father mention his name before? I’ll ask father when I return...”

The young man looked for his father immediately after returning to the Xia clan’s estate. He quickly recounted what happened to him outside of the estate.

The young man’s father, a burly middle-aged man, shook his head and said, “Impossible. You said that young man easily restrained you? Son, you’re an intermediate Emperor of Gods. The Eldest Miss’ husband is from the mundane realm and doesn’t possess such strength.” Then, he continued muttering to himself with a puzzled expression, “However, why did he say he’s Duan Ling Tian?”

The young man was shocked. “What? The Eldest Miss’ husband in the mundane realm is called Duan Ling Tian? No wonder I found his name familiar! Father, it doesn’t make sense at all. I remember you said that the Eldest Miss’ husband in the mundane realm wasn’t even a Celestial a few hundred years ago. It’s impossible for him to become so strong in such a short time.”

“I think it’s impossible as well. Alas, the Third Master isn’t here. He met the Eldest Miss’ husband in the past so he should be able to recognize him,” the middle-aged man said as he shook his head.

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After leaving, Duan Ling Tian moved northwest to the Yun clan.

‘Yun clan... I can kill Yun Qing Yan this time, it’ll settle many matters. Everything will come to an end after he dies and Ke’er and I are reunited,’ Duan Ling Tian murmured to himself as he sat in the supreme-grade flying ship.

Duan Ling Tian used his own divine crystals to fuel the flying ship and let it move at top speed. He did not care about the high consumption. After all, divine crystals were no longer useful to him since the rewards he obtained were far more helpful to his cultivation.

Chapter 4224 Yun Qing Yan

Duan Ling Tian was both anxious and excited when he was outside the Xia clan’s estate. However, he was gloomy and seething with fury when he was outside the Yun clan’s estate.

‘Yun Qing Yan...’

Duan Ling Tian's eyes burned with the flames of fury as he stared at the oasis and the structures, which belonged to the Yun clan, in the middle of the desert.

'I should look for a chance to kill Yun Qing Yan...'

Duan Ling Tian explored the periphery of the desert before he came to a prosperous city under the rule of the Yun clan. Then, he began to gather information about Yun Qing Yan in the city. He quickly discovered a longstanding rumor that Yun Qing Yan was a rudimentary Supreme God but was at the cusp of becoming an intermediate Supreme God. However, he found that no one knew how profound Yun Qing Yan's comprehension of the law was. There were only vague speculations that Yun Qing Yan's comprehension of the law would manifest a light that shone for 100,000 miles on the Realm Battlefield. However, there was likely no truth to this speculation.

'It won't be easy to kill him in a one-on-one battle...'

Duan Ling Tian's heart grew restless after he gained a better understanding of Yun Qing Yan's strength. After all, the person he wanted to kill most between heaven and earth was none other than Yun Qing Yan, the Eldest Young Master of the Yun clan.

'I'll try to sneak into the Yun clan...'

Duan Ling Tian glanced at the Yun clan's estate in the distance before he returned to the inn in the city, making up his mind to look for an opportunity to sneak into the Yun clan's estate. He wanted to minimize the danger so he took his time and waited for about a dozen days in the city before he finally found a chance.

The ordinary supreme-rank forces under the Yun clan would send offerings to the Yun clan in two months, and Duan Ling Tian intended to use one of the members to sneak into the Yun clan's estate.

‘I should find a suitable candidate...’

With a few hundred years of experience, Duan Ling Tian had matured further and was calmer than before. He waited patiently for two months and found a decent candidate. The other party was an advanced Emperor of Gods with strength comparable to an imminent Supreme God. Most importantly, the other party would be leading the entourage from his force to the Yun clan.

‘That’s him...’

Duan Ling Tian began to execute the plan he devised after he found his target.

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The Profound Universe Saint Sect was a supreme-rank force under the Yun clan. The sect was led by a Supreme God, and the Supreme God’s only sister was married to the Second Master of the Yun clan, who was highly regarded in the Yun clan. Due to this connection with the Yun clan, the other supreme-rank forces that were stronger than the Profound Universe Saint Sect did not dare to simply offend them.

Yu Cheng Shu was the Profound Universe Saint Sect’s Second Elder and the head of the law department, and he was also one of the sect’s three strongest powerhouses, who were only behind the rudimentary Supreme God of the sect. He was also in charge of the sect’s external affairs. As such, he had already begun to lead the entourage from the Profound Universe Saint Sect to present their offerings to the Yun clan many years ago.

Yu Cheng Shu was a middle-aged man, and he liked to dress in scholarly clothes. However, it was known to many that he was not scholarly or knowledgeable at all. It was his dream to become a

scholar so he liked to dress as one. Apart from that, his original name sounded rather fierce so he changed his name to Yu Cheng Shu to sound more erudite.

At this time, Yu Cheng Shu was walking past the main hall when he ran into a group of people.

“I saw a man holding a woman hostage outside. The woman looks rather familiar. Have any of you seen her before?”

Yu Cheng Shu saw a Lord of Gods raising his hand and using his Divine Energy to form an extremely realistic portrait of a woman. He glanced at the portrait casually and was shocked. It was only natural since the portrait was of Xia Ning Xue, the Eldest Young Miss of the Xia clan. Previously, she had chosen to end her life and reincarnate to avoid marrying Yun Qing Yan.

Since the chances of reincarnation were not high, Yu Cheng Shu did not think Xia Ning Xue would succeed. Unexpectedly, many years later, he heard that she successfully reincarnated and survived. In the end, she was brought back to the Xia clan by Yun Qing Yan, but she entered the Realm Battlefield shortly afterward. Up until now, no one knew if she was still alive.

How could Yu Cheng Shu not feel shocked now that one of the Profound Universe Saint Sect’s members claimed that he saw Xia Ning Xue being held hostage?

Yu Cheng Shu frowned. He stepped forward and dismissed everyone except for the person who claimed to have seen Xia Ning Xue. Then, he asked, “What’s going on? You said that you saw her being held hostage? Who’s holding her hostage?”

The disciple replied, “He was a middle-aged man, and he was dressed in a blue robe. However, I don’t know if it was a disguise.”

“Where did you see them?” Yu Cheng Shu asked. After confirming the location, he quickly left the Profound Universe Saint Sect.

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A few days later, Yu Cheng Shu finally found the middle-aged man and the woman the disciple described in a valley. Although the duo was quite a distance away, he could tell the white-clad woman was truly Xia Ning Xue.

Yu Cheng Shu did not dare to probe the duo with his Divine Consciousness, afraid of being discovered by the middle-aged man.

‘I wonder how strong he is...’

While Yu Cheng Shu was hesitating, Xia Ning Xue suddenly struck the middle-aged man before she ran out of the valley.

Yu Cheng Shu was shocked. ‘The Xia clan’s Eldest Young Miss has recovered her cultivation base in the realm of an advanced Emperor of Gods?!’

At the same time, the middle-aged man reacted quickly. He managed to restrain Xia Ning Xue with just a few moves. Although he was also an advanced Emperor of Gods, he was clearly much stronger than her.

After that, the middle-aged man said with a sneer, “Miss Ning Xue, enough with your tricks. I didn’t kill you because you’re important to Eldest Young Master Yun. After all, I’m certain he’ll be more than willing to part with many valuable treasures in exchange for you...”

Xia Ning Xue said icily, “Keep dreaming. I have no connections with him at all. Don’t even think about such things.”

Yu Cheng Shu, who was listening from afar, felt his heart skip a beat. ‘Even her voice is the same!’

Yu Cheng Shu had met Xia Ning Xue in the past so he recognized her voice. At this time, he was 100% certain of her identity.

