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Chapter 4471 Is This the End or Is This Just the Beginning?

Hu Fei Yan's meaning was obvious. If they did not hand Tan Xiu Teng over, their journey to the Sacred Wind Realm, one of the Three Great Sacred Realms, would be dangerous. The Zhong clan's supreme powerhouse might send people after them. If they handed Tan Xiu Teng over, even if their journey would not be completely trouble-free, they would not be targeted by the Zhong clan.

"Young master! You..." Tan Xiu Teng called out anxiously through Voice Transmission when he saw Hu Fei Yan looking at Duan Ling Tian and asking for Duan Ling Tian's opinion.

Duan Ling Tian did not let Tan Xiu Teng finish speaking before he said to Hu Fei Yan resolutely, "Tan Xiu Teng is working for me, and he's also helped us a lot during this journey. I can't hand him over. Moreover, even without Tan Xiu Teng, we still would've killed the leader of the bandit."

A joyful expression appeared on Tan Xiu Teng's face upon hearing these words. He quickly thanked Duan Ling Tian profusely. He was filled with gratitude at this moment. Whether it was under orders or not, he indeed killed the leader of the bandit. It would be undoubtedly easier for Duan Ling Tian to hand him over to Zhong Yue, the Young Master of Mount Tai's Zhong clan. He was not naive after all. He knew that even if Zhong Yue dropped the matter now because of Linghu Yun Di, Zhong Yue would definitely not let the matter go after Linghu Yun Di left. If he were in Duan Ling Tian's shoes, he would also hand himself over to Zhong Yue. As such, he was surprised and delighted that Duan Ling Tian, whom he had only known for a short time, was determined to protect him. How could he not feel moved and grateful?

At the same time, Zhong Yue's expression darkened upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. However, a hint of fear could be seen in the depths of his eyes as well. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian was definitely not a simple character. After all, not only was Duan Ling Tian traveling with Hu Fei Yan, but Hu Fei Yan also asked for Duan Ling Tian's opinion. It would not be easy to deal with the murderer of his junior brother since it was clear, based on the way the murderer addressed Duan Ling Tian as 'young master', that the murderer was Duan Ling Tian's subordinate.

As for Hu Fei Yan, her expression did not change much after listening to Duan Ling Tian's words. However, a hint of admiration could be seen in her eyes. If Duan Ling Tian had chosen to give up on Tan Xiu Teng, even if she could understand his decision, she would have looked down on him in her heart. It spoke a lot about Duan Ling Tian's character that he did not give up on Tan Xiu Teng. If he had given up on Tan Xiu Teng, she would have found an excuse and parted ways with him after they arrived in the Sacred Wind Realm. After all, he could give up on Tan Xiu Teng, it meant that he would also give up on her if they faced danger in the future. Although she had many life-saving methods, which were given to her by her adoptive father, they were not limitless. If her companion was unreliable, it was better for her to travel alone.

Finally, Hu Fei Yan turned to Zhong Yue and said determinedly, "Zhong Yue, you heard my friend's words. We can't hand him over to you. If you're not satisfied, we can fight. I also want to see the strength of the Young Master of the Zhong clan!"

Hu Fei Yan was filled with fighting spirits at this moment. Her long hair fluttered in the air as she stood majestically like a powerful female warrior.

Upon hearing these words, Zhong Yue, whose expression was dark, instinctively glanced at Linghu Yun Di.

Linghu Yun Di saw Zhong Yue looking at her and said expressionlessly, "Zhong Yue, your junior brother isn't without blame in this matter. You should let this matter go."

Following that, Linghu Yun Di looked at Leng Jing, the young man standing next to her, and asked, "Leng Jing, what do you think?"

Upon hearing these words, Leng Jing, the nephew of the Clan Leader of the Winter Land's Leng clan and the prodigy of the clan who came with Linghu Yun Di and Zhong Yue, said, "Zhong Yue, Miss Linghu's words make sense. For her sake, you should let this matter go."

Zhong Yue was intimidated by Linghu Yun Di's strength and background. As such, he only scoffed and did not say anything else. He only looked at Duan Ling Tian and the others with a dark expression before he turned around and left.

Upon seeing this, Leng Jing hurried after Zhong Yue.

On the other hand, Linghu Yun Di looked at Hu Fei Yan and said with a smile, "Deputy Commander Hu, please don't forget your promise to me."

Without waiting for Hu Fei Yan's reply, Linghu Yun Di turned around and left. However, before she left, her eyes lingered on Duan Ling Tian briefly.

"This..."

At this time, apart from Duan Ling Tian and the others, only the disheveled middle-aged man, the only survivor of the Yuan Organization, was left. His expression was extremely grim at this moment. He did not expect this outcome at all. After he regained his senses, he hastily chased after Zhong Yue. If he stayed any longer, he might possibly lose his life.

With this, the matter ended without a fight. However, Duan Ling Tian did not feel at ease. He knew that this was just the calm before the storm. If it were not for Linghu Yun Di's presence, this matter would not have been resolved so easily. Whether it was the Zhong clan or the Leng clan, they were both powerful forces, and they were not any weaker than the Colossal Heaven Army. Zhong Yue and Leng Jing were both prodigies in their respective clans and were almost as strong as a peerless top advanced Supreme God. They were naturally not intimidated by Hu Fei Yan, let alone an unknown person like him.

‘If Linghu Yun Di weren’t present today, not only Hu Fei Yan, but I’d have to fight as well. After all, we can only save Tan Xiu Teng if we defeat Zhong Yue and Leng Jing...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.

‘We’re only nearing the Three Great Sacred Realms, but we’ve already encountered three cultivators who were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods. One of them is even acknowledged to be invincible among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He could not help but feel slightly fearful when he thought about Linghu Yun Di.

Since Linghu Yun Di was widely acknowledged as being invincible among those below the realm of peerless advanced Supreme God in the Peaceful Might Realm, she was undoubtedly powerful. As such, Duan Ling Tian was not very sure if he could defeat her even if he went all out and asked for help from the World Cleansing Divine Water and the Divine Tree of Life. Perhaps, they would fight to a draw at most. There was even a possibility that he might be at a slight disadvantage. After all, he had not comprehended any of his laws to the perfect form. His strength mostly came from his Sword Dao.

‘Considering how powerful Linghu Yun Di is, I’m afraid she doesn’t just have a profound comprehension of the law. It’s likely that she has other means as well. There’s also a possibility that she has a profound comprehension of one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth as well,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself solemnly.

At this time, Tan Xiu Teng was finally able to heave a sigh of relief after Zhong Yue and the others left. Then, he hurriedly thanked Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan who had saved his life again before he said, “Young master, Deputy Commander Hu, the Young Master of the Zhong clan left because he’s afraid of Miss Linghu. However, it’s certain that he hasn’t let this matter go. Why don’t we take a detour after this? I’ll pilot the flying ship. With that, both of you can cultivate or rest with ease.”

Needless to say, this suggestion was not only for Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan’s benefit, but it was also for Tan Xiu Teng’s benefit. He knew that if Zhong Yue returned after Linghu Yun Di left, Zhong Yue might not do anything to Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan since Zhong Yue was afraid of their formidable backgrounds, but Zhong Yue definitely would not have any qualms about killing him.

Hu Fei Yan agreed to Tan Xiu Teng's suggestion, and Duan Ling Tian had no objection as well. It did not matter that they had to take a detour since it would only take a little longer for them to reach their destination.

After boarding the flying ship, instead of going straight, the flying ship took a turn to the side.

At this time, even Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan were unaware that the disheveled middle-aged man from earlier was tailing them from a distance.

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Meanwhile, Leng Jing looked at Linghu Yun Di, who was standing nearby, and asked skeptically, "Miss Linghu, why are you so courteous to Hu Fei Yan? The Colossal Heaven Army is nothing in front of the Linghu clan, right?"

Based on what Leng Jing knew, not only did the Linghu clan have an imminent World Supreme Powerhouse, but the Linghu clan also had supreme powerhouses who were not any weaker than Hu Bu Gui, the Commander of the Colossal Heaven Army. With that, the Colossal Heaven Army was indeed nothing compared to the Linghu clan.

"Didn't I say it earlier? An elder of mine is acquainted with the Commander of the Colossal Heaven Army," Linghu Yun Di said with a hint of impatience.

