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Chapter 4561 Guo Lin Attacks

The expression of the tall and burly old man, who looked young for his age, darkened. He had spent almost his entire life in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect after following his master, but he had never met someone who was bold enough to provoke the sect. The demi Saints might not be as strong as the Saints, but they were only second to the Saints.

The Azure Cloud Saint Sect, a saint-rank force, was in its prime, and it had two Saints. The number of demi Saints was naturally bigger than that of Saints. As such, the demi Saints were also the pillars of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. Alas, not only were the demi Saints from a force the sect died, but the sect even lost one of their demi Saints.

‘Nothing like this had happened since the founding of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect,’ the old man thought to himself. In his opinion, if he failed to become a level-seven supreme powerhouse and were killed by the Heavenly Tribulation, he would be too ashamed to face his ancestors and the predecessors of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect in the afterworld.

Meanwhile, the middle-aged man finally arrived. When he saw the old man and sensed the old man’s terrifying aura that was filled with killing intent, he thought to himself, ‘I’ve never seen junior uncle so angry before...’

The middle-aged man could tell that the usually gentle and amicable old was furious at this moment. Similarly, he was furious as well. If the Saint only killed the demi Saints from a force they governed, they could have let the matter slide if the other party was willing to take a step back. However, Saints were not to be trifled with. If they used force, it would be a disaster if they failed to kill the other party and allowed the other party to escape. After all, there was no doubt that the other party would definitely seek revenge in the future. Although he and the old man were not afraid of the other party’s revenge, it was impossible for them to protect everyone at all times. For this reason, they were unwilling to take such risks and rather compromise unless they were confident they could kill him.

“Greetings, junior grand uncle and junior uncle!”

“Greetings, senior uncle and senior brother!”

Meanwhile, the remaining demi Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect heaved a sigh of relief when they saw the old man and the middle-aged man appear in the sky above the Fu clan’s estate. They finally felt at ease. In their opinion, their safety was now guaranteed now that the duo was present. After all, they were only demi Saints and were definitely no match for the purple-clad Duan Ling Tian even if they joined forces. A demi Saint and a Saint were only one level apart, but the difference in strength was huge.

At this time, the middle-aged man stepped forward. He looked at the purple-clad Duan Ling Tian with a dark expression on his face as his eyes burned with the flames of fury. After a moment, his Divine Consciousness swept toward Duan Ling Tian as he said, “I’m Guo Lin from the Azure Cloud Sect, and this is my junior uncle, Zhao An Yi.”

‘Two Saints...’

Duan Ling Tian was barely affected when Guo Lin’s Divine Consciousness swept over him. It felt as though a slight breeze had blown past him. In the past, Saints and World Supreme Powerhouses were like powerful gods in his eyes. With just a finger, they could easily crush him. However, things were different now. He was naturally eager to test his newfound strength. He wanted to see the difference in strength between him and the Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect.

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Meanwhile, the onlookers who had gathered to watch the show quickly moved to a safe distance when the two Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect arrived. They were afraid of being affected by the impending battle between Saints. Before Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang became level-seven supreme powerhouses, Saints were the strongest existence in both the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds after all.

“The two Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect are here...”

“I didn’t expect Senior Zhao An Yi to still be alive!”

“In the past, Senior Zhao used to be a famous prodigy in the Outer Boundary. He became a Saint a very long time ago and is one of the strongest Saints in the Outer Boundary!”

“As for Senior Guo Lin, he only became a Saint a few years ago...”

“Demi Saints are really insignificant when compared to Saints...”

“Isn’t that obvious? Otherwise, it would be impossible for that Saint dressed in a purple robe to kill three demi Saints so quickly!”

“I wonder which force this purple-clad Saint belongs to? It’s likely that he’s from the Myriad Worlds since most Saints from the Outer Boundary know each other. Based on Senior Zhao’s words, it’s clear that he doesn’t know the purple-clad Saint at all...”

The onlookers fervently discussed among themselves as they looked at Duan Ling Tian.

Similar to them, the two Saints and the members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect also wondered which force Duan Ling Tian belonged to.

Guo Lin asked solemnly, “Sir, which World did you come from?” Then, he added, “I’m afraid you’ll be in trouble if you can’t provide us with a satisfactory explanation.”

While Guo Lin spoke, Zhao An Yi’s Divine Consciousness shrouded a large area around them.

Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly when faced with the domineering Guo Lin. He said, “I’d like to see what kind of trouble I’d get into...”

“Very well. I’ll satisfy your wish,” Guo Lin said sinisterly. Subsequently, his Divine Energy swept out in all directions, and he cast his law of fire that was at the paramount stage. A crimson blade appeared out of thin air in his hand. No one knew if the heat the blade emanated was from the law of fire or the material it was forged from.

At the same time, the demi Saint behind Guo Lin quickly retreated when they sensed his terrifying Divine Energy.

On the contrary, Zhao An Yi, the old man who was standing next to Guo Lin, did not move at all. It was clear that he was completely unaffected by Guo Lin’s Divine Energy. Although Guo Lin was also a Saint like him, Guo Lin was much weaker than him after all. Not only that, but he also had much more experience compared to Guo Lin.

‘There are a few World Supreme Powerhouses whom I’d only heard of but never met before. Once he makes a move, I should be able to guess his identity unless he’s a new Saint...’

Zhao An Yi did not plan to join forces with Guo Lin for now. He was going to observe and only assist Guo Lin if it was necessary. Even if Guo Lin was weaker than Duan Ling Tian, Guo Lin would not lose or fall into a disadvantageous position in a short time. After all, even a veteran like him could not defeat Guo Lin within 100 moves.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Guo Lin looked like a fire god when he made his move. He wielded his flaming blade and charged out. He did not hold back, casting his law of fire at the paramount stage, his Weapon Dao, and his bloodline power. Even after becoming a Saint, his bloodline power could still boost his strength. The stronger one became, the stronger one's bloodline power would be as well.

A ray of blood-red light shot out from Guo Lin's body before it took on the form of a blood-red tiger and roared. Its thunderous roar shook the sky. As soon as it appeared, Guo Lin's strength soared tremendously.

"Take this!"

Guo Lin slashed at Duan Ling Tian, and in just a moment, flames raged around Duan Ling Tian, turning the sky crimson.

At the same time, the gigantic blood tiger roared again.

Swoosh!

In the next moment, a ray of light shot through the void toward Duan Ling Tian, leaving spatial tears in its wake. It looked as though the world was about to end at this moment.

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Those at and below the realm of demi Saints instinctively retreated when they sensed the terrifying aura of the attack.

“It’s so powerful!”

“Is this the true strength of a Saint?!”

Chapter 4562 G-greetings, Lord Duan Ling Tian!

Guo Lin was the second most powerful person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect after Zhan An Yi. Since Zhao An Yi spent most of his time in closed-door cultivation, the responsibility to protect the sect had always been shouldered by Guo Lin. Previously, most people thought that he was nowhere near as strong as Zhao An Yi even though he was also a Saint. However, they were shocked when they witnessed his strength today. He was still no match for Zhao An Yi, but he was much more powerful than they had thought.

Swoosh!

Spatial tears appeared in the crimson sky as the flaming blade ray shot out. In just a blink of an eye, it was only inches away from Duan Ling Tian. However, Duan Ling Tian remained motionless.

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Meanwhile, the onlookers could barely contain their excitement as they watched the fight.

“What is he doing?”

“Is he too shocked to react?”

“Impossible. He might not be as strong as Senior Zhao An Yi, but he shouldn’t be weaker than Senior Guo!”

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“Is this all you got?” Duan Ling Tian asked contemptuously.

At the same time, the space around Duan Ling Tian began to distort. In just a moment, countless sword rays appeared and formed a huge humanoid silhouette. It raised its hand and swung it toward the flaming blade.

Bang!

The flaming blade ray was easily destroyed by the gigantic hand like a candle that was put out.

The gigantic figure withdrew its hand after destroying the blade ray as the spatial tears mended themselves. In just a moment, silence descended and peace was restored after the storm had passed.

Guo Lin exclaimed in disbelief, breaking the silence, “How’s this possible?!”

Following that, Guo Lin struck again. An even more powerful flaming blade ray shot toward Duan Ling Tian again.

Swoosh!

Alas, the flaming blade ray was still easily crushed by the gigantic figure.