‘Based on their conversation, it seems like Xia Ning Xue was kidnapped. The kidnapper clearly intends to ask for ransom from Young Master Qing Yan. Is he crazy? Does he have a death wish? He’s not even a Supreme God,’ Yu Cheng Shu thought to himself. He really thought that the middle-aged man was crazy for doing such a ridiculous thing.

‘Alas, I’m no match for him... I should report this matter to Young Master Qing Yan at once! If Young Master Qing Yan rescues her, perhaps, she might change her mind and reconcile with him. At that time, I can be considered their matchmaker!’ Yu Cheng Shu thought to himself as his eyes lit up. There was no doubt that Yun Qing Yan would handsomely reward him if he succeeded.

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After Yu Cheng Shu left, the middle-aged man’s menacing expression eased. He muttered to himself, “I hope Yun Qing Yan won’t bring any powerhouses with him. If he brings intermediate Supreme Gods with him, I hope they’re only ordinary intermediate Supreme Gods...”

The middle-aged man was none other than Duan Ling Tian. To be precise, the middle-aged man was his doppelganger from the law of space. Even Xia Ning Xue, or Ke'er, was one of his doppelgangers. He had spent many days and nights with her so it was easy for him to imitate her voice and appearance after she recovered her memories of the past.

Based on Yu Cheng Shu's reaction, it was clear that he had fallen for Duan Ling Tian's trick. Duan Ling Tian was certain that Yu Cheng Shu must be on his way to the Yun clan now to look for Yun Qing Yan.

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Yu Cheng Shu left the valley and made his way to the Yun clan's estate in the barren desert. He did not report back to the Profound Universe Saint Sect, hoping to claim all the merits.

When Yu Cheng Shu arrived, he quickly reported his identity and announced that he had to see Yun Qing Yan due to urgent matters.

"Second Elder of the Profound Universe Saint Sect? What brings you here?" Yun Qing Yan asked nonchalantly when he saw Yu Cheng Shu.

Yu Qing Yan did not change at all. He was still as arrogant as he was in the past.

Chapter 4225 High-Speed Chase

Upon seeing the impatience in Yun Qing Yan's eyes, Yu Cheng Shu quickly bowed and said, "Young Master Qing Yan, I have something urgent to tell you. It's related to Eldest Miss Xia of the Xia clan."

Yu Qing Yan's eyes widened slightly upon hearing Yu Cheng Shu's words. He stepped forward and scrutinized Yu Cheng Shu with a pointed gaze.

Yu Cheng Shu instinctively retreated as he felt a suffocating energy pressing down on him.

"Speak," Yun Qing Yan said as his eyes burned.

"Young Master Qing Yan..." Yu Cheng Shu said before he quickly recounted what happened. He could see Yun Qing Yan was anxious. After recounting what happened, he added, "Young Master Qing Yan, please take action immediately. I'm afraid they might leave. At that time, it'll be difficult to track them down."

Unexpectedly, the impatient Yun Qing Yan suddenly calmed down after listening to Yu Cheng Shu. He asked, "You're saying that an advanced Emperor of Gods kidnapped my cousin sister and intends to use her to make a deal with me?"

Yu Cheng Shu could tell that Yu Cheng Shu found the matter unbelievable and ridiculous. He said hastily, "Young Master Qing Yan, I find the matter absurd as well. Let alone an advanced Emperor of Gods, even an imminent Supreme God won't have the courage to use Eldest Miss Xia to make a deal with you. However, that middle-aged man is different. I've met Eldest Miss Xia in the past, and I've heard her speak. Hence, I recognized her voice when she told the kidnapper she had nothing to do with you. I was afraid of alerting the kidnapper so I didn't use the Floating Image Pearl. Otherwise, I would've recorded the scene for evidence."

Yun Qing Yan seemed to waver after listening to Yu Cheng Shu's explanation. He stared at Yu Cheng Shu for a moment before he said frostily, "Do you know the consequences of lying to me?"

Yu Cheng Shu turned pale immediately. Then, he quickly said with a bitter expression on his face, “Young Master Qing Yan, I’m a nobody. How could I possess the courage to deceive you?”

Yu Cheng Shu knew that even if he was the Second Elder of the Profound Universe Saint Sect, he was nothing in front of the Yun clan. If Yun Qing Yan wanted him dead, the Yun clan did not even need to make a move. Instead, the rudimentary Supreme God of the Profound Universe Saint Sect would take the initiative to abandon him or kill him to appease the Yun clan in case things went south.

Yun Qing Yan scoffed. He naturally knew that Yu Cheng Shu did not have the courage to deceive him. He was only showing off his sovereignty. For a while, he remained silent.

Yu Cheng Shu knew that Yu Qing Yan must be speaking to his subordinates now, requesting them to accompany him to leave the clan’s estate. He was proven right when an old man and a middle-aged man arrived a dozen breaths later.

“Eldest Young Master.”

The two men greeted Yun Qing Yan respectfully, completely ignoring Yu Cheng Shu. It was as though Yu Cheng Shu was not there at all.

Yu Cheng Shu gasped inwardly upon seeing the two men. He knew the two men were intermediate Supreme Gods who had stabilized their cultivation bases. One of them was rumored to have comprehended the law to the point where he was close to being able to manifest the light of the law that shone for 100,000 miles on the Realm Battlefield.

‘Young Master Qing Yan is quite cautious...’ Yu Cheng Shu thought to himself.

Although it was only natural that Yun Qing Yan, who would lead the Yun clan in the future, to be cautious, Yu Cheng Shu could not help but feel that Yun Qing Yan was overreacting. After all, the kidnapper was just an advanced Emperor of Gods; at most, the opponent was an imminent Supreme God. He did not think it was necessary for Yun Qing Yan to request the presence of two intermediate Supreme Gods.

‘It seems like Young Master Qing Yan doesn’t trust me at all.’ Yu Cheng Shu smiled wryly. He wondered if Yun Qing Ya really suspected him of trying to assassinate him. How could he dare to do such a thing when Yun Qing Yan was the future leader of the clan and was greatly doted upon by the Leader of the Yun clan? Moreover, Yun Qing Yan also had the support of the advanced Supreme Gods in the Yun clan.

‘In any case, there’s no harm in him being extra cautious. At the very least, I don’t have to worry about the kidnapper even if he has reinforcements.’

With the presence of the two intermediate Supreme Gods, Yu Cheng Shu did not have anything to worry about.

Finally, Yun Qing Yan looked at Yu Cheng Shu and said, “Lead the way.”

“Yes, Young Master Qing Yan,” Yu Cheng Shu said.

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It did not take long before Yun Qing Yan, Yu Cheng Shu, and the two intermediate Supreme Gods arrived near the valley. When they drew closer, they saw a supreme-grade flying ship suddenly rising to the sky. Following that, two figures could be seen boarding the flying ship.

“Cousin sister!” Yun Qing Yan cried out. He recognized one of the two figures in just a blink of an eye. The figure belonged to his cousin sister who entered the Realm Battlefield and disappeared without any news for many years. He did not expect to meet her here. The last time he had seen her was when he brought her back to the Xia clan from the mundane realm. Even then, he was so familiar with her that he could recognize her with just a glance. Her appearance, expressions, and subtle actions were exactly the same as he remembered them.

Swoosh!

At this time, the supreme-grade flying ship flew away at the speed of an advanced Supreme God. Needless to say, the speed was so fast that even the two intermediate Supreme Gods would not be able to catch up to it with their speed alone.

Upon seeing this, the old man standing behind Yun Qing Yan quickly brought out a supreme-grade flying ship as well. Then, he said, “Eldest Young Master, please board the flying ship.”