After sensing Linghu Yun Di's impatience, although Leng Jing was curious, he no longer asked any more questions about this matter. However, he said to Zhong Yue through Voice Transmission, "Zhong Yue, after we part ways with Linghu Yun Di, I'll accompany you to find those three and

avenge your junior brother. Even if you can't kill Hu Fei Yan, we can't let that young man's subordinate live. After all, he killed your junior brother. However, before we do that, I suggest you ask for help from the Zhong clan as well. Tell the clan to send helpers. They have to at least be on par with us in terms of strength. Based on how courteous Hu Fei Yan was, that young man is definitely not any weaker than Hu Fei Yan. We might not be able to win them if it's just the two of us."

Zhong Yue's expression did not change as he listened to Leng Jing's words. Only a hint of icy killing intent could be seen in the depths of his eyes as he replied tonelessly through Voice Transmission, "That's my thoughts as well..."

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"However, I'm sure they also expect you to return and seek revenge," Leng Jing said worriedly through Voice Transmission, "It's possible that they'd taken a detour. Based on the direction of their flying ship previously, they should be on their way to the Sacred Wind Realm. If we go to the Sacred Wind Realm from here, I'm afraid it'll be difficult for us to find them..."

Upon hearing these words, Zhong Yue smiled indifferently and said, "You don't have to worry about this. Haven't you realized that the man following us earlier isn't around?"

Leng Jing instinctively turned to look back before he asked, surprised and relieved, "You sent him to follow them? Good, this means we'll be able to find them." However, after a moment, he asked, "He won't be discovered, right?"

"Rest assured," Zhong Yue said confidently, "He comprehends the law of earth. Previously, he watched undetected as my junior brother was killed. They did not sense him at all at that time, and they won't be able to sense him as well this time. It's due to this talent of his that my junior brother recruited him. Apart from that, I also promised that if he handles this matter well, I'll bring him to the Zhong clan and make him an outer disciple."

After listening to these words, Leng Jing felt completely at ease.

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While Tan Xiu Teng piloted the flying ship, Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan closed their eyes and cultivated. Although the flying ship took many detours and flew in various different directions, the duo was not bothered at all. After all, it would only take an extra ten or fifteen days for them to reach the Sacred Wind Realm. Even if it took a few more months or a year, the duo still would not be bothered.

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At the same time, the disheveled middle-aged man, who was tailing the flying ship, could not help but curse inwardly, 'Damn it! You've already taken a detour. Is it necessary to change directions so many times? The person piloting the ship should be the person who killed the leader, right?'

Although the middle-aged man was very good at remaining hidden thanks to his law of earth, it was not without limit. Although the consumption speed was not high, he still had to expend energy to keep up with them while he remained hidden.

After a moment, a joyful expression appeared on the middle-aged man's face as he thought to himself, 'Fortunately, I broke through the realm of advanced Supreme Gods not long ago. Otherwise, I don't think I'll be able to keep this up.'

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Tan Xiu Teng, who was piloting the flying ship, was naturally unaware of the middle-aged man's presence. He continued moving in different directions, and during this time, he encountered a few groups of bandits as well. He did not hesitate and quickly chased them away or killed them. He did not pursue those who managed to escape, worried that it would draw the attention of people from the Zhong clan.

The Zhong clan was very famous in the Peaceful Might Realm. Although it was not as strong as the Divine Gateway's Linghu clan, the clan was still only second to top forces like the Linghu clan in the Peaceful Might Realm.

'Although Zhong Yue left earlier, he was clearly unwilling and dissatisfied. I'm sure that after parting ways with Miss Linghu, he'll chase after us... If he and the people from the Zhong clan find us, I'll definitely die. Although they might not do anything to the young master and Deputy Commander Hu due to their backgrounds, it won't stop them from making a move against me. I'm afraid that even if the young master wants to protect me, he'll be helpless...'

Tan Xiu Teng was sure about this. As such, he piloted the flying ship at top speed and frequently changed directions. In fact, at this time, the flying ship was rather far from the Sacred Wind Realm.

'Maybe we shouldn't go to the Sacred Wind Realm... If we continue in this direction a little longer, it won't be long before the distance to the Sacred Wind Realm is similar to the distance to the Sacred Lightning Realm...' Tan Xiu Teng thought to himself.

Tan Xiu Teng naturally did not dare to make decisions on his own. He looked at Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan, who were cultivating with their eyes closed, for a moment before he finally made up his mind.

'I'll wait until the distance to the Sacred Wind Realm and the Sacred Lightning Realm is about the same before I ask the young master if we should go to the Sacred Wind Realm or the Sacred Lightning Realm...'

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The flying ship continued forth. During the journey, there were still groups of bandits that stopped the flying ship, and Tan Xiu Teng drove them away or killed them as usual.

Ten days had passed when Tan Xiu Teng finally began to let his guard down.

‘It’s been ten days, but the people from the Zhong clan still haven’t shown up. It should be impossible for them to find us now, right? They’ve probably gone in the wrong direction, hoping to intercept us... Fortunately, I made many detours,’ Tan Xiu Teng thought to himself, feeling both happy and hopeful.

Alas, these feelings did not last long.

Five days later, more than a dozen people blocked the path of the flying ship.

Initially, Tan Xiu Teng assumed they were just bandits, but when the flying ship drew closer and he saw the two people standing in the lead, he was in shock and disbelief.

‘How’s this possible?! How did they find us? Did they use some tracking technique? No, that’s impossible. If they had used a tracking technique, the young master and Deputy Commander Hu would’ve noticed it...’

The two people standing in the lead were none other than Zhong Yue, the Young Master of Mount Tai’s Zhong clan and Leng Jing, the prodigy from the Winter Land’s Leng clan.

Frightened, Tan Xiu Teng hurriedly woke Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan up after he regained his senses. The situation was no longer under his control.

“Young master! Deputy Commander Hu!”

Tan Xiu Teng did not even need to probe them to know that the three people standing in the second row behind Zhong Yue and Leng Jing were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods while those ten people standing in the third row were all comparable to him at least. He was completely helpless at this moment. He had no doubts that as soon as he left the flying ship, he would be killed immediately.

At this time, Hu Fei Yan frowned slightly and glanced at Tan Xiu Teng as she asked, “Have we arrived at the Sacred Wind Realm?”

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian was not confused like Hu Fei Yan. When he opened his eyes, he looked at the Mirror Image at the side of the flying ship. Then, he muttered under his breath, “Zhong Yue from the Zhong clan and Leng Jing from the Leng clan are here. Seeing the people they brought with them, it seems like they came prepared. Miss Linghu isn’t here so they must have gathered people and came after us after they parted ways with her.”

After that, Duan Ling Tian looked askance at Tan Xiu Teng. He found it strange that those people found them even though Tan Xiu Teng had taken so many detours.

Tan Xiu Teng naturally understood Duan Ling Tian’s thoughts after he saw the expression on Duan Ling Tian’s face. He smiled wryly and said, “Young master, I was already very careful. I changed directions more than 100 times. I didn’t expect that they were still able to find us.”

At this time, Tan Xiu Teng was the most afraid. Even the wry smile on his face had to be forced.

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Now that they were found, Tan Xiu Teng thought that it was very unlikely that he would survive this encounter. In his opinion, he would have a better chance of surviving if Duan Ling Tian or Hu Fei Yan was willing to use the life-saving methods given to them by their respective supreme powerhouses. However, these life-saving methods were meant for their use. These people only targeted him, not Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan. Under such circumstances, let alone Hu Fei Yan, would Duan Ling Tian be willing to use the life-saving methods to protect him? It was not that he thought Duan Ling Tian or Hu Fei Yan were ruthless, but if he were in their shoes, he would not have used such an important thing to protect an unimportant person as well. He was aware of his importance to the duo. Nonetheless, even if Duan Ling Tian were to give up on him now, he would not have any complaints. He felt that Duan Ling Tian was already very kind to protect him previously.

“Oh, they tracked us all the way here...” Hu Fei Yan murmured as she narrowed her eyes and looked at the people in the Mirror Image coldly, “Zhong Yue and Leng Jing are afraid of offending Miss Linghu, but they dare to do this. Do they think I’m a pushover?”

