

## Sovereign 4481

### Chapter 4481 The Primitive Realm

The two elders from the Leng clan watched as Duan Ling Tian, Hu Fei Yan, and Tan Xiu Teng boarded the flying ship and vanished into the horizon.

Leng Jing shuddered inwardly when he sensed the two elders' cold gazes on him. He knew he would be punished for causing the Leng clan to suffer such a huge loss this time.

‘Damn it! I hope the clan will be lenient with their punishment...’ Leng Jing lamented inwardly, feeling regretful. Then, he gritted his teeth as he continued thinking to himself, ‘Zhong Yue is a terrible friend. As the Young Master of the Zhong clan and the next Clan Leader of the Zhong clan, it’s not too much for him to shoulder the responsibility, right? It’s not like the clan will heavily punish him. From today onward, we’re no longer friends!’

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Zhong Yue was naturally unaware of Leng Jing’s intention to sever ties with him. On the journey back to the Zhong clan, he sent a message to his father, the Clan Leader of the Zhong clan.

“Father, I’m really dissatisfied. I’m sure you feel the same way as well. We’re only speculating that he has the protection of a demi Saint; nothing’s confirmed. I hope we can investigate this matter and find the truth. Otherwise, I won’t be able to accept this!”

Zhong Yue did not act recklessly like he did previously. This time, he spoke to his father first. As the Clan Leader of the Zhong clan, his father naturally had connections to a few supreme powerhouses. Perhaps, they could use the connections to deal with Duan Ling Tian secretly.

“I’ll deal with this matter. Leave it to me,” Zhong Yue’s father replied immediately.

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Zhong Han Yin, the Clan Leader of the Zhong clan, was a tall and burly middle-aged man with a pair of big and wise eyes. He was also a supreme powerhouse, but he was ranked at the bottom among supreme powerhouses. He was no match for Hu Bu Gui, the Lord of the Colossal Heaven Army, let alone a demi Saint. However, his strength did not affect his authority in the Zhong clan because the strongest supreme powerhouse in the Zhong clan was his great-grandfather. Very few people below the realm of demi Saints were a match for his great-grandfather in the Peaceful Might Realm.

At this moment, Zhong Han Yin’s expression was dark, and his big eyes shone with killing intent, like a ferocious beast that was about to pounce on its prey. He muttered under his breath, “Nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings... What a greedy person! I don’t care who you are or whose protection you’re under... The Zhong clan isn’t a pushover you can mess with as you please...”

Following that, Zhong Han Yin moved slightly and vanished into thin air. In just a moment, he reappeared in a room in a spacious courtyard. Then, he sat cross-legged in the air before a translucent figure rose from his body and disappeared into another realm.

Before he left, he could be heard saying, “Nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod... I’m sure many people would covet these things...”

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The Primitive Realm was a magical realm that was only accessible to supreme powerhouses. When a supreme powerhouse entered the realm with his or her consciousness, he or she would manifest in the realm with a brand new appearance and identity. Even the aura would be different.

No one knew how the Primitive Realm came to be, and how long it had existed. Supreme powerhouses could sense it easily; it was as though the realm was calling out to them. It was difficult for supreme powerhouses to identify each other there unless they willingly did so. Many supreme powerhouses like to go to the Primitive Realm to while away the time and exchange knowledge to raise their cultivation base. Some of them also went to the realm to obtain information regarding the Realms of Origins.

The Realms of Origins were similar to secret realms. However, unlike secret realms that were man-made, Realms of Origins formed naturally from the laws of heaven and earth. They contained many fortuitous encounters for supreme powerhouses. Some of these fortuitous encounters could even improve the strength of supreme powerhouses who were stronger than the average supreme powerhouses. However, there was a catch. Supreme powerhouses could not enter Realms of Origins; only those below the realm of supreme powerhouses could enter them. As such, supreme powerhouses with subordinates in the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods had the advantage in this situation since they could send them in as a proxy. Peerless top advanced Supreme Gods were acknowledged to be peerless among those below the realm of supreme powerhouses, after all. Those who were close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods were no match for peerless top advanced Supreme Gods at all; the difference between their strength was like heaven and earth. For example, Duan Ling Tian who was invincible among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods could not even withstand three strikes from a peerless top advanced Supreme God. After becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God, one's energy would be changed by the law of heaven and earth that governed the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, and one would undergo a transformation in all aspects. It was a little similar to the transformation of energy once one entered the realm of supreme powerhouses. The energy was simply known as the Great Energy.

Supreme powerhouses tended to keep information about the Realms of Origins to themselves. However, some weaker supreme powerhouses, who knew they were no match for their peers in competing for a Realm of Origin, would enter the Primitive Realm to spread information about a

Realm of Origin to stop stronger supreme powerhouses from monopolizing the Realm of Origin. In fact, this tactic was not limited to Realms of Origins.

Zhong Han Yin had entered the Primitive Realm this time to spread the word about a cultivator close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods possessing nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod. Stronger supreme powerhouses might not care about these things. Moreover, their reputation would be tarnished if it was made known that they snatched things from someone weaker than them. However, weak supreme powerhouses did not have such qualms. It was inevitable that some of them would be tempted by these things in Duan Ling Tian's possession.

## Chapter 4482 The Valley Court

A short distance away from the path connecting the Sacred Wind Realm to the Sacred Lightning Realm, Duan Ling Tian sent Hu Fei Yan off his flying ship.

"Deputy Commander Hu, we'll go our separate ways from here. Till we meet again," Duan Ling Tian said to Hu Fei Yan with a smile on his face.

"Li Feng, try to keep a low profile during the remainder of your journey. It may seem like the matter with the two major clans of the Peaceful Might Realm is over, but who knows if they intend to seek revenge from you? It's easy for them to hire someone to do the dirty work for them, especially with all the treasures you have in your possession," Hu Fei Yan said solemnly, "You may have ways to deter ordinary supreme powerhouses, but there's no guarantee they'll work every time. Your safety will only be guaranteed if the supreme powerhouse behind you personally protects you."

"Thank you for your kind reminder, Deputy Commander Hu. I'll be extra cautious," Duan Ling Tian said as he nodded with a faint smile on his face. His expression was a little solemn as well when he spoke.

“Farewell,” Hu Fei Yan said with a nod before she boarded her flying ship and took off.

In just a moment, Hu Fei Yan’s flying ship was nothing more than a black dot in the distance before it vanished from sight.

In the beginning, Hu Fei Yan agreed to travel with Duan Ling Tian because she thought their strengths were on par with each other and that they could help each other with raising their cultivation bases. However, after discovering that Duan Ling Tian had become stronger than her after his law of space had improved, she did not think it was a good idea to continue traveling with him. She was worried she would grow complacent and rely on him too much, which would hinder her progress. As such, she decided to part ways with Duan Ling Tian.

After Hu Fei Yan left, Duan Ling Tian did not return to his flying ship immediately. He teleported a few times in the distance before he came to an abrupt stop. He reached out and grabbed something, and in just a moment, a figure suddenly appeared out of thin air. He recognized the other party immediately.

The other party was Yu Nie, a disheveled middle-aged man who was a member of the group of bandits, which Tan Xiu Teng annihilated previously. He was also the one who led Zhong Yue to Duan Ling Tian to avenge the death of his leader, who happened to be Zhong Yue’s junior brother as well.

“My lord, please spare me!” Yu Nie pleaded as soon as he was found. Naturally, he knew that once Zhong Yue led his men over to stop Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian would know that someone had been tailing him. In fact, he was not stupid nor was he bold enough to tail Duan Ling Tian, but he was forced and threatened by Zhong Yue to do so. Zhong Yue had poisoned him, and he needed the antidote from Zhong Yue. As such, he could only do Zhong Yue’s bidding.

“Did Zhong Yue tell you to keep an eye on us?” Duan Ling Tian asked tonelessly. He naturally knew now that the middle-aged man had been tailing him from the beginning and had revealed his whereabouts to Zhong Yue previously.