Yun Qing Yan, the middle-aged man, and the old man quickly boarded the ship. In just a moment, the flying ship sped off, leaving Yu Cheng Shu behind.

Yu Cheng Shu watched the flying ship leave as he muttered to himself, “I hope Young Master Qing Yan manages to rescue Eldest Young Miss Xia. Most importantly, I hope he remembers to reward me...”

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Swoosh!

Yun Qing Yan's flying ship was flying at the speed of an advanced Supreme God as well. Unfortunately, since the flying ship ahead of them was also flying at the same speed and even had a headstart, they could not catch up to it.

Yun Qing Yan stared at the flying ship up ahead with a dark expression as he asked, "Elder Chen, can't you catch up with it?"

"Eldest Young Master, we can only wait until the other party exhausts his divine crystals and slows down. In my opinion, the other party shouldn't have as many divine crystals as us. There are three of us, after all," the old man replied.

Swoosh!

As soon as the old man's voice fell, Yun Qing Yan waved his hand, bringing out all the divine crystals in his spatial ring and placing them on the deck. Then, he looked at the flying ship in front frostily as he said, "I won't let her leave my side ever again!"

Previously, when Yun Qing Yan brought Xia Ning Xue back to the Xiao clan, he planned to force her to marry him by using the people he held hostage to threaten her. He did not expect that the Xia clan would be so unreliable, allowing Xia Ning Xue to escape to the Realm Battlefield. Moreover, he also later found out that the group of people he kidnapped had been released by Xia Jie, the Third Master of the Xia clan. At that time, he was so furious that the idea of destroying the Xia clan briefly appeared in his mind.

Now that Yun Qing Yan saw Xia Ning Yue again, he felt that it was the heavens sending her back to him.

Yun Qing Yan's eyes burned with flames as fury as he thought to himself, 'Cousin sister, I won't let you leave my side ever again. If you leave me again, I'll return to that mundane realm with my clan's Supreme Gods to kill everyone related to Duan Ling Tian once the Realm Battlefield closes and the spatial connections between the Realms of Gods and the lower realms are restored.'

All of a sudden, the middle-aged man exclaimed, "He's turning!"

The supreme-grade flying ship in front suddenly swerved to the right at this moment.

The old man hesitated for a moment, feeling like something was amiss.

"Follow him!"

The old man quickly dismissed his thoughts upon hearing Yun Qing Yan's command. He quickly turned the flying ship right as well.

The two supreme-grade flying ships continued to engage in a high-speed chase, exhausting large numbers of divine crystals as they did so.

Chapter 4226 Three Strands of Supreme Powerhouse's Divine Energy

Flying a supreme-grade flying ship at the speed of an advanced Supreme God naturally consumed a huge number of divine crystals. Very few members of prime supreme-rank forces could afford such extravagance.

In fact, if it were not for the fact that Yun Qing Yan was determined to catch the kidnapper, the two intermediate Supreme Gods would not have easily used their divine crystals in such a manner.

Initially, the old man used his divine crystals. He was confident the other party would soon slow down in fear of exhausting his supply of divine crystals. However, contrary to his expectations, even after he used up all of his divine crystals, the other party showed no signs of slowing down at all. Clearly, the other party possessed more divine crystals than him. In the end, he had no choice but to use the divine crystals Yun Qing Yan brought out earlier.

Crystal after crystal disappeared to fuel the flying ship as it chased after the other party at the speed of an advanced Supreme God.

Yun Qing Yan's eyes were firmly trained on the flying ship in front. He did not pay attention to the divine crystals at all. However, when the divine crystals he brought out were almost completely exhausted, he said with a dark expression, "It seems like that person has quite a bit of divine crystals."

Yun Qing Yan usually did not carry a huge number of divine crystals with him. He only carried enough to sustain his needs. If he needed a huge number of divine crystals, all he had to do was ask his father for them. His father was the current Leader of the Yun clan and had authority over the Yun clan's treasury. As such, he did not lack divine crystals. He did not expect that he would need so many divine crystals this time.

Yun Qing Yan looked at his divine crystals that were dwindling in number before he turned to look at the middle-aged standing nearby.

The middle-aged man smiled wryly as he said, "Young master, I don't have many divine crystals with me."

"Take everything out. You'll be repaid when we return to the clan," Yun Qing Yan said.

The middle-aged man no longer hesitated after hearing these words, bringing out all the divine crystals he had in his possession. Since Yun Qing Yan said that he would be repaid, he was no longer apprehensive.

Soon after, Yun Qing Yan's divine crystals were all used up, and they had to use the middle-aged man's divine crystals to fuel the flying ship.

Yun Qing Yan's expression was very unsightly while the old man and the middle-aged man wore worried expressions on their faces.

'It's impossible that the divine crystals of the three of us combined are fewer than the other party, right? How can the other party possess so many divine crystals? If so, is the other party really just an imminent Supreme God?'

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On the flying ship in the lead.

Mountains of divine crystals were piled up in front of Duan Ling Tian. He had gained most of these divine crystals from the Emperors of Gods and Supreme Gods of the Zen Boundary Land, whom he killed on the Realm Battlefield. Those Emperors of Gods and Supreme Gods had relinquished their claims over their spatial rings in hope that Duan Ling Tian and Yang Yu Chen would spare their lives. Alas, they could not escape death in the end.

Since Yang Yu Chen did not have much use for divine crystals, they were all given to Duan Ling Tian.

In addition to that, Duan Ling Tian also gained many divine crystals, a lot more than what he gained on the Realm Battlefield, during his time in the Trial of Gods.

Initially, Duan Ling Tian did not think he would have to use the divine crystals that he obtained from the Trial of Gods. However, as time passed, he was forced to bring them out as well, adding to the mountainous piles of divine crystals on the flying ship.

Duan Ling Tian sighed. “They sure have a lot of divine crystals... When they exhaust their supply of divine crystals, it’ll be time for me to slow down...”

After about ten minutes, Duan Ling Tian’s eyes suddenly flashed. Then, after a few moments, he began to slow down, decreasing the speed of the flying ship to that of an intermediate Supreme God.

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In the rear, Yun Qing Yan, who was slightly annoyed due to the depletion of their divine crystals, saw the flying ship in front slowing down, and his eyes brightened immediately. He quickly said, “It seems like he’s running out of divine crystals as well! Put the flying ship away and chase after him!”

The old man quickly put the flying ship away before he and the middle-aged man chased after Duan Ling Tian’s flying ship. However, since they were carrying Yun Qing Yan with them, their speed was inevitably affected, and their speed was only on par with Duan Ling Tian’s flying ship. The two men also did not have any speed advantage since neither of them comprehended the law of wind.

Yun Qing Yan noticed this problem and said, “One of you will stay behind and carry me and the other one will chase after him!”

In the end, the old man, who was the strongest of the two, chased after Duan Ling Tian's flying ship, closing the gap between them, while the middle-aged man, who carried Yun Qing Yan, flew at a much slower speed.

It did not take long for the old man to leave Yun Qing Yan and the middle-aged man behind, drawing closer and closer to Duan Ling Tian's flying ship.

"Almost there!" Yun Qing Yan's eyes lit up when he saw the old man was fast approaching their target. He did not forget to remind the old man, "Elder Chen, make sure he doesn't hurt my cousin!"

"I understand, Young Master," the old man replied. However, soon after, he discovered a problem. He was no longer closing the distance between him and the flying ship.

'Did my speed decrease? No, my speed hasn't changed at all... What's going on?'