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The onlookers were thoroughly shocked as they watched with wide eyes.

“H-how’s this possible?!”

“Impossible! Even Senior Zhao doesn’t possess this kind of terrifying strength!”

At the same time, the members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect looked at each other in shock and disbelief as well.

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Similar to the others, Zhao Yi An's solemn expression was replaced by one of shock and disbelief.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian's terrifyingly powerful Divine Consciousness suddenly surged out, crushing those of Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin.

Guo Lin, who was caught off guard, spat out a mouthful of blood. Colors drained from his face immediately. It was clear that he had suffered.

On the other hand, Zhao Yi An; the strongest person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, felt his soul shudder after sensing Duan Ling Tian's powerful Divine Consciousness. All kinds of emotions surged in his heart at this moment.

"You..."

After he recovered, Guo Lin's eyes were filled with fear and unease as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He looked like a child who had been caught misbehaving by his parents at this moment.

Meanwhile, Zhao An Yi cupped his fists together at Duan Ling Tian and bowed as he said in a slightly trembling voice, "G-greetings, Lord Duan Ling Tian!"

Guo Lin was pulled back to his senses upon hearing Zhao An Yi's words. His face paled, and his body trembled uncontrollably as realization dawned on him. He quickly cupped his fists together and bowed at Duan Ling Tian as well as he said, "Guo Lin greets Lord Duan Ling Tian! Please forgive me for not recognizing you!"

After Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness easily crushed those of Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin, how could they not know who they were facing at this moment? They had seen Feng Qing Yang previously when they went to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. As such, the purple-clad young man in front of them could only be Duan Ling Tian, the other level-seven supreme powerhouse.

In the duo's opinion, Duan Ling Tian was more terrifying compared to Feng Qing Yang. Feng Qing Yang had comprehended the law to the paramount stage and the Sword Dao to the seventh stage before he underwent the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation as an intermediate Supreme God. With his strength, it was not hard for him to pass the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, which was much weaker for an intermediate Supreme God.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian had undergone the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation as an advanced Supreme God. The Fatal Heavenly Tribulation for an advanced Supreme God was much stronger. Even if Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin possessed Duan Ling Tian's strength when they were advanced Supreme Gods, they were not confident they could survive the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation.

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Although the onlookers were watching from a distance away, they could clearly hear Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin thanks to their cultivation. At the same time, they recalled the heavenly text that appeared in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds.

'Congratulations to Duan Ling Tian from the God Defying World. After entering the Forbidden Realm and overcoming the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, he has successfully become the second level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history, surpassing all Saints and World supreme powerhouses!'

"Duan Ling Tian?!"

“He’s Lord Duan Ling Tian?! The second level-seven supreme powerhouse?!”

“Heavens! No wonder he was so terrifyingly powerful and crushed Senior Guo Lin’s attacks so easily! He even injured Senior Guo Lin with only his Divine Consciousness!”

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“H-he’s Duan Ling Tian?!”

On the other hand, the survivors of the Fu clan were overwhelmed with despair when they realized the purple-clad young man who attacked their clan and killed their two demi Saints was Duan Ling Tian, a level-seven supreme powerhouse.

As members of a demi-saint-rank force, they naturally knew that Feng Qing Yang, the other level-seven supreme powerhouse, was guarding the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, preventing others from entering the pagoda. There were many Saints and World supreme powerhouses from the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, but none of them had joined forces to deal with Feng Qing Yang despite their yearning to enter the pagoda. Based on this, it was clear that those Saints and World supreme powerhouses were afraid of Feng Qing Yang and were not confident about defeating Feng Qing Yang even if they joined forces. No one was willing to make a move. Even if they managed to defeat Feng Qing Yang if they joined forces, they could still die. It was not easy for them to cultivate to this point so they would not risk their lives unless it was absolutely necessary. There were those who were brave enough to take the risk, but they knew it would be impossible for the few of them to defeat Feng Qing Yang. For all these reasons, all of them decided to wait and see instead of challenging Feng Qing Yang. After all, in their opinion, it was impossible for Feng Qing Yang to guard the Heaven Traversing Pagoda forever.

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The members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect present on the scene turned pale as well. They did not expect the purple-clad young man to be the famous supreme powerhouse from the God Defying World who stirred up a storm in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds. At the same time, they thought that He Hu, the demi Saint from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect who was killed by Duan Ling Tian earlier, had died in vain.

If Duan Ling Tian were a Saint, the Azure Cloud Saint Sect could avenge He Hu. Alas, Duan Ling Tian was one of only two level-supreme powerhouses in the world, and he was much more powerful than Saints. There was nothing the Azure Cloud Saint Sect could do. If the sect provoked Duan Ling Tian, it might even bring disaster to the sect.

When they regained their senses, they greeted Duan Ling Tian in unison.

“Greetings, Lord Duan Ling Tian!”

The survivors from the Fu clan and the onlookers in the distance quickly followed suit.

“Greetings, Lord Duan Ling Tian!”

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhao An Yi with a slightly surprised expression and asked, “How do you know I’m Duan Ling Tian?”

After all, Feng Qing Yang, his master, was also a level-seven supreme powerhouse.

“Lord Duan, I had the honor of meeting Lord Feng near the Heaven Traversing Pagoda,” Zhao An Yi replied truthfully.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. In the God Defying World, before returning to the Outer Boundary, he had heard that Feng Qing Yang was standing guard at the Heaven Traversing to prevent Saints and World supreme powerhouses from entering the pagoda. After listening to Zhao An Yi, he knew that Zhao An Yi must have gone to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda to try his luck and met Feng Qing Yang at that time.

‘Master...’

A hint of excitement flashed in the depths of Duan Ling Tian’s eyes when he thought about his master. It had been a long time since they last met, after all. He also did not expect Feng Qing Yang to become a level-seven supreme powerhouse ahead of him.

Meanwhile, Guo Lin was overcome with anxiety when he saw Duan Ling Tian ignoring him. He quickly said, “Lord Duan, please forgive me for my folly! I have no complaints if you want to take my life, but please have mercy on the members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect! They’re innocent!”

Chapter 4563 Zhao An Yi’s Speculation

In the past, Guo Lin would never have dreamed that he, who had entered the realm of Saints, would have to lower his head in fear and beg for mercy.

After all, Saints were once the peak existence in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds. They were untouchable. However, this changed after heaven announced the birth of two level-seven supreme powerhouses after they passed the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation.

The two level-seven supreme powerhouses quietly surpassed all the Saints and World supreme powerhouses. There was no warning at all. When they found out about it, there was nothing they could do about it even if they felt unwilling. They had stood at the peak for so long, how could they be willing now that someone had surpassed them?

In their opinion, Feng Qing Yang was the same as them. Otherwise, he would not guard the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and prevent others from entering the pagoda. In their eyes, his actions proved that he, like them, also did not want others to surpass him or catch up to him.

If they had known earlier that the duo would surpass them and become the first two level-seven supreme powerhouses in the world after the gap in history, they would have done everything in their power to stop the duo. They would not hesitate to kill the duo at all. Alas, it was too late, and the duo had already surpassed them.

Guo Lin had seen how Duan Ling Tian had effortlessly destroyed his attacks earlier. He was terrified by the strength of a level-seven supreme powerhouse. The gap was truly too big, and it made him feel hopeless. Not to mention killing him, he knew it would be easy for Duan Ling Tian to kill Zhao An Yi, who was much stronger than him, and destroy the Azure Cloud Saint Sect.

Despite having to lower his head, Guo Lin did not feel humiliated. After all, all Saints and World supreme powerhouses had to lower their heads in front of such a terrifying person. Instead, there was a small wisp of hope in his heart at this moment. He hoped that Duan Ling Tian would show mercy to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect.

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, Zhao An Yi, who was standing at the side, also pleaded, “Lord Duan Ling Tian, if... if you’re able to forgive Guo Lin and the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, the Azure Cloud Saint Sect will swear loyalty to you and serve you!”

As the strongest person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, Zhao An Yi was naturally qualified to speak on behalf of the sect. He did not feel reluctant at all. After all, Duan Ling Tian was one of the most

powerful people in the world. Even if the sect did not provoke Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian could easily destroy the sect.