The middle-aged man shook his head and said with a bitter smile, “Previously, he told me to keep an eye on you, but after that, he no longer contacted me. This time, it was Leng Jing who contacted me and ordered me to keep following you. Just like Zhong Yue, he poisoned him and forced me to do his bidding.” Then, he pleaded, “My lord, please forgive me! I was forced to do this! Please don’t kill me!”

Duan Ling Tian ignored the middle-aged man’s plea and clenched his fist. In just a blink of an eye, the terrifying spatial energy that restrained the middle-aged man surged and killed the middle-aged man instantly.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian surveyed his surroundings for a moment to make sure no one was watching before he finally returned to his flying ship. When he arrived, he said to Tan Xiu Teng, “Disguise yourself as an old man for the remainder of our journey.”

After saying that, Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Energy and the energy from his law of space surged. Then, his appearance changed immediately from a gentle and handsome young man to a cold and arrogant man with a domineering aura. He now had thick and bushy eyebrows that framed a pair of icy eyes.

Similarly, Tan Xiu Teng transformed into an old man dressed in a long gray robe. After he was done with his transformation, he bowed at Duan Ling Tian respectfully and asked in a hoarse voice, “Young master, do you plan to go to the Sacred Wind Realm or the Sacred Lightning Realm?”

At this time, they were on the path that connected the Sacred Wind Realm and the Sacred Lightning Realm.

Hu Fei Yan had left in the direction of the Sacred Wind Realm earlier.

With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian said as his eyes glinted under sunlight, “Let’s go to the Sacred Lightning Realm.”

In his opinion, it was best to put some distance between him and Hu Fei Yan.

“Let’s travel using another flying ship,” Duan Ling Tian said to Tan Xiu Teng. After all, the flying ship he was using now was too conspicuous.

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In the Peaceful Might Realm...

In a quiet and remote mountain range near the path that connected the Sacred Wind Realm and the Sacred Lightning Realm, a few figures could be seen flying in and out every once in a while.

Valley Court, a supreme force, had built its base in this mountain range. The Valley Court was a reclusive force and kept mostly to itself. It was not as powerful as the Zhong clan and the Leng clan. After all, the most powerful person in the Valley Court was only a new supreme powerhouse.

In a cave in the depths of the Valley Court’s base, a middle-aged man dressed in a long fiery-red robe suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes shone with greed as he muttered to himself, “Three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod and nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings? With these treasures, the Valley Court might be able to cultivate a few outstanding disciples with the potential to become supreme powerhouses. I have to plan my next move carefully. I should visit the Lin clan and inform Brother Lin about this matter first...”

In the Peaceful Might Realm, there were only a few clans as powerful as the Divine Gateway's Linghu clan. As for second-tier clans like the Zhong clan and the Leng clan, there were at least a dozen of them. Following that were about 100 weaker supreme-rank clans, and the Lin clan was among these clans.

The Lin clan's estate was located a fair distance away from the Valley Court, adjacent to the Sacred Wind Realm and the Sacred Lightning Realm.

At this time, the supreme powerhouse of the Valley Court shot up into the sky like a ball of flames, and in fewer than 15 minutes, he arrived at the Lin clan's estate. He was very courteous when he announced his arrival even though the supreme powerhouse of the Lin clan was only slightly stronger than him. They were old friends and knew each other before they entered the realm of supreme powerhouses. They had wandered the world for a time together in their younger days and saved each other's lives countless times. For this reason, despite not seeing each other often after becoming supreme powerhouses, they were still good friends.

"Brother Lin Yu, I'm here," the red-clad middle-aged man called out through Voice Transmission.

After a beat, a gust of wind blew out of the Lin clan's estate.

"Yi Fen, long time no see. I planned to visit you in the Valley Court. I didn't expect you to visit first," an elegant middle-aged man dressed in a long green robe said. He was Lin Yu, the ancestor and the backbone of the Lin clan. His smile widened as he continued to say, "We should drink to our hearts' content today!"

Upon hearing these words, the red-clad middle-aged man, Liu Yi Fan; the Lord of Valley Court, shook his head and said seriously, "Brother Lin Yu, before we drink, I have something important to tell you."



Following that, Liu Yi Fan told Lin Yu about what he had heard in the Primitive Realm. He decided to speak to Lin Yu because he thought it would be dangerous to act alone. Moreover, Lin Yu would also benefit from this if they joined forces to obtain those treasures.

“Nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod?” Lin Yu’s eyes flashed with excitement as he said, “Blissful Flower Kings are rare in the Peaceful Might Realm... There are only a few forces powerful enough to cultivate the Blissful Flower Kings, and all of them are much stronger than our forces. The Northern Nether Winter Cod are even rarer. There are only two forces capable of raising them in the Peaceful Might Realm, and one of them is the Winter Land’s Leng clan...”

After saying that, the excitement in Lin Yu’s eyes was replaced with fear as he looked at Liu Yi Fan and said, “Yi Fan, the person carrying these things must not be ordinary. He must be extraordinary to have these things in his possession...”

“I agree...” Liu Yi Fan said, “The man who spread the word about this obviously has a grudge against that person. According to the man, he suspected that person to be under the protection of a demi Saint or someone almost as strong as a demi Saint. That man doesn’t know if that person owns a Spirit Blood Essence, but he thinks that it’s unlikely.”

Liu Yi Fan’s eyes lit up as he continued to say, “Brother Lin Yu, let’s take a risk. Even if that person summons the projection of a demi Saint, as long as we join forces, we should be able to escape!”

In the past, when Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu wandered the world together, they had created an escape technique using the respective laws they were skilled in. With that technique, they even managed to escape from an intermediate Supreme God when they were only an intermediate Emperor of Gods and an advanced Emperor of Gods respectively.

“We haven’t used the Time and Space Escape Technique ever since we became supreme powerhouses...”

The duo was skilled in the law of time and the law of space respectively. In fact, they had accidentally created the Time and Space Escape Technique. They discovered that when their laws were on the frequency, they would create an escape route. One had to know that it was extremely difficult for the same law to be on the same frequency, and one could only imagine how much more difficult it was for two different laws to be on the same frequency.

“I wonder how much stronger our Time and Space Escape Technique has become... However, I think we should be able to escape from a demi Saint with it, let alone someone who’s almost as strong as a demi Saint. Moreover, we’ve only used this technique a few times in the past, and no one knows about it. For this reason, no one will be able to trace this matter back to us,” Liu Yi Fan said. He had thought about these things during his journey to the Lin clan.

Although Lin Yu was moved by Liu Yi Fan’s words, he was still slightly hesitant. Nonetheless, he still said, “Your plan is quite good. However, we have to practice and familiarize ourselves with the technique again before we make a move...”

A hint of anticipation could be seen in Lin Yu’s eyes as he thought about using the technique they created again after so many years.

“Of course,” Liu Yi Fan said with a smile, “After all, our lives will be at risk if that person possesses the Spirit Blood Essence and uses it to summon the true body of a demi Saint or someone almost comparable to a Demi Saint...”

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In another place...

“The Peaceful Might Realm? It’s near our Sacred Lightning Realm! It’d be a waste if we let this chance go. They’re heading toward the path that connects the Sacred Lightning Realm and the Sacred Wind Realm after all!”

“It’s said that he might be under the protection of a Demi Saint? Ha, so what? We have the backing of a demi Saint as well! The nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and the three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod are mine!”

“Wealth and risk come hand in hand! That person is nearby. This is a blessing from the heavens! It’d be blasphemy if I ignore this blessing!”

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware that he had been targeted by a group of supreme powerhouses now that news of him possessing supreme treasures spread like a wildfire in the Primitive Realm.

Chapter 4484: Two Supreme Powerhouse Are Tracking Duan Ling Tian

Near the boundary of the Sacred Lightning Realm.