All of a sudden, the old man's eyes widened and his expression changed as a thought appeared in his mind. He quickly said through Voice Transmission, "Young Master, watch out!"

At the same time, before Yun Qing Yan could react...

Swoosh!

A gust of wind blew over before a purple-clad young man, with eyebrows that made him look valiant, appeared in front of Yun Qing Yan and the middle-aged man, blocking their path. As soon as he appeared, a spatial storm raged around him before a huge seven-colored sword ray swept out.

Boom!

Yun Qing Yan and the middle-aged man were caught off guard and were unable to react in time. As such, they were directly hit.

The middle-aged man, who suffered the brunt of the attack, spat out a huge mouthful of blood.

Meanwhile, Yun Qing Yan's face contorted into an expression of pain. Fear and disbelief could also be seen in his eyes at this moment.

'How's this possible?!'

Yun Qing Yan was not only shocked by the attack, but he was also shocked by the appearance of the young man in front of him. The young man was someone whom he would never forget. The young man was from the mundane realm; someone whom he crushed just like an ant in the past. If his cousin did not threaten him with her life, the young man would have died at that time. However, at this moment, the young man's aura and strength were completely different from before.

At this time, another seven-colored sword ray shot out.

The middle-aged man, who had just brought out a strand of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse, suddenly died before the energy even entered his body.

‘I hope this will help me...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh as he caught the supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy and absorbed it.

After the supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy entered Duan Ling Tian’s body, it began to wreak havoc in his body, causing his body to ache.

The energy surged violently through his 99 Heavenly Veins for a while before the pain finally subsided. After the pain subsided, Duan Ling Tian felt as though his body was being filled with terrifying power.

‘This is the power of the Divine Energy of a supreme powerhouse?’

Duan Ling Tian had taken a chance when he absorbed the energy from a supreme powerhouse. After all, it was said that only Supreme Gods could use the energy of a supreme powerhouse.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian, who felt the enormous power within him, felt as though he could crush mountains with just a slap of his hand and destroy the sun, the moon, and the stars with just a snap of his fingers. He naturally knew this power was only temporary.

Boom!

At the same time, a frightening energy surged out from Yun Qing Yan’s body. As soon as the middle-aged man died, he decisively absorbed a strand of supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy. It transformed his Divine Energy immediately, boosting his Divine Energy to that of an intermediate Supreme God.

“Elder Chen, help me! Hurry up!”

Although Yun Qing Yan’s strength was now comparable to an intermediate Supreme God, he was still afraid. After all, Duan Ling Tian had easily killed an intermediate Supreme God just a moment ago.

Even if Duan Ling Tian could only kill the intermediate Supreme God because the intermediate Supreme God was heavily injured due to the unexpected attack, it did not lessen Yun Qing Yan’s fear. After all, he was also injured by Duan Ling Tian’s unexpected attack.

For all these reasons, after Yun Qing Yan raised his strength to that of an intermediate Supreme God, he did not confront Duan Ling Tian. Instead, he quickly fled in search of the old man.

Swoosh!

At this time, the old man had also absorbed the Divine Energy of a supreme powerhouse. With that, his Divine Energy was boosted to that of an advanced Supreme God. He did not waste time as he rushed toward Yun Qing Yan at top speed.

Duan Ling Tian’s gaze was piercing as he looked at Yun Qing Yan and said, “Yun Qing Yan, you must die today!”

Following that, a seven-colored sword ray whizzed out, catching up to Yun Qing Yan in just a blink of an eye.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian was also preparing to retreat. He would leave immediately using the Double Teleportation Profundity as soon as he killed Yun Qing Yan. He would leave his

doppelganger behind to stall for time. As long as his doppelganger successfully bought him time, he was confident he could escape from the old man by casting the Double Teleportation Profundity a few times. After that, he would wait until the efficacy of the energy from the supreme powerhouse dissipated and leave using his supreme-grade flying ship.

Duan Ling Tian did not believe the old man would waste another strand of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse to chase after him after Yun Qing Yan died. Moreover, he was even more certain that the old man did not possess another strand of Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse. After all, Divine Energy from a supreme powerhouse was extremely rare.

Meanwhile, Yun Qing Yan's fearful expression was replaced with one of determination as he said through gritted teeth, "You want to kill me? Keep dreaming!"

Following that, a round blood-red mark appeared on Yun Qing Yan's glabella before what seemed like golden blood dripped out.

At the same time, Yun Qing Yan cried out anxiously, "Father, save me!"

Chapter 4227 The Clan Leader of the Yun Clan

Duan Ling Tian's expression changed drastically. When the glistening golden blood shot out of Yun Qing Yan's glabella, its overwhelming pressure sent chills running up Duan Ling Tian's spine.

At the same time, Huang'er's panicked voice rang in Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"Master! Teleport away immediately!"

In fact, even before Huang'er's warning, Duan Ling Tian had already teleported away as soon as he sensed something was amiss with the golden blood.

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At the same time, the seven-colored sword ray continued to shoot toward Yun Qing Yan.

Boom!

A loud explosion rang in the air as the golden blood transformed into a tall and burly middle-aged man. The middle-aged man flicked his fingers before a streak of light shot out. The void rippled in the wake of the streak of light as it destroyed the seven-colored sword ray.

"Trying to escape?" the middle-aged man said as he raised an eyebrow. After his entire person solidified, he flicked his finger again, sending out another streak of light.

Duan Ling Tian, who had teleported twice, sensed death creeping on him, and his expression changed drastically.

"Sister Huo, Sister Water, I need your help!"

Duan Ling Tian could not help but shudder when he sensed the terrifying force from the streak of light. He knew he was incapable of blocking the attack of an advanced Supreme God. Moreover, based on the force of the attack, it was clear the other party was much stronger than an ordinary advanced Supreme God.

‘He’s Yun Qing Yan’s father, the Clan Leader of the Yun clan?’

The Yun clan was a prime supreme-rank force in the Divine Offering Land. As the clan leader of such a formidable force, it was only natural that Yun Qing Yan’s father was among the top powerhouses in the Divine Offering Land.

Duan Ling Tian had previously heard that the leaders of prime supreme-rank forces were all blessed and under the protection of supreme powerhouses. As such, they were much stronger than ordinary advanced Supreme Gods.

Boom!

The void shook as an earth-shattering explosion rang in the air. Numerous hairline cracks appeared in the void before quickly mending themselves. At the same time, the clouds in the sky dispersed as a huge churning force appeared in the sky. Mountains crumbled and collapsed as countless injured creatures stampeded and cried out, fleeing for their lives. It was as though it was the end of the world.

A huge figure in the sky exclaimed, “The Five Divine Elements? Moreover, they’re all at a high level! Alas, they can only do so much in a single attack...”

Following the figure dissipated before a tall and burly figure, which resembled the huge figure, appeared in front of Yun Qing Yan.

At the same time, the old man, who had used the Divine Energy of a supreme powerhouse to boost his Divine Energy to that of an advanced Supreme God, appeared next to Yun Qing Yn as well. Then, he quickly bowed and said, “Greetings, Clan Leader!”

The old man was extremely respectful. After all, the other party was not only the Clan Leader of the Yun clan, but the other party was also the strongest powerhouse in the Yun clan.

The tall and burly middle-aged man was about to chase after Duan Ling Tian again, but he suddenly froze. “The Divine Tree of Life?”

After a moment, the middle-aged man frowned, and his face twitched. “The Sword Dao, the Mastery Dao, the Five Divine Elements, and a complete Divine Tree of Life?”