At this time, the members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, who were standing nearby, waited for Duan Ling Tian's response with bated breath, feeling helpless and anxious. Their hearts were racing at this moment. They were afraid that Duan Ling Tian would refuse and insist on destroying the Azure Cloud Saint Sect in a fit of anger. It was fine if they died, but they still had relatives and disciples in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect.

As for the survivors from the Fu clan, their faces turned ashen as soon as they saw the two Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect pleading for mercy. They were frightened out of their wits and hurriedly fell to their knees to beg for mercy.

"Lord Duan Ling Tian, please forgive us!"

"Please forgive me, Lord Duan! I'm willing to leave the Fu clan!"

"Lord Duan, my father was a member of the Fu clan. He has already passed away. I'm willing to sever my relationship with my father and the Fu clan. I promise to change my surname as well! Please show mercy!"

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At the same time, the onlookers, who came to watch the show, were greatly shocked by this scene. Although they knew the people mentioned in the heavenly text were extraordinary and terrifying, it was different when they witnessed it for themselves.

In front of level-seven supreme powerhouses, Saints were as weak as chickens. This was clearly demonstrated when Duan Ling Tian crushed Guo Lin's attack with just one move.

One onlooker even thought to himself, 'He's really too strong... If I can have such strength, it doesn't even matter if I only have a few days to live...'

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The purple-clad Duan Ling Tian who was hovering in the air at this moment seemed to hold everyone's lives in his hands at this moment. With just his words, he could determine the life and death of Saints and saint-rank forces.

Under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian looked at Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin and said indifferently, "I can let this matter go..."

Zhao Yi An and Guo Lin trembled upon hearing these words. A hint of surprise could be seen on their faces at this moment.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, "I'll visit the Azure Cloud Saint Sect in three months. At that time, I hope to see these two people..."

As he spoke, Duan Ling Tian used his Divine Consciousness and formed the pictures of Han Jiang and Tuoba Liang Cheng, the two demi Saints who had helped the Fu clan kill Duan You Wei back then.

Han Jiang and Tuoba Liang Cheng were all from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect's territories. Even if the two Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect did not know them, it was impossible for the other demi Saints from the sect not to know them.

"If you catch them, I won't pursue the matter that happened today. If one of them is missing..." Duan Ling Tian said threateningly, frightening Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin.

Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin naturally did not dare to take Duan Ling Tian's words lightly.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian disappeared into thin air.

Through the memories of Fu Liang Ming, the demi Saint from the Fu clan, Duan Ling Tian knew the locations of the cultivation grounds of Han Jiang and Tuoba Liang Cheng. However, one of them was a sectless cultivator and was often away from his cultivation ground. Now that he had people to run errands for him, there was no need for him to look for the duo one by one. All he needed to do was wait for three months before going to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. At that time, he would be able to meet the duo and completely avenge Duan You Wei.

After Duan Ling Tian left, Zhao An Yi, Guo Lin, and the few people from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect sighed in relief immediately.

Similarly, the surviving members of the Fu clan also sighed in relief now that they had avoided a huge disaster.

At the same time, the onlookers were busy discussing among themselves.

“Lord Duan seemed to have asked the two Saints from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect to look for someone...”

“Who is he looking for?”

“Who dared to offend Lord Duan?”

A few smart and observant people quickly enlightened the others.

“Those people Lord Duan is looking for are likely related to the demi Saints of the Fu clan... He came here and attacked the Fu clan. It’s clear that the clan had offended him. No, to be precise, the two demi Saints from the Fu clan had offended him.”

This was rather obvious since Duan Ling Tian did not take action against the remaining members of the Fu clan.

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After Zhao An Yi, Guo Lin, and the others from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect left the scene, Guo Lin asked Zhao Yi An through Voice Transmission, “Han Jiang and Tuoba Lian Cheng? Junior uncle, why do you think he’s looking for those two people?”

Fear still lingered in Guo Lin’s heart at this moment. Although his mind was in a mess, he did not dare to forget the people that Duan Ling Tian wanted them to find.

In fact, Guo Lin was no stranger to Han Jiang and Tuoba Lian Cheng. Han Jiang was the strongest member of the Han clan, a demi-saint-rank force governed by the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. He had met the other party a few times before. As for Tuoba Lian Cheng, he had never met the other party, but he had heard of the other party. Tuoba Lian Cheng was rather famous in the territories of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect after all.

“If I’m not mistaken, just like the two demi Saints from the Fu clan, those two must have offended him as well...” Zhao An Yi replied. He was much calmer than Guo Lin at this moment. Based on the fact that Duan Ling Tian killed the two demi Saints from the Fu clan as soon as he arrived, he surmised that Duan Ling Tian did not kill the two on a whim.

Guo Lin was taken aback. “Where did they find the courage to offend such a terrifying person?”

Upon hearing this, Zhao An Yi said angrily, “Don’t forget that he only entered the realm of supreme powerhouses not long ago. When the heavenly text appeared for the first time and made him famous in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, he was just an advanced Supreme God. He left quite a while ago, but you still haven’t returned to your senses?”

Guo Lin was stunned. Then, he said with a sheepish smile, “Indeed, I’m not in my right mind now. After all, I really thought that I was going to die earlier. To be honest, that was the first time I’ve ever felt so desperate. Even before joining the sect, I’ve never felt that way even though I encountered many dangers...”

Guo Lin was naturally not an ordinary person since he was able to become a Saint. His mental strength was usually strong, but the opponent’s earlier was truly too overwhelming. How could he not be frightened?

“When the heavenly text appeared for the first time a few years ago, it announced that he was the first person to enter the forbidden realm and survive the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation after the gap in history...” Guo Lin murmured, “The demi Saints from the Fu clan, Han Jiang, and Tuoba Lian Cheng must have offended him before he became a supreme powerhouse...”

Zhao An Yi speculated, “Not long after he became a level-seven supreme powerhouse, he went to the Fu clan and killed the two demi Saints. It’s clear that he had a huge grudge against the two demi Saints. If I’d known earlier that he was Duan Ling Tian and that the Fu clan had offended him, I wouldn’t have allowed the sect to stand up for them. I feel sorry for He Hu...”

He Hu, the demi Saint from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect whom Duan Ling Tian killed, was also Zhao An Yi’s nephew.

Guo Lin scoffed. A hint of contempt flashed in his eyes as he said, “Those two from the Fu clan, Han Jiang, and Tuoba Lian Cheng are trash! They allowed someone below the realm of supreme powerhouses to escape under their noses. As a result, that Duan Ling Tian soared to such great heights. Wouldn’t it be great if they had killed him back then? Alas, someone stronger than us finally appeared in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds...”

Guo Lin spoke through Voice Transmission from the beginning until the end. He naturally did not dare to say such words out loud. After all, what if Duan Ling Tian had yet to leave and was secretly watching them?

Chapter 4564 The Master and Disciple Reunite

Zhao An Yi sighed when he heard Guo Lin’s words. Similar to Guo Lin, he had also cursed at those useless people in his heart countless times.

Perhaps, those useless people did not think Duan Ling Tian was a threat because he was just an advanced Supreme God at that time so they ignored him. They did not expect that Duan Ling Tian would rise to such heights, surpassing everyone and possessing the strength to kill everyone with just a snap of his fingers.

‘Unfortunately, we can’t turn back time. Since the matter has come to this point, those useless people will have to bear the consequences...’

Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin were unaware that Duan Ling Tian had only met Fu Liang Yu, the new demi Saint from the Fu clan, in the past. He had never met Fu Liang Ming, Han Jiang, and Tuoba Lian Cheng before. They naturally did not know he did not have a personal grudge against them and was only doing this to avenge Duan You Wei.

“Let’s send everyone back first before we look for those two people,” Zhao An Yi said, “Han Jiang should be in the Han clan. As for Tuoba Lian Cheng, I don’t know if he’s in his cultivation ground. I’ll look for Han Jiang, and you’ll look for Tuoba Lian Cheng. There’s no need to worry if Tuoba Lian Cheng is in his cultivation ground. I’m only afraid he’s not there...”

Han Jiang and Tuoba Lian Cheng were only demi Saints. It was not hard at all for Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin, who were Saints, to bring them back to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. In fact, they could have just ordered Han Jiang and Tuoba Lian Cheng to come to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. After all, they were the overlords of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect’s territories. Nobody would dare to offend them if they wanted to stay in the territories of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. However, due to the severity of the matter, the two of them decided to personally take action. After all, If Duan Ling Tian did not see Han Jiang and Tuoba Lian Cheng in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect after three months, the sect would definitely suffer the consequences.