At least a dozen flying ships could be seen near the boundary of the Sacred Lightning Realm at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian, who had changed his appearance and changed into a loose long black robe, opened his eyes and said to Tan Xiu Teng, “We’ll disembark from the flying ship and travel through the mountains and the rivers. Put away the flying ship.”

After responding to Duan Ling Tian, Tan Xiu Teng, who disguised himself as a gray-clad old man, thought to himself, ‘Isn’t the young master being too cautious?’

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In Tan Xiu Teng’s opinion, Zhong Yue, the Young Master of the Zhong clan, did not submit because he was weaker than Duan Ling Tian; Zhong Yue had submitted because of Duan Ling Tian’s background. After all, he believed that Duan Ling Tian was under the protection of a demi Saint. Otherwise, the Zhong clan and the Leng clan would not have taken a step back. In the Peaceful Might Realm, only top forces like the Linghu clan with demi Saints would not be afraid of Duan Ling Tian. Even then, they would not needlessly provoke another demi Saint for no good reason.

If Duan Ling Tian could hear Tan Xiu Teng’s thoughts, he would have smiled bitterly. After all, he did not have the protection of a demi Saint at all. His most powerful life-saving item was the Spirit Blood Essence of Situ Lei, the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint. Situ Lei might be one of the most powerful supreme powerhouses in the Divine Sand Realm, but with his strength, he was only in the third tier in the Peaceful Might Realm. Let alone powerful forces like the Linghu clan, even forces like the Zhong clan and the Leng clan had at least three to five supreme powerhouses like Situ Lei.

‘It’ll be over for me if the Zhong clan or the Leng clan send people to test me... They won’t let me go after I took so many things from them..

Duan Ling Tian did not just rely on his luck to come so far, after all. He was also very cautious. In the past, he was able to avoid quite a few crises due to his cautious nature.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

After putting away the flying ship, Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng landed in a forest mountain. As they traveled through the forest, they encountered a few demons, but they were easily dealt with by Tan Xiu Teng.

A few days later...

Two figures suddenly appeared at the place where Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng stopped flying previously.

“The two auras disappeared here... If I’m not mistaken, two or three days should’ve passed since they disappeared from this place,” Liu Yi Fan; the Lord of Valley Court, said to Lin Yu; the Clan Leader of the Lin clan, “Brother Lin Yu, are you able to turn back time to see what happened here?”

Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu were now on the hunt for the nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod. With the law of time, Lin Yu was able to retrace Duan Ling Tian’s tracks by manipulating the flow of time. In the past, due to a fortuitous encounter, he was able to master this technique. One had to know that cultivators who did not comprehend the law of time to the paramount stage before becoming a supreme powerhouse would not be able to trace the tracks of others, excluding their direct descendants.

Fortunately for Lin Yu, before becoming a supreme powerhouse, Lin Yu had stumbled upon a Realm of Origin and obtained a technique left behind by a Saint. This technique could only be mastered by those who had comprehended the law of time to the paramount stage before becoming a supreme powerhouse.

“I’ll give it a try,” Lin Yu said. Although he had mastered the technique, success was not guaranteed when he had to turn back time to more than 24 hours ago. Most of the time, he could only catch a

glimpse of fragmented scenes. If he had enough fragmented scenes, he might be able to piece the picture together. Otherwise, it would be difficult to make sense of them.

Swoosh!

Lin Yu narrowed his eyes as he extended his hands. At the same time, his Divine Energy surged out like a tsunami and swept through the sky in just a blink of an eye. Following that, a mysterious energy surged out and formed what looked like a Floating Mirror Image.

Lin Yu and Liu Yi Fan appeared in the floating image, but their actions were in reverse, and they quickly vanished from sight. In just a moment, the sky was devoid of people. Once in a while, a few birds could be seen.

About 15 minutes later, the image suddenly began to ripple and distort, causing

Lin Yu's expression to darken. He said, "It's now the day before..."

Liu Yi Fan stared at the floating image intently that showed them what happened before, not wanting to miss any details.

As time continued to pass, the floating image began to distort more and more. After a while, cracks began to appear on the floating image, spreading rapidly.

Lin Yu's voice was hoarse as he said with great difficulty, clearly under immense pressure, "We're back to two days ago..."

“It’s going to shatter!” Liu Yi Fan exclaimed.

The floating image continued to crack, and a few tiny fragments fell from the sky.

When Liu Yi Fan saw two figures in the floating image, he said solemnly, “Try to hang on a little longer!”

“That has to be them!” Lin Yu exclaimed excitedly. Following that, he withdrew his hands, and the floating image disappeared.

“They descended into the forest mountain here. They must be traveling to the Sacred Lightning Realm on foot! We should be able to find them if we thoroughly search the area leading to the Sacred Lightning Realm!” Liu Yi Fan said, barely able to contain his excitement.

However, Lin Yu remained level-headed and said, “We don’t know if they’re using any secret technique that prevents us from tracking them... If he’s under the protection of a demi Saint, he should know a technique or two...”

Liu Yi Fan nodded and said, “In any case, let’s try to search for them first.”

Subsequently, the duo flew in the direction where Duan Ling Tian had left previously.

About half a day later, Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu finally spotted two figures.

Liu Yi Fan laughed and said excitedly, “It’s them! Those two were the men in the floating image! Brother Lin Yu, it seems like your worries are unfounded! They didn’t use any secret technique at all!”

## Chapter 4485: Hostile Supreme Powerhouses

Duan Ling Tian did not dare to let down his guard even though he and Tan Xiu Teng had changed their appearances. As such, he decided to travel through the mountains and rivers.

“Young master, will we be traveling like this until we arrive at the Sacred Lightning Realm?” Tan Xiu Teng asked.

Although the journey was not difficult, it would be much more comfortable to travel on the flying ship. Tan Xiu Teng thought that Duan Ling Tian was being too cautious and that Duan Ling Tian was worrying excessively. In his opinion, the Zhong clan and the Leng clan should know better than to further provoke Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian was under the protection of a demi Saint.

“Hmm?”

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All of a sudden, Duan Ling Tian sensed a faint throbbing from the Divine Tree of Life in his Little World. However, the Divine Tree of Life was still in deep slumber, and if there was anything, the World Cleansing Divine Water would alert him.

‘Perhaps, it’s due to my psychological stress,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself.



After all, Duan Ling Tian had deceived the Zhong clan and the Leng clan, letting them believe that he had the protection of a demi Saint.

Duan Ling Tian brought Tan Xiu Teng and sped up. After passing a towering peak, he was shocked when he saw two figures hovering in the sky ahead of him. With this, he realized that the faint throbbing he sensed from the Divine Tree of Life earlier was a warning.

‘They’re supreme powerhouses!’

The two figures were fully covered in black cloaks, and it was impossible to see their appearances. They had also cast illusory techniques to hide their faces. However, Duan Ling Tian could sense the overbearing auras of supreme powerhouses from them, and their auras were slightly weaker than those of Han Wang and Situ Lei.

‘They must be worried that I’m under the protection of a demi Saint so they hid their appearances,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘However, they’re still quite bold.. ‘

It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to guess that these people had come with a plan in mind. He naturally knew that they must have come for the supreme treasures from the Zhong clan and the Leng clan.

At this time, Tan Xiu Teng, who was behind Duan Ling Tian, finally discovered the two figures in the distance, and his expression changed drastically.

Duan Ling Tian sent a Voice Transmission to Tan Xiu Teng before he glanced at the two figures with a hint of fear in his eyes and continued to move forward. However, he was quickly bounced back by an invisible wall of energy.

Left with no other choice, Duan Ling Tian looked at the two men in the sky and cupped his fists together as he asked, “Seniors, how can we help you?”

Duan Ling Tian’s voice was polite but firm and confident. He knew he could not show weakness in front of these supreme powerhouses since it would only make them think he was a pushover. When facing someone more powerful, he knew he had to remain confident to confuse them.