Hu Fei Yan had a good impression of Linghu Yun Di, but she could not tolerate others looking down on her while they acted deferentially toward Linghu Yun Di. After all, she did not think she was inferior to Linghu Yun Di. Although she was not a match for Linghu Yun Di, she was a few thousand years younger than Linghu Yun Di. She thought that she would not be any weaker than Linghu Yun Di when she was Linghu Yun Di’s age. Since they were both female cultivators, she could not help but compare herself to Linghu Yun Di.

With all these thoughts in mind, Hu Fei Yan grew even more furious as she looked at Zhong Yue and Leng Jing.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had already risen to his feet at this moment. His gaze was cold, and he seemed to be muttering something under his breath. After a short moment, his gaze turned excited like a hunter who had found his prey after a long search.

At this moment, Tan Xiu Teng said with a sigh, “Young master, Deputy Commander Hu, if there’s no other way, you should hand me over to them. I’m quite certain that if you do that, they won’t trouble you any longer.”

Tan Xiu Teng’s words were not perfunctory. He sincerely felt that it was not necessary for Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan to offend the people in front of them. This matter would be resolved as long as the duo handed him over. After all, those people would certainly prefer not to burn bridges with the duo.

Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan did not pay attention to Tan Xiu Teng’s words.

“Since they’re here, let’s go out and meet them,” Duan Ling Tian said calmly before he flew out of the flying ship, followed by Hu Fei Yan.

Although Tan Xiu Teng’s heart was heavy, he left the flying ship as well. After all, he knew the outcome would be the same whether he left the flying ship or not. At this moment, he had completely lost all hope of surviving.

Duan Ling Tian stood in front of the flying ship, across from the group of people.

Hu Fei Yan stood next to Duan Ling Tian, and her beautiful eyes were cold as she asked, “Zhong Yue, what do you mean by this? You left earlier, but now you returned? What? Now that Miss Linghu isn’t here, do you think I’m easy to bully?”

Hu Fei Yan was infuriated when she thought about how Zhong Yue and Leng Jing were looking down on her.

Faced with the furious Hu Fei Yan, before Zhong Yue could respond, Leng Jing said in a friendly tone, “You’re the Deputy Commander of the Colossal Heaven Army and the adoptive daughter of the Commander of the Colossal Heaven Army. How dare we bully you? We’re here for the murderer of Zhong Yue’s junior brother. We have no ill intentions toward you or the young man next to you.”

Hu Fei Yan scoffed. “As long as I’m here, don’t even think about laying your hands on him!”

As soon as Hu Fei Yan’s voice fell, her Divine Energy, imbued with her law, burst forth from her body. The hem of her robes fluttered in the wind as her eyes burned with battle intent.

Hu Fei Yan said loudly and confidently, “Zhong Yue, let’s settle today’s matter with a fight between us. If you manage to subdue me within 100 moves, I’ll hand him over to you. If not, you’ll retreat with your people. What do you think?”

In fact, as soon as Hu Fei Yan learned of Zhong Yue’s identity, she had been itching to fight with him. However, due to Linghu Yun Di’s presence, she did not get to fight with Zhong Yue. She knew a little about Zhong Yue and was confident that she was not any weaker than him. She knew that it was impossible for Zhong Yue to subdue her within 100 moves.

Upon hearing these words, the eyes of Tan Xiu Teng, who was certain of his death, lit up with hope. After a brief moment, he turned to look at Hu Fei Yan with eyes shining with gratitude. Although there was no guarantee she would win, she had given him a sliver of hope, which was better than nothing.

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian did not react to Hu Fei Yan’s words at all. He was rather apathetic. He did not think there was anything wrong with Hu Fei Yan’s words. However, Tan Xiu Teng had sworn on the Heaven Vault’s Blood Oath and was his subordinate as long the contract did not

expire. As such, he felt it was his duty to protect Tan Xiu Teng, who had nothing to do with Hu Fei Yan.

At this time, after hearing Hu Fei Yan's words, Zhong Yue said with a sneer, "Hu Fei Yan, I only addressed you as Deputy Commander Hu for your godfather's sake. Do you think this is the Colossal Heaven Army's territory? Unlike you, I have the upper hand in this situation. Why should I agree to you and let you have your way?"

After that, without waiting for Hu Fei Yan's reply, Zhong Yue waved his hand and said, "Leng Jing, you and Elder Zhong Ming keep the two of them occupied. The Black Profound Guards will spread out to disrupt the space and stop them from leaving. I'll personally kill the person who killed my junior brother!"

As soon as Zhong Yue's voice fell, his eyes that shifted to Tan Xiu Teng, who was standing behind Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan, burned with killing intent.

Chapter 4474 Duan Ling Tian Protects Tan Xiu Teng

Zhong Yue gave his orders decisively and quickly. It was as though he long thought out how to deal with Duan Ling Tian and the others. He naturally had no intention of causing any harm to Hu Fei Yan and only wanted to restrain her so she could not protect Tan Xiu Teng. Moreover, if he really drove Hu Fei Yan into a corner, he had no doubts that she would use the life-saving methods her adoptive father, Hu Bu Gui, had given him. If that happened, he would also be forced to use the life-saving methods given to him by his ancestor. He was naturally unwilling to use the life-saving methods for such a trivial matter., and he was certain Hu Fei Yan felt the same way. As such, he concluded that as long as he did not push her into a corner and only restrained her, she would not use the life-saving methods, let alone use them because of a person like Tan Xiu Teng.

As for Duan Ling Tian, although Zhong Yue felt that Duan Ling Tian was responsible for his junior brother's death, he did not plan to hurt Duan Ling Tian either and only planned to restrain him. After all, based on how courteous Hu Fei Yan was to Duan Ling Tian, he concluded that Duan Ling Tian also had an extraordinary background. Such a person naturally possessed life-saving means from a supreme powerhouse.

This was the limit of Zhong Yue's compromise. He would not hurt Hu Fei Yan and Duan Ling Tian, but he would not let Tan Xiu Teng go even if Tan Xiu Teng was Duan Ling Tian's subordinate. He did not care if Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background, and in his opinion, it was enough that he did not hurt Duan Ling Tian. After all, he, too, had an extraordinary background. In his opinion, since Duan Ling Tian's subordinate killed his junior brother, it was only fair for him to kill Duan Ling Tian's subordinate. Unless the supreme powerhouse backing Duan Ling Tian was stronger than his ancestor, there was no way he would give up on avenging his junior brother. Otherwise, he was determined to kill Tan Xiu Teng.

As the Young Master of Mount Tai's Zhong clan, Zhong Yue naturally had his pride and would not bow his head easily. He gave in to Linghu Yun Di since Linghu Yun Di's background was not only better than his, but she was also stronger than him. It was not embarrassing to give in to her. However, Hu Fei Yan was different; she was not enough to make him back down. As for Duan Ling Tian, although he suspected that Duan Ling Tian had an extraordinary background, he did not know anything about Duan Ling Tian. Who was to say Duan Ling Tian's background was superior to his? As such, there was no way he would give in to Duan Ling Tian. In his opinion, if Duan Ling Tian wanted him to retreat, Duan Ling Tian should just reveal his background and prove that he had a superior background.

“Do it!”

Subsequently, Leng Jing and the three men from the Zhong clan who were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods flew toward Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan.

At the same time, the ten Black Profound Guards, who were not as powerful, spread out and surrounded the trio as they disrupted the space. Based on this, it was clear that Zhong Yue was skilled in the law of space and wanted to prevent her from teleporting Tan Xiu Teng away.

While Leng Jing and the other three flew toward Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan, Zhong Yue was staring at Tan Xiu Teng intently.

At this time, Tan Xiu Teng, who had lost all hope, suddenly heard a voice say, “Enter my spatial artifact!”

“Young master?!” Tan Xiu Teng was shocked.

Tan Xiu Teng did not expect that Duan Ling Tian would continue to protect him. After all, the current situation was not in their favor; their opponents’ collective strength overwhelmed theirs. Even if they used the life-saving means given to them, it would not make a difference since Zhong Yue had them as well. Moreover, there was Leng Jing. Although Leng Jing was not the Young Master of the Leng clan, he was still a highly-valued prodigy of the Leng clan. As such, the supreme powerhouse from the Leng clan definitely would give him some life-saving means as well. If both sides summoned the projections of their respective supreme powerhouses, it would turn into a confrontation between supreme powerhouses. At that time, the side with the stronger supreme powerhouse would win the confrontation. Needless to say, if their side lost, Tan Xiu Teng would die.