At this time, the vital energy from Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Tree of Life had surged out of his body and merged with the vital energy from the Divine Offering Land’s Divine Tree of Life, stirring up spatial turbulence in the surroundings. The spatial turbulence prevented the middle-aged man from locking down Duan Ling Tian’s location. Otherwise, he would have long caught up to and killed Duan Ling Tian.

Yun Qing Yan’s expression was extremely dark as he said, “Father, he must die!”

The middle-aged man shook his head. “It’s impossible to catch up to him now. He’s escaped. He has many tricks up his sleeve, making it difficult for me to catch him. Let’s go home.”

The middle-aged man glanced at his son and saw the dejected expression on his son’s face. He could not help but wonder about what was going through his son’s mind at this moment. After a beat, he raised his hand and brought his son and the old man away.

During the journey back to the Yun clan, the middle-aged man said nonchalantly, “Yun Chen, for my son’s sake, you used the supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy. As such, I’ll compensate you with two strands of supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy when we return to the clan.”

“Thank you, my lord!” the old man replied. A hint of excitement could be seen in the depths of his eyes. The gloom that hung over him after the death of his comrade was immediately dispelled. After all, they were just ordinary acquaintances.

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“He’s too strong! I almost died!”

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had already merged with his doppelganger from the law of space and boarded the supreme-grade flying ship, which was flying at the speed of an advanced Supreme God. He sighed in relief.

Fear still lingered in his heart when he recalled his close encounter with death. He would not have survived if it were not for the Five Divine Elements and the World Cleansing Divine Water mobilizing the vital energy from the Divine Tree of Life to hide his whereabouts.

The Clan Leader of the Yun clan had appeared in an illusory form through a bloodline power. However, it only took a brief moment for his real body to appear as well.

‘I was too reckless... I should’ve known it wouldn’t be so easy to kill Yun Qing Yan. After all, he’s the heir and the Eldest Young Master of the Yun clan,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh.

At the same time, he felt sorry and guilty when he thought about the Five Divine Elements. They had just barely recovered after the previous ordeal, and yet, they were forced to exhaust all the energy they recovered and entered the slumbering state again.

Once again, Duan Ling Tian was left alone to face the challenges up ahead until they recovered again.

‘When I become a supreme powerhouse, I’ll definitely help them and set them free!’ Duan Ling Tian vowed to himself inwardly.

‘As for the Divine Tree of Life...’

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Divine Tree of Life in his Little World. The verdant and lush leaves, which emitted a rich aura previously, had withered significantly. About 10% of the leaves on the tree fell to the ground as a gust of wind blew past.

Duan Ling Tian wondered inwardly, ‘The Divine Offering Land’s Divine Tree of Life was forcefully absorbing its vital energy earlier... Does it mean that the trees can’t coexist in the same place?’

When the World Cleansing Divine Water used the vital energy from the Divine Tree of Life to hide his whereabouts, the Divine Offering Land’s Divine Tree of Life, which detected the anomaly, quickly began to absorb the vital energy of Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Tree of Life. Fortunately, the World Cleansing Divine Water promptly reminded Duan Ling Tian to shut his Little World, and he managed to save his Divine Tree of Life.

Although some time had passed, fear still lingered in Duan Ling Tian’s heart. He vowed never to act recklessly and risk his life again.

‘The leaders of prime supreme-rank forces are indeed blessed and protected by supreme powerhouses. His strength is too terrifying! I would’ve died without the Five Divine Elements and the Divine Tree of Life...’

Finally, Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath to calm down. After a while, his expression eased, and a faint smile appeared on his face.

‘Although I failed to kill Yun Qing Yan, he must have been shocked out of his mind. I wonder how he felt when I injured him so badly. After all, in the past, I was nothing more than an ant from the mundane realm to him. I bet he never expected that an ant would surpass him...’

The fear in Duan Ling Tian’s heart finally receded. The humiliation he suffered at Yun Qing Yan’s hand for so many years had finally been washed away. In the past, he was just like an ant in front of Yun Qing Yan, but the tables had turned now. If it were not for Yun Qing Yan’s father, he would have already killed Yun Qing Yan.

‘Yun Qing Yan is arrogant and prideful. This setback will definitely haunt him. I hope he doesn’t die during his Heavenly Tribulation. I want to kill him with my own hands!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, feeling much better.

Suddenly, Duan Ling Tian felt his Divine Energy surging in his body. He was surprised when he discovered that he had made progress in his cultivation at this time. As soon as his humiliation was washed away, his cultivation had progressed to the last bottleneck before he broke through to the realm of a rudimentary Supreme God. It was highly likely that he would be able to break through after he consumed his third Heavenly Dao Fruit!

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After returning to the Yun clan, Yun Qing Yan was still lost in his thoughts. The scenes of what happened earlier kept playing in his mind.

‘How’s it possible for a native of a mundane realm to raise his cultivation base to such a level in just a few hundred years? Impossible! It’s impossible,’ Yun Qing Yan tried to reassure himself, ‘It must be a trick. It’s likely that another person disguised himself as him to frighten me. Is the Xia clan behind this matter? It must be the Xia clan! Someone from the Xia clan must hate me and devised this plan to deal with me!’

“Get a hold of yourself!”

The middle-aged man’s thunderous voice pulled Yun Qing Yan back to his senses.

When Yun Qing Yan looked at the middle-aged man, the middle-aged man asked with a frown, “Who did you provoke?”

Considering Duan Ling Tian managed to escape from him and possessed so many heaven-defying things, the middle-aged man knew that Duan Ling Tian’s future was limitless as long as Duan Ling Tian did not die prematurely.

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“Father, it must be someone from the Xia clan!” Yun Qing Yan said through gritted teeth, “The members are the only ones aware of my cousin and my situation. I suspect Xia Jie is behind this!”

The middle-aged man frowned upon hearing Yun Qing Yan’s words. “Nonsense! How’s that possible?”

The middle-aged man found Yun Qing Yan's words ridiculous. If Xia Jie possessed such heaven-defying luck, it would be impossible for his brother-in-law, Xia Yu, to be the Clan Leader of the Xia clan.

Yun Qing Yan furrowed his brows. "If it's not Xia Jie, then it has to be someone close to Xia Jie! Otherwise, who could it be?"

In Yun Qing Yan's opinion, Xia Jie was the only one from the Xia clan who had the motive to kill him. Moreover, the disguise of the culprit and Xia Ning Xue earlier was impeccable. Only those who were close to Xia Ning Xue were capable of imitating her so flawlessly. The more he thought about it, the more he realized how foolish he had been to have mistaken the impostor for Xia Ning Xue. Based on her character, he should have known that Xia Ning Xue would not leave the Realm Battlefield until the time was up.

"The Xia clan? Since when did the Xia clan have such a talent? Do you know him?" the middle-aged man asked as his frown deepened.

The middle-aged man was familiar with all the powerhouses and young prodigies in the Xia clan, and he was certain he had never seen that young man before. He wondered if the Xia clan had been keeping the young man's existence a secret. In any case, he could not figure out why the young man wanted to kill his son.

Yun Qing Yan shook his head. "I don't know him. He was using a disguise. However, I know the young man whose appearance he used. I met that young man in the past. However, he's just a native of a mundane realm.."

"A disguise?"

At this moment, the middle-aged man finally realized that his son thought the other party was wearing a disguise. Then, he said, "He's not wearing a disguise. His appearance is his..."

The middle-aged man had confirmed that the young man was not wearing a disguise. Even his projection from his bloodline power could tell the young man was not disguising himself as another person.

Upon hearing the middle-aged man's words, Yun Qing Yan's face turned ashen. He muttered with a blank expression on his face, "How's that possible?"

Yun Qing Yan shook his head in denial as he looked at his father for clarification, asking, "Father, are you sure? It's impossible. Impossible!"