‘I wonder who sent them here... They’re quick! It’s only been a few days, but the supreme powerhouses are already here,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. At the same time, he thought that perhaps the supreme powerhouses might not recognize him since he had disguised himself.

“You’re quite calm... In any case, stop playing games. It’s not normal for people to travel on foot here. Give us the supreme treasures, and we’ll spare your lives,” one of the black-clad men said indifferently and confidently. It seemed like he was certain that Duan Ling Tian was the person they were looking for.

“Senior, I don’t know what you’re talking about,” Duan Ling Tian said with a frown, “We’re traveling on foot because I want to feel the ground to better comprehend the law of earth.”

At the end of his words, Duan Ling Tian’s body flashed with a mustard light.

The other black-clad man laughed and said, “Do you think we’re fools? As an advanced Supreme God, how can your law of earth be so weak?”

Duan Ling Tian replied, “The law of earth isn’t my strongest law. My strongest law is the law of life!”

Following that, rich vital energy surged from Duan Ling Tian's body and swept through the surroundings.

In just a moment, the plants grew even lusher, and the dead trees in the surroundings came back to life.

Currently, Duan Ling Tian's law of life was only slightly weaker than his law of space. After all, he possessed a complete Divine Tree of Life in his Little World. According to the Divine Tree of Life, its former master was a supreme powerhouse who governed one of the Realms of Gods in the God Defying World. A person like that was undoubtedly among the strongest supreme powerhouses in the God Defying World. In the past, that supreme powerhouse had gained the Divine Tree of Life by accident and became a formidable supreme powerhouse later on because of it. Based on this, it could be seen that the Divine Tree of Life was not ordinary.

The two black-clad men were slightly surprised by the display of Duan Ling Tian's law of life. They could not help but wonder if they had recognized the wrong person. According to the information they had gathered, their target was close to becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God and was an expert in the law of space. It was said that he was comparable to Linghu Yun Di, who was recognized as the strongest person below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm.

Finally, Liu Yi Fan scoffed and said coldly, "Even if you're not the person we're looking for, you'll still be punished for wasting our precious time! You should feel honored that I'm sending you to the afterlife!"

The void shook violently as a terrifying energy swept toward Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng. At the same time, the ground beneath their feet cracked, forcing them to fly up.

"Young master!" Tan Xiu Teng exclaimed in fear as despair shone in his eyes now that he was staring death in the eyes.

Duan Ling Tian's expression turned grim immediately. He did not expect these two supreme powerhouses to be so cruel. He speculated that the two supreme powerhouses might be trying to test him and force him to reveal his strength before they killed him.

'I didn't expect I'd have to use Situ Lei's Spirit Blood Essence so soon...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a wry smile.

Following that, a drop of blood that emitted a terrifying aura appeared in Duan Ling Tian's hand as he mobilized his Divine Energy. When the drop of blood disappeared, the sky darkened, and a wave of terrifying energy swept through the surroundings.

Boom!

In just a blink of an eye, the terrifying energy crushed Liu Yi Fan's attack, and a familiar figure appeared before Duan Ling Tian. It was none other than Situ Lei, the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint.

Since they parted ways in the Divine Sand Realm, Duan Ling Tian had never seen Situ Lei again until now. As soon as Situ Lei appeared, he could sense that Situ Lei's cultivation had progressed tremendously since their last meeting. Situ Lei's appearance remained the same, but his aura had become much more overbearing. With this, he knew that Situ Lei's Sword Dao must have improved to the next level..

#### Chapter 4486: The Heaven Bearing Sword Saint In the Flesh

The skinny Situ Lei's sword aura, which was extremely overbearing, crushed Liu Yi Fan's attack easily. It was as though he was a god of sword.

‘A supreme powerhouse in the flesh!’

Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu’s expressions changed. They had seen Duan Ling Tian using the Spirit Blood Essence earlier. They assumed that he had summoned a demi Saint and could not help shuddering when Situ Lei displayed his terrifying Sword Dao.

“Li...” Situ Lei called out.

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However, before Situ Lei could call out the name ‘Li Feng’, Duan Ling Tian hastily said through Voice Transmission, “Senior Situ, please don’t reveal my name.”

Situ Lei reacted quickly. Then, he said, “Young man, I didn’t expect for us to meet again so soon...”

Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu did not suspect anything since they did not know Duan Ling Tian’s real name and fake name.

“Senior, I had no choice,” Duan Ling Tian said to Situ Lei with a hint of helplessness in his voice, “I wouldn’t have used the Spirit Blood Essence you gave me if those two over there didn’t insist on killing me. I’m sorry for the trouble, senior.”

Meanwhile, Tan Xiu Teng was shocked to see Situ Lei. He would not have been as surprised if a demi Saint had shown up. After all, he was from the Divine

Sand Realm, and Situ Lei was famous in the Divine Sand Realm. Situ Lei, the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint, was among the most powerful supreme powerhouses in the Divine Sand Realm, and he had only seen Situ Lei once from afar.

Tan Xiu Teng thought to himself in shock, ‘Senior Situ has such a high regard for the young master that he actually gave the young master his Spirit Blood Essence?’

Tan Xiu Teng knew Duan Ling Tian was from the Myriad Worlds and had no acquaintances in the Outer Boundary. As such, he knew that Duan Ling Tian only established a connection with Situ Lei during the wedding in the Wang clan. In the past, he had followed Meng Yu Zheng to the Wang clan so he knew that Situ Lei was present in the Wang clan during the wedding. Needless to say he was not qualified to meet Situ Lei personally.

At this moment, Situ Lei shifted his gaze to Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu before he said, “Gentlemen, I spent some time in the Peaceful Might Realm in my younger days. Although I’m not acquainted with many supreme powerhouses from there, I’ve heard many stories about them. May I ask who you are?”

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian had already informed Situ Lei that they were in the Peaceful Might Realm.

Situ Lei’s strength might only be in the third tier among the supreme powerhouses in the Peaceful Might Realm, but he was still relatively strong. Moreover, his strength had improved after he had raised his Sword Dao to another level. As such, not many third-tier supreme powerhouses in the Peaceful Might Realm were a match for him now.

“W-who are you?” Liu Yi Fan asked hoarsely. It was obvious that he was trying to hide his real voice. The burning fighting spirit in Situ Lei’s eyes gave rise to a foreboding feeling in his heart; he felt that Situ Lei was not simple.

Situ Lei replied confidently and honestly, “I’m Situ Lei, the Heaven Bearing

Sword Saint from the Divine Sand Realm.’

Upon hearing this, Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu exchanged a glance and saw the relieved expressions on each other’s faces.

Situ Lei was among the top supreme powerhouses in the Divine Sand Realm, but he was considered ordinary in the Peaceful Might Realm, after all. Liu Yi Fang and Lin Yu might not be as strong as he was, but they would be on par with him if they joined forces.

“As it turns out you’re the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint,” Liu Yi Fan said courteously, “We just entered the realm of supreme powerhouses not long ago so I don’t think you’ve heard of us.”

After a moment, Liu Yi Fan asked, “May I ask about your relationship with this person?”

At this time, Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yu were sure that they had gotten the wrong person. After all, based on the information they gathered, their target had the protection of a demi Saint. Situ Lei might be stronger than them, but he was definitely not a demi saint; Situ Lei was still far from being a demi Saint.

‘He’s my direct descendant, and I have high hopes for him. Otherwise, why do you think I gave him my Spirit Blood Essence?’ Situ Lei said according to Duan Ling Tian’s wish. If it were up to him, he would say that Duan Ling Tian was his friend and mentor.

“He’s from the Divine Sand Realm?” Liu Yi Fan asked again.

“Yes.” Situ Lei nodded.