“Hurry up!” Duan Ling Tian said impatiently, urging Tan Xiu Teng to enter his spatial artifact. Once the fight started, he would not be able to protect Tan Xiu Teng.

Hu Fei Yan was also slightly surprised that Duan Ling Tian was going to such an extent to protect Tan Xiu Teng. She could not help but wonder, ‘Is he so confident because of the supreme powerhouse behind him?’

Since Duan Ling Tian was so determined, Hu Fei Yan thought that it was likely that this would end with a confrontation between supreme powerhouses. After all, just her and Duan Ling Tian alone were not enough to deal with five cultivators who were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, including Zhong Yue and Leng Jing.

Zhong Yue did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so determined to protect Tan Xiu Teng as well. It was clear that Duan Ling Tian was not going to back down without a fight. He said grimly, "Very well. Let's fight. I want to see which supreme powerhouse is protecting you as well..."

In both the Outer Boundary and Myriad Worlds, strong supreme powerhouses were all famous. It was thanks to many fortuitous encounters that they were able to become so strong. They would fight for these fortuitous encounters, making a name for themselves in their journey to grow stronger. To ordinary cultivators, they were mysterious and powerful, but in fact, they were not different from ordinary cultivators at the core; like ordinary cultivators, they too strove to improve their strength.

One example of famous supreme powerhouses was the supreme powerhouse from Mount Tai's Zhong clan. However, even his fame and strength were nothing compared to imminent World Supreme Powerhouses like the one in the Linghu clan, let alone World Supreme Powerhouses. After all, imminent Supreme Powerhouses were only second to World Supreme Powerhouses.

"I hope you don't regret this," Zhong Yue said coldly before he flew over to join Leng Jing and the other three men. Then, he said to Hu Fei Yan, "Hu Fei Yan, your friend has gone crazy, and I advise you not to get involved."

Upon hearing these words, Hu Fei Yan smiled slightly and said, "Zhong Yue, you just said that he's my friend, right? How can I not do anything and watch my friend fight?"

Following that, Hu Fei Yan's Divine Energy, which had been imbued with the law of space, surged forth, causing the void to ripple. Although she felt pressured by her opponents, she was not afraid. After all, she had her trump cards as well.

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Hu Fei Yan was very confident about her trump cards. Currently, they were not even in the Three Great Sacred Realms. Even if they were in the Three Great Sacred Realms, she was confident no

one could kill her unless they were Saints or imminent Saints. All she had to do was not enter independent realms that prohibited the use of the life-saving means her adoptive father gave her.

At this time, Hu Fei Yan looked at Duan Ling Tian, who was standing nearby, and speculated inwardly, 'It seems like he's very confident about his backer... Is his backer an imminent Saint? He can't be a Saint, right?'

The fact that Duan Ling Tian continued to protect Tan Xiu Teng under such circumstances proved that he was not worried at all even if all of them summoned the projections of their respective supreme powerhouses. Based on his confidence, there was no doubt that the supreme powerhouse behind him was very powerful.

Hu Fei Yan was still lost in her thoughts when she heard Duan Ling Tian say, "You deal with Zhong Yue and leave the other four to me."

Hu Fei Yan thought to herself, shocked, 'This guy... He plans to fight Leng Jing and the other three on his own?!'

Although Hu Fei Yan did not know the three men Zhong Yue and Leng Jing brought, based on their Divine Energies and the level of comprehension of their laws, she knew they were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods. Even if they were slightly weaker than her, it would be difficult for her to defeat them collectively alone. She could barely stand her ground if two of them joined forces, but if all of them joined forces, it was only a matter of time before she was defeated.

'Is Li Feng crazy?! Is he really going to fight the four of them alone? Does he think he's Linghu Yun Di?'

In Hu Fei Yan's opinion, with Duan Ling Tian's strength, facing four cultivators who were almost comparable to peerless top advanced Supreme Gods alone was no different from stopping a huge tide with a broom.

Hu Fei Yan would not have found it so unbelievable if Linghu Yun Di, who was acknowledged as being invincible among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm, could deal with the four of them alone. However, being able to deal with them meant that Linghu Yun Di could stand her ground; it did not mean that Linghu Yun Di could defeat them. They were all close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods after all. Even if Linghu Yun Di was strong, her strength was still limited. It was still possible for her to defeat Leng Jing and another one of those three men, but defeating three of them was impossible, let alone four.

While Hu Fei Yan was still lost in her thoughts, she saw Duan Ling Tian fly toward the four people, taking the initiative to attack. He was like a sharp sword at this moment.

'He must plan to confront the four of them while he summons the projection of the supreme powerhouse behind him...' Hu Fei Yan concluded inwardly. In the end, regardless of her thoughts, she did not say anything and made a move.

Hu Fei Yan brought out her Feng Shui compass, a prime divine artifact. Her adoptive father had specially forged it for her. Not only was it suitable for her to use, but it also boosted her strength greatly. As soon as she received it, she could use it skillfully and did not need time to get used to it like she would have to if she were to be given another prime divine artifact.

Although the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was not especially forged for Duan Ling Tian, he was very familiar with it and did not need to waste time adapting to it after it became a prime divine artifact. This was because the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword had been with him for a long time before it even became a prime divine artifact.

However, for most people, it would take quite some time to get used to their prime divine artifacts. During that time, they would not be able to exert the full strength of their prime divine artifacts.

“I’ve long heard about the reputation of the Young Master of Mountain Tai’s Zhong clan. Show me your strength today,” Hu Fei Yan said as she charged toward Zhong Yue.

Zhong Yue did not underestimate Hu Fei Yan. After all, he knew that she was the beloved daughter of Hu Bu Gui, the Commander of the Colossal Heaven Army, and at a young age, she was already almost comparable to a peerless top advanced Supreme God. Although female cultivators were fewer than male cultivators, all of them were very talented and powerful. Linghu Yun Di was a good example, and she was someone he dared not provoke. It was because of Linghu Yun Di that he had to retreat previously even if he was very unwilling. He only dared to act after he parted ways with her. However, it had to be said that he was deferential to her not only because of her strength, but also because of the Divine Gateway’s Linghu clan.

“Hu Fei Yan!” Zhong Yue growled. At the same time, his Divine Energy burst forth from his body as he cast his law. He seemed to grow bigger, turning into a giant, as blood energy lingered around his body. He did not hesitate to use bloodline power as soon as he attacked. The bloodline power of the Zhong clan was rather powerful, turning them into giants and making them almost unstoppable.

Hu Fei Yan scoffed coldly. Seeing that Zhong Yue had used his bloodline power, she also did not hesitate and used her bloodline power. Initially, she planned to keep an eye out for Duan Ling Tian in case he needed help. However, based on the current situation, she knew she could not afford to be distracted. Since Zhong Yue was going all out, she had to go all out as well. She speculated that Zhong Yue had intentionally done this so she could not help Duan Ling Tian.

Indeed, Hu Fei Yan was right. Zhong Yue was trying to help Leng Jing and the others so they could quickly defeat Duan Ling Tian or force Duan Ling Tian into summoning the projection of the supreme powerhouse behind him. At that time, he would be able to assess if Duan Ling Tian was someone he could afford to offend or not. If the supreme powerhouse was not as strong as their respective supreme powerhouses, perhaps, they might not have to summon their respective supreme powerhouses. At that time, they only needed to reveal the identities of their supreme powerhouses to force Duan Ling Tian to hand Tan Xiu Teng over. After all, if it was possible, they did not want to use the jade tokens to summon their supreme powerhouses. That kind of jade token took a lot of energy and time for a supreme powerhouse to forge after all.

Swoosh!

A seven-colored sword ray boosted by the law of space shot put at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted coldly as he thought to himself, 'These people came just at the right time... My law of space just had a breakthrough, and these people sent themselves over for me to test it out on them!'

Half a month ago, Duan Ling Tian finally comprehended his law of space to the perfect form. Needless to say, after the breakthrough, his law of space had grown stronger, especially since it had now reached the perfect form. Before the breakthrough, he was already close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods. After the breakthrough, even if he was not yet a peerless top advanced Supreme God, he was already one of the strongest among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods. He was confident even if he had to fight Linghu Yun Di, who was known as invincible among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm. He was certain that he was not any weaker than her.