Yun Qing Yan seemed to have lost his mind at this time. The native of a mundane realm who was no match for him at all a few hundred years ago had now surpassed him, the dignified heir and Eldest Young Master of the Yun clan, a prime supreme-rank force in the Divine Offering Land, who was given an abundance of resources and envied by many since he was young.

"You know him?" The middle-aged man sensed something was amiss.

Yun Qing Yan quickly regained his composure. His eyes shone with both killing intent and fear as he said, "Father, we must kill him at all cost! Otherwise, he'll be a huge threat to our Yun clan! He won't spare our clan once he's grown powerful enough!"

Despite how unwilling he was, Yun Qing Yan knew he had to face the bitter truth. He quickly calmed down and urged his father to use all means to kill Duan Ling Tian before it was too late.

At this time, Yun Qing Yan greatly regretted sparing Duan Ling Tian's life in the past when Xia Ning Xue threatened to end her life. After the spatial connections between the Realms of Gods and the Devata Realms were closed, he had also forgotten about Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would have sent an elder or two to the lower realm using a Destruction Divine Shuttle to kill Duan Ling Tian. At that time, Xia Ning Xue might not even suspect him. Apart from that, he was also confident Xia Ning Xue would not end her life for Duan Ling Tian's family and friends.

'I was too careless...' Yun Qing Yan lamented inwardly. He would have never underestimated Duan Ling Tian if he knew how strong Duan Ling Tian would become.

"Who is he?" The middle-aged frowned. An ominous feeling rose in his heart when he saw how strange and agitated his son behaved.

"Father, he was my cousin's husband during her time in the mundane realm," Yun Qing Yan said solemnly, "When I found her previously, I wanted to kill him. However, at that time, she threatened to end her life so I ended up sparing his life for her sake. After the spatial connections between the Realms of Gods and the Devata Realms closed and the Realm Battlefield appeared, I forgot about the matter. After all, he was just a native of a mundane realm. I didn't expect him to become so strong in fewer than 800 years! When I met him previously, he wasn't even a Celestial! Now that he's grown so strong, he wants to kill me! I would've died without the imprint from your bloodline power, father!"

The bloodline imprint was created using a complex method and a specific treasure. The imprint would be placed on a person for protection. The imprint was rare since the treasure needed to create the imprint was rare as well.

Due to the rarity of the imprint, Yun Qing Yan would not use it unless he was on the brink of death. Alas, Duan Ling Tian's sudden appearance forced him to use his ultimate life-saving card.

"Is it impossible for both of you to resolve your conflict?" the middle-aged man asked, still frowning.

Yun Qing Yan looked at his father incredulously upon hearing these words. He could not believe his father would ask such a question.

The middle-aged man continued to say, “The conflict between you and him would be resolved if you let your cousin go.”

Yun Qing Yan’s eyes widened upon hearing these words. For a moment, he wondered if the middle-aged man was his biological father. Otherwise, how could his father say such words?

When the middle-aged man saw the expression on Yun Qing Yan’s face, he solemnly explained, “Based on what I sensed earlier, that young man’s luck is truly heaven-defying. Not only did he become an advanced Emperor of Gods with the strength to kill an intermediate Supreme God in just a few hundred years, but he also comprehended two out of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to such a high level. That’s not all, he also possessed all Five Divine Elements, and they’re all at a high level as well. You should know that the Five Divine Elements rarely reside in the same host. Only someone incredibly talented is capable of making them put their differences aside. Theoretically speaking, it’s only a matter of time before someone who possesses the Five Divine Elements becomes a supreme powerhouse. Right, I almost forgot about the complete Divine Tree of Life in his Little World as well. Under normal circumstances, complete Divine Trees of Life can only be found in Realms of Gods. The only way for someone who’s not a supreme powerhouse to obtain a complete Divine Tree of Life is through the remnant of a destroyed Realm of Gods.”

The middle-aged man paused for a moment to look at his son who was in shock. Then, he continued to say, “There are many ways for an advanced Supreme God to become a supreme powerhouse. There are the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, the Five Divine Elements, and the Divine Tree of Life. That young man possesses all of them. With what he has, he can help eight advanced Supreme Gods become supreme powerhouses! This proves how heaven-defyingly lucky he is! How can someone like that be easy to kill? If we offend him, it’s only a matter of time before disaster strikes us.”

Yun Qing Yan trembled upon hearing the middle-aged man’s words.

‘How’s that possible? A worthless piece of trash from the mundane realm had so many fortuitous encounters that I could only dream of! It’s not fair at all!’ Yun Qing Yan’s expression twisted with jealousy.

The middle-aged man stared at Yun Qing Yan and sighed. “It’s really not worth it to offend someone like that because of a woman. If it’s possible, give up on Ning Xue and let her reunite with him. It’s still not too late for you to reconcile with him since you haven’t done anything to her.”

The middle-aged man was unaware that Yun Qing Yan not only forcefully separated Xia Ning Xue and Duan Ling Tian, but Yun Qing Yan had also greatly humiliated Duan Ling Tian in front of Xia Ning Xue. If he were aware of these things, he would not have suggested a reconciliation.

After recovering his senses, Yun Qing Yan smiled bitterly and said, “Father, it’s impossible. Previously...”

Yun Qing Yan truthfully recounted what happened to the middle-aged man. Even if reconciliation was possible, he was not willing to reconcile with Duan Ling Tian.

‘Duan Ling Tian must die!’

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The Leader of the Yun clan knew that reconciliation was impossible after he learned that his son, Yun Qing Yan, had humiliated Duan Ling Tian and abducted Duan Ling Tian’s wife. The enmity was irreconcilable since Yun Qing Yan had trampled on Duan Ling Tian’s pride.

Unless the Yun clan abandoned Yun Qing Yan, there was no way for the Yun clan to distance itself from this enmity. Moreover, even if the clan abandoned Yun Qing Yan, there was no guarantee that it was enough to appease Duan Ling Tian's anger. After all, the Yun clan was the source of Yun Qing Yan's confidence and arrogance, which made Duan Ling Tian suffer great humiliation.

'If the clan finds out about this matter, some of the members will definitely suggest that I abandon my son. I won't abandon him no matter what,' the Leader of the Yun clan thought to himself as his eyes shone with determination.

Although Yun Qing Yan was not his only son, Yun Qing Yan resembled him a lot and was the brightest among all his sons. Apart from that, Yun Qing Yan was also acknowledged as the heir of the clan. As such, it was impossible for him to abandon his son even if the other party his son offended was heaven-defyingly lucky. After all, the other party had yet to reach his full potential; there was still hope.

"Don't tell anyone about what you just told me," the Leader of the Yun clan said solemnly as he looked at Yun Qing Yan, "I'll order the members to keep an eye out for this Duan Ling Tian. They're to report to the sect and kill him if they find him. There's no doubt that he's heaven-defyingly lucky, but our Yun clan has existed for a long time and is protected by a supreme powerhouse. There's no need for us to be afraid of him. However, just to be safe, it's best for us to kill him before he reaches full maturity."

Yun Qing Yan felt at ease after listening to his father's words. However, he was still annoyed because the insignificant vermin from the past, whom he could crush with just a finger, had surpassed him. He truly regretted not killing Duan Ling Tian when he could. Alas, there was nothing he could do now.

Yun Qing Yan's father could tell Yun Qing Yan was very bothered by this matter. He shook his head and said, "Everyone has their own destiny and luck. Although Duan Ling Tian's heaven-defying luck helped him to achieve amazing feats, he comes from a lowly origin. You were born into a noble family, and your life has been very easy. Everything has its pros and cons. I'll speak to our ancestor and ask him if he's willing to let you cultivate with him. You should be grateful if the ancestor agrees to teach you a thing or two..."