Upon hearing this, Liu Yi Fan said, “This is just a misunderstanding.” Then, he turned to Duan Ling Tian and said, “Forgive us if we’ve offended you. It’s our fault for mistaking you for someone else. This wouldn’t have happened if you’d told us that you’re the direct descendant of the Heaven Bearing Sword Saint.” Situ Lei scoffed coldly. “My direct descendant nearly died in your hands. Do you think I’ll let things go so easily? It’s best if you give me a proper explanation. Otherwise, I’ll teach you a lesson you’ll never forget.”

Situ Lei’s eyes burned with fighting spirits as his Divine Energy surged out, and he cast his Sword Dao again.

Dark clouds gathered in the sky as the wind blew and howled as the void shook violently. It was as though the end of the world had arrived.

The duo exchanged a glance before they mobilized their Divine Energies in unison.

Upon seeing this, Situ Lei’s expression suddenly changed.

In just a blink of an eye, Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yun vanished into thin air, looking as though they had teleported away.

‘That’s not the Teleportation Profundity... They synced the energies of the law of space and the law of time, creating an escape technique! They definitely didn’t just enter the realm of supreme powerhouses like they claimed earlier...’ Situ Lei thought to himself. The space had been disrupted so it was impossible for them to teleport away.



Most new supreme powerhouses were naturally among the weakest supreme powerhouses, and they were categorized as level-one supreme powerhouses.

As they grew stronger, they would go up in levels. Based on Liu Yi Fang and Lin Yu's escape technique, even if they were weaker than him, Situ Lei could tell that they were stronger than most of their peers and were not as weak as they seemed. They were definitely not level-one supreme powerhouses and were level-two supreme powerhouses. They were so fast that he could not track them at all with his Divine Consciousness.

'What an amazing technique! Even a powerful level-four supreme powerhouse won't be able to vanish into thin air without leaving some traces behind. Their escape technique is almost comparable to that of a demi Saint,' Situ Lei, a third-tier and also a level-three supreme powerhouse, thought to himself.

After a moment, Situ Lei turned to Duan Ling Tian and asked, "Li Feng, how did you offend them?"

Duan Ling Tian replied with a wry smile, "Senior, I really don't know. They suddenly appeared and blocked our path while we were traveling through this place. They clearly mistook me for someone else and wanted to kill me. As such, I was forced to use the Spirit Blood Essence you gave me. Senior, thank you for saving our lives. I'll never forget your kindness!"

Duan Ling Tian did not reveal the truth just to be safe. After all, even supreme powerhouses were tempted by the supreme treasures in his possession.

"How preposterous!" Situ Lei frowned. He did not doubt Duan Ling Tian's words at all. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian would not be so foolish as to provoke supreme powerhouses.

After a moment, Situ Lei asked, “Li Feng, where are you going? I’ll accompany you before I leave.”

Situ Lei was reluctant to leave immediately. He had a few questions regarding the Sword Dao he wanted to ask.

“Senior, it’s inappropriate for me to waste your precious time like that, ” Duan Ling Tian said politely even if it conflicted with his true thoughts.

“It’s nothing,” Situ Lei said as he shook his head, “Moreover, I came across a few minor issues with my Sword Dao recently. I’d like to ask for your advice.” Situ Lei looked slightly sheepish when he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian was naturally delighted upon hearing this. He replied with a smile, “Senior, I’m happy to help you! I’m going to the Sacred Lightning Realm, one of the Three Great Sacred Realms. I plan to head to the nearest city in the Sacred Lightning Realm first.’

At the same time, Tan Xiu Teng’s eyes shone with excitement. They would be much safer if Situ Lei were with them..

Chapter 4487: Tourmaline Holy City in the Sacred Lightning Realm!

Liu Yi Fan and Lin Yun, the supreme powerhouses from the Valley Court and the Lin clan respectively, fled thousands of miles away after casting the Time and Space Escape Technique. The spatial disruption caused by Situ Lei did not hinder their escape at all. They were confident that Situ Lei would not be able to track them at all.

“Situ Lei has just entered the third level. If we join forces, there’s no need for us to fear him. However, we were truly in the wrong today. As such, we can’t risk exposing our identities lest we’re accused of bullying our juniors,” Liu Yi Fan said with a gloomy expression on his face.

Lin Yu nodded silently. He was aware of Liu Yi Fan’s stubborn pride and that this excuse was just to save Liu Yi Fan from embarrassment. He knew the reason Liu Yi Fan did not want their identities exposed; Liu Yi Fan was worried word would spread, and the advanced Supreme God, who was their target, would catch wind of this and ask the demi Saint protecting him to deal with them. It was not difficult to put two and two together after all.

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In any case, it was bad for their identities to be revealed.

Even if they achieved their goals and obtained the supreme treasures, if their identities were revealed, it would be over for them. Just one level-four supreme powerhouse, who was close to becoming a demi Saint, was enough to kill them and annihilate their respective forces, let alone a demi Saint; a level-five supreme powerhouse. If their identities were exposed, they would definitely die, and their forces might even be completely eradicated.

“If we use the Time and Space Escape Technique, even a demi Saint can’t stop us from escaping,” Liu Yi Fan said confidently. After all, the escape technique was their best trump card. After a moment, he sighed and said, “What a pity... You expended so much energy to see what happened in the past, but in the end, we got the wrong person... Not only is it a waste of energy, but it was also a waste of time!”

“It can’t be helped,” Lin Yu said as he shook his head, feeling slightly helpless. After all, even with the information they had, it would not be easy to find the prodigious advanced Supreme God carrying the supreme treasure.

“In my opinion, when we search for our target, we should also observe the supreme powerhouses with the same goal as us... If we see any of them attacking a young man, we’ll seize the chance and swoop in at the last minute,” Liu Yi Fang said as his eyes flashed, “With our Time and Space Escape Technique, we don’t have to worry about fighting anyone under the realm of demi Saints. The only important thing is to keep our identities hidden!” “You’re right. In any case, let’s continue searching,” Lin Yu said.

A flying ship rose into the sky and flew toward the Sacred Lightning Realm.

This was the fastest flying ship that Duan Ling Tian had ever been on.

The flying ship belonged to Situ Lei. When he had time, he would send some of his Divine Energy into the flying ship. As such, it was quite close to becoming a prime divine artifact.

Apart from that, Situ Lei did not control the flying ship; he left the task to his Divine Tree of Life instead, saving his energy.

Under normal circumstances, no one would dare to stop such a flying ship. It was clear that such a ship belonged to a supreme powerhouse. Put everything else aside, most people did not even have the speed to stop it. Even if one’s strength was close to that of a peerless top advanced Supreme God, unless one comprehended the law of wind as well, it would be difficult to catch up to the flying ship.

Since it was clear that the flying ship belonged to a supreme powerhouse, quite a few supreme powerhouses in the area bordering the Sacred Lightning Realm, who were looking for Duan Ling Tian and intending to snatch the Blissful Flower King and the Northern Nether Winter Cod from him, did not pay attention to the flying ship.

“Something’s up... There are so many supreme powerhouses here...” Situ Lei muttered to himself. He did not notice the abnormality until he was reminded by the Divine Tree of Life in his Little World. It could not be a coincidence that so many supreme powerhouses were in this area.

Situ Lei could not help but wonder if there was a fortuitous encounter in the area. Since there were so many supreme powerhouses around, it was obvious the fortuitous encounter would be useful to supreme powerhouses if his conjecture was right. As such, he quickly flew out and investigated the matter.

It did not take long for Situ Lei to learn about what happened. The people who had spoken to him were weaker than him so they had no choice but to tell him what he wanted to know.

‘A young prodigy with the protection of a demi Saint tricked Mount Tail’s Zhong clan and the Winter Land’s Leng clan and obtained nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade Northern Nether Winter Cod?’

Situ Lei was also shocked when he heard about the supreme treasures. If it were not for the fact that he was a sectless cultivator with no descendants, he would have been tempted by these things as well. After all, these things were useless to supreme powerhouses. Their value to supreme powerhouses lay in their use for the supreme powerhouses’ descendants or to exchange for another treasure.