Guo Lin scoffed as he said fiercely, “Even if Tuoba Lian Cheng isn’t in his cultivation ground or territories of our sect, I’ll do everything in my power to bring him back!”

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Meanwhile, after leaving, Duan Ling Tian quickly made his way to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. He recalled the heavenly text that announced the appearance of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

‘Heaven and earth should rejoice and celebrate the birth of the first level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history. After this, the Heaven Traversing Pagoda will appear above the ocean at the center of the Outer Boundary. Level-five and level-six supreme powerhouses can enter the pagoda. After successfully passing a series of tests, one will be rewarded with the Heaven Protection Talisman that can help one block three strikes of the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation!’

It did not take long for Duan Ling Tian to arrive at his destination. From afar, he saw the magnificent and towering Heaven Traversing Pagoda in the sky that emanated a mysterious light. Even from a distance, he could sense its terrifying and extraordinary aura.

When Duan Ling Tian drew close, he entered the barrier that was constructed by someone’s Divine Consciousness. The Divine Consciousness was stronger than those of the Saints of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect and was comparable to his. He naturally knew that it belonged to his master, Feng Qing Yang.

“Master!” Duan Ling Tian called out respectfully as he extended his Divine Consciousness. He sped up and arrived next to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda in just a blink of an eye.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the familiar figure in front of him. After so many years, his master still looked the same. However, his master’s aura was more profound than before, and his gaze was mysterious.

“Little Tian!” Feng Qing Yang said with a bright smile, “I saw the heavenly text! You’ve also become a level-seven supreme powerhouse!”

Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, “Master, congratulations on becoming the first level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history!”

Duan Ling Tian had always felt grateful to Feng Qing Yang. Feng Qing Yang was the person who helped him with his Sword Dao. Without Feng Qing Yang, he would not have been able to grow so rapidly and achieve so many shocking feats. Not only that, but Feng Qing Yang had also helped him many times with other matters; Feng Qing Yang had even saved his life when he was on the brink of death. He was sincerely happy that Feng Qing Yang had become a level-seven supreme powerhouse.

“I was lucky I inherited the legacy of the Sword of Time. Thanks to the legacy, my law progressed rapidly and helped me soar to great heights...” Feng Qing Yang said modestly with a smile on his face, “Both of us, master and disciple, have finally become level-seven supreme powerhouses against all odds. There’ll be an even bigger commotion when they find out about our relationship...”

“That’s right. They only know that we’re both from the God Defying World now. No one knows that we’re master and disciple,” Duan Ling Tian said with a nod as his smile widened.

Duan Ling Tian thought about Ke’er, who was now in his Little World, and continued to say, “Thank you, master, for helping Ke’er get rid of that soul imprisonment technique.”

“There’s no need to be so polite,” Feng Qing Yang said as he waved his hand, “She’s your wife. Moreover, even if I didn’t take action, you would’ve been able to get rid of the soul imprisonment technique as well...”

Duan Ling Tian did not say anything after listening to these words, but his gratitude toward Feng Qing Yang did not diminish. Although Feng Qing Yang’s words were true, the fact that Feng Qing Yang helped Ke’er as soon as he broke through showed that Feng Qing Yang had always kept Duan Ling Tian in his mind.

After a while, Feng Qing Yang asked, “Little Tian, what do you think about me guarding the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and preventing others from entering it?”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. His eyes shone coldly as he said with a sneer, “Master, if I became a level-seven supreme powerhouse first, I would’ve done the same thing! I wouldn’t allow them to take the shortcut that heaven granted them! Heaven is really unfair! It did not give us any shortcuts, but as soon as we broke through, it gave everyone a shortcut! Why do we have to undergo the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation while they were given a shortcut? It’s clear that heaven is targeting us!”

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “Master, after I’m done making arrangements for my family and dealing with other matters, I’ll return to guard the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. We’ll take turns guarding the pagoda. No one is allowed to enter!”

Duan Ling Tian had no intention of giving in regarding this matter. He was not worried about heaven retaliating against them. After all, if heaven could kill them directly, it would not have created the Heaven Traversing Pagoda to deal with them.

Through the memories of the Void Elder, Duan Ling Tian also knew that heaven had never directly killed someone before the historical gap. As such, he speculated that there must be some sort of restriction.

As for the catastrophe that resulted in the death of all living things and the world returning to chaos, the Void Elder had speculated that it might not have anything to do with heaven. There should be more to it.

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Feng Qing Yang laughed heartily, looking carefree. He said, “Little Tian, I share the same sentiment. However, there’s no need for us to take turns guarding this place; I can deal with it alone. I can cultivate anywhere after all. You should spend some quality time with your family for a period of time.”

Feng Qing Yang paused for a moment as he recalled something. His expression turned serious as he continued to say, “Little Tian, I believe you’ve already discovered the changes in our Little Worlds after becoming a level-seven supreme powerhouse. The energy around the Divine Tree of Life is extremely rich and comparable to places in the Outer Boundary and Myriad Worlds with the richest energy. The concentration energy in our Little Worlds is rich enough for cultivators below the realm of supreme powerhouses to cultivate. If your family is willing, you should let them cultivate in your Little World. It’ll be safer for them as well.”

Feng Qing Yang lived an unfettered life, but Duan Ling Tian had many family and friends. For this reason, he had to be very cautious so enemies could not use them to threaten him.

Duan Ling Tian nodded in agreement upon hearing Feng Qing Yang’s words. After thinking about it, he thought that Feng Qing Yang’s suggestion was very reasonable. He knew that his Little World was a suitable cultivation ground, but life would be monotonous there. As such, not everyone would be willing to stay in a Little World to cultivate. After all, the freedom one had in the outside world was much better than that in a Little World.

“I’ll ask for their opinions,” Duan Ling Tian said with a nod, “If they’re unwilling to stay in my Little World, I’ll speak to Lord Xiao. I’ll suggest turning my Little World into a Realm of Gods in the God Defying World. With that, my family will still be able to have their freedom while being under my protection.”

Duan Ling Tian knew quite a bit about the Realms of Gods in the God Defying World. They belonged to 18 supreme powerhouses from the God Defying World and were connected to God Defying World’s Guarding Formation. He was confident that Xiao Mu Bai and the other Lords of the God Defying World would not object to his suggestion. After all, turning Duan Ling Tian’s Little World into a Realm of God would strengthen the Guarding Formation that protected the God Defying World.

Feng Qing Yang’s eyes lit up. “That’s a great idea!”

The master and disciple continued to chat casually.

The scorching sun hung high in the clear blue sky above the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. The pagoda, which was built from unknown materials that gave it a glossy surface, reflected the sunlight onto the duo. It created a shimmering and mysterious pattern.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian decided to extend his Divine Consciousness toward the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, but he quickly discovered that it was blocked by a mysterious energy.

Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly. ‘As expected of something created by heaven...’

Although heaven might not be able to directly attack Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian had a feeling that heaven would not stay idle now that they decided to stop others from entering the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. It was likely that heaven would act soon.

Duan Ling Tian recalled the heavenly text that appeared after he broke through and became a supreme powerhouse.

‘Heaven and earth should rejoice and celebrate the birth of the second level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history. After this, the Heaven Traversing Pagoda will appear above the ocean at the center of the Outer Boundary. Level-five and level-six supreme powerhouses can enter the pagoda. After successfully passing a series of tests, one will be rewarded with the Heaven Protection Talisman that can help one block three strikes of the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation!’

With this, it was clear that heaven was trying to help Saints and World supreme powerhouses to pass the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation. Now that Duan Ling Tian and Feng Qing Yang were standing in heaven’s way, heaven would surely come up with other ways to help the Saints and World supreme powerhouses.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian said, “Master, I’ll take my leave first to attend to personal matters. If you need help, please send your doppelganger to the Xia clan. I’d left one of my doppelgangers there.”

“Alright,” Feng Qing Yang replied with a nod.