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After Duan Ling Tian's law had reached the perfect form, he could clearly feel the significant improvement in his strength. He knew it would be easy for the current him who had a breakthrough to defeat the former him before the breakthrough. Although he was not in the realm of a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet, he was undoubtedly much stronger than others like him who were close to the realm of a peerless advanced Supreme God.

When he had sensed his strength after his breakthrough, he had thought of Linghu Yun Di, whom he had met not long ago, immediately. Linghu Yun Di, the Eldest Young Miss of the Divine Gateway's Linghu clan, was acknowledged as peerless among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not fight Linghu Yun Di, but he sensed the strong oppression from her. At that time, he clearly felt the gap between them. However, now that his law of space had a breakthrough, he was confident he would not feel that way if they met again.

Unexpectedly, before he met Linghu Yun Di again, the Young Master of Mount Tai's Zhong clan, led his people over. There were five of them who were close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, and they wanted him and Hu Fei Yan to hand Tan Xiu Teng over to them. These people were rather confident that they would not use the life-saving items that were given to them by a supreme powerhouse for Tan Xiu Teng's sake.

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Although Duan Ling Tian was sincere about protecting Tan Xiu Teng, he still had to think twice about using the Spirit Blood Essence, which was given to him by Situ Lei; the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint. The Spirit Blood Essence was also the only life-saving item he owned from a supreme powerhouse. If he used it for Tan Xiu Teng's aid, it meant that he would lose a life-saving chance himself. If it really came down to it, he knew he would not use the Spirit Blood Essence and would only do what he could to protect Tan Xiu Teng.

'Tan Xiu Teng is lucky this time that I had a breakthrough,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as he calmly stood across from Leng Jing and the others.

Leng Jing was a genius disciple of the Winter Land's Leng clan. He was skilled in the law of ice and had comprehended it to its perfect form. There was no doubt that his comprehension of the law of ice was profound. When he made a move, the surrounding temperature dropped immediately. It was as though winter had arrived. When the phenomenon of the law appeared, the entire place turned into snowy land.

Leng Jing wielded a prime divine artifact in the form of a sword. The sword looked like it was forged from ice; it was translucent and emitted cold air. When he brandished it, it froze everything in its wake, including the cracks in the void.

As for the other three people with Leng Jing, they naturally owned prime divine artifacts as well. After all, they were not only close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, but they were members of Mount Tai's Zhong clan; it was not surprising that they owned prime divine artifacts. Similar to Leng Jing, they had also comprehended their respective laws to the perfect form.

They were different from Duan Ling Tian who obtained strength close to that of a peerless top advanced Supreme God from his Sword Dao and not from his law of space, which previously had yet to reach the perfect form. Before his breakthrough, he was not stronger than the people in front of him, but now that he had broken through, his strength had improved significantly.

Swoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's seven-colored sword rays shot out; its brilliance completely overshadowed the land that had been turned into a land of snow by Leng Jing. The sword rays dyed the snowy-white land with various colors in just a blink of an eye. As they moved, they caused the space to ripple with their terrifying powers.

With just one strike, Duan Ling Tian successfully fended off the joint attacks of Leng Jing and the others.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When the attacks collided, a terrifying explosion rang in the air. A huge tear in the space appeared immediately after the collision, and then a huge spatial vortex appeared, pulling all the plants on the ground into it. The force of the collision surged in all directions, further damaging surrounding the areas.

“How’s this possible?!” Leng Jing exclaimed. He was horrified, and he was in shock and disbelief.

An old man, one of the three men with Leng Jing, said tremblingly, “He’s... He’s so strong?”

At this time, Zhong Yue and Hu Fei Yan, who were engaged in a fight earlier, had retreated due to the force of the collision. They instinctively turned to look in the direction of the commotion and saw a vast expanse of destruction. They were in shock and disbelief as they looked at the churning spatial vortex.

After a moment, Zhong Yue and Hu Fei Yan saw Leng Jing and the others, who had retreated into the distance. Based on their expressions, it was not difficult to tell that they were panicking. They were further shocked when they saw Duan Ling Tian who looked no worse for wear.

‘His law of space has reached the perfect form?!’ Hu Fei Yan, who also comprehended the law of space, exclaimed inwardly after she sensed the energy from Duan Ling Tian’s law of space that had yet to dissipate. She looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked tremblingly, filled with fear, “You... You had a breakthrough in your law of space?”

Hu Fei Yan knew the level of Duan Ling Tian’s strength very well. After all, she had just sparred with him not too long ago. At that time, he had yet to have a breakthrough with his law, but they were evenly matched. He was able to fight to a draw with her by relying on his terrifying Sword Dao alone!

Hu Fei Yan looked at Duan Ling Tian in a daze as she thought to herself, ‘With his terrifying Sword Dao and his law of space that has reached the perfect form, he’s not weaker than Linghu Yun Di, right?’

Hu Fei Yan observed the damage in Duan Ling Tian's surroundings and further confirmed her speculation.

'If Li Feng's Sword Dao improves again, he might become a peerless top advanced Supreme God!'

Now that Duan Ling Tian's law of space had reached the perfect form, its following improvements would be limited until it reached the paramount stage. Before the law of space reached the paramount stage, he could only become a peerless top advanced Supreme God if he further improved his Sword Dao.

Hu Fei Yan knew this very well because her law of space had reached the perfect form a while ago, and she drew much of her strength now from the Mastery Dao.

Similarly, Zhong Yue, whom Hu Fei Yan had fought, had comprehended the law to the perfect form and had drawn most of his strength now from the Saber Dao, which was also one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth.

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"He's not a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet," the old man, one of the three men who had attacked with Leng Jing earlier, said. He was very observant, and he was now staring at Duan Ling Tian intently with fear in his eyes as he continued to say, "His law of space just reached the perfect form not long ago. The reason he's so strong is due to his Sword Dao. Currently, he's not any weaker than...Miss Linghu Yun Di from the Linghu clan!"

The old man was an elder in the Mount Tai's Zhong clan. Not long ago, he had received a message from Zhong Yue and left the clan to help Zhong Yue. He also learned that Zhong Yue was unable to act previously due to Linghu Yun Di's intervention. He was not surprised that Zhong Yue did not go against Linghu Yun Di. After all, even if Leng Jing helped Zhong Yue, not only would they not benefit from going against Linghu Yun Di, but they would also offend Linghu Yun Di, which was no different from offending the Linghu clan.

The old man had naturally heard of Linghu Yun Di and knew that she was acknowledged as peerless among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm. As such, he could not help but compare Duan Ling Tian to her.

“He’s not any weaker than... Linghu Yun Di?”

In the distance, Zhong Yue’s expression turned unsightly when he heard the old man’s assessment. After a moment, he asked Duan Ling Tian in a deep voice, “May I ask where you come from? Perhaps, Mount Tai’s Zhong clan is affiliated with the force you belong to.”

Zhong Yue’s tone had become much more polite now. Nonetheless, one could still hear the reluctance in his voice.

Duan Ling Tian only glanced at Zhong Yue indifferently before he looked away. Clearly, he had no intention of responding to Zhong Yue.

Zhong Yue’s face flushed red from anger immediately upon seeing this. After all, as the Young Master of Mount Tai’s Zhong clan, he had never been treated in such a manner. If he were not wary of Duan Ling Tian’s background, he would have lost his temper by now.

On the contrary, Leng Jing remained indifferent. He said, “I don’t believe he’s on par with Linghu Yun Di...” Then, he continued to say to the three men, “We were careless and underestimated him earlier. After this, the four of us will attack with all our might. Let’s see if he can still defend himself against us. If he’s able to do it, it means he’s really not weaker than Linghu Yun Di.”

When Leng Jing's voice fell, the three men looked at Zhong Yue in unison. They were members of the Zhong clan after all, and they were summoned here by Zhong Yue. It was only natural that they listened to Zhong Yue. Leng Jing, despite his good relationship with Zhong Yue, was not qualified to order them around.

Upon seeing the gloomy Zhong Yue nod, the trio finally nodded in response to Leng Jing's words. As they charged out along with Leng Jing, blood qi surged and lingered around their bodies. Just as Leng Jing suggested earlier, all of them attacked without holding back at all this time.