After investigating the matter and returning to the flying ship, Situ Lei said as he shook his head, “Those supreme powerhouses are looking for someone who’s carrying nine stalks of Blissful Flower Kings and three lord-grade

Northern Nether Winter Cod. No wonder they spent so much effort tracking the other party. Alas, it won’t be so easy for them to snatch those things away...”

Situ Lei did not hide anything from Duan Ling Tian at all and told Duan Ling Tian what he found out.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes flashed briefly upon hearing these words. Then, he said, "This means that those two supreme powerhouses who blocked my path previously were looking for that person as well. They hid their identities because they were afraid of retribution. After all, it was said that that person has the protection of a demi Saint..."

Situ Lei nodded. "I would've forgotten about those two if you didn't mention them. You're right. They probably mistook you for that person..."

From the beginning until the end, Situ Lei did not suspect Duan Ling Tian at all. After all, he had found out that the person who was targeted was very close to becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God and was on par with Linghu Yun Di from the Divine Gateway's Linghu clan, who was acknowledged as invincible among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might Realm.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian asked tentatively, "Senior, are you interested in those things? If you are, you can go search for them. There's no need for you to accompany me."

Situ Lei shook his head and said, "Those things are useless to me. I don't have anyone, and I can't use them. I can only exchange things with them. However, it isn't worth it. Even if I were successful, I'd be inevitably targeted by the others. It's too risky. After weighing the pros and cons, I decided not to get involved in this matter."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian heaved a sigh of relief inwardly.

At the same time, Tan Xiu Teng, who was standing at the side and drenched in cold sweat, sighed inwardly as well.

During the journey, Situ Lei spent his time discussing the Sword Dao with

Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian did not hold back and told Situ Lei everything he knew.

Their discussion only stopped when Situ Lei's flying ship outside the nearest city in the Sacred Lightning Realm, the Tourmaline Holy City.

Before they parted ways, Situ Lei said with a sigh, "Li Feng, I don't have any Spirit Blood Essence to give you now. I can give you a few life-saving jade tokens to summon my projection, but that's only enough to intimidate weak supreme powerhouses..."

Duan Ling Tian could not refuse Situ Lei and ended up accepting three jade tokens from Situ Lei. The projection was naturally far weaker than the real person. At most, it was only as strong as a peerless top advanced Supreme God without any weapons or external aid; stronger peerless top advanced Supreme Gods could easily deal with it. The biggest use of the projection was not its strength but intimidation. If he faced a powerful supreme powerhouse or even supreme powerhouses who concealed their identities, the intimidation factor would be gone.

"Li Feng, when you're in Tourmaline Holy City..."

Before leaving, Situ Lei briefly reminded Duan Ling Tian of some things to pay attention to and not to simply wander around in the city. He did not go into details. After all, some things could only be understood through experience.

After about 15 minutes, Situ Lei finally left.

Duan Ling Tian sighed emotionally. “Senior Situ is really an upright person...

Tan Xiu Teng nodded in agreement. “Senior Situ has the best reputation in the Divine Sant Realm. I’ve never heard anyone say anything bad about him. In fact, almost everyone who spoke about him only had praises for him...”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes glinted as he asked Tan Xiu Teng, “By the way, if he knew I possess those things that the supreme powerhouses are looking for, do you think he’ll make a move against me?”

Tan Xiu Teng was slightly taken aback by this question. Then, he said with a smile, “I don’t think he would. However, even if the possibility is small, it’s best not to take such risks. If you’re wrong, you might die, after all.”

The human heart was the hardest to figure out after all.

Situ Lei’s reputation was indeed good, but who knew if it was true or not? Perhaps, Situ Lei had silenced those who knew about his bad deeds?

“That’s right. That’s the reason why I didn’t tell him the truth.. I couldn’t take that risk...” Duan Ling Tian said with a nod before he turned to look at the city up ahead and continued to say, “We’ll stay in Tourmaline Holy City for the next period of time...”

Chapter 4488: Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, the Saint-Rank Force



Tourmaline City was one of many holy cities in the Sacred Lightning Realm. It was one of the five holy cities that were governed by a saint-rank force called the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.

There were many other forces in these holy cities. Some of them were subordinates of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, and some only had a cooperative relationship with the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion. These forces with only cooperative relationships with the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion were mostly demi-saint-rank forces. These were the only forces the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion deigned to cooperate with.

The Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion had one Saint and a few demi Saint in its ranks.

After they found an inn to settle in, Tan Xiu Teng, who had traveled to the Sacred Lightning Realm and had also been in Tourmaline Holy City in the past, began to tell Duan Ling Tian everything he knew about Tourmaline Holy City.

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“Young master, Tourmaline Holy City...”

Apart from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, Tan Xiu Teng told Duan Ling Tian about the three strongest demi-saint-rank forces in Tourmaline Holy City. Coincidentally, the inn they were staying in belonged to one of the three demi-saint-rank forces, the Duan clan.

“Young master, if you didn’t tell me that you’re not from the Outer Boundary and that you’re from the Myriad Worlds, I would’ve wondered if you were from Tourmaline Holy City’s Duan clan,” Tan Xiu Teng said.

Duan Ling Tian hid his identity after he arrived in the Outer Boundary. Tan Xiu Teng, who had sworn on the Heaven's Vault Blood Oath, was among the few people who knew his true identity.

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised when he heard that the Duan clan, which owned the inn he was staying in, was a demi-saint-rank force. It was not that he had never encountered any clans with the surname Duan in the past, but most of them were of moderate strength at most, unlike the demi-saint-rank Duan clan in Tourmaline Holy City. It was definitely the strongest Duan clan he had heard of so far.

"Apart from these things, I don't know anything else. After all, I'm too weak in Tourmaline Holy City. What I know is only public information," Tan Xiu Teng said.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. At the same time, he fell deep into his thoughts.

As a saint-rank force, the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion naturally had a Saint, which was known as World supreme powerhouse in the Myriad Worlds. They were the most powerful supreme powerhouses, and their number was small in both the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds.

'Saint should be able to free Ke'er from the Soul Imprisonment Clan's technique. After all, Saints are the strongest supreme powerhouses...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He knew that the same could not be said for a demi Saint.

Saints were still supreme powerhouses despite their strength that surpassed most supreme powerhouses. Their power, which had undergone a significant qualitative change, made it seem like they were above other supreme powerhouses.

For this reason, Duan Ling Tian hoped that the technique cast by Yun Qing Yan, who had merged with a supreme powerhouse from the Soul Imprisonment Clan, could be broken by a Saint.

After all, Supreme Gods could easily break the techniques cast by Emperors of Gods. Similarly, even the weakest supreme powerhouses could easily break techniques cast by Supreme Gods due to the differences in cultivation bases.

‘Perhaps, I’ll be able to save Ke’er if I can persuade the Saint from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion to help me...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself excitedly.

However, it was not long before his excitement was replaced by helplessness and disappointment. After all, it would not be easy to ask for a favor from a Saint.

Perhaps, if he was a peerless top advanced Supreme God and could be a proxy for the Saint in Realms of Origins, he could convince the Saint to help him.

Alas, he was not a peerless top advanced Supreme God. Regardless of how close he was to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, he was not; even the weakest peerless top advanced Supreme Gods could easily defeat him now.

‘It’s almost impossible for me to further improve my law of space at this stage...

It’s not easy to improve my Sword Dao as well...’

Duan Ling Tian knew that he had reached a bottleneck for now. He still had ways to go before becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God. He was not sure if his wife, Ke’er, would be able to wait so long.

‘Apart from that, why haven’t I sensed any signs of me becoming a supreme powerhouse? Under normal circumstances, those who comprehended one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to a certain level and comprehended a law to the perfect form will be able to sense a slight pull from the realm of supreme powerhouses... After sensing the pull, one will be able to break into the realm of supreme powerhouses. If one doesn’t respond to the pull, one will not be able to become a supreme powerhouse again unless one becomes a peerless top advanced Supreme God first.’