Feng Qing Yang bade farewell to Duan Ling Tian and watched Duan Ling Tian leave with a smile on his face. His thoughts drifted away as he gazed into the distance. Memories of Duan Ling Tian when Duan Ling Tian was still in the mundane realm appeared in his mind. At that time, Duan Ling Tian was not even a celestial yet, and he was already the powerful Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

Feng Qing Yang thought about how his disciple surpassed him before his breakthrough, and he could not help but sigh in relief now that he had caught up to his disciple since he managed to preserve his dignity as Duan Ling Tian’s master.

‘I finally caught up to him...’

Although Duan Ling Tian had always been respectful to Feng Qing Yang even after he had grown stronger than Feng Qing Yang, Feng Qing Yang was still slightly bothered that his disciple had surpassed him. He was naturally proud that his disciple had surpassed him, but at the same time, it came with a sense of helplessness.

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After parting ways with Feng Qing Yang, Duan Ling Tian did not return to the God Defying World immediately. Instead, he traveled across a vast expanse of ocean and land like the wind. It did not take long before he entered a towering mountain range that was shrouded by a somber atmosphere.

The mountain range was mostly barren. Once in a while, demon beasts sweep past, stirring up clouds of dust before vanishing out of sight.

This place was none other than Crimson Demon Ridge where Duan Ling Tian nearly died.

When Duan Ling Tian first arrived in the Outer Boundary, he had stumbled into Crimson Demon Ridge after leaving the sea. The owner of Crimson Demon Ridge was the Crimson Devil, a supreme powerhouse. It was rumored that the Crimson Demon was injured during the once-in-10,000-year Heavenly Tribulation. As such, he was desperately searching for a suitable body to possess. With his unique bloodline power, he could possess a new body once in his life.

At that time, the Crimson Demon had put Duan Ling Tian through a series of tests to determine if Duan Ling Tian's body fulfilled his requirements. However, before the tests ended, Duan Ling Tian managed to escape Crimson Demon Ridge with the help of other prodigies.

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian suddenly came to a stop in the sky above the mountain range. His expression was calm as he said tonelessly, "Crimson Demon, why don't you come out and meet an old friend of yours?"

Duan Ling Tian's voice was not loud, but it was heard by everyone in Crimson Demon Ridge.

Soon after his voice fell, many figures appeared in the sky. They were the Crimson Demon's personal guards. Among them, there were a few whom Duan Ling Tian was familiar with.

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Those who were present looked at the purple-clad young man in front of them, and one of them muttered under his breath, "He looks familiar..."

As the Centurion of Crimson Demon Ridge, a puppet of the Crimson Demon, he had not left Crimson Ridge for many years. In other words, there was a high chance that he had met the other party in Crimson Demon Ridge.

“He... Isn’t he Duan Ling Tian?!”

At this time, another Centurion, who also found Duan Ling Tian familiar, recalled where he had seen the young man in front of him before. They had met in Crimson Demon Ridge many years ago. He had seen Duan Ling Tian when Wu Cang, the commander, fought Duan Ling Tian. At that time, Duan Ling Tian was only an intermediate Supreme God, but he was comparable to Wu Cang. In the end, Duan Ling Tian had a sudden burst of power and almost escaped from Crimson Demon Ridge. If Wu Cang did not activate the Formation created by the Crimson Demon, Duan Ling Tian would have successfully escaped.

After the Formation was activated, the Crimson Demon appeared. Duan Ling Tian was forced to fight Wu Cang, one of the Crimson Demon’s strongest subordinates, again. In the end, he managed to kill Wu Cang, causing a huge commotion among the puppets. With that, all of them knew that only the Crimson Demon alone could suppress Duan Ling Tian in Crimson Demon Ridge.

Initially, they thought the Crimson Demon would definitely possess Duan Ling Tian. They were shocked when they found out that he managed to escape from the Crimson Demon and Crimson Demon Ridge. After that, the Crimson Demon killed many puppets in a fit of rage. There was terrible bloodshed in Crimson Demon Ridge that day.

They did not expect that Duan Ling Tian, who escaped, would return to Crimson Demon Ridge again. They thought that he was too bold. Was he not afraid of the Crimson Demon? Although the Crimson Demon had found and possessed a new body, it was likely that he would turn Duan Ling Tian into a puppet to vent his anger.

“He escaped back then. Why did he come back?”

The Centurions were puzzled. They did not understand why he would return after escaping from Crimson Demon Ridge. They had also seen the heavenly text a while ago, but they did think the Duan Ling Tian mentioned in the heavenly text was the Duan Ling Tian in front of them. They assumed they just shared the same name. After all, based on how much time had passed, it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian to be a supreme powerhouse, let alone a level-seven supreme powerhouse.

“Duan Ling Tian?”

The Crimson Demon finally appeared. He now possessed a different body, and Duan Ling Tian could vaguely recognize the real owner of this body. The other party was also among the prodigies the Crimson Demon imprisoned back then.

As soon as the Crimson Demon appeared, he extended his Divine Consciousness toward Duan Ling Tian. He was surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s return and wanted to probe him.

“Crimson Demon, it’s been a while since we last met...”

The Centurions retreated when the Crimson Demon’s Divine Consciousness swept out, but Duan Ling Tian did not move at all. Instead, he smiled and extended his Divine Consciousness as well.

In just a moment, Duan Ling Tian’s Divine Consciousness crushed that of the Crimson Demon.

The pressure from Duan Ling Tian's Divine Consciousness caused the Crimson Demon to spit out a mouthful of blood. His face paled and his body trembled as his eyes widened in shock and fear. At this moment, he recalled the two heavenly texts that appeared years ago.

'Congratulations to Duan Ling Tian, the advanced Supreme God from the God Defying World, on breaking into the Forbidden Realm and successfully overcoming the Fatal Heaven Tribulation. You're expected to become the first level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history and surpass all the World supreme powerhouses and Saints in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary!'

'Congratulations to Duan Ling Tian from the God Defying World. After entering the Forbidden Realm and overcoming the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, he has successfully become the second level-seven supreme powerhouse after the gap in history, surpassing all Saints and World supreme powerhouses!'

When the Crimson Demon saw the first heavenly text, he was instantly reminded of Duan Ling Tian, whom he had planned to possess before the other party escaped from Crimson Demon Ridge. Nonetheless, he did not think that they were the same person. When he saw the second heavenly text, he was even more certain that they could not be the same person. Even today when Duan Ling Tian appeared, he did not think that Duan Ling Tian was the Duan Ling Tian mentioned in the heavenly texts until this moment.

Duan Ling Tian managed to crush the Crimson Demon's Divine Consciousness. Not only that, but he also injured the Crimson Demon's lungs and turned his Little World upside down with his Divine Consciousness alone. At this time, the vital energy of the Divine Tree of Life in his Little World had greatly depleted. With this, how could he not figure out that the Duan Ling Tian in front of him was the Duan Ling Tian mentioned in the heavenly texts? Duan Ling Tian was now one of the two most powerful people in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, far stronger than Saints and World supreme powerhouses.

The Centurions were also shocked. They also recalled the heavenly texts they had seen.

“This...”

“How’s this possible?”

“D-Duan Ling Tian... Don’t tell me he’s Duan Ling Tian, the level-seven supreme powerhouse?!”

The Centurions’ hearts and souls shook. They did not expect the table to turn so suddenly. When they had first met him, he was just an intermediate Supreme God. However, now, he already stood at the peak of the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds. If they had not witnessed this with their own eyes, they would not have believed such an outrageous thing.

“Lord Duan!”

Frightened, the Crimson Demon fell to his knees. He trembled all the way down to his soul.

‘No wonder he dares to return after escaping! He didn’t come to seek death but revenge!’

The Crimson Demon lost all will to resist as soon as he confirmed that Duan Ling Tian was a level-seven supreme powerhouse. There was no way for him to win this fight after all. He was among the weaker supreme powerhouses; even a level-four supreme powerhouse could easily kill him. How could he stand a chance against someone who was even more powerful than Saints?

The Crimson Demon pleaded, “Lord Duan, I know I won’t be able to atone for the crimes I committed against you in the past. However, I hope you’ll spare my life! I promise to serve you and stay by your side as your servant!”

“How boring,” Duan Ling Tian said, shaking his head.

Duan Ling Tian did not move, but the Crimson Demon, who was kneeling in the air, suddenly froze before he shattered and vanished into thin air. Just like that, the Crimson Demon died.

As soon as the Crimson Demon died, the Centurions looked delighted. All of them fell to their knees in unison and thanked Duan Ling Tian profusely.

“Thank you, Lord Duan, for giving me a new lease on life!”

“Thank you, Lord Duan!”

Now that the Crimson Demon died, the puppets naturally regained their freedom.

More and more puppets appeared, kneeling on the ground to thank Duan Ling Tian. Some were so excited and happy that they burst into tears.

Duan Ling Tian had yet to respond to them when he suddenly noticed a slight movement in the sky. Following that, the originally clear sky darkened as dark clouds rolled in. Purple lightning flashed in the sky as though it was heralding a storm. Then, as though a huge hand had parted the clouds to reveal the sun, the heavenly text, which had not been seen for a long time, appeared again.

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After the heavenly text appeared, the dark clouds that had been parted turned red before it began to rain blood. Apart from the heavenly text that remained unaffected in the sky, blood rained down as far as the eyes could see. Blood did not only rain in Crimson Demon Ridge but in its surrounding areas as well. This was the phenomenon that appeared after the death of the Crimson Demon, a supreme powerhouse.

“This... Did a supreme powerhouse die?”

“The supreme powerhouse in this area is the Crimson Demon... He’s dead?!”

A group of people was shocked when they saw the phenomenon that announced the death of supreme powerhouses. However, most of their attention was on the dazzling golden heavenly text, which emitted a powerful aura, in the sky.

The heavenly text that appeared in both the Outer Boundary and Myriad Worlds read:

‘From now on, the Heavenly Traversing Pagoda will have more than one entrance; there’ll be 35 new entrances to the pagoda. There are eight entrances in the Outer Boundary. As for the Myriad Worlds, there are three in each of the Three Upper Worlds, and one in each of the 18 Middle Realms. After passing the tests in the pagoda, one will be randomly transported to the Myriad Worlds.’

In the Crimson Demon Ridge, Duan Ling Tian’s expression darkened immediately after he read the heavenly text. Although he had already expected heaven to make another move after Feng Qing Yang stopped others from entering the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and obtaining the Heaven Protection Talisman, he did not expect it to come so soon.

Duan Ling Tian’s gaze was cold as he disappeared. This happened too suddenly, and he needed to discuss the matter with his master, Feng Qing Yang. Were they going to watch as the others enter

the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman or were they going to continue to stop them?

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Although the content of the heavenly text was great news for Saints and World supreme powerhouses, it had nothing to do with most people in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds. After all, the Heaven Traversing Pagoda was a place for Saints and World supreme powerhouses.

Many Saints and World supreme powerhouses began to gather after the heavenly text appeared.

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In the Sun Bright World.

At this moment, the dark expression of Lei Hong, a burly World supreme powerhouse, had vanished, replaced by an expression of delight.

“Everyone, what we need to do now is to find the three entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda in our Sun Bright World. If you find it, send a message to everyone through Voice Transmission. We have to enter the pagoda as soon as possible, lest there’s a change. We don’t know if Feng Qing Yang will attack the Sun Bright World in a fit of rage after reading the heavenly text.”

The expressions of the World supreme powerhouses in the Sun Bright World were serious as they listened to Lei Hong. After all, Lei Hong's words made a lot of sense.

“We must have someone who surpasses World supreme powerhouses in the Sun Bright World. Otherwise, we'd have to submit ourselves. Finding the entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda is of utmost importance. I'll leave first!”

The World supreme powerhouses in the Sun Bright World did not waste time and began to search every corner of the Sun Bright World for the entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

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Similarly, the World supreme powerhouses from the other two Upper Worlds were also frantically searching for the entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. All of them hoped to find the entrances as soon as possible, worried that Feng Qing Yang would attack them.

A few of these World supreme powerhouses did not plan to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda after finding the entrances. They planned to hide as they waited for someone from their World to become a level-seven supreme powerhouse first.

Those who successfully became World supreme powerhouses and survived until now were naturally intelligent. They had a deep understanding of human nature and did not forget to leave a way out for themselves.

Previously, Feng Qing Yang did not take action against them because he was guarding the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. If he had chased after them to kill them, who knew if some other Saint or World supreme powerhouse would sneak into the pagoda? However, in order to thwart Feng Qing Yang's plan, there were now more than 30 entrances to the pagoda. If they were in Feng Qing Yang's shoes,

they would likely attack the Saints and World supreme powerhouses in a fit of rage to prevent them from entering the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and obtaining the Heaven Protection Talisman.

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There were not as many World supreme powerhouses in the 18 Middle Worlds compared to the Three Upper Worlds. There were only about one or two World supreme powerhouses in each of the 18 Middle Worlds. However, among the 18 Middle Worlds, Worlds like the God Defying World were rare.

Although news of the demise of the World supreme powerhouse of the God Defying World had spread, no one dared to underestimate it. After all, they might not have a World supreme powerhouse, but they had two level-seven supreme powerhouses, who were much more powerful than World supreme powerhouses. The duo was the strongest existence in not only the Myriad Worlds, but the Outer Boundary as well.

“Send people to look for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda!”

The World supreme powerhouses of the 18 Middle Worlds quickly gathered in groups with those they were friendly with. They did not join the search. Instead, they sent people to look for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

“Wang Xiu, let’s notify each other the moment someone from our side finds the entrance to the pagoda!”

“I was going to say that as well! I’ll be waiting for your good news!”

“Who knows? You might find it first!”

Most of the World supreme powerhouses from the 18 Middle Worlds planned to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda immediately after finding the entrance.

After all, they were different from the World supreme powerhouses from the Three Upper Worlds. There were many World supreme powerhouses in the Three Upper Worlds so the weaker ones could afford to wait a little while the stronger ones fought to become stronger.

On the contrary, World supreme powerhouses from the 18 Middle Worlds were pillars of their respective Worlds. They had no choice but to step up if they wanted to grow stronger. If they were successful, they longer had to be wary of the Three Upper Worlds.

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Regardless if they were from the Three Upper Worlds or the 18 Middle Worlds, many of them were envious of the duo from the God Defying World who became level-seven supreme powerhouses. Now that they were given a chance, how could they not fight for it? Moreover, if they passed the tests in the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and obtained the Heaven Protection Talisman, they did not have to face the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation immediately. They could choose when to face the Heavenly Tribulation.

“The Heaven Protection Talisman can block three strikes of the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation... I wonder if the talisman can be given to others. If I have more than one talisman, does it mean that they can block more strikes from me?”

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Needless to say, the Saints from the Outer Boundary were also making their move. They sent demi Saints and supreme powerhouses out to look for the entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. At the same time, they also left their cultivation grounds, afraid that Feng Qing Yang would come looking for them and kill them.

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Somewhere in the territories of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect.

Zhao An Yi and Guo Lin, the Saints of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, also saw the heavenly text.

At this time, Zhao An Yi had already arrived at the Han clan, a demi-saint-rank force governed by the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. Han Jiang, the demi Saint of the Han clan, was one of the two demi Saints whom Duan Ling Tian ordered him to look for.

Han Jiang naturally knew who Zhao An Yi was. He quickly came out to greet Zhao An Yi respectfully. He was an old man dressed in fine brocade robes. His face was fierce, and his beard only added to the ferocity. Apart from that, he had a majestic air about him.

However, before Zhao An Yi could make a move, the heavenly text appeared.

Han Jiang quickly said, "Congratulations, Senior Zhao. You'll be able to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda soon and obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman. The Azure Cloud

When Zhao An Yi returned to his senses, he hid the surprise on his face and looked at Han Jiang indifferently.

Han Jiang was terrified, and his heart began to race when he saw Zhao An Yi's gaze. He did not know what was going on. Initially, he had thought it was an honor that Zhao An Yi, who was famous in the territories of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, visited the Han clan. However, after seeing the unfriendly expression on Zhao An Yi's face, he grew nervous.

"Han Jiang, do you know why I came here?" Zhao An Yi asked expressionlessly.

In fact, Zhao An Yi really wanted to leave so he could search for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. He could not wait to enter the pagoda and obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman so he could prepare to enter the Forbidden Realm and undergo the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation. However, when he thought about Duan Ling Tian, he decided to temporarily dismiss this idea. No matter what, it was best for him to do as he was told first. After all, Duan Ling Tian would likely destroy the Azure Cloud Saint Sect if he did not see those two people three months later.

Even if he successfully entered the Heaven Traversing Pagoda there was no guarantee he would obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman. After all, the heavenly text said that they would be rewarded with the Heaven Protection Talisman if they passed the tests. It was not like they would be given the Heaven Protection Talisman as long as they entered the pagoda. Even if he successfully obtained the Heaven Protection Talisman, could he enter the realm of level-seven supreme powerhouses within three months and protect his sect? He knew this was an impossible feat.

In conclusion, Zhao An Yi knew it was better for him to appease Duan Ling Tian first before he searched for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

Meanwhile, Han Jiang took a deep breath before he answered nervously, "I'm not quite sure, Senior Zhao. Please enlighten me."

The Han clan was quite a distance away from the Fu clan. As such, the shocking deaths of the two demi Saints from the Fu clan had yet to travel to the Han clan. Moreover, Zhao An Yi had made his way to the Han clan immediately after returning to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect from the Fu clan.

Zhao An Yi sneered. “Have you forgotten what you, Tuoba Lian Cheng, and the two demi Saints from the Fu clan did?”

Without waiting for Han Jiang’s response, Zhao An Yi waved his hand.

A powerful energy swept out immediately and restrained Han Jiang, the demi Saint, in just a blink of an eye.

Zhao An Yi did not waste time and quickly brought Han Jiang away from the Han clan, rushing back to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect at lightning speed. After bringing Han Jiang back, he was going to find the entrance of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

“Senior Zhao... W-why are you doing this?” Han Jiang asked fearfully. He had no control over the situation now, making him feel helpless. He really wanted to know the reason for Zhao An Yi’s hostility.

Zhao An Yi scoffed. “Didn’t you hear what I said earlier?”

Han Jiang recalled Zhao An Yi’s earlier words. He did not have time to mull over the words earlier when Zhao An Yi suddenly restrained him and brought him away. It did not take long before he recalled that many years ago, he and Tuoba Lian Cheng received a message from Fu Liang Ming, the demi Saint of the Fu clan. Fu Liang Ming had asked for his help to kill Duan You Wei, the demi Saint of the Duan clan in the territory of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.

It did not take long for Han Jiang to recall that incident because that was the only intersection that Han Jiang had with Tuoba Lian Cheng. Previously, he had only heard of Tuoba Lian Cheng but had never met the other party before. He had only met Tuoba Lian Cheng because of Fu Liang Ming.

‘Did Senior Zhao have a good relationship with Duan You Wei?’ Han Jiang speculated inwardly. His face paled as soon as this thought appeared in his mind. He asked tremblingly, “Senior Zhao, you... Are you going to avenge Duan You Wei?”

Han Jiang continued to plead, “Senior, I’m innocent! Fu Liang Ming asked me to help him, and I couldn’t refuse him because I owed him a favor. He was the one who asked me to help him kill Demi Saint Duan! Although I helped, he was the one who dealt the killing blow! Please have mercy on me, senior!”

Zhao An Yi frowned when he heard Han Jiang’s words. He said, “Demi Saint Duan?”

‘Is there such a demi Saint in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect’s territories?’

Han Jiang was stunned when he saw the puzzled expression on Zhao An Yi’s face. He said tentatively, “Senior, didn’t you come for this matter? Demi Saint Duan is Duan You Wei, the demi Saint of the Duan clan in the territories of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.”

Zhao An Yi’s eyes widened imperceptibly upon hearing these words. Duan You Wei and Duan Ling Tian shared the same surname.

‘No wonder...’

After a moment, Zhao An Yi said bluntly, “Han Jiang, did you know that before I came here, the two demi Saints of the Fu clan had already died?”

“What?! Who was it? Who killed them?!”

A horrified expression appeared on Han Jiang’s face immediately. At this time, he was even more certain that Zhao An Yi had come today for the matter regarding Duan You Wei’s death. However, he was also perplexed. The Han clan and the Fu clan were demi-saint-rank forces governed by the Azure Cloud Saint Sect. However, Zhao An Yi, the most powerful person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, not only did not help the Fu clan, but Zhao An Yi even came to capture him. Why would Zhao An Yi do such a thing when it was clear that Zhao An Yi was not familiar with Duan You Wei at all?

‘Did Duan You Wei have ties with other Saints?’

With all these thoughts racing through his mind, Han Jiang could not help but fall into despair at this moment.

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‘Moreover, I have a feeling the Saint she had ties with isn’t an ordinary Saint...’

Han Jiang grew more and more desperate when he thought about this. The reason he had come to this conclusion was due to the high status that Zhao An Yi, the strongest person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, had. How could the person who made Zhao An Yi personally take action be an ordinary Saint?

“You’ll be able to meet that person in three months,” Zhao An Yi said indifferently. He did not bother giving Han Jiang an explanation. Based on the outcome of the demi Saints of the Fu clan, it was obvious to him that Duan Ling Tian would not spare Han Jiang.

Han Jiang’s heart trembled; he was terrified. He pleaded, “Senior Zhao! Can you please spare my life on the account that the Han clan and I had worked hard for the Azure Cloud Saint? I’m willing to serve you with all my life if you spare me!”

Han Jiang was not stupid. Since the two demi Saints from the Fu clan were dead, he knew that if Zhao An Yi brought him away, he would have at most three months to live. Zhao An Yi was his only hope at this moment. In his opinion, even if the mysterious person was a powerful Saint, as long as Zhao An Yi was willing, it was not impossible for Zhao An Yi to protect him. After all, Zhao An Yi had been a Saint for a long time now. Not only that, he was ranked among the strongest Saints in the Outer Boundary. Alas, he did not expect that the person who forced Zhao An Yi to take action was someone who surpassed Saints. If he had known better in the past, he would have never agreed to help Fu Liang Ming to kill Duan You Wei.

Zhao An Yi ignored Han Jiang. He found Han Jiang annoying so he quickly sealed Han Jiang’s mouth and Divine Consciousness to prevent Han Jiang from sending Voice Transmission to him.

“Hmm?”

At this moment, Zhao An Yi received a Voice Transmission from Guo Lin.

“Junior uncle, Tuoba Lian Cheng isn’t at his cultivation ground. However, I managed to obtain some clues about his whereabouts. I’ve seen the heavenly text. Should I look for Tuoba Lian Cheng first or should I look for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda first?”

Guo Lin knew that the heavenly text that appeared not long ago was very important to Zhao An Yi. After all, it was related to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. Although he was just a Saint like Zhao An Yi, he was not very confident about passing the tests in the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and obtaining the Heaven Protection Talisman. Even if he managed to obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman, he knew he would not be able to break into the Forbidden Realm for the time being. Although he had comprehended the law of fire to the paramount stage, his Sword Dao had just entered the sixth level when he became a Saint. To enter the Forbidden Realm, one had to comprehend a law to the paramount stage and one of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to the seventh level; this was the basic requirement. Nonetheless, although he was not in a hurry, he still had to consider Zhao An Yi.

Zhao An Yi quickly replied, “Look for Tuoba Lian Cheng first. I’ll arrange for people to look for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. I’ll bring Han Jiang back to the sect now and make arrangements. After that, I’ll personally search for the entrance as well.”

Zhao An Yi’s voice turned solemn as he continued to say, “You must bring Tuoba Lian Cheng back to the sect within three months no matter what. If I don’t make preparations, I’m not confident about surviving the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation even if I have three Heaven Protection Talismans. Moreover, who knows how difficult it’ll be to obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman in the pagoda? I’m also not confident I’ll be able to obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman. My point is, we still can’t afford to offend Duan Ling Tian.”

Guo Lin quickly promised to bring Tuoba Lian Cheng back to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect after listening to Zhao An Yi’s words.

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After Zhao An Yi brought Han Jiang back to the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, he imprisoned Han Jiang and ordered a demi Saint to watch over Han Jiang.

“You must keep watch over him and make sure he doesn’t escape. Otherwise, our sect will face the threat of annihilation,” Zhao An Yi said to the demi Saint.

The demi Saint was Zhao An Yi's disciple, and Zhao An Yi trusted the demi Saint. However, he still gave the other party a reminder due to the gravity of the situation.

"I understand, master! Don't worry. Unless I die, he won't be able to leave the sect," the demi Saint said respectfully.

"If he tries to escape, you can kill him. However, his body must be well preserved. We have to make sure that people can still recognize him after three months," Zhao An Yi added.

Meanwhile, Han Jiang turned paler and paler as he listened to the conversation. He knew now that his life depended on the mysterious person who would come three months later. He had thought about the matter and decided to push all the blame on Fu Liang Ming when the time came. He would also explain that he had owed Fu Liang Ming a favor. He was also prepared to offer up himself as a slave to serve the other party. With all these, perhaps the other party might spare his life.

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After dealing with Han Jiang, Zhao An Yi ordered most of the demi Saints in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect to look for the entrance of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

Just as Zhao An Yi was about to leave to search for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda as well, he received a message.

Unexpectedly, the person who sent the message was not from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect's territories. The other party was an old friend of Zhao An Yi; he was the elusive Saint from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.

Many people assumed that the elusive Saint of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion was dead, but he was, in fact, still alive. The Saint was a little older than Zhao An Yi, and he almost died during his last Heavenly Tribulation.

"Little Zhao, did you see the heavenly text? Please let me know immediately if you have any news about the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. I've had people remove the barrier in the territories of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion to facilitate Voice Transmissions."

Upon hearing the old man's words, Zhao An Yi smiled wryly. He had to deal with so many things that he had forgotten about this matter. "Old Meng, thanks for your reminder. Otherwise, I would've forgotten about the Voice Transmission barrier."

The barrier isolated Voice Transmissions from other territories of saint-rank forces. The Saint from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion only managed to send a message to Zhao An Yi because he had entered the Azure Cloud Saint Sect's barrier.

Old Meng continued to say with a hint of urgency, "If I have any news, I'll notify you as well. I'm going to look for the entrance myself as well."

Zhao An Yi naturally understood Old Meng's urgency. After all, if Old Meng did not raise his cultivation and become a level-seven supreme powerhouse, the next one-in-10,000-year Heavenly Tribulation would likely kill Old Meng.

"I remember his last Heavenly Tribulation was 9,000 years ago, right? It's no wonder he's in a rush. If he doesn't grow stronger, he'll die in 1,000 years."

Chapter 4570 A Message from Xiao Tian Ci

Time was ruthless.

Before the appearance of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, even Saints and World supreme powerhouses were helpless against the Heavenly Tribulation they had to face once every 10,000 years. Moreover, the Heavenly Tribulation would only become increasingly hard. Since they could not raise their cultivation base to the next level, they could only wait for death. Their paths were like a dead end.

Old Meng of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion was seriously injured during his Heavenly Tribulation 9,000 years ago and managed to survive due to luck. However, it took thousands of years for him to heal his injuries, and he never appeared in front of people again after that. For this reason, many people assumed he had succumbed to his injuries. No one knew that he had come up with a shocking plan. It was not impossible for Saints like him to carry out the plan, but very few had the courage to do so. His plan was to break into the Forbidden Realm before his next Heavenly Tribulation came and face the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation instead. He had hoped this would grant him a chance of survival.

Everyone's expression would turn solemn at the mention of the Forbidden Realm and the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation. There were many supreme powerhouses in the Outer Boundary and Myriad Worlds who broke into the Forbidden Realm and faced the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation. However, all of them died. No one had ever survived the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, hence its name.

A few peerless advanced Supreme Gods also managed to enter the Forbidden Realm, but they also did not survive the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation. They had suppressed their cultivation to stay in the realm of advanced Supreme Gods, hoping that the weaker Fatal Heavenly Tribulation would grant them a higher survival rate. Alas, they still died.

Old Meng from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion did not have much confidence in his plan. However, this was his only choice, and he refused to give up without a fight until his last breath. He could not just wait for death. He might die if he faced the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, but he would definitely die if he only waited and did nothing. It was better to take a chance no matter how slim it was. If he had a chance to live, why would he choose to die? Now that there was the Heaven Protection Talisman, he could feel his chances growing slightly bigger.

‘I really don’t have Old Meng’s courage...’ Zhao An Yi thought to himself.

After ordering his subordinates to remove the Voice Transmission barrier, Zhao An Yi did not waste time and left to look for the entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

Unlike Old Meng, Zhao An Yi only suffered slight injuries during his last Heavenly Tribulation. He could not speak for the other Heavenly Tribulations, but he was confident about surviving his upcoming Heavenly Tribulation at the very least. As such, he still had some time left. This was also the reason he was not anxious about entering the Forbidden Realm. He planned to observe the others first to see how many would successfully become level-seven supreme powerhouses.

Many people shared the same thoughts as Zhao An Yi.

Those who were in a hurry were those like Old Meng who was not confident about surviving his next Heavenly Tribulation.

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After leaving the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, Zhao An Yi received many messages from his acquaintances. Similar to Old Meng, they had asked him to inform them if he managed to find the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. They also promised to do the same if they found it. He naturally agreed.

Among the messages, Zhao An Yi was rather surprised by one of them. It was from a Saint whose seniority was a little higher than his.

“Little Zhao, let me know if you find the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.”

The other party became a Saint about the same time Old Meng did. He almost died during his Heavenly Tribulation 2,000 years ago, and it was likely that he had yet to recover from his injuries.

Zhao An Yi did not expect the other party would personally come out to search for the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

“Old Wang, have your injuries healed?”

‘Could he have recovered from his injuries? Otherwise, how could he enter the pagoda to obtain the Heaven Protection Talisman to help him face the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation?’

“No, I’ve yet to recover,” the other party said with a hint of helplessness, “An old friend asked for my help regarding the whereabouts of the entrance to the pagoda. I’m asking on his behalf. After all, I’m not anxious to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. Little Zhao, I’ll let you know as well if he has any clues about the entrance of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.”

Old Man Wang was almost killed by the Heavenly Tribulation 2,000 years ago and had yet to recover from his injuries. It was impossible for him to recover in just a few thousand years. As such, even if he knew the location of the entrance to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, he still would not dare to enter it. He would have to wait until his injuries were healed. After all, his chances of

obtaining the Heaven Protection Talisman were low now that he was injured. Not only that, but his injuries might worsen if he recklessly entered the pagoda. He could not afford to take such risks.

“Alright, Old Wang.”

Initially, Zhao An Yi assumed that Old Wang had recovered from his injuries due to some fortuitous encounter. As it turned out, Old Wang was only asking for a friend.

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Similar to Zhao An Yi, many Saints and saint-rank forces began to make their move. Some wanted to find the entrance for themselves and some were helping others to look for it.

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The Heaven Traversing Pagoda stood above the sea like before even after the appearance of the other entrances. One could still enter the pagoda from here after all.

“Heaven really spared no efforts this time... Not only did it open more than 30 entrances to the pagoda, but it’d also transport the others randomly to a World... Isn’t this to prevent me from killing them after they leave the pagoda?” Feng Qing Yang said as his eyes glinted coldly.

Duan Ling Tian was just as unhappy as Feng Qing Yang about the latest development. He had just come from Crimson Demon Ridge. Before the appearance of the latest heavenly text, he did not think he would see Feng Qing Yang again so soon after they parted.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian suddenly thought of something. His expression eased, and he said with a slight smile on his face, “Master, forget it. With your character, you won’t really kill them for no good reason even if heaven didn’t do this.”

Duan Ling Tian knew Feng Qing Yang was not one to kill indiscriminately. Moreover, their anger was due to heaven’s unfairness. Feng Qing Yang would not vent his anger on the Saints and the World supreme powerhouses. After all, the Saints and World supreme powerhouses were just heaven’s pawns.

Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “Both of us had faced many hardships to get to where we are now... If more people become level-seven supreme powerhouses, it’ll definitely motivate us to improve, right?”

Before Feng Qing Yang could reply, Duan Ling Tian suddenly received a message from Xiao Tian Ci, the Palace Master of the Golden Dragon Palace of the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion.

“Lord Duan, the Saint from our Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion; Old Meng, needs to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda urgently. I know that new entrances have appeared, but can you allow him to enter through the main entrance?”

After Duan Ling Tian’s breakthrough, this was the first time Xiao Tian Ci had reached out to him. The way he addressed Duan Ling Tian had also changed completely. He was relatively familiar with Duan Ling Tian, and he had also gone to the God Defying World with Duan Ling Tian. As such, he was aware that Feng Qing Yang, who was guarding the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, was Duan Ling Tian’s master.