The four figures, which looked majestic, swept out domineeringly between heaven and earth, causing the void to crack. They seemed to eclipse the sun at this moment with their terrifying strength.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

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Along with the surging power, the phenomena of the laws appeared. It naturally attracted the attention of everyone in the vicinity. However, no one came to have a look. Perhaps, they did not dare to come over to have a look due to their lacking strength, afraid of being affected by the fight.

Thousands of miles away, a figure that was flying at top speed suddenly came to a halt. He looked in the direction of the commotion fearfully as he muttered under his breath, "Heavens! Who's fighting? The power is earth-shattering! The energies... They're definitely not ordinary advanced Supreme Gods!

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In another place 8,000 miles away.

A burly figure stood at the top of a mountain and looked in the direction of the commotion. His eyes flashed with fear as he said, "Although I've been an advanced Supreme God quite a while ago, I don't think I'd be able to withstand even one move from those people... Are they peerless top advanced Supreme Gods? Even if they're not, they must be close to becoming one..."

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Back to the battlefield.

Leng Jing did not believe that Duan Ling Tian was on par with Linghu Yun Di. As such, he joined forces with the three men from the Zhong clan again and attacked Duan Ling Tian. This time, the four of them did not hold back and attacked with all their might.

In the distance, Zhong Yue and Hu Fei Yan, who was burning with fighting spirits earlier, tacitly stopped fighting and watched the confrontation. After all, based on her short exchange with Zhong Yue, she determined that they were both on par with each other. Now, she wanted to see Duan Ling Tian's strength after the breakthrough in his law of space.

'Li Feng has doppelgangers... Now that his law of space has broken through, his doppelganger from the law of space must be stronger as well...' Hu Fei Yan, who was aware of Duan Ling Tian's hidden strength, thought to herself.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian did not flinch at all when faced with the attacks of Leng Jing and the three men. On the contrary, his eyes were bright as he rushed out to meet them. As he flew out, his doppelganger appeared. The doppelganger resembled him completely except for its lifeless eyes. Apart from that, its movements and speed were not much slower than those of Duan Ling Tian at all.

Zhong Yue's eyes widened slightly. 'Doppelganger?! He's from the Myriad Worlds?!'

Although they were cultivators whose bloodline powers allowed them to form doppelgangers in the Outer Boundary, most cultivators in the Outer Boundary who owned doppelgangers were from the Myriad Worlds.

Zhong Yue had a certain understanding of the Myriad Worlds. When he was a child, he had heard from his elders about the countless powerhouses in the Myriad Worlds. In fact, there were a few visiting elders in Mount Tai's Zhong clan who were from the Myriad Worlds. He had heard that those in the three strongest Worlds were even more powerful than the Saints in the Outer Boundary, and he had heard of the saint-rank forces in the three strongest Worlds; he did not know much about other forces. His knowledge was only limited to what he was told. He had never been to the Myriad Worlds before.

Zhong Yue recalled everything that happened before he speculated inwardly, 'If he's from the Myriad Worlds, it's quite likely that he's from a saint-rank force in the Myriad Worlds...'

At the same time, six figures collided in the distance. Duan Ling Tian and his doppelganger fought with Leng Jing and the other three men fearlessly. Despite the presence of his doppelganger, the fight could be considered a one-versus-four fight.

Since the four men did not possess doppelgangers, they could only fight with their bloodline powers.

At this moment, Zhong Yue looked at Hu Fei Yan and asked through Voice Transmission, “Hu Fei Yan, which World did he come from? Did he tell you he came from the Myriad Worlds?”

Hu Fei Yang was slightly surprised that Zhong Yue caught on so quickly. Nonetheless, she feigned a confused expression and asked, “Huh? What do you mean? What World?”

Zhong Yue seemed to be fooled by Hu Fei Yan. He muttered, “If he’s not from the Myriad Worlds, with his doppelgangers, he can only be from one of the few forces in the Outer Boundary...”

Among the cultivators in the Outer Boundary, many of them possessed bloodline powers, and very few possessed doppelgangers. There were perhaps a few demi Saints, who were imminent Saints, who possessed doppelgangers and one Saint who possessed doppelgangers.

A thought suddenly appeared in Zhong Yue’s mind, and his eyes widened in shock. He shook his head and thought to himself, ‘Wait! Because I’m from a clan, I habitually only consider other clans... He could be from a sect as well... There’s also a possibility that he’s a disciple of a demi Saint...’

Based on how fearless Duan Ling Tian was when facing him, Zhong Yue theorized that Duan Ling Tian must have had the support of a demi Saint.

Although the Zhong clan was a powerful second-tier force in the Peaceful Might Realm, the clan had no demi Saints. However, the clan had several supreme powerhouses. Among the supreme powerhouses, one of them was similar to Hu Bu Gui; the Lord of the Colossal Heaven Army, and was close to becoming a demi Saint. Considering how fearless Duan Ling Tian was, Zhong Yue thought that the person or force behind Duan Ling Tian definitely was a demi Saint or had a demi Saint at least.

At this moment, Zhong Yue was suddenly pulled back to his senses by a loud commotion. He quickly looked up and saw that the confrontation between Duan Ling Tian and the others had ended. His heart skipped a beat as he wondered inwardly, 'What are the results?'

Hu Fei Yan, who was standing nearby, looked ahead intently as well.

The smoke gradually dispersed, and the dust gradually settled, revealing the sight hidden from Zhong Yue and Hu Fei Yan just a moment earlier. The duo froze as they looked at the scene before them in shock.

"This..."

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Hu Fei Yan and Zhong Yue saw Leng Jing and the other three men panting heavily with ashen faces. Blood could be seen on the corners of their lips. It was obvious that they were seriously injured. On the contrary, the purple-clad young man standing across from them was only a little pale, and his doppelganger was slightly transparent, looking as though it might vanish at any moment.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the people in front of him and sighed inwardly. 'I'm not a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet so I can't thoroughly defeat them...'

Duan Ling Tian did not hold back much of his own strength, which excluded the Five Divine Elements and the Divine Tree of Life, when he attacked earlier. He did not use his other doppelgangers since his other laws had yet to reach the perfect form. If he had used them, they would not be different from cannon fodder.

Let alone all Five Divine Elements and the Divine Tree of Life, if Duan Ling Tian had help from the World Cleansing Divine Water alone, his opponents would be in a much more terrible state now, and he would not be injured in the slightest. Nonetheless, he was rather proud he did not rely on them.

Even with help of the Divine Tree of Life and the World Cleansing Divine Water, it would be impossible for him to kill Leng Jing and the other three men unless his Sword Dao improved significantly or his law reached the paramount stage. If he fulfilled one of those two conditions, he would become a peerless top advanced Supreme God, who was even rarer than supreme powerhouses.

‘However, it’ll be very difficult for the law of space to improve further after it reaches the perfect form. Apart from having good comprehension skills, one will need a lot of luck and fortuitous encounters as well. My law of space reached the perfect form so quickly mainly because of the Floating Image Pearls that contained the recordings of fights of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods who comprehended the law of space. Apart from that, it’s been quite a while since I’ve made any improvements in my Sword Dao. The further I go, the more difficult it is to improve. It feels like I’m approaching a dead-end in my current realm. Perhaps, I should return to the God Defying World to find master so I can discuss this with him. I’m sure I’ll be enlightened...’

Duan Ling Tian’s Sword Dao was originally inspired by that of Feng Qing Yang even if it was different now. His current strength might be on par or stronger than that of Feng Qing Yang, but he knew that his Sword Dao was still inferior to that of Feng Qing Yang.

‘If my Sword Dao reaches the level of master’s Sword Dao, I’ll be a peerless top advanced Supreme God now after my law of space reached the perfect form...’

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian once again realized how terrifying and profound Feng Qing Yang’s Sword Dao was.

‘Perhaps, even among World supreme powerhouses; otherwise known as Saints in the Outer Boundary, there aren’t many whose comprehension of the Weapon Dao is as good as or better than that of master...’

After spending some time in the Outer Boundary, Duan Ling Tian learned many things. For one, as long as a supreme powerhouse comprehended a law to the paramount stage, they would be almost as strong as a demi Saint even if they did not comprehend any of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. Some of the supreme powerhouses with a powerful Divine Tree of Life could even be as strong as a demi Saint. This was also the reason peerless top advanced Supreme Gods possessed strength comparable to imminent Saint at least after becoming a supreme powerhouse. Some extremely powerful peerless top advanced Supreme Gods could even become demi Saints. As for the peerless top advanced Supreme Gods who had comprehended the law to the paramount stage and possessed a profound comprehension of one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, they would become a Saint as soon as they became a supreme powerhouse.