This was a rule of heaven and earth.

Those who met the requirements to become supreme powerhouses would be called once. One would be able to become a supreme powerhouse if one responded to the call. Otherwise, one would have to take on the challenging task of becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God before one would be able to become a supreme powerhouse.

‘Should I join one of the demi-saint-rank forces in Tourmaline Holy City first?

Perhaps, I’ll be able to convince a demi Saint to help me save Ke’er. However,

I’m not sure a demi Saint will be able to help...’

Duan Ling Tian grew more and more frustrated as he thought about this. He was worried about wasting his time if the demi Saint was not strong enough to help Ke’er. After all, he did not know how much time Ke’er had.

‘It doesn’t matter. I have no other choice. Even if the chances are low, I still have to try,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as his eyes shone with determination, ‘The Duan clan... Perhaps, I’m destined to join it. After joining the clan, I’ll look for a chance to ask for help from the demi Saint in the clan. I hope he’ll go to the God Defying World and try to break the Soul Imprisonment Technique on Ke’er...’

With this thought in mind, Duan Ling Tian looked at Tan Xiu Teng and said in a deep voice, “I plan to join the Duan clan as an interim elder. How do I go about doing that?”

Although Tan Xiu Teng was as powerful as Duan Ling Tian, he had lived for a long time and grew up in the Outer Boundary after all. It was only natural that he was more knowledgeable and able to advise Duan Ling Tian in many matters..

Chapter 4489: The Duan Clan

Tan Xiu Teng was taken aback upon hearing Duan Ling Tian’s words. When he returned to his senses, he shook his head and said confidently with a smile, “Young master, this matter is easy. Although the Duan clan is a demi-saint-rank force, not many of its members below the realm of supreme powerhouses are a match for you. As such, the Duan clan will be happy to have you. With your strength, they won’t suspect you to be a spy sent by enemies of the clan. Moreover, with your strength, they won’t send you to an opposing force to be a spy as well. As long as you show your strength, the Duan clan will definitely welcome you.”

Tan Xiu Teng’s strength was only mediocre, but he was aware of many things. Although Duan Ling Tian was not a peerless top advanced Supreme God yet, he was definitely part of a small group of people who were very close to becoming a peerless top advanced Supreme God in both the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian fought against those who were close to becoming peerless top advanced Supreme Gods, Tan Xiu Teng had seen it even though he was in an independent realm. He knew Duan Ling Tian was not weaker than Linghu Yun Di, who was known as the strongest among those below the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Peaceful Might

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Even in the Three Great Sacred Realms, there were not many people like Duan Ling Tian and Linghu Yun Di. They were not particularly rare, but there were not many of them either. At least, there was almost no one like them in the demi-saint-rank forces in the Sacred Lightning Realm. Most, if not all, of them were in the saint-rank force.

Duan Ling Tian felt much more at ease after listening to Tan Xiu Teng's words. Indeed, Tan Xiu Teng's words made sense. His law of space had just improved, and he only had one fight after that. As such, he did not know the full extent of his strength yet.

‘With my current strength, even if I’m exposed and everyone finds out that I possess those supreme treasures, I might be able to protect myself with a demi-saint-rank force behind me... Moreover, my strength isn’t my biggest advantage; my young age is my biggest advantage!’

Duan Ling Tian was further enlightened after listening to Tan Xiu Teng. At the same time, he also realized other benefits of joining a demi-saint-rank force.

“I’ll go to the Duan clan’s estate tomorrow to join them,” Duan Ling Tian said decisively in a deep voice.

“Master,” Tan Xiu Teng shook his head and smiled, “The Duan clan’s main estate isn’t in Tourmaline Holy City, but they have a place for recruiting talents in the city. You only need to go there. With your strength, I’m sure the Duan clan will send an elder to welcome you.”

Duan Ling Tian’s eyes brightened upon hearing Tan Xiu Teng’s words. “Alright. I’ll go to that place tomorrow!”

Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel excited when he thought about joining a demi-saint-rank force and becoming an interim elder. Most importantly, he would have a chance to save Ke'er as well.

Although Situ Lei had once told him that only Saints, otherwise also known as World supreme powerhouses, could free Ke'er from the soul imprisonment technique, he still held a glimmer of hope that a demi Saint could save Ke'er. After all, the supreme powerhouse, who had merged with Yun Qing Yan, was not at the peak of his strength when he used that technique on Ke'er. Perhaps, the technique was weaker than what it would be if that supreme powerhouse was at the peak of his strength.

Many thoughts raced through Duan Ling Tian's mind at this moment.

'What if... What if it really works? I have to take a chance!'

The Tourmaline Holy City's Duan clan was one of the three strongest demi-saint-rank forces in the city, but its estate was not in the city. It was located not far away from the city. It would take an ordinary rudimentary Supreme God at most 15 minutes to travel to the Duan clan's estate from Tourmaline Holy City. Needless to say, it would be even faster for intermediate and advanced Supreme Gods. As for supreme powerhouses, it would only take them a few breaths.

Today, the Duan clan received a special guest. After all, the guest was from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, a saint-rank force.

"Honorable Envoy, I, Duan Bing, welcome you to the Duan clan!"

Although the envoy from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion was not a supreme powerhouse, the Duan clan did not show any disrespect. Even the Clan Leader of the Duan clan greeted him respectfully and treated him courteously.

Duan Bing, the Clan Leader of the Duan clan, was a middle-aged man with a gentle appearance. His eyes were clear and bright, and his gaze was determined. Despite his gentle appearance, he carried an aura of majesty and ferocity as well.

“Clan Leader Duan.”

The envoy from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion was an old man. Upon seeing how courteous Duan Bing was, he could not help but smile as he said, “Clan Leader Duan, I came on the order of my superior. The Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion recently discovered a Realm of Origin. Based on the information we gathered, there are quite a number of treasures in there, and many of them were treasures that the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion has been looking for. This time, the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion plans to join forces with demi-saint-rank forces and explore the Realm of Origin together.”

Duan Bing’s eyes lit up upon hearing the old man’s words. However, he also knew that there would be conditions to enter the Realm of Origin. There was no such thing as a free lunch after all. This was not the first time such a thing had happened. Under normal circumstances, the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion would not allow others to enter a Realm of Origin without any conditions and would explore and collect the treasures inside on their own.

“It’s the same as before. If your people find what our Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion needs, we’ll exchange it with other treasures. As such, you won’t suffer a loss. As for treasures we don’t need, you can keep what you find,” the old man said.

“Honorable Envoy,” Duan Bing asked without beating around the bush, “What about the requirements for the people entering the Realm of Origin?”



In the past, those who entered the Realms of Origins discovered by the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion had to meet certain requirements. Sometimes, there would be a minimum and maximum limit for their cultivation bases. Other times, the entrants had to comprehend the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to a certain level. There were also times when there was an age limit. In short, there were all kinds of conditions.

For this reason, Duan Bing could not easily guess the conditions this time.

The old man also replied without beating around the bush, “Needless to say, they can’t be supreme powerhouses. Apart from that, they have to comprehend the Sword Dao to the fourth stage.”

Duan Bing inhaled sharply upon hearing the old man’s words.

‘Fourth stage of the Sword Dao?!’

“What about another Weapon Dao?” Duan Bing asked again.

“No,” the old man shook his head and said, “It has to be the Sword Dao. Other Weapon Daos won’t work. This time, the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion allows you to search for entrants outside your clan to help you. The Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion will also reward the force that finds us the most treasures that we need, and the reward will be presented by the Supreme Saint of our Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.”

‘The Supreme Saint?!’

Duan Bing's heart skipped a beat. He naturally knew the Supreme Saint of the Jade Tide Mansion. The other party was one of the overlords of the Sacred Lightning Realm.