Yun Qing Yan's eyes brightened upon hearing these words.

The ancestor of the Yun clan was a legend whom Yun Qing Yan had yet to meet. The ancestor was a supreme powerhouse and the founder of the Yun clan.

'If I'm able to cultivate with the ancestor, even if I can't raise my cultivation base, at the very least, Duan Ling Tian won't be able to lay a finger on me at all. If he dares to act against me, it'll be easy for the ancestor to kill him with just a thought!' Yun Qing Yan thought to himself, feeling very confident.

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After the Leader of the Yun clan passed down his orders, everyone in the clan learned about Duan Ling Tian, the heaven-defyingly lucky advanced Emperor of Gods who was capable of killing ordinary intermediate Supreme Gods. He was not even 1,000 years old, but he had already comprehended the Sword Dao and the Mastery Dao to high levels and possessed all Five Divine Elements and a complete Divine Tree of Life in his Little World. There was no doubt that it was only a matter of time before he became a supreme powerhouse.

"This man holds a grudge against our Yun clan and intends to seek revenge. Members of the Yun clan are to search for him and kill him using every means possible. The Yun clan will be indebted to whoever manages to kill him and will definitely return the favor. I'll also try to arrange for whoever succeeds to learn from the ancestor."

It was not surprising that the order caused a commotion even among the high-ranking officials.

"Duan Ling Tian? This name sounds familiar..."

At the same time, an intermediate Supreme God, who had just returned to the clan's estate, frowned. He had heard the name 'Duan Ling Tian' before. It took about a dozen breaths before he finally remembered where he had heard the name before.

He gasped as he thought to himself, 'That's it! I heard his name when I returned to my wife's hometown in the Profound Energy Land! He's a monstrous talent from the Myriad Laws Academy, a heavyweight supreme-rank force in the Profound Energy Land. It took him only three years to become an advanced Emperor of Gods from an advanced Lord of Gods! When he was an advanced Lord of Gods, he could already kill Emperors of Gods. Even so, I didn't expect him to be able to kill ordinary intermediate Supreme Gods after becoming an advanced Emperor of Gods!'

Following that, the intermediate Supreme God quickly reported everything he knew about Duan Ling Tian to the Leader of the Yun clan.

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The Leader of the Yun clan did not waste time and left for the Profound Energy Land immediately to verify if the Profound Energy Land's Duan Ling Tian was the same person who wanted his son's life. It was obvious that he took this matter very seriously, indicating that he was afraid of Duan Ling Tian. It was not difficult for him to learn about Duan Ling Tian's journey in the Profound Energy Land and his heaven-defying feats. However, it seemed like no one knew that Duan Ling Tian possessed all Five Divine Elements and a complete Divine Tree of Life.

'The Myriad Laws Academy... According to the ancestor, the academy is rather unique. It seems to be without the protection of a supreme powerhouse like prime supreme-rank forces, but that's not the case at all. In the past, the prime supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land tried to snatch things from the academy, but some supreme powerhouse intervened. There's more than meets the eye with the academy. If it's just an ordinary heavyweight supreme-rank force, I can just threaten it.'

The Leader of the Yun clan was wary of the Myriad Laws Academy, but it did not stop him from visiting Su Bi Lie, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy.

“Su Bi Lie, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, greets Clan Leader Yun,” Su Bi Lie greeted the Leader of the Yun clan.

Su Bi Lie was rather taken aback by the sudden visit of the Leader of the Yun clan. After all, the other party was the leader of a prime supreme-rank force and one of the top advanced Supreme Gods in the Divine Offering Land. Apart from that, he was also puzzled. There was no connection between the Myriad Laws Academy and the Yun clan; what reason was there for the Leader of the Yun clan to visit him?

After a moment, Su Bi Lie asked, “Clan Leader Yun, I wonder what brings you to the Myriad Laws Academy?”

As soon as he asked this question, a thought suddenly appeared in Su Bi Lie’s mind.

‘Does it have something to do with Duan Ling Tian?’

Su Bi Lie recalled that a few prime supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land had sent people over to visit him recently, trying to recruit Duan Ling Tian. As such, he wondered if the Leader of the Divine Offering Land’s Yun clan came to recruit Duan Ling Tian as well.

The Leader of the Yun clan looked at Su Bi Lie and said with a faint smile, “Academy Master Su, I came to ask for a favor. I wonder if you’re willing to help me...”

Upon hearing these words, Su Bi Lie felt that his speculation was right. His expression did not change as he replied, “Clan Leader Yun, I wonder what’s the favor? If it’s within my ability, I’ll naturally try to help you. It’s an honor to be acquainted with you, after all.”

Su Bi Lie remained polite. After all, although they were both advanced Supreme Gods, he was not sure he could withstand more than ten moves from the Leader of the Yun clan in a life-or-death battle.

The Leader of the Yun clan said with a smile, “Academy Master Su, I like how you don’t beat around the bush.” His eyes flashed as he continued to say, “Academy Master, I wonder if you can publicly expel Duan Ling Tian from the Myriad Laws Academy?”

Su Bi Lie was shocked by the Leader of the Yun clan’s request. He did not expect the other party to make such an outrageous request.

‘Does he plan to recruit Duan Ling Tian once I expel Duan Ling Tian from the academy? No, it doesn’t make sense. Whether I expel Duan Ling Tian or not, there are many prime supreme-rank forces waiting to recruit Duan Ling Tian in the Profound Energy Land. Why would Duan Ling Tian choose to join the Yun clan in the Divine Offering Land,’ Su Bi Lie thought to himself, perplexed.

Soon after, another thought popped up in Su Bi Lie’s mind. His eyes widened imperceptibly as he wondered inwardly, ‘Did Duan Ling Tian offend the Yun clan?’

Su Bi Lie quickly regained his composure before he bluntly asked, “Clan Leader Yun, did Duan Ling Tian offend your Yun clan?”

The Leader of the Yun clan only said, “I have to kill him.”

Su Bi Lie's expression turned grim immediately. "Clan Leader Yun, don't you think it's inappropriate for you to make such a statement in front of me, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy?"

The Leader of the Yun clan could sense Su Bi Lie's resistance. He looked at Su Bi Lie meaningfully as he said, "Academy Master Su, do you think you're a match for me?"

Following that, a terrifying energy surged out of the body of the Leader of the Yun clan. The void twisted and rippled before numerous hairline cracks appeared.

Su Bi Lie's gaze turned frosty immediately. "Yun Teng Qiu, even if I'm no match for you, how dare you act so presumptuously in the Myriad Laws Academy!"

The void shook even more violently as Su Bi Lie's energy surged into the surroundings.

In just a moment, the entire academy began to shake as well as energy surged into the sky from all directions like a tsunami. In just a blink of an eye, the Myriad Laws Academy's Guarding Formation, which had lain dormant for many years, came to life.

Needless to say, this caused a huge commotion in the Myriad Laws Academy. Many members took to the sky to see what was going on.

"What's happening?"

"Why is the academy's Guarding Formation activated? Are we under attack?"

“This is the first time I’ve seen the academy’s Guarding Formation activated! Did a formidable enemy come to attack the academy?”

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Everyone saw the void rippling and twisting after the Myriad Laws Academy’s Guarding Formation was activated.

A terrifying energy surged to the peak. It was so powerful that it seemed capable of destroying anything that stood in its path.