Duan Ling Tian had the makings of a Saint as soon as he became a supreme powerhouse. If he comprehended the law of space to the paramount stage, with the level of his Sword Dao, he would become a Saint as soon as he became a supreme powerhouse.

Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly, disappointed in himself for being unable to thoroughly defeat the four people in front of him.

Meanwhile, similar to Hu Fei Yan and Zhong Yue, Leng Jing and the other three men, who experienced Duan Ling Tian’s abnormally terrifying strength, looked at him in horror and disbelief.

‘How could he be so strong? He’s definitely not a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet! His Sword Dao is too strong... I’m afraid that even Linghu Yun Di isn’t even a match for him now...’ Leng Jing thought to himself, frightened out of his wits.

Previously, Leng Jing did not believe that Duan Ling Tian was on par with Linghu Yun Di. However, after their second exchange, where they attacked with all their might, he was thoroughly disabused of that notion.

‘Who is he?! With such strength, he can’t be a nobody in the Three Great Sacred Realms, let alone our Peaceful Might Realm... Which force does he come from?’

The three men from the Zhong clan, who were close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, stared at Duan Ling Tian fearfully as well.

At this time, Zhong Yue who had just spoken to Leng Jing through Voice Transmission could not help but feel disappointed. Based on the current situation, they did not have the upper hand at all. In fact, they were in a disadvantageous position. If they fought to death, they would still be slightly weaker. Although it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to kill them, they would still be seriously injured.

Swoosh!

After a brief moment, Zhong Yue flew to Leng Jing and the others. After he landed, he cupped his fists together at Duan Ling Tian and said, “Your strength is admirable, and I’m convinced by your strength. I’ll let your subordinate go for killing my junior brother.”

Zhong Yue, unsurprisingly, chose to give in. He had no other choice after all. If they continued to fight, even if they did not die, they would still suffer injuries. Even if they used the life-saving items given to them, Duan Ling Tian could easily use one as well. There was also Hu Fei Yan who definitely possessed life-saving items given to her by Hu Bu Gui, the Lord of the Colossal Heaven Army.

Hu Bu Gui was almost as strong as a demi Saint and was on par with one of the supreme powerhouses of Mount Tai’s Zhong clan. In Zhong Yue’s opinion, let alone the imminent Saint who backed Duan Ling Tian, Hu Bu Gui alone was enough to save Hu Fei Yan and Duan Ling Tian.

If Zhong Yue's speculation about Duan Ling Tian having the support of a demi Saint was right, they would have to pay a price if Duan Ling Tian ended up summoning the projection of a demi Saint. After all, none of the supreme powerhouses in his or Leng Jing's clan was a demi Saint. At that time, they would suffer a bigger loss. The best choice now was to minimize the damage and avoid further conflict.

In conclusion, Zhong Yue and the others had no choice but to retreat, embarrassed.

As for Duan Ling Tian, he scoffed upon hearing Zhong Yue's words. He said icily, "Do you think I'm someone you can provoke at will and casually retreat as you please? Preposterous!"

The expressions of Zhong Yue, Leng Jing, and the others changed drastically. Clearly, Duan Ling Tian was not going to let the matter go so easily. At the same time, they were even more convinced that Duan Ling Tian had the support of a demi Saint at the very least. Otherwise, why was Duan Ling Tian so confident and fearless?

At this time, Leng Jing said to Zhong Yue tremblingly through Voice Transmission, "Zhong Yue, if he summons the projection of a demi Saint, we have no choice but to bow our heads and compromise even if we summon our respective supreme powerhouses..."

Leng Jing was naturally frightened. The Winter Land's Leng clan could not afford to offend a demi Saint after all.

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'Demi Saint...'

Zhong Yue naturally knew that the Zhong clan and the Leng clan could not afford to offend a demi Saint. As such, he was forced to take a step back. This was the first time he, the arrogant Young Master of Mount Tai's Zhong clan, had to lower himself.

'Sir, how can we compensate you?' Zhong Yue asked Duan Ling Tian earnestly after taking a deep breath. At this time, his arrogance had been replaced by humbleness. Although he could not confirm 100% that Duan Ling Tian had the support of a demi Saint, it was better to be safe than sorry.

"You should know that every action has its consequences," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently as he looked at Zhong Yue, "I heard that the Zhong clan has control over the Valley of Bliss. I'll let this matter go in exchange for nine stalks of Blissful Flower King."

After a pause, Duan Ling Tian looked at Leng Jing before he continued to say, "As for the Leng clan, it's renowned for its Northern Nether Winter Cod. I want three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod."

The Blissful Flower King and the Northern Nether Winter Cod were very rare and valuable. They could raise the cultivation of those below the realm of advanced Supreme Gods. Advanced Supreme Gods could boost their strength with these things as well, but it would be too wasteful. The Zhong clan and Leng clan naturally did not simply let their advanced Supreme Gods use these things in such a manner.

Zhong Yue and Leng Jing's expressions darkened as soon as they heard Duan Ling Tian's words.

The Northern Nether Winter Cod was hard to raise, and it cost the Leng clan a huge fortune to raise them. Moreover, lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod was rare. In the past 10,000 years, the Leng clan only managed to breed to lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod. Currently, the Leng clan only had a total of 10 lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod. Needless to say, they were the Leng clan's most valuable and prized resource.

Similarly, the Blissful Flower King was the Zhong clan's most valuable and prized resource.

Alas, although Zhong Yue thought Duan Ling Tian was being greedy, he could only swallow his anger. After all, he was afraid of further offending Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, Leng Jing complained through Voice Transmission, "Zhong Yue, I got dragged into this matter because of you. You should bear the cost for this."

Leng Jing truly regretted meddling in this matter. Originally, this matter had nothing to do with him or the Leng clan after all.

Zhong Yue replied with a sneer, "Leng Jing, I didn't ask for your help. You insisted on coming along and watching the show. Although I had the intention, you were also pushing me to do it, right? How dare you push all the responsibility to me now that things have gone south?"

Zhong Yue was naturally furious. In fact, he thought that Leng Jing was not very reliable so he had asked for help from a few elders in the Zhong clan. From the very beginning, Leng Jing had been very eager to join him. How could he not be angry now that Leng Jing was trying to push all the responsibility onto him?

Zhong Yue took a deep breath to calm down. Perhaps he was so angered by Leng Jing that he did not even bother to negotiate with Duan Ling Tian. He said, "Sir, I'll have to return to the Zhong clan to get the Blissful Flower Kings for you."

"Alright, I'll wait for you," Duan Ling Tian said with a nod. He was not surprised that Zhong Yue did not carry so many Blissful Flower Kings on him. He was also not worried about Zhong Yue going back on his words since he had a feeling that Zhong Yue was under the impression that he had the protection of a demi Saint.

“I’ll return with the Blissful Flower Kings as soon as I can,” Zhong Yue said with a nod before he led his men away.

The members of the Zhong clan who came with high spirits looked dispirited and embarrassed now when they left.

In just a moment, only Leng Jing was left with Duan Ling Tian and Hu Fei Yan.

Duan Ling Tian shifted his gaze to Leng Jing, and Hu Fei Yan followed suit.

Leng Jing shuddered inwardly now that he was facing two powerful cultivators who could easily kill him. He hastily said, “I’ll return to the Leng clan and bring you the lord-grade three Northern Nether Winter Cod at once.”

As though he was afraid Duan Ling Tian would change his mind, Leng Jing left quickly.

After Leng Jing left, Duan Ling Tian looked at Hu Fei Yan speechlessly for a moment before he asked, “Didn’t you say that they’d try to bargain with me? Were my demands too low? I should’ve demanded more then...”

Clearly, Hu Fei Yan was the one who came up with the idea to demand the Blissful Flower Kings and Northern Nether Winter Cod from the Zhong clan and the Leng clan respectively. Earlier, she had told Duan Ling Tian that they were very rare and valuable resources. One would be extremely lucky to obtain one lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod or three stalks of Blissful Flower Kings.