“The Realm of Origin will open in ten years so you have time to search for someone who meets this requirement. Before the time is up, the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion will send someone here to pick the people you select to enter the Realm of Origin..”

#### Chapter 4490: The Duan Clan's Elder

It was not until the envoy from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion left that Duan Bing, the Clan Leader of the Duan clan, returned to his senses.

‘Someone below the realm of supreme powerhouses who comprehended the fourth stage of the Sword Dao?’ Duan Bing thought to himself with a frown on his face.

Under normal circumstances, if an advanced Supreme God comprehended any of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to the fourth stage, they would feel the call to break into the realm of supreme powerhouses. Very few people would choose to wait and not answer the call. This was not surprising since almost everyone would not give up on the chance to become a supreme powerhouse.

The advanced Supreme Gods who did not respond to the call were divided into two groups: those who did not have the potential to become supreme powerhouses and those who wanted to become peerless top advanced Supreme Gods first. Generally, the number of the latter was far fewer than the former. After all, there were many risks attached to becoming a peerless top advanced

Supreme God; success was not guaranteed. In the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, the number of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods was not even 10% of the number of supreme powerhouses.

For this reason, it was extremely difficult to find someone who comprehended the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to the fourth stage and also had yet to become a supreme powerhouse. It was even more difficult since the requirement this time was someone who specifically comprehended the Sword Dao to the fourth stage as well.

“In the Duan clan, there are two people who have comprehended one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to the fourth stage and have yet to become supreme powerhouses. Although they comprehended the Weapon Dao, none of them comprehended the Sword Dao... They don’t meet the requirements to enter that place...”

Currently, in the Duan clan, there were only two people below the realm of supreme powerhouses who comprehended one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to the fourth stage. The Weapon Dao they comprehended was the Spear Dao and the Saber Dao respectively. These two people were also among the people closest to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods in the Duan clan, and they were also among the strongest among their peers. They could be considered pillars of the Duan clan as well.

‘It seems like we can only look for outside help,’ Duan Bing thought to himself.

At noon the next day.

Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng left the inn and had lunch in a nearby restaurant. They did not need to ask around and quickly found out where the Duan clan was recruiting talents in Tourmaline Holy City just by listening to the conversations in the surroundings.

As one of the three strongest demi-saint-rank forces in Tourmaline Holy City, the Duan clan’s side estate in the city was huge even though it was only used for recruiting talents. The main estates of many clans, which were not demi-saint-rank forces, in the city could not even compare to the Duan clan’s side estate.

At the entrance, a guard looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked politely, “Sir, are you here to look for someone?”

As a member of the Duan clan; a demi-saint-rank force, the guard knew better than to judge people by their appearance. Many people looked ordinary but were powerful and could not be provoked. As such, the guard and his peers were very polite to the people they met. With this, they did not need to fear accidentally offending someone they could not afford to offend.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said with a slight smile, “No. I heard that the Duan clan recruits talents here. I came to join the Duan clan.”

The guard grew even more polite upon hearing this. He said, “I see. Please come in. I’ll bring you to the assessment hall for interim elders. As long as you pass the assessment, you’ll be able to join our clan.”

Although Duan Ling Tian looked young, the guard did not underestimate Duan Ling Tian. After all, there was no telling if Duan Ling Tian was tens of thousands of years old under his youthful appearance.

When Duan Ling Tian entered the side estate, he saw lush plants and rockeries. The corridors were also beautifully paved and gave off a low-key but luxurious vibe.

Upon seeing Duan Ling Tian’s reaction, the guard leading the way said with a slight smile, “This used to be the estate of a powerful clan. After that clan was annihilated, this place was left empty for a while. In the end, our clan leader obtained it and turned it into our clan’s side estate.”

Although the guard did not go into details, Duan Ling Tian knew that many people must be envious of the Duan clan. The fact that the Duan clan managed to obtain such a place was enough to show its might.

At this time, the guard slowed down slightly and said, “Sir, the person in charge of this place is an elder from the Duan clan’s Enforcement Hall. He has a bad temper. When you see him, you must be polite. He hates those who are arrogant just because of their strength. He’s a supreme powerhouse.”

Under normal circumstances, the guard would not remind those who wanted to join the Duan clan. However, seeing that Duan Ling Tian was easygoing and did not put on any airs, regardless of Duan Ling Tian’s strength, he took the initiative to remind Duan Ling Tian.

“Thank you for your reminder,” Duan Ling Tian said.

The guard continued to lead the way as he asked, “Sir, my name is Duan Xiao. What’s your name?”

“Duan Ling Tian,” Duan Ling Tian replied honestly. He did not bother to hide his name this time. With his strength and the Duan clan, very few people would dare to target him. Perhaps, only someone from the Duan clan would dare to do so, but the chances were very low. Moreover, his spatial ring would self-destruct. As long as he was unwilling, no one would be able to snatch his treasures away.

The Duan clan was a demi-saint-rank force, and it was unlikely that its members would target an interim elder for his or her treasures. Moreover, he was not just any interim elder, but he was someone close to the realm of peerless top advanced Supreme Gods.

After listening to Tan Xiu Teng, he knew he would be greatly respected and valued once he joined the Duan clan.

Not only did Duan Ling Tian reveal his name, but his appearance had also returned to normal. In the past, he had to hide because he was strong enough. Now, there was no need for him to hide.

“Your surname is also Duan?!” Duan Xiao exclaimed in surprise. Then, he laughed before he said, “It seems like you’re destined to join our Duan clan. Did you choose the Duan clan because of your surname?”

“Yes, it’s one of the reasons,” Duan Ling Tian replied with a nod. In fact, it was the main reason he chose the Duan clan.

Finally, after leading them to the backyard, Duan Xiao bade farewell to them and instructed another person to lead Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng to a big hall in the backyard.

Before leaving, Duan Xiao said with a smile, “Brother Ling Tian, I hope to see you in our clan!”

Although Duan Xiao was tasked with guarding the Duan clan’s side estate in Tourmaline Holy City, he was relatively strong. He was an advanced Supreme God, and many weaker interim elders and Revered Elders in the clan were no match for him. As such, when faced with potential new interim elders and Revered Elders, he treated them as equals.

“Alright,” Duan Ling Tian responded with a slight smile. He had a good impression of the friendly Duan Xiao.

Meanwhile, the person who led Duan Ling Tian and Tan Xiu Teng to the hall was rather aloof. He did not speak unnecessarily as he led the duo to the hall.

In the courtyard outside of the hall, an old man, who looked to be over seventy years old, was sitting in front of a stone table and drinking tea.

“Elder, I’ve brought him here...” the person who led the duo here said respectfully.

In fact, the moment Duan Ling Tian stepped foot into the side estate, the old man already knew Duan Ling Tian wanted to join the Duan clan. Duan Xiao had sent him a message earlier. This was where the Duan clan recruited talents after all so he was not surprised.

The old man rose to his feet. Despite his thin body, his aura was strong, and the pressure he emitted felt like it weighed thousands of pounds.

With this aura, Duan Ling Tian confirmed that the old man was indeed a supreme powerhouse.

When the aura swept out, Tan Xiu Teng’s expression changed drastically. His body trembled slightly, and blood trickled out of the corner of his mouth.

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian stood still, completely unaffected. At the same time, a fierce aura surged from his body.

Following that, Tan Xiu Teng’s expression eased immediately. Clearly, Duan Ling Tian had helped him ease the pressure.

“What a powerful Sword Dao...” the old man said after he withdrew his energy. He stared at Duan Ling Tian with barely concealed excitement.

‘Is there such a coincidence?’

The old man had just received a message from the Clan Leader of the Duan clan yesterday, telling him to search for someone below the realm of supreme powerhouses who had comprehended the Sword Dao to the fourth stage. He could not help but wonder if it was a coincidence that someone who met the requirement showed up today.

‘His Sword Dao is definitely above the fourth stage! We’ll have to test him before we know what stage he’s at...’