At the same time, Yun Teng Qiu, the Leader of the Yun clan, sensed the terrifying and overwhelming energy of the Myriad Laws Academy’s Guarding Formation. His expression eased immediately, and he quickly withdrew his Divine Energy before he said with a faint smile, “Academy Master Su, I was just joking.”

Su Bi Lie looked at Yun Teng Qiu with a pointed gaze before he deactivated the Myriad Laws Academy’s Guarding Formation. Then, he said, “Clan Leader Yun, you shouldn’t joke about some matters. If the academy’s Guarding Formation is activated again, I’m afraid there’ll be consequences.”

Su Bi Lie’s words were a blatant threat. After all, Yun Teng Qiu was at fault.

“Academy Master Su, rest assured. It won’t happen again. Since Academy Master Su is unwilling to help me with Duan Ling Tian, I’ll take my leave now.”

“Goodbye,” Su Bi Lie said coldly.

Yun Teng Qiu did pay attention to Su Bi Lie's mood at all. He was preoccupied with his thoughts.

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Meanwhile, peace returned to the Myriad Laws Academy.

No one knew what happened exactly. They only knew that the Myriad Laws Academy must have been under great threat. Otherwise, the academy's Guarding Formation would not have been activated.

Needless to say, they also did not know why the Myriad Laws Academy's Guarding Formation was deactivated so quickly. However, it did not stop them from speculating that the enemy must have retreated after seeing how powerful the Guarding Formation was.

No one was surprised by how powerful the Myriad Laws Academy's Guarding Formation was. After all, it was said to have been created by a few supreme powerhouses. Moreover, the Myriad Laws Academy was widely known to be the safest place after prime supreme-rank forces in the Profound Energy Land.

Prime supreme-rank forces naturally had Guarding Formations that were created by supreme powerhouses as well. Moreover, they had the direct protection of supreme powerhouses. The supreme powerhouses would appear during times of crisis. It was only natural that they were the safest places.

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After leaving the Myriad Laws Academy, a hint of fear appeared in Yun Teng Qiu's eyes.

‘What a terrifying Formation. There’s no doubt that the Myriad Laws Academy’s Guarding Formation was created by a few supreme powerhouses... It’s comparable to our Yun clan’s Guarding Formation. If the Formation attacked, I’d definitely die if I didn’t leave within three breaths.’

In fact, Yun Teng Qiu did not have any intention to attack at all. He was only trying to test Duan Ling Tian’s importance to Su Bi Lie.

‘Duan Ling Tian didn’t join the academy for very long, but he’s already so important to the academy...’

In Yun Teng Qiu’s opinion, the fact that Su Bi Lie valued Duan Ling Tian meant that the entire Myriad Laws Academy valued Duan Ling Tian.

‘It’ll be impossible for me to get rid of Duan Ling Tian using the Myriad Laws Academy. I have to think of another way,’ Yun Teng Qiu thought to himself with a frown. He could not help but wonder if he could kill Duan Ling Tian before Duan Ling Tian reached full maturity.

However, Yun Teng Qiu was not afraid. Even if Duan Ling Tian reached his full potential, the Yun clan had the protection of a supreme powerhouse. To annihilate the Yun clan, Duan Ling Tian would have to deal with the supreme powerhouse.

Needless to say, if it was possible, it was best not to make an enemy out of someone like Duan Ling Tian. After all, even a supreme powerhouse could not guard the Yun clan all the time. Supreme powerhouses had duties to guard the Outer Boundary, after all.

‘Ning Xue truly has a discerning eye when choosing a husband...’ Yun Teng Qiu shook his head as he thought to himself. His eyes glinted coldly as he continued thinking, ‘Yan’er might not deserve her, but the Xia clan had given their word. The marriage must be held after the Realm Battlefield closes. Since Duan Ling Tian is determined to kill Yan’er, he’ll definitely show up on the day of the wedding. At that time, Duan Ling Tian will die. However, this also depends on whether Ning Xiu survives the Realm Battlefield...’

Yun Teng Qiu really could not wait for the day to come when he could kill Duan Ling Tian.

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After Yun Teng Qiu returned to the Yun clan, he finally found that Xia Jie, the Third Master of the Xia clan, had long released the hostages whom Yun Qing Yan captured to threaten Xia Ning Xie. His expression was very unsightly when he learned about the matter.

“Xia Jie, you really ruined my plan,” Yun Teng Qiu said through gritted teeth as his eyes shone with killing intent. It would be difficult to force Duan Ling Tian to show himself without the hostages.

Yun Teng Qiu took a deep breath to calm down before he asked Yun Qing Yan, “Ning Xue is unaware of this, right?”

Yun Qing Yan replied, “That’s right, and she won’t find out unless Xia Jie finds her on the Realm Battlefield.” After a beat, he added, “At the very least, I think she won’t find out about it until she leaves the Realm Battlefield.”

Yun Teng Qiu nodded. His expression eased as he said, “That’s good. By the way, I’ll go to the Xia clan and meet your father-in-law. I’ll tell him to keep that matter a secret. I’ll also tell him to detain and imprison Xia Jie as soon as Xia Jie returns to the Xia clan. Ning Xue must never find out that Xia Jie had released Duan Ling Tian’s family and friends. Otherwise, she won’t agree to marry you no matter what.”

Yun Qing Yan’s eyes lit up upon hearing Yun Teng Qiu’s words. He did not hold much hope for the marriage, and his father’s words had brought his hope to life again. After listening to his father, he was confident he would be able to fulfill his dreams of marrying Xia Ning Xue as long as she did not die on the Realm Battlefield.

‘Duan Ling Tian, so what if you’re extremely lucky and have surpassed me? You’re still just an ant! I have the support of the Yun clan; what about you? The Myriad Laws Academy is only a heavyweight supreme-rank force. Even if you have the academy’s support, it doesn’t change anything,’ Yun Qing Yan thought to himself with a scoff.

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Duan Ling Tian was unaware that after his failed attempt to kill Yun Qing Yan, there was a huge commotion in both the Yun clan and the Myriad Laws Academy. He was also naturally unaware of Yun Teng Qiu’s visit to the Myriad Laws Academy.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian had already entered the Realm Battlefield through the Divine Offering Land. After his near-death experience with Yun Teng Qiu, he was even more desperate to raise his cultivation base and become a Supreme God.

‘Although I’ve surpassed Yun Qing Yan, he has the protection of the Yun clan... It’ll be difficult for me to kill him if I’m not stronger than the Yun clan...’

After the failed assassination attempt, Duan Ling Tian knew it would be impossible to lure Yun Qing Yan out of the Yun clan's estate to kill Yun Qing Yan.

‘The Realm Battlefield is too vast. I wonder where Ke’er is...’

In the outer area of the Divine Sanction Battlefield, where the Divine Offering Land and the Sanction Land overlapped, it was rare to encounter those in the realm of a Supreme God. As such, Duan Ling Tian was invincible in the outer area.

After entering the inner area, Duan Ling Tian encountered a few Supreme Gods, and he managed to kill them for the rewards. Needless to say, the rewards of killing Supreme Gods raised his cultivation significantly, and it did not take long before he was on the brink of breaking through the realm of a Supreme God.

‘There are at least 30 more years before the area where four or more Realms of Gods overlap appears. I have to become a Supreme God by then. That place is definitely the most dangerous place on the Realm Battlefield, which means that it also has many opportunities for me to grow stronger. It’s the perfect place for those who want to grow stronger. Since Ke’er entered the Realm Battlefield to become stronger, she’ll definitely head to that place.’

Once every 100 years, a place where multiple Realms of Gods overlapped would appear for a decade. Needless to say, that place was filled with many fortuitous encounters and secret realms.