“I...” Hu Fei Yan was speechless as well. She did not expect that Zhong Yue and Leng Jing would not bargain with Duan Ling Tian at all. She wondered again if they were really convinced that Duan Ling Tian was under the protection of a demi Saint.

‘That’s the only explanation that makes sense... Otherwise, it’s impossible for them not to try and bargain at all...’ Hu Fei Yan thought to herself.

A hint of envy could be seen in Hu Fei Yan’s eyes as she looked at Duan Ling Tian again. After all, even supreme powerhouses would covet nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cods.

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At the same time, Zhong Yue, who was returning to the Zhong clan, wore an unsightly expression on his face. He did not expect that he would be inferior to Duan Ling Tian in both strength and background.

‘Junior brother, I’m in deep trouble because of you...’

Zhong Yue truly regretted trying to avenge his junior brother at this moment. He could already imagine how furious his father would be once his father learned about this matter. After all, he had caused the Zhong clan to lose nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings. Due to his mistake, his father would be criticized by the elders of the Zhong clan.

After all, similar to the Northern Nether Winter Cod, the Blissful Flower King was extremely rare and valuable, even to supreme powerhouses.

‘I must choose my words carefully later... I can’t let this matter be traced back to the Zhong clan... I’ll have to make the Leng clan my scapegoat,’ Zhong Yue thought to himself as the corners of his lips curled up into a sinister smile.

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At the same time, Leng Jing, who was also returning to the Leng clan, thought to himself gloomily, ‘Eldest Senior Uncle is going to be criticized because of me... I shouldn’t have gone to watch the show... Why didn’t I leave with Linghu Yun Di earlier?’

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Needless to say, Zhong Yue and Leng Jing caused a huge commotion in their respective clans when they returned. The high-ranking officials of both clans could only unwillingly hand over nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod.

The Zhong clan’s high-ranking officials did not doubt Zhong Yue’s words since there were three other members of the Zhong clan who testified for him. As such, the clan quickly gave him the nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and sent him off.

On the contrary, a few elders of the Leng clan insisted on following Leng Jing under the pretext of protecting him. Leng Jing naturally knew that the elders were suspicious and worried that he was lying to obtain the three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod for himself.

Chapter 4480 Duan Ling Tian Receives His Compensation

The Blissful Flower King and the lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod were supreme treasures to the Zhong clan and the Leng clan respectively.

For this reason, after Zhong Yue and Leng Jing left the clans, the clans began to discuss the duo's punishments for causing their clans to suffer such a tremendous loss. There were many people who were dissatisfied with the duo as such even the elders who favored the duo did not dare to speak up for the duo.

Zhong Yue and Leng Jing were unaware of the punishment that awaited them once they returned to their respective clans.

As the Young Master of the Zhong clan who was raised as the next Clan Leader of the Zhong clan, Zhong Yue was lucky enough to escape heavy punishment, but Leng Jing was less fortunate and would be heavily punished.

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"Sir, these are the nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings that you requested," Zhong Yue said.

Zhong Yue left the clan with a dozen men this time. However, before meeting Duan Ling Tian, he only brought the three men who were close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods from before with him.

The three men wore bitter expressions on their faces as Zhong Yue handed the Blissful Flower Kings to Duan Ling Tian. After all, the Blissful Flower Kings were the supreme cultivation resources of their clan. It would help with raising the cultivation bases of the promising prodigies of their clans.

Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly and received the spatial ring from Zhong Yue. He claimed ownership of the spatial ring before he probed it with his Divine Consciousness. As promised, there were nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings. He saw nine strange flowers hovering in midair. They emitted rich vitality, and their energies were powerful enough to carry them in the air. Shortly after he probed the spatial ring with his Divine Consciousness, the flowers in bloom suddenly shrank and closed into buds as though they had a life of their own

‘How magical!’ Duan Ling Tian exclaimed inwardly. He had never seen such magical flowers before.

As expected, the Blissful Flower King was an extremely rare and precious cultivation resource in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds. Ordinary Blissful Flowers were only useful to cultivators below the realm of Supreme Gods, but Blissful Flower Kings were different from them. Blissful Flower King was similar to the liquid from the divine fountain and was useful to rudimentary and intermediate Supreme Gods in raising their cultivation base. In fact, it was even more efficient than the divine fountain.

According to the World Cleansing Divine Water in Duan Ling Tian’s Little World, the Blissful Flower Kings were superior in terms of speed of absorption and efficacy compared to the divine fountain. The World Cleansing Divine Water ranked the Blissful Flower King first, followed by the divine fountain and ordinary Blissful Flower. Apart from that, weak cultivators would not be able to withstand the effect of the divine fountain and the Blissful Flower. On the contrary, even ordinary humans with no foundation could use the Blissful Flower King safely. When consumed by humans with no cultivation, the Blissful Flower King’s efficacy would be absorbed and stored in one’s body, laying dormant until they began to cultivate.

Duan Ling Tian was delighted after he heard the World Cleansing Divine Water’s explanation. The Blissful Flower King would greatly help his family and friends who were weaker to raise their cultivation base quickly. With the Blissful Flower King, they could become Kings of Gods, Lords of Gods, Emperors of Gods, and even Supreme Gods. After all, for some of his family and friends, due to their poor innate talent, attaining godhood was just a dream, let alone becoming a King of Gods. Needless to say, he would leave the decision of becoming a King of God to them. After all, they would have to face the Heavenly Tribulation once every 1,000 years after they became Kings of Gods. If they did not continue to improve, they would eventually be killed by the Heavenly Tribulation. On the contrary, if one did not enter the realm of Kings of Gods, one might be able to live as long as heaven and earth since one would not have to undergo the Heavenly Tribulation once

every 1,000 years. As time passed, the strong would naturally eliminate the weak when the cultivation world became overcrowded. As such, it was important to keep improving and cultivating. Those without desires to cultivate could live long lives, but it would eventually turn into a life of loneliness since their mortal family and friends would pass eventually.

‘After I achieve my goals in the Three Great Sacred Realms, I’ll return to the God Defying World and pass these Blissful Flower Kings to Little Fei’er, Huan’er, father, and mother...’

Duan Ling Tian knew Fei’er, Huan’er, and his father had the highest talent among the others. He also knew they were eager to grow stronger so they could catch up to him and protect their loved ones.

Meanwhile, Zhong Yue struggled to maintain his composure after handing the spatial ring to Duan Ling Tian. After a moment, he bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian politely and left with the three men.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian continued to wait for Leng Jing.

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Half a month later, Leng Jing finally showed up with two unknown old men.

The two old men were very courteous to Duan Ling Tian, but they requested to spar with him. If Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat them, on top of the three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod, they promised him another 100 ordinary Northern Nether Winter Cod. Ordinary Northern Nether Winter Cod was even more valuable than ordinary Blissful Flower; it was almost comparable to the divine fountain. Unlike the Blissful Flower, Northern Nether Winter Cod could also raise one’s innate talent and potential by cleansing one’s meridians. It was extremely useful to those with low and average innate talents.

‘100 Northern Nether Winter Cods?’

Duan Ling Tian was naturally aware that the two old men wanted to test his strength to see if Leng Jing was working him to trick the Leng clan out of three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod. In the end, he agreed to spar with the two old men and managed to defeat them under 30 moves.

Similar to Leng Jing, the two old men were close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, but they were stronger than him and much more experienced than him.

Due to his victory, Duan Ling Tian not only obtained three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod, but he also obtained another 100 ordinary Northern Nether Winter Cod.

The two old men asked a few questions to figure out Duan Ling Tian’s origin, but he ignored their questions. It was best for him to remain mysterious to avoid unnecessary trouble. If the Leng clan found out that he did not have the protection of a demi Saint, the supreme powerhouse of the Leng clan might even make a move on him. At that time, let alone Situ Lei; the Heaven Bearing Saint, even Hu Bu Gui; the Lord of the Colossal Heaven Army, might not be able to protect him. After all, the Leng clan was a powerful force in the Peaceful Might Realm. They might spend a fortune to hire a demi Saint to deal with him.

Duan Ling Tian had heard about how powerful the Leng clan was from Hu Fei Yan previously. Perhaps, if he was already a peerless top advanced Supreme God, he could seek protection from a demi Saint or even a Saint. Alas, he was not a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet.