

### **Chapter 3551: Identity Reveal**

The Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance was one of the two Eight Star Gods of War in the alliance; he was also the strongest person in the alliance.

Duan Ling Tian also knew that the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance was also considered one of the stronger Eight Star God of War. It was not surprising. Otherwise, how could the leader of the alliance lead the Heavenly Dao Alliance, a force that many people wished to join? To join the Heavenly Dao Alliance, one had to be a Four Star God of War at least.

“You’re the Purple-clad Nobleman? You’re quite young...”

Although Duan Ling Tian had heard a lot about the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance Leader, he was still surprised when he finally met the latter.

Shangguan Yun Feng, the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance Leader looked rather young. His features were rather delicate. He was dressed in a long yellow robe with golden trimmings, and he was fanning himself with a golden fan. He was one of the powerhouses in the Nine Serenities Battlefield’s Nine Eastern Territories. Due to his presence, many people did not dare to provoke the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

The Nine Serenities Battlefield was divided into four regions: the eastern, western, northern, and southern regions. Then, the four major regions were further divided into nearly 100 territories. However, the center region of the Nine Serenities Battlefield was the most powerful; some of the powerhouses there were Nine Star Gods of War so many people did not dare to act recklessly there.

On the other hand, there was hardly any Nine Star God of War in the eastern region of the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

However, most Nine Star Gods of War who did not belong to any alliances were disinterested in the four major areas. To them, it was meaningless to conquer these places. After all, the gains were nothing in their eyes.

“I’m Shangguan Yun Feng, the leader of the alliance,” Shangguan Yun Feng introduced himself with a faint smile.

“I’m Duan Ling Tian,” Duan Ling Tian responded with a faint smile. He had a good first impression of the amiable-looking Shangguan Yun Feng.

Shangguan Yun Feng was clearly taken aback by Duan Ling Tian’s reply. He asked, “Duan Ling Tian? I wonder which Devata Realm you came from and which force you belong to?”

Before Duan Ling Tian could reply, Meng Shan, the seventh Guardian of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, said, “Leader, the Purple-clad Nobleman said he’s from the Solitary Destructive Heaven and that he belongs to the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.”

Following that, Meng Shan continued saying through Voice Transmission, “Leader, everyone knows the strongest person after the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven in the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven is Meng Luo. Previously, when Meng Luo came to the Nine Serenities

Battlefield, he was only ranked as a top Six Star God of War. In my opinion, the Purple-clad Nobleman is a spy sent by other alliances. If we let him join us, we shouldn't let our guards down against him..."

However, Shangguan Yun Feng did not seem to hear Meng Shan's words as he stared at Duan Ling Tian in a daze. After a brief moment, under Meng Shan's confused gaze, he cupped his fists together at Duan Ling Tian and said with a hint of respect, "As it turns out you're the Young Master of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. Please forgive my lack of courtesy earlier..."

Meng Shan was dumbfounded. He blurted, "Are you sure, Leader?"

When Meng Shan left the Nine Serenities Battlefield a few decades ago, he had learned that the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven had gained a new Young Master. He had also heard that the Young Master of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven was an ascender who was not even 1,000 years old. However, the purple-clad young man standing in front of him was a top Seven Star God of War. How could there be a top Seven Star God of War who was not even 1,000 years old? Based on what he knew, even the strongest young genius in the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses was only comparable to a top Six Star God of War.

Meng Shan said skeptically, "The Young Master of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven is only an ascender who's..."

Shangguan Yun Feng interjected, "Meng Shan, you've not left the Nine Serenities Battlefield recently, right?"

Meng Shan nodded. Indeed, it had been several decades since he last left the Nine Serenities Battlefield. During his last trip out of the Nine Serenities Battlefield was also the time he heard that the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven had finally accepted a true disciple.

Shangguan Yun Feng nodded as he said, "That's why it's not surprising that you're unaware that this young man is the true disciple of the legendary Heavenly Emperor, Feng Qing Yang. During the Battle of the Geniuses, Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang's true disciple revealed his strength comparable to a top Seven Star God of War when he defeated two top Six Star Gods of War at once..."

Shangguan Yun Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of admiration as he said, "I'm afraid it won't be long before everyone in the Nine Serenities Battlefield learns of the Young Master's strength..."

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised. He did not expect Shangguan Yun Feng to know so much about him. He thought to himself, worried, 'I wonder if Shangguan Yun Feng has connections with the Title Temple? No, it doesn't matter. Even if he has connections with the Title Temple, it's unlikely that he knows about the Five Divine Elements. After all, Wu Hong Qing wouldn't let this matter leak out...'

Duan Ling Tian sighed in relief inwardly when he reached the end of his thoughts. There should not be much problem with him joining the Heavenly Dao Alliance. All he needed to do was guard against Shangguan Yun Feng. If there were any problems, he would leave and join another alliance under a different name.

"What?!" Meng Shan was shocked by Shangguan Yun Feng's words. He furrowed his eyebrows and asked, "During the Battle of the Geniuses, he revealed his strength that was comparable to a top Seven

Star God of War by defeating two participants who were as strong as Six Star Gods of War at once?! Leader, did the age limit for the Battle of the Geniuses rise?”

In Meng Shan’s opinion, the age limit of the Devata Realm’s Battle of the Geniuses must have risen. After all, during the previous Battles of the Geniuses, there were hardly any participants with strength comparable to Six Star Gods of War, let alone participants as strong as a Seven Star God of War. This was the only possibility he could come up with; the alternative was too unbelievable, after all.

Shangguan Yun Feng shook his head. “The age limit is the same. At that time, everyone was surprised by the appearances of participants with strength comparable to Six Star Gods of War and Seven Star Gods of War... Moreover, the two participants who were as strong as a Six Star God of War came from a Realm of Gods and the Title Temple respectively.”

Meng Shan was further shocked by these words. It took him quite a while to regain his senses.

At the same time, Shangguan Yun Feng looked at Duan Ling Tian and asked tentatively, “Young Master, you must be a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor now, right?”

Shangguan Yun Feng was naturally aware that the winner of the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses was rewarded with the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit. In his opinion, Duan Ling Tian must have already consumed the Celestial Fruit and become a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly.

Although Shangguan Yun Feng had already guessed this, he was still shocked by Duan Ling Tian’s confirmation. He inhaled sharply before he asked, “T-this means you must be as strong as a top Eight Star God of War now, right?”

Meng Shan who had just calmed down was scared witless upon hearing these words. He had never been shocked so many times in his life prior to today.

Duan Ling Tian only responded to Shangguan Yun Feng’s question with a faint smile, neither confirming nor denying Shangguan Yun Feng’s words.

Nevertheless, Shangguan Yun Feng could infer the answer based on Duan Ling Tian’s smile. He asked with bright eyes, “Young Master, do you plan to join the Heavenly Dao Alliance?”

In Shangguan Yun Feng’s opinion, it was only a matter of time before Duan Ling Tian became a Nine Star God of War. If Duan Ling Tian joined the alliance, it was only a matter of time before the alliance became a powerhouse in the heart of the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Although the alliance had two Eight Star Gods of War, it was not enough for them to join the ranks of powerful forces in the center area of the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

“Yes.” Duan Ling Tian nodded slightly. “I want a place to cultivate peacefully. Someone would interrupt my cultivation every time I tried to cultivate. It’s too troublesome for me to kill everyone so I decided to join an alliance to cultivate without being disturbed.”

Shangguan Yun Feng asked with a smile, “Young Master, this is your first time coming to the Nine Serenities Battlefield, right?”

Duan Ling Tian nodded.

“I see. In any case, the Heavenly Dao Alliance welcomes you...” Shangguan Yun Feng said with a smile. Then, he added, “I think it’s best Young Master takes over the position of the Alliance Leader; I’ll take over the position of Vice Alliance Leader instead...”

This time, Meng Shan was no longer surprised. He looked at Duan Ling Tian eagerly. After all, if Duan Ling Tian became the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, the alliance’s future would be incomparably bright.

“No,” Duan Ling Tian said as he shook his head, “I’m only joining an alliance to find a place to cultivate. However, I’ll naturally help if the alliance needs my help as long as it doesn’t cross my bottom line... I’m not interested in becoming the leader of the alliance...”

Duan Ling Tian was not interested in becoming the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance at all. The position came with a lot of responsibilities that he did not have the time for.

Although Shangguan Yun Feng was not surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s refusal, he still could not help but feel disappointed. “Alright. In that case, Young Master, I’ll give you the position of Vice Alliance Leader...”

With this, Duan Ling Tian became the first Vice Alliance Leader in the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

### **Chapter 3552: The Forbidden Area**

Before Duan Ling Tian joined the Heavenly Dao Alliance, their strongest powerhouses were two Eight Star Gods of War: their leader, Shangguan Yun Feng, and the First Guardian. Then, their Seven Star Gods of War were all Guardians.

Initially, the Heavenly Alliance Dao planned to make Duan Ling Tian their ninth Guardian after inviting him to join their alliance. However, after learning about Duan Ling Tian’s identity and cultivation base, Shangguan Yun Feng thought it more appropriate to make Duan Ling Tian their Vice Alliance Leader.

Although Duan Ling Tian did not think this was a big deal, Meng Shan knew this matter would stir up a huge commotion in the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

At this moment, Shangguan Yun Feng made up his mind and said, “Young Master, the cultivation environment of the place I’m staying is not bad. Why don’t you cultivate there?”

“There’s no need for that.” Duan Ling Tian shook his head. “I only need a quiet place where no one’s around...”

Shangguan Yun Feng did not continue to insist after seeing how determined Duan Ling Tian was. Following that, he showed Duan Ling Tian around the base of the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

“Young Master, if any of the places catch your attention, please let me know. I’ll arrange for you to cultivate there regardless if it’s occupied or not,” Shangguan Yun Feng said.

As the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, Shangguan Yun Feng naturally had the authority to make such decisions. If anyone objected to it, he could simply expel them.

“I’ll cultivate in that place,” Duan Ling Tian said when he saw a barren valley in the north of the base.

Most of the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance would not come to this place to cultivate, preferring places where they were surrounded by lush greenery with birds singing in the background.

“Young Master,” Shangguan Yun Feng said with a wry smile, “Although the cultivation environment is roughly the same in the base, this area is too barren and desolate. Why don’t you pick a place with a better view?”

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and said, “That’s unnecessary. I just want a quiet place with no people around to cultivate.” Then, his expression turned solemn as he continued to say, “Leader, from today onward, I’ll be cultivating here. I don’t wish to be interrupted unless it’s for serious matters...”

Shangguan Yun Feng nodded and confidently said, “Rest assured, Young Master. I’ll make this place a forbidden area so you won’t be disturbed.”

“Thank you.” Duan Ling Tian nodded.

Shangguan Yun Feng was rather surprised by Duan Ling Tian’s modest attitude. He said, “Young Master, there’s no need for you to be so courteous. It’s an honor for me to help you...”

Following that, before Duan Ling Tian began to cultivate in the barren valley, he exchanged Soul Pearls with Shangguan Yun Feng.

Unlike other places, the Nine Serenities did not restrict the use of Soul Pearls or external items such as Celestial Talismans, Celestial Pills, and Celestial Weapons. The only restriction in the Nine Serenities Battlefield was one’s cultivation base; those who had attained godhood could not enter the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Hence, the Nine Serenities Battlefield was just like a miniature version of a Devata Realms without gods. Due to how treacherous the place was, usually, only titled Celestial Emperors would come to this place.

‘I didn’t expect the Young Master of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to come to the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Moreover, he even joined the Heavenly Dao Alliance!’ Shangguan Yun Feng thought to himself excitedly as he watched Duan Ling Tian vanish before his eyes, ‘It’s only a matter of time for someone like him to attain godhood. It’d be beneficial for me to maintain a good relationship with him. Moreover, his master is the legendary Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven who’s a god now!’

Shangguan Yun Feng was a sectless cultivator and an Eight Star God of War. He preferred to travel unfettered instead of joining a force. Hence, he did not have friends in heaven-grade forces or Heavenly Palaces; his friends were sectless cultivators like him. However, in recent times, he had been giving his future more thought ever since he was stuck at this cultivation base for tens of thousands of years. He had grown lonely over the years, searching for ways to break through, and his loneliness had only intensified with time. Most celestials who did not have a breakthrough after such a long time would usually take high risks just to break through. Some were lucky and were rewarded with a breakthrough, but most of them usually paid a price for the risks they took.

The Nine Serenities Battlefield and Purgatory Battlefield were one of the risky ways for these celestials to achieve a breakthrough. Hence, there were many unknown and sectless Seven, Eight, or even Nine Star Gods of Wars in these places.

Shangguan Yun Feng, the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, and most of the Guardians were such people.

‘After the Young Master attains godhood, he might guide me. With that, I might have a breakthrough. Moreover, he has already formed and comprehended two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth...’

Usually, Shangguan Yun Feng was rather aloof. He would remain aloof even if he were to meet those Heavenly Emperors of the various Devata Realms; after all, he was stronger than a lot of them. However, he was enthusiastic with Duan Ling Tian. This was due to his hope that Duan Ling Tian would be able to help him with his cultivation in the future.

After Shangguan Yun Feng left, he immediately ordered for the place where Duan Ling Tian was cultivating to be made into a forbidden area. He even arranged for some elders and disciples to patrol the area and kill whoever dared to approach that place.

Shangguan Yun Feng’s orders stirred up a commotion almost immediately. Many people were curious why that desolate area had become a forbidden area.

“Forbidden area?”

“Why did that barren place become a forbidden area?”

“Did they find some treasures there?”

It did not take long before the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance found out that the barren valley was turned into a forbidden area because it was the cultivation ground of a newcomer. Along with that, they also discovered the newcomer was none other than the Purple-clad Nobleman who had recently become famous.

“The Purple-clad Nobleman?”

“The Purple-clad Nobleman is cultivating there?”

“I just heard that the Purple-clad Nobleman didn’t become our alliance’s ninth Guardian after joining our alliance. I heard the Leader made him our Vice Alliance Leader!”

Many people were shocked by this news. After all, the Heavenly Dao Alliance had never had a Vice Alliance Leader before. Moreover, it was clear that the position of Vice Alliance Leader was higher than a Guardian.

“Hey, the position of Vice Alliance Leader is higher than the Guardians. Don’t you think this is unfair? The First Guardian is an Eight Star God of War, but why is the Purple-clad Nobleman the Vice Alliance Leader?”

“That’s right! The Purple-clad Nobleman is only a Seven Star God of War! How can his position be higher than the First Guardian?”

“Perhaps, he’s actually stronger than our First Guardian?”

Soon enough, news of Duan Ling Tian’s identity began to spread as well.

“Hey, did you hear? Apparently, the Purple-clad Nobleman is the only true disciple of Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang of the Solitary Destructive Heaven!”

“That means the Purple-clad Nobleman is Duan Ling Tian, the winner of the Devata Realm’s Battle of the Geniuses. I had no idea he came to the Nine Serenities Battlefield and even joined our Heavenly Dao Alliance!”

“I heard about him when left the Nine Serenities Battlefield a month ago. He’s the first participant with strength comparable to a top Seven Star God of War to have appeared in the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses! He was already a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor at that time!”

“I heard about this matter four months ago. He was rewarded with the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit for winning the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. Hence, everyone is certain he’s now a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. Most importantly, he’s speculated to be as strong as a top Eight Star God of War!”

“A top Eight Star God of War? If that’s true, doesn’t that mean he’s stronger than our Leader?”

“That’s right. I heard our Leader wanted to give up his position to Duan Ling Tian, but Duan Ling Tian refused. That’s why our Leader made him the Vice Alliance Leader instead...”

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were in shock for a long time after learning about the shocking news. They were even more shocked when they learned about the new Vice Alliance Leader’s achievements from members who had just returned to the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

### **Chapter 3553: The Second True Disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven**

“Our Vice Alliance Leader, the Purple-clad Nobleman, is also the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven!”

“It’s unimaginable that someone less than 1,000 years old possesses the strength of a top Seven Star God of War during the time he participated in the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses!”

“It’s unprecedented in the history of all Devata Realms! Perhaps, only those young geniuses from the Realms of Gods would be a match for him.”

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of the commotion he had caused after joining the Heavenly Dao Alliance. Even those who had just joined the alliance after passing the recruitment test were shocked when they learned about the Purple-clad Nobleman’s identity.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was fully immersed in his cultivation. He wanted to attain godhood in the shortest time possible and to deepen his comprehension of the law of space and the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth to increase his strength.

In just a blink of an eye, half a year had passed since Duan Ling Tian had joined the Heavenly Dao Alliance. During this time, he only stayed in the barren valley.

Apart from those who passed the previous recruitment test, Shangguan Yun Feng, the Leader of the Alliance, and Meng Shan, the seventh Guardian of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, no one had seen Duan Ling Tian at all during this time.

During the past six months, news of Duan Ling Tian joining the Heavenly Dao Alliance and his identity had also spread far and wide in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Similar to those in the Heavenly Dao Alliance, everyone was shocked.

Everyone, except those who were in closed-cultivation, in the Nine Serenities Battlefield had heard about Duan Ling Tian.

As the Purple-clad Nobleman, Duan Ling Tian had gained fame in the Nine Serenities Battlefield's Nine Eastern Regions. However, currently, his fame had even surpassed that of Shangguan Yun Feng, the former strongest powerhouse in the Nine Eastern Regions. Currently, Duan Ling Tian had already replaced Shangguan Yun Feng as the strongest powerhouse in the Nine Eastern Regions!

"It's not just the Nine Eastern Territories, but no one in the eastern region is a match for the legendary Heavenly Emperor's peerless true disciple!"

"A top Eight Star God of War... I don't think there's any top Eight Star Gods of War in the eastern region, right?"

Duan Ling Tian's fame was not restricted to the Nine Eastern Regions alone; it had spread to the entire eastern region.

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"The Leader of the Autumn Cloud Alliance, Yun Lun, hopes to meet Duan Ling Tian, the Vice Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance and the Young Master of the Solitary Destructive Heaven."

"The Leader of Xiao Alliance, Xiao Luo Ye, hopes to meet the Vice Alliance Leader."

As news of Duan Ling Tian's identity spread, many leaders of various alliances wanted to meet Duan Ling Tian. Alas, none of them was able to meet Duan Ling Tian. Shangguan Yun Feng, the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, could not refuse some of the leaders' requests since they were rather strong. Hence, he had no choice but to lead them to the barren valley. However, these leaders were personally rejected by Duan Ling Tian at the entrance of the valley.

With this, news of Duan Ling Tian's refusal to meet anyone began to spread, and the number of people visiting the Heavenly Dao Alliance to meet Duan Ling Tian began to decrease as well.

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At this time, Meng Shan, the seventh Guardian of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, asked Shangguan Yun Feng, "Leader, are they here to poach our Vice Leader away?"

Shangguan Yun Feng nodded. "Isn't it obvious? Even if they fail to recruit him, it's still beneficial for them to get acquainted with him..."

While Shangguan Yun Feng and Meng Shan were conversing, a thunderous voice rang from outside the base of the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

"I'm Wu Long, the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven. I'm here to meet your Vice Leader, Duan Ling Tian. I want to challenge him to a duel to see if he's as strong as rumored!"

Shangguan Yun Feng and Meng Shan's expressions changed slightly upon hearing these words. They were confused. Wu Long, the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven who was also the second Leader of the Given Alliance, was supposed to be in the center of the Nine Serenities Battlefield, after all. Did he come all this way to the eastern region of the Nine Serenities Battlefield just to challenge Duan Ling Tian?

"Leader, what should we do?" Meng Shan asked with a wry smile. Then, he added, "A few years ago, I heard rumors that Wu Long is already as strong as a top Eight Star God of War..."

"This isn't something we can deal with." Shangguan Yun Feng smiled wryly as well. "I really regret not doing anything when news of the Young Master's identity and strength leaked. Let's go and meet the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Palace."

When the duo arrived at the entrance of the Heavenly Dao Alliance base, they saw two figures hovering in the air.

The person standing in the lead was a tall and burly young man dressed in a long green robe. He looked masculine and dignified with his distinct brows. Meanwhile, the person who stood behind him was a skinny old man dressed in a grey robe. Despite his elderly appearance, he looked energetic, and his eyes were piercing even more so than some people younger than him.

"Greetings, Leader Wu Long," Shangguan Yun Feng greeted Wu Long as he bowed at the young man. He had no trouble identifying the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven who was also the second Leader of the Given Alliance in the heart of the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

The Given Alliance was the strongest force in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. It was founded by the first true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven. Rumor had it that the founder and the first Leader of the Given Alliance, also Wu Long's senior brother, was a demi-god, a Nine Star God of War.

"Call Duan Ling Tian out," Wu Long said.

"Leader Wu Long," Shangguan Yun Feng said with a hint of anxiousness, "The Young Master isn't meeting anyone now; he's in closed-door cultivation. I'll inform him of this matter and suggest he meets you at the Given Alliance once he emerges from his closed-door cultivation. Is this okay?"

Even if Shangguan Yun Feng was a match for Wu Long, he would not dare to provoke Wu Long. After all, it was akin to provoking the Given Alliance, one of the strongest forces in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

Wu Long narrowed his eyes upon hearing Shangguan Yun Feng's words. Killing intent flashed in his eyes as he said threateningly, "You have 15 minutes to bring Duan Ling Tian here. Otherwise, I'll annihilate the Heavenly Dao Alliance. You should know I'm capable of doing so..."

Shangguan Yun Feng and Meng Shan paled as soon as they heard these words.

In the end, Shangguan Yun Feng had no choice but to say, "Please wait for a moment, Leader Wu Long. I'll go and fetch the Young Master."

Without wasting time, Shangguan Yun Feng led Meng Shan back into the Heavenly Dao Alliance base.

Meng Shan said in a trembling voice, "Leader, Wu Long is too outrageous! How could he threaten the Heavenly Dao Alliance!"

Shangguan Yun Feng sighed helplessly. "The Heavenly Dao Alliance is not different from a speck of dust in his eyes..."

The Heavenly Dao Alliance might be the strongest in the Nine Eastern Territories in the eastern region, but it was nothing compared to the forces in the central region, let alone the Given Alliance that was one of the strongest forces in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. It would be easy for the Given Alliance to annihilate the Heavenly Dao Heaven.

"Young Master?"

When Shangguan Yun Feng finally arrived at the entrance of the barren valley, he saw a purple-clad figure hovering in the air, looking at him quietly.

### **Chapter 3554: Duan Ling Tian Versus Wu Long**

"Young Master, you're aware of this matter?" Shangguan Yun Feng instinctively asked despite knowing the answer to the question.

"How can I be unaware since he made such a huge commotion?" Duan Ling Tian calmly said. Although he could cultivate in relative peace in the Heavenly Dao Alliance base, he knew it was impossible to fully avoid being disturbed. He had been left a strand of his Divine Consciousness to communicate with Huang'er, the soul of the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, so that Huang'er could inform him immediately if something happened.

When Duan Ling Tian heard that Wu Long, the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, wanted to challenge him to a duel, he could not help but feel that something was amiss. He had a feeling it had something to do with the Title Temple. He speculated that the Title Temple had encouraged the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven to send his disciple to test his strength.

Duan Ling Tian had long been prepared to be challenged. Since he entered the Nine Serenities, he did not conceal his identities in hopes that the Title Temple would send someone to fight him. Even if Feng Qing Yang was safe and sound, he was still furious about Feng Qing Yang being forced to detonate his law of earth's clone when they were at the main Title Temple. Apart from that, how could he let go of the enmity between him and the Title Temple when Wu Hong Qing, the Temple Master of the Title Temple, worked with Great Master Miyan and Mi Xuan to take his life. With his current strength, it was impossible for him to take on the Title Temple, but it was different in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

Duan Ling Tian naturally knew gods were prohibited from entering the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Hence, the strongest powerhouse the Title Temple could send was a demi-god, or a Nine Star God of War, at most. Despite being called demi-gods, the strength of a demi-god was vastly different from that of god; the difference was like heaven and earth. Even elementary gods could easily crush the strongest demi-god.

“Let’s go,” Duan Ling Tian said before Shangguan Yun Feng and Meng Shan could say anything. He could tell from the duo’s expressions that the duo was afraid of the Given Alliance.

While Shangguan Yun Feng led Duan Ling Tian to the base entrance, he briefed Duan Ling Tian on his opponent, Wu Long. He had told Duan Ling Tian that Wu Long was also the second Leader of the Given Alliance, one of the strongest forces in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. He also told Duan Ling Tian that Wu Long had a quick temper and was aggressive by nature. Whenever Wu Long heard about new Eight Star Gods of War or people who were rumored to be as strong as Eight Star Gods of War, Wu Long would rush to challenge them. Since Wu Long managed to defeat all those Eight Star Gods of War, he was widely acknowledged in the Nine Serenities Battlefield to only be second to Nine Star Gods of War.

“Young Master, since you joined the Heavenly Dao Alliance, many people have been speculating that you’re not any weaker than Wu Long. Moreover, both your masters are gods. Based on Wu Long’s temperaments, it’s only natural that he came to challenge after hearing the news.”

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian wondered if his previous speculation about Wu Long having something to do with the Title Temple held any weight. He narrowed his eyes as he thought to himself, ‘It doesn’t matter why he came here. This battle is unavoidable anyway... He’s only second to Nine Star Gods of War? This makes him the strongest Eight Star God of War here... This is my first time battling such a powerful opponent...’

Duan Ling Tian doubted his speculation upon hearing the words of Shangguan Yun Feng. After all, he had only heard of Wu Long’s voice and did not know him in person, hence he naturally felt his sudden appearance must be related to the Title Temple.

Needless to say, although Duan Ling Tian had met many powerhouses stronger than Wu Long, he had never battled with them before. His eyes flashed with anticipation as he thought to himself, ‘I can use this chance to test my strength...’

Previously, during the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses, Duan Ling Tian was as strong as a top Seven Star God of War without using his Celestial Weapon. Moreover, at that time, he was only a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor. Currently, he was a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. Not only that but his comprehension of the law of space and the two Daos of Heaven and Earth had deepened as well after the Devata Realms’ Battle of the Geniuses. He had not had a chance of testing his strength out since then, but he suspected he was capable of killing a Nine Star God of War now if he could use his Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword.

The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was a prominent divine artifact with an artifact spirit. Prior to this, he could not unleash the sword’s full potential due to his insufficient strength. However, now that he had grown slightly stronger, he would be able to unleash more of the sword’s power. Nevertheless, he did not intend to use the Seven Orifices Sword against Wu Long.

'Unfortunately, I still can't borrow the Five Divine Elements' powers. Otherwise, I'm confident about defeating all those who have yet to attain godhood and don't possess any of the Five Divine Elements.' Duan Ling Tian sighed inwardly when he was reminded that the Five Divine Elements were now deep in slumber and recuperating in his Little World after exhausting their energies previously to save him.

Not long after, Duan Ling Tian arrived outside of the Heavenly Dao Alliance base.

At the same time, a crowd of Heavenly Dao Alliance members had gathered in the distance to watch.

"Our Leader and the seventh Guardian are here!"

"The young man standing in front of Leader and Ninth Guardian must be the Purple-clad Nobleman."

"Why are you still addressing him as the Purple-clad Nobleman? You should address him as Vice Leader or Young Master."

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were excited now that they finally got to meet their mysterious Vice Alliance Leader.

"His opponent is Wu Long, the second Leader of the Given Alliance. He's known to be only second to Nine Star Gods of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. I wonder if our Vice Leader is a match for him?"

"Don't underestimate our Vice Leader. When our Lord Vice Leader was still a Nine Palaces Celestial Emperor, he had displayed strength comparable to a top Seven Star God of War even without using his Celestial Weapon. Moreover, after consuming the Exploding Element Celestial Fruit, there's no doubt he's a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor and has grown stronger. Although Wu Long is powerful, it doesn't mean the Young Master is inferior to him!"

"Wu Long must have heard of the Young Master's achievements and came to look for trouble once he found out that the Young Master had joined the Heavenly Dao Alliance. He really likes challenging people to duels as rumored."

The elders and disciples of the Heavenly Dao Alliance shifted their eyes back and forth between Duan Ling Tian and Wu Long as they discussed fervently among themselves.

As soon as Wu Long saw Duan Ling Tian, his eyes lit up. "Duan Ling Tian, you're finally here! I watched your performance during the Battle of the Geniuses through the Floating Image Pearl. I must admit that you're truly remarkable. If I'm not mistaken, you must be a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor now, right?"

"What difference does it make if I'm a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor or not?" Duan Ling Tian asked in return as he stood across from Wu Long in the air.

"I'll leave immediately if you're not a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. After all, it wouldn't have been a fair fight. However, if you're already a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor, you won't be able to escape the battle today. Naturally, if you're not confident, you can forfeit the fight by admitting defeat to the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance." Wu Long smiled when he finished speaking.

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance held their breaths as they looked at Duan Ling Tian, wondering how he would respond.

Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, "How can I let you down when you traveled all the way here from the center region to challenge me?"

"Great! I like how straightforward you are! I, the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Give Heaven, challenge the true disciple of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven to a duel. If you win, you'll be the strongest after Nine Star Gods of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. If I win, no one will doubt my reputation of being the strongest after Nine Star Gods of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield," Wu Long said as his eyes burned.

Wu Long flashed forward. Then, he came to a halt and said, "Duan Ling Tian, I'll allow you to make the first move since you're younger than I am. However, since my reputation is on the line, don't expect me to pull my punches..."

"Pull your punches?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but chuckle upon hearing these words. "Are you worthy? I hope you'll be able to bear the consequences of challenging me..."

Subsequently, Duan Ling Tian vanished into thin air before he reappeared above Wu Long. His eyes were without ripples as he looked down at Wu Long.

Duan Ling Tian initially did not have a good impression of Wu Long after listening to Shangguan Yun Feng's description of Wu Long. However, after speaking to Wu Long, his impression of Wu Long improved since he could tell Wu Long was a straightforward person.

### **Chapter 3555: Is This All You've Got?**

"Consequences? What consequences?" Wu Long cocked an eyebrow and smiled. Suddenly, tens of thousands of lightning bolts surged out of his body, forming a terrifying storm. He looked like a thunder god standing in the midsts of the flashing lightning bolts. Clearly, he had comprehended the law of thunder.

As an ancillary law from the Five Elements, the law of thunder was a mix of the law of fire, the law of metal, and the law of wind. It had the offenses of the fire element, the indestructibility of the metal element, and the speed from the wind element.

"Duan Ling Tian, I hope your strength lives up to your reputation as the winner of the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses," Wu Long said in a thunderous voice. Following that, it looked as though he had turned into a bolt of lightning as he shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Thunder clapped in the air as lightning bolts flashed continuously. The lightning bolts looked like purple dragons flying in the sky as a huge lightning bolt that resembled a huge dragon shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

A hint of admiration could be seen in the eyes of the elders from the Heavenly Dao Alliance as they watched the battle.

“How terrifying! Wu Long definitely lives up to his reputation as the strongest person below Nine Star Gods of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.”

“Is our Vice Leader a match for him?”

On the contrary, the eyes of the elders from the Heavenly Dao Alliance were brimming with skepticism when they looked at the calm Duan Ling Tian.

At this time, one of the Guardians of the Heavenly Dao Alliance arrived. After moving to stand next to Shangguan Yun Feng, he asked, “Leader, do you think Young Master will win?”

Upon hearing this question, many members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance turned to look at Shangguan Yun Feng, eager to know his answer.

Shangguan Yun Feng shook his head and said, “It’s difficult to say. Wu Long is famous for his strength in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. Up until now, the Young Master has only displayed the strength of a top Seven Star God of War, and we don’t know if he’s still hiding his true strength. It’s hard to tell how much he has progressed since he became a Ten Directions Celestial Emperor. However, in my opinion, he should be as strong as a top Eight Star God of War now. Otherwise, he won’t be so calm facing Wu Long now...”

Shangguan Yun Feng was not sure if Duan Ling Tian would win, but upon seeing how calm Duan Ling Tian was, he could not help but feel hopeful.

Duan Ling Tian would be even more famous if he defeated Wu Long. His fame would not be limited to the Nine Serenities Battlefield, but it would likely spread to the various Devata Realms. He might even become more famous than his master, Feng Qing Yang, the legendary Heavenly Emperor!

“Make your move.” A thunderous voice echoed in the sky. Then, the giant lightning bolt reverted to Wu Long’s original form. However, he was now much bigger, and he wielded a lightning bolt in his hand like the god of thunder. The lightning bolt emitted such a deadly aura that it looked as though it could destroy everything that stood in its path.

In front of the now gigantic Wu Long, Duan Ling Tian looked as tiny as an ant.

Duan Ling Tian replied calmly, “Alright.”

Subsequently, the silhouette of a huge ancient tree appeared around Duan Ling Tian. Then, the silhouette gradually began to take form and solidify. It was none other than the Pine Willow Divine Tree Phenomenon that Duan Ling Tian had not used in a long time. In the end, when the tree stopped growing, it was slightly bigger than Wu Long in size.

“T-the Pine Willow Divine Tree?!”

“Is our Vice Leader originally a Pine Willow Divine Tree?”

“No, he’s human. He just cast the Pine Willow Divine Tree Phenomenon!”

The Pine Willow Divine Tree was rather famous in the various Devata Realms; it was comparable to a top Celestial Beasts in terms of popularity. The manifestation of the Pine Willow Divine Tree was almost as strong as the real thing and could raise one’s strength tremendously.

The Pine Willow Divine Tree's branches shot out like a whip toward Wu Long, trying to imprison him.

Wu Long scoffed as the lightning bolt in his hand flashed shooting out lightning bolts at the branches.

Boom!

Thunder rang in the sky as the lightning bolt struck.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The lightning bolt easily cut off the branches from the Pine Willow Divine Tree.

"Is that all you've got?" Wu Long asked disdainfully. However, as soon as his voice fell, his expression changed drastically.

The branches that had been cut off by Wu Long's lightning bolt suddenly flew up into the air and shot toward him. He reacted quickly and used his lightning bolts to shield himself. However, since he did not have much to prepare his defenses, he could not completely block Duan Ling Tian's attack. In just a moment, the pieces of branches breached his lightning shield. Although the force of Duan Ling Tian's attack had been reduced by his shield, it still injured him, causing him to spit out a mouthful of blood.

"Our Vice Leader is so powerful!"

"He managed to injure Wu Long!"

"It seems like he's strong enough to defeat Wu Long!"

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance widened their eyes in shock. A hint of anticipation shone in the depths of their eyes as they watched the battle before them.

Meanwhile, since Wu Long was not severely injured, colors quickly returned to his face. He wiped off the blood at the corner of his mouth before he said, "Impressive... I was too careless... Now that you've made your move, it's my turn now!"

Wu Long raised his hand, and the sky began to change immediately.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Dark clouds rolled in, looming over the Heavenly Dao Alliance base and covering the sun. Thunder rang in the air as lightning flashed.

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance watched in shock as huge lightning bolts struck at Duan Ling Tian with just a wave of Wu Long's hand. It looked as though Duan Ling Tian was undergoing a heavenly tribulation.

Just as the lightning bolts were about to strike, Duan Ling Tian suddenly vanished into thin air.

At the same time, the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance held their breaths. They had thought Duan Ling Tian was about to win earlier before Wu Long brought upon this lightning tribulation.

“Young Master...” Shangguan Yun Feng’s expression turned grim at this moment. Although he knew this attack would not kill Duan Ling Tian, it would severely injure Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, Wu Long had yet to use his Celestial Weapon.

At this moment...

“Is this all you’ve got?”

A voice rang in the air as a figure suddenly appeared in the sky.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian appeared, the lightning bolts changed directions. Just as they were about to strike him, they suddenly vanished without a trace!

Duan Ling Tian seemed impervious to any attacks. The area within a radius of a few meters of him seemed to easily destroy any attack that entered its range.

“The Mastery Dao of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth?!” Shangguan Yun Feng exclaimed in shock. Although he had heard about the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth, it was his first time witnessing it with his eyes.

#### **Chapter 3556: Tearing the Void With a Strike of His Sword**

“Heavens! What technique is this?”

“How terrifying!”

At this moment, Duan Ling Tian stood in the midst of the lightning storm, impervious to the attacks. Not even a crease could be seen on his purple robe.

It was only natural that everyone was shocked.

On the other hand, the expression of the old man who had accompanied Wu Long here turned solemn. He had maintained an indifferent expression until now; he could no longer maintain his composure.

“You’ve formed and comprehended the Mastery Dao?” Wu Long’s expression turned solemn as his fighting spirit soared. His thunderous voice rang in everyone’s ears as he said, “Interesting. Very well, I won’t be holding back anymore moving forward...”

‘Holding back?’

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were shocked by Wu Long’s words.

On the contrary, Duan Ling Tian remained indifferent as he said, “Alright, hurry up and reveal all the tricks up your sleeve.”

Wu Long scoffed, feeling insulted by Duan Ling Tian’s indifference. His eyes flashed coldly as he raised both his hands.

In just a blink of an eye, a terrifying thunderstorm began to brew. Flashes of purple lightning bolts lit up the sky when they flashed. Following that, instead of striking Duan Ling Tian, the purple lightning bolts suddenly struck at Wu Long.

Everyone, including Duan Ling Tian, was puzzled. What was Wu Long trying to do?



“Why are the purple lightning bolts attacking Wu Long?”

“What’s he trying to do?”

However, soon enough, everyone discovered that a vortex had formed near Wu Long. Before the lightning bolts could land on him, the vortex devoured the lightning bolts like a greedy beast.

Rumble! Rumble! Rumble!

Every time the vortex devoured a lightning bolt, the storm that was brewing seemed to grow stronger. It was as though the lightning bolts, which came from the law of thunder’s Fundamental Elemental Profundity, were making Wu Long stronger when they were devoured by the vortex. Clearly, he was able to grow stronger by absorbing the lightning bolts.

‘Is this the Devouring Dao?’ Realization soon dawned on Duan Ling Tian. He was surprised by this; he did not expect Wu Long to have begun to form the Devouring Dao. Although Wu Long had yet to comprehend the Devouring Dao, there was no mistaking that he had begun to form them.

In fact, there were many who managed to form the Daos of Heaven and Earth. There were some who managed to form all Four Daos of Heaven and Earth. However, there were equally as many who failed to comprehend them after forming them.

“How unexpected.” A rare hint of surprise flitted past Duan Ling Tian’s unusually expressionless face.

“Duan Ling Tian, take this!” Wu Long shot across the sky like a god of thunder, looking as though he would destroy all the obstacles in his path.

Bang!

When Wu Long punched out, the lightning bolts raged and struck at Duan Ling Tian like ferocious dragons.

Boom!

When the attacks entered the range of Duan Ling Tian’s Space Mastery Dao, they were not instantly destroyed. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian felt a suffocating pressure pressing down on him.

‘Although he hasn’t even comprehended his Devouring Dao to the elementary stage, he’s still very powerful after drawing power from it...’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself, ‘It’s rather impressive that he found a way to increase his strength when he has barely comprehended the Mastery Dao. However, devouring the lightning bolts to increase his strength isn’t without risks. If he’s not careful, he might injure himself or get himself killed... Nevertheless, based on this alone, it’s true that he’s invincible among those below Nine Star Gods of War...’

Duan Ling Tian could tell that Wu Long’s strength far exceeded even those of top Eight Star Gods of War even if Wu Long was not as strong as a Nine Star God of War. After all, Nine Star Gods of War were demi-gods. At this stage, these demi-gods’ Celestial Origin Energy already held some qualities of the Divine Energy.

Before one’s Celestial Origin Energy began to make the shift to transform into Divine Energy, one would only be an Eight Star God of War no matter how strong one was. Once one’s Celestial Origin Energy

began to contain traces of the Divine Energy, one would become as strong as a Nine Star God of War, easily powering everyone with only Celestial Origin Energy. It did not matter if one's opponent had a deeper comprehension of the law; as long as one had a trace of the Divine Energy, one would be able to easily defeat opponents with only Celestial Origin Energy. However, this was only if Celestial Weapons did not play a part in the fight. For example, if Duan Ling Tian used the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword and fought a demi-god without a divine artifact, Duan Ling Tian would still be able to defeat the demi-god.

"Nice!" Faced with Wu Long's powerful attack, Duan Ling Tian placed his left hand on his back before pushing his right hand out.

Swoosh!

In just an instant, Celestial Origin Energy mixed with spatial energy surged out and formed a sword in Duan Ling Tian's hand. Although it did not look particularly dazzling with its greyish light. Its aura was calm and profound unlike the turbulent aura of Wu Long's attack, but it was not any less terrifying.

Upon seeing this, Shangguan Yun Feng's eyes lit up. "I heard that apart from the Mastery Dao, the Young Master has also formed and comprehended the Space Sword Dao that's unique to him!"

At this moment, under everyone's watchful eyes, Duan Ling Tian finally made a move. He brandished his sword casually without any technique; it was just a simple technique.

The unassuming sword faced the raging storm in the sky. When they collided, Duan Ling Tian's simple attack looked as though it was being overwhelmed by Wu Long's flashy attack.

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, who had felt their hearts sink upon seeing this, suddenly heard the sound of something tearing. When they looked up, they saw that Wu Long's raging attack seemed to have suddenly frozen. At the same time, the force of the attack was swiftly depleting as well.

"Look! What's that?!"

At this time, most people had noticed the tear in the void that was devouring the force of Wu Long's attack like a ravenous beast.

"It's a tear in the void!"

"Heavens! Our Vice Leader managed to tear a hole in the void! I thought only gods are capable of such a feat in Devata Realms? Moreover, the Nine Serenities Battlefield is much more stable compared to Devata Realms. Even ordinary gods aren't capable of this, right?"

"Is our Vice Leader a god?"

"Are you stupid? If he's a god, how could he have entered the Nine Serenities Battlefield?"

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were shocked and frightened by Duan Ling Tian's terrifying attack.

At this time, some of the more knowledgeable members of the alliance explained, "Our Vice Leader didn't really tear a hole in the void with his strength alone. You can say he actually used a special technique. Nevertheless, it doesn't make this feat any less impressive."

"Remarkable! Truly remarkable!"

"I feel really lucky being able to witness such a fight! I really didn't live so long in vain!"

Meanwhile, Wu Long stared at Duan Ling Tian in disbelief. However, it did not long before he regained his composure. "You truly live up to your identity as the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven. You're really powerful."

Wu Long withdrew the energy around him as he walked toward Duan Ling Tian. The lightning bolts in the sky had vanished, and the thunder had stopped ringing in the air.

"What's Wu Long doing? Is he going to surrender?"

Many people were puzzled by Wu Long's actions. Although he seemed to be at a disadvantage now, he must still have tricks up his sleeve. After all, both opponents had yet to draw their weapons.

"Are you going to surrender?" Duan Ling Tian asked tonelessly.

At this time, Wu Long had drawn rather close to Duan Ling Tian.

#### **Chapter 3557: The Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven's Divine Soul Mark**

"Duan Ling Tian, your strength is impressive," Wu Long said as he drew closer to Duan Ling Tian, "You're the strongest top Eight Star God of War I've ever encountered. Even my senior brother, whom I admired most among the younger generation, wasn't as powerful when he was a top Eight Star God of War..."

"So, are you going to surrender?" Duan Ling Tian continued to ask indifferently.

"Do I have any choice other than to admit defeat at this point?" Wu Long said with a sigh, "If you have a better idea, why don't you tell me?"

Upon hearing Wu Long's words, Duan Ling Tian withdrew his energy as well. A spatial storm raged for a moment before entering his body.

"He surrendered?"

When everyone from the Heavenly Dao Alliance, including Shangguan Yun Feng, heard the duo's conversation, their eyes lit up as barely concealed expressions of excitement appeared on their faces.

Wu Long was widely acknowledged as the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield, and only Nine Star Gods of War could defeat him. However, Duan Ling Tian had defeated such a person. How could the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance not feel excited? From this day onward, the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield was someone from their alliance!

After Duan Ling Tian withdrew his energy and the others were enjoying their Vice Leader's victory, Wu Long's eyes suddenly glinted. Following that, a black ray of light suddenly shot out of his glabella toward Duan Ling Tian's glabella. This black ray of light was Wu Long's divine artifact that specialized in soul

attacks. Although it was just a primitive divine artifact without a soul, it was still a divine artifact. Coupled with his strength, it was even more powerful than Emperor Grade Celestial Weapons with spirits. Moreover, divine artifacts that specialized in soul attacks were really rare as well.

Wu Long's sudden and swift attack caught everyone by surprise. No one had expected him to launch a sneak attack when he had just surrendered. They could not but feel disdain at his lack of honor.

Duan Ling Tian was slightly surprised by the sudden attack as well. Nevertheless, spending years living his life on the edge of a knife had honed his instincts. Hence, as soon as Wu Long's attack shot, his Celestial Origin Energy that was imbued with a strange energy rolled out immediately, When it crashed against Wu Long's attack, it froze Wu Long's attack briefly.

Although the pause was brief, everyone noticed it.

"The law of time!"

The law of time was the most suitable to deal with sneak attacks. For those who comprehended other laws, they needed time to build their defenses or launch attacks. However, this was not the case for those who comprehended the law of time. With just a thought, one could easily combine one's Celestial Origin Energy with the law of time's Fundamental Elemental Profundity. It was not one of the Four Supreme Laws for no reason, after all.

Hence, Duan Ling Tian was able to quickly respond and freeze Wu Long's attack with just a thought.

"The law of time!" Wu Long's eyes widened in shock as his expression changed drastically. This was completely out of his expectations. Since he had drawn close to Duan Ling Tian, he had been certain he would be able to kill Duan Ling Tian since Duan Ling Tian was not a Nine Star God of War. He was not afraid that the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance would spread word of his despicable method of pretending to surrender before attacking. He had planned to annihilate the Heavenly Dao Alliance to silence them after killing Duan Ling Tian. With the old man who had accompanied him here, no one from the Heavenly Dao Alliance would be able to escape death.

Unfortunately, Duan Ling Tian's law of time had completely disrupted Wu Long's plan. Even if Duan Ling Tian had only comprehended the law of time's Fundamental Elemental Profundity, it was enough for Duan Ling Tian to stop time to buy himself time.

"Since you have a death wish, I'll fulfill your wish," Duan Ling Tian said indifferently.

At this time, the law of time finally lost its effect, and Wu Long's attack continued shooting toward Duan Ling Tian.

"Huang'er," Duan Ling Tian called out.

Following that, a dazzling even-colored sword ray shot out of Duan Ling Tian's glabella. It was so dazzling that everything in its surroundings dimmed in comparison. As much as it was dazzling, it was equally deadly. It shot out with a force that could seemingly destroy heaven and earth.

Swoosh!

"No!" Wu Long cried out as soon as he saw seven-colored sword ray.

The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword was a prominent divine artifact. It was unique in the sense that it could cast both physical and soul attacks.

To begin with, Duan Ling Tian was stronger than Wu Long. With his weapon that was superior to Wu Long's, how could Wu Long stand a chance? The outcome was obvious.

Everyone, including the old man who had accompanied Wu Long here, shuddered. They watched as Wu Long's attack was easily destroyed by Duan Ling Tian's seven-colored sword ray. Their eyes widened in horror as the seven-colored sword ray continued flying toward Wu Long's glabella.

Swoosh!

Just as the seven-colored sword ray was about to enter Wu Long's glabella, a powerful energy suddenly burst forth from his glabella. Then, a vague figure appeared before everyone's eyes.

"The Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven?!"

Duan Ling Tian recognized the person who had just appeared. It was Ji You, the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, whom he had met during the Devata Realms' Battle of the Geniuses. He was not surprised. Since Wu Long was Ji You's second true disciple, Ji You must have left his divine mark on Ji You.

"Master, save me!" Wu Long cried out as though he had seen his savior.

"Duan Ling Tian?" Ji You was clearly surprised when he saw Duan Ling Tian as well.

"Heavenly Emperor Ji You" Duan Ling Tian nodded by way of greeting. Then, he said determinedly, "Your disciple tried to kill me using despicable means so I suggest you save your breath if you're going to ask me to spare him. I will never show mercy to those who try to kill me."

Although Duan Ling Tian was speaking to a Heavenly Emperor of a Devata Realm, he did not back down nor was he subservient. Moreover, the Heavenly Emperor he was speaking to was widely acknowledged as the strongest Heavenly Emperor among the 81 Heavenly Emperors.

"I'm willing to pay any price as long as you spare his life." Ji You frowned upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. Upon seeing how determined Duan Ling Tian was, he could only relent for now to save his disciple's life.

"I'm not interested," Duan Ling Tian bluntly replied,

Ji You's expression darkened immediately.

At the same time, Wu Long's body suddenly shone with seven-colored light that kept growing brighter and brighter until it finally exploded.

Boom!

With that, Ji You's manifestation vanished as well. A divine soul mark was used to alert the owner of the mark if the person who bore the mark was in danger. Through mark, the owner of the mark could travel

to the bearer of the mark and save him. Alas, Wu Long was in the Nine Serenities Battlefield so Ji You, who was a god, could not enter the battlefield to save Wu Long.

Needless to say, that explosion thoroughly destroyed Wu Long; nothing was left of him. Not only was his Spatial Ring destroyed, but even his blood had evaporated. Just like that, Wu Long, the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven and the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield, died near the base of a small alliance.

“He died?”

“The projection that appeared earlier... Was that Heavenly Emperor Ji You of the Given Heaven?”

“Yes. He must have left a divine soul mark on Wu Long in case Wu Long met with a life-threatening situation. It’s unfortunate Wu Long was in the Nine Serenities Battlefield so there was nothing Heavenly Emperor Ji You could do to save him. Didn’t you see? He even tried to negotiate with our Vice Leader earlier?”

“That’s right! That’s right! However, our Vice Leader ignored him completely and killed Wu Long!”

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance, including Shangguan Yun Feng, were stunned by what had happened. They did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be so domineering that he even ignored Ji You, a god and the strongest Heavenly Emperor among the 81 Heavenly Emperors.

#### **Chapter 3558: One Must Remove the Root of the Problem**

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were surprised to see Ji You, the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, manifesting through his divine soul mark. However, they were more surprised by Duan Ling Tian disregarding Ji You and killing Wu Long. All of them thought that Duan Ling Tian, the Vice Leader of their Heavenly Dao Alliance; and the only true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Solitary Destructive Heaven, was really domineering. After all, Ji You was no ordinary Heavenly Emperor; he was ranked first in the Devata Realms’ Heavenly Emperor ranking.

Some members were worried while some did not think much of the matter.

“Isn’t our Vice Leader afraid Heavenly Emperor will seek revenge from him?”

“Revenge?”

“Have you forgotten our Vice Leader’s master is also a god? Moreover, his master is also ranked second on the Devata Realms’ Heavenly Emperor ranking.”

“That’s right! Despite the ranking, we don’t know who’s stronger. After all, the ranking isn’t always accurate. There’s a high chance Heavenly Emperor is stronger. After all, he’s only a little more than 10,000 years old but he’s already a god. At the time of his birth, Heavenly Emperor Ji You was already a Heavenly Emperor...”

“Based on Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang’s talent, it’s not impossible for him to have caught up to Heavenly Emperor Ji You.”

Some of the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance had absolute confidence in Feng Qing Yang. Due to his incredible talent, they thought he had likely surpassed Ji You. Naturally, there would be those who

held opposing opinions. These people did not doubt Feng Qing Yang was talented, and they did not doubt he would surpass Ji You. However, they did not think Feng Qing Yang would surpass Ji You in such a short time.

“I disagree. Heavenly Emperor Ji You had attained godhood a long time ago. It’d take a while for Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang to catch up...”

“That’s right. In any case, I’m sure Heavenly Emperor Ji You is now thinking of ways to kill our Vice Leader!”

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At the same time, Ji You, the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, who was standing outside the entrance to the Nine Serenities Battlefield wore an unsightly expression on his face. He did not expect so much disrespect from Duan Ling Tian or that Duan Ling Tian would completely disregard him and kill his second true disciple before his eyes. His disciple might not be as talented as Duan Ling Tian, but he treated his disciple like a son. How could he let go of this matter?”

“Duan Ling Tian, originally, we have no enmity between us. Since you killed Wu Long, you must die! I’ll snatch your prominent divine artifact away once I kill you!” Ji You said through gritted teeth as his eyes flashed with greed. Clearly, he had accurately identified the weapon Duan Ling Tian had used to kill his disciple. He could tell Duan Ling Tian’s prominent divine artifact was one with a soul.

‘I wonder how Duan Ling Tian obtained the sword. It’s unlikely that Feng Qing Yang found it in the Asura Hell. Moreover, even if he really did find it in that place, he would not have given them to Duan Ling Tian...’ Ji You thought to himself. In his opinion, Feng Qing Yang would keep such a treasure to himself. After all, it was unlikely for him to find two of such treasures in the Asura Hell. However, if Feng Qing Yang owned an even more powerful weapon, he would have to think twice about offending Feng Qing Yang by killing Duan Ling Tian.

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Back in the Nine Serenities Battlefield

“Young Master Long!” the old man, who had accompanied Wu Long here, cried out in despair. Then, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and said in a low voice, “Duan Ling Tian, our Lord Heavenly Emperor manifested in this place and offered to pay a price in exchange for Wu Long’s life, but you still killed Wu Long!”

The old man was someone who had been by Ji You’s side for a long time. He had been groomed by Ji You even before Ji You had become the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Realm, the strongest Heavenly Emperor. Naturally, this was after Ji You’s disciples had grown stronger. Otherwise, Ji You would not have had the time for him. Since Wu Long was young, he had been tasked to protect Wu Long. Even when Wu Long’s strength surpassed his, he still did not have any intention of leaving Wu Long’s side. Usually, he would advise Wu Long and help Wu Long strategize. Perhaps, it was due to his talent, but Wu Long became rash and reckless.

In fact, the old man had tried to dissuade Wu Long from looking for Duan Ling Tian. After all, they did not know the extent of Duan Ling Tian’s strength. Moreover, even though there were some people who

speculated Duan Ling Tian might be stronger than Wu Long, only a small minority of people thought so. Hence, Wu Long's reputation would still remain intact even if he did not challenge Duan Ling Tian. Most people still thought he was the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

Alas, Wu Long was too arrogant. He could not endure the slightest criticism against himself. Hence, he was determined to defeat Duan Ling Tian to regain his former glory. However, he was too arrogant, causing him to die here.

The old man's eyes flashed with killing intent before he said icily, "Your actions today have made you an enemy of our Lord Heavenly Emperor. Not only that, but your actions have thoroughly offended everyone from the Heavenly Palace of the Given Heaven!"

"So? Do you want to kill me to avenge Wu Long?" Duan Ling Tian asked expressionlessly as he stared at the old man.

In the beginning, Duan Ling Tian had a rather favorable impression of Wu Long; he had found Wu Long's straightforwardness to his liking. At that time, he had thought Wu Long was not as bad as Shangguan Yun Feng described him to be. Fear still lingered in his heart when he thought about what happened earlier. Without the law of time, even if he had gone all out, at most, he could only preserve his life. Even then, he would be grievously injured.

'Fortunately, I comprehended the law of time...' Duan Ling Tian was grateful he had comprehended the law of time in the place that was suspected to have been left behind by a supreme powerhouse in the Asura Hell.

'I was careless.' Duan Ling Tian did not deny he had been too careless this time. He had let his guard down due to a momentary lapse in his judgment. He should not have made such a mistake in the first place after years and years of experience. He had really learned from his lesson this time.

When he recalled how close he was to dying, the only thing he could think of was to remove the threat; kill Wu Long! Hence, he did not compromise nor did he hesitate to kill Wu Long, contrary to Ji You's wish.

Meanwhile, the old man's expression changed slightly upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's question. Naturally, he had no thoughts of avenging Wu Long now; he did not have a death wish after all. Wu Long was stronger than him, and Wu Long was killed by Duan Ling Tian. How could he possibly be a match for Duan Ling Tian then?

In the end, the old man only glared at Duan Ling Tian and said, "Duan Ling Tian, you better prepare yourself to meet death in the future!"

The old man turned around to leave. In his mind, he was already thinking of how he could seek revenge for Wu Long. He might not be a match for Duan Ling Tian, but he had Ji You and friends who could deal with Duan Ling Tian. Wu Long was like a son to him. How could he not avenge Wu Long's death?

"Since you're already here, you should stay," Duan Ling Tian said. Although the old man did a good job of concealing his killing intent, it did not escape his notice.



“Are you going to force me to stay?” The old man’s expression changed drastically. At the same time, green light shone from his body as he prepared to escape. He had comprehended the law of wind so speed was his forte. His speed was even faster than Wu Long.

Swoosh!

The Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword shot out again, shining with a seven-colored light. A brief sword cry rang in the air before the old man met with an outcome similar to Wu Long’s.

After that incident earlier, Duan Ling Tian became even more determined to remove the roots of his problems. As such, how could he allow the old man to leave? Moreover, he had clearly sensed the old man’s killing intent.

“Two Eight Star Gods of War died just like that?” Shangguan Yun Feng was still stunned. After all, he knew the old man was the Guardian of the Given Alliance. The old man was only second to Wu Long and his senior brother, the two Leaders of the Given Alliance.

A few members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance who had regained their senses could not help but shiver when they recalled the person behind Wu Long and the old man. It was not Ji You, the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven. As terrifying as Ji You was, he could not enter the Nine Serenities Battlefield. The person that appeared in their minds was none other than Wu Long’s senior brother, the first Leader of the Given Alliance.

The reason the Given Alliance was so powerful in the Nine Serenities Battlefield was due to Wu Long’s senior brother. He was a Nine Star God of War, one of the strongest in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

“Since our Vice Leader killed those two, the Leader of the Given Alliance definitely won’t let the matter slide!”

“I’m afraid not only will the Vice Leader be in trouble, but our alliance will be in trouble as well. The Leader of the Given Alliance is likely to vent his anger on us and annihilate our Heavenly Dao Alliance!”

### **Chapter 3559: The Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven’s Strongest True Disciple**

The Heavenly Dao Alliance members stared at Duan Ling Tian nervously, worried about their safety. Although Duan Ling Tian’s performance today was shocking and amazing, they knew it was no longer safe to stay in the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

After all, Duan Ling Tian had killed Wu Long, the junior brother of the Leader of the Given Alliance who was also the first true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven. Most importantly, he was a Nine Star God of War.

Although the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance was strong, he was no match for a Nine Star God of War. Hence, it was unlikely that he could protect his members if the Leader of the Given Heaven came to seek revenge.

“Leader,” Duan Ling Tian called out before he teleported in front of Shangguan Yun Feng, the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance. Then, he calmly asked, “What are your plans?”

Duan Ling Tian had noticed the various expressions of the Heavenly Dao Alliance members, and he had heard the whispers as well. He knew it would not take long before the first true disciples of the Heavenly

Emperor of the Given Heaven found out about Wu Long's death here. After all, the Heavenly Emperor of the Given had probably already sent his men to the Nine Serenities Battlefield to inform his first true disciple about the matter. Most importantly, they would definitely not let this matter go.

"Young Master, are you confident about winning if you were to fight the Leader of the Given Heaven who's a Nine Star God of War?" Shangguan Yun Feng asked in a grave tone. Duan Ling Tian's answer would determine the future of the Heavenly Dao Alliance.

"I'm no match for a Nine Star God of War now." Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Before his Celestial Origin Energy transitioned to the Divine Energy, it was impossible for him to defeat a Nine Stars God of War even if he possessed a prominent divine artifact or comprehended two of the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth and other laws. The difference between Celestial Origin Energy and Divine Energy was unbridgeable.

Even if the first true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven only possessed a primitive divine artifact, due to his Celestial Origin Energy that possessed traces of Divine Energy, his weapon would still be stronger than Duan Ling Tian's prominent divine artifact.

Perhaps, if the Five Divine Elements were not in a state of recovery, Duan Ling Tian would have been more confident about facing a Nine Star God of War.

"If I can start the transition of my Celestial Origin Energy to Divine Energy, I'd be confident about facing him. However, as it is, I'll definitely be defeated."

Shangguan Yun Feng smiled bitterly. "It seems like I can only disband the Heavenly Dao Alliance..."

"I apologize," Duan Ling Tian said.

"There's no need to apologize, Young Master," Shangguan Yun Feng said, "Disbanding the Heavenly Dao Alliance isn't the end. There are many alliances in the Nine Serenities Battlefield; with our members' strength, I'm sure they'll be able to join them. Moreover, if the members and I have to pick between keeping the Heavenly Dao Alliance or you killing Wu Long, we'll definitely pick the latter."

Then, Shangguan Yun Feng turned to the members of the alliance and said, "Brothers and sisters, due to threat from the Given Alliance, I have no choice but to disband the Heavenly Dao Alliance. We will have to go our separate ways from now on..."

After Shangguan Yun Feng's voice fell, the entire place was as silent as a graveyard. However, no one was surprised by this announcement since they had all seen it coming.

"The Young Master apologized to me, but I told him there's nothing to apologize for. Do all of you agree?" Shangguan Yun Feng asked, raising his voice near the end of the sentence.

Everyone shook their heads in unison when they regained their senses.

"Of course not!"

"Witnessing the Young Master defeat Wu Long was one of the best experiences in my life!"

"It's not a big deal even if we have to disband the Heavenly Dao Alliance. We can always find another place!"

“That’s right! Witnessing the fight has broadened my horizon. Disbanding the alliance is just a small price to pay!”

“Young Master, don’t be so hard on yourself. Even if I’m no longer a member of the alliance, I’ll always remember the Heavenly Dao Alliance. I’ll never forget the spectacular battle between our Vice Leader and the second Leader of the Given Alliance who was once known as the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield!”

Someone laughed and said, “I can boast about once being a member of the Heavenly Dao Alliance and witnessing you killing Wu Long!”

Although the members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance were sad about the alliance’s disbandment, their sadness did not linger. Most of them thought it was worthwhile being able to watch Duan Ling Tian and Wu Long’s battle.

“See? No one feels resentful nor do they blame you,” Shangguan Yun Feng said with a smile as he turned back to look at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was overwhelmed by everyone’s reactions and words. Although these people might not be as strong as he is, their hearts were definitely strong. They did not complain when they met with obstacles and bravely soldiered on. Moreover, in this place, it was normal to wander from place to place.

“Young Master,” Shangguan Yun Feng said through Voice Transmission, “If you plan to continue staying in the Nine Serenities Battlefield, I suggest you take on a pseudonym and disguise yourself. It’d be easier for you to join another alliance as well. If not, you can also join the rival of the Given Alliance that has a Nine Star God of War as well. With that, the Leader of the Given Alliance will have to think twice about making a move against you. However, there are naturally risks that come with this since we can’t guarantee the alliance you join won’t hand you over to the Given Alliance.”

“Thank you for the advice,” Duan Ling Tian replied. Then, he flew up into the sky and nodded at everyone before he said, “Farewell, everyone.”

“Farewell, Vice Leader!”

The members of the Heavenly Dao Alliance responded and bowed in unison. They watch as Duan Ling Tian flew away and only regained their senses when they could no longer see him. Many of them were filled with nothing but praise for him. They were certain his future would be bright so long as nothing untoward happened to him.

“Our Vice Leader isn’t even 700 years old yet, but he’s already so strong. It’s hard to imagine how powerful he’d be after 1,000 years.”

“If he can keep up his speed of cultivation, after 1,000 years, he’d even surpass the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven.”

“With his talent, it won’t take long for him to become a Nine Star God of War.”

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Not long after Duan Ling Tian left the Heavenly Dao Alliance base and the alliance disbanded, the messenger that the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven dispatched arrived at the Nine Serenities Battlefield. After meeting Ji Ying, the first true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, he reported everything that had happened.

Ji Ying was a slender black-clad young man with an ordinary appearance. His thick eyebrows made him look rather fierce.

Bang!

After listening to the messenger's report, Ji Ying, who was cultivating in his cultivation ground in the Given Alliance base, lost control of his emotions. His Celestial Origin Energy surged, destroying the ground. He did not even spare a glance at the devastated area as he flew east with a grim expression on his face.

Wu Long was Ji Ying's only junior brother and was like a younger brother to him. How could he remain unmoved after finding out Wu Long had died? At this time, he only had one thought in mind: destroy the Heavenly Dao Alliance and kill Duan Ling Tian!

The commotion attracted the attention of many high-ranking members of the Given Alliance. Despite their curiosity, they were very respectful toward Ji Ying.

"Leader, what happened?"

"Leader!"

"What's wrong?"

Ji Ying responded expressionlessly, "It's nothing. I'll be away from the base for a bit. Deal with the alliance's affairs as you see fit."

Ji Ying did not wait for his men's response and left as soon as he finished speaking.

"I wonder what happened?"

"Me too!"

"Something doesn't seem right with our Leader..."

While the members were puzzled over Ji Ying's odd behavior, someone suddenly exclaimed in shock, "Leader Wu Long is dead!"

"What?!"

Everyone was shocked by the news of Wu Long's death. After all, he was the second Leader of the Given Alliance and was also the second strongest person in the alliance. Moreover, he was always accompanied by the third strongest person in the alliance. Everyone knew he was the strongest Eight Star God of War in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. How did someone like that die?

"Which Nine Star God of War killed him?" someone asked,

“It wasn’t a Nine Star God of War,” the person who received the news first said in a low voice, “The person who killed Leader Wu Long and Lord Xiao is Duan Ling Tian, the only true disciple of Heavenly Emperor Feng Qing Yang of the Heavenly Palace of the Solitary Destructive Heaven! He’s a top Eight Star God of War!”

“Leader Wu Long traveled east to the Heavenly Dao Alliance base to challenge Duan Ling Tian and was killed as a result.”

Everyone fell silent immediately.

“Based on our Leader’s expression earlier, he must’ve found out about Leader Wu Long’s death...”

“That’s obvious...”

“He should be on his way to the Heavenly Dao Alliance now.”

“The Heavenly Dao Alliance has probably disbanded. As for Duan Ling Tian, I doubt he’d wait for our Leader to find him since he’s not a Nine Star God of War.”

“Is Duan Ling Tian unaware that Leader Wu Long is the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven? Didn’t he know he’d incur the wrath of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, the strongest among the 81 Heavenly Emperors?”

#### **Chapter 3560: Plans Can’t Keep Up With Changes**

The Given Alliance is the only alliance in the Nine Serenities Battlefield with two leaders. This was to accommodate Wu Long.

Ji Ying, the Leader of the Given Alliance, doted on Wu Long so he naturally agreed to make Wu Long the second Leader of the Given Alliance. This fact was widely known by the high-ranking members of the alliance. Since they were all members of the same alliance, it was inevitable that this would come up during conversations.

“Perhaps, Duan Ling Tian’s really unaware that Wu Long is the second true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven...”

An elder of the alliance shook his head and said, “Impossible. Leader Wu Long would definitely reveal his identity when he challenged Duan Ling Tian. Moreover, even if Duan Ling Tian was initially unaware, there’s no way no one from the Heavenly Dao Alliance didn’t recognize Leader Wu Long. His identity aside, he’s widely known for being the strongest Eight Star God of Star in the Nine Serenities Battlefield.”

“I know for a fact that the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven really dotes on his two true disciples. He even left divine marks on them. I’m guessing the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven must have manifested in the Nine Serenities Battlefield before Leader Wu Long died.”

“Really? If Lord Heavenly Emperor manifested at that time, how could Duan Ling Tian dare to kill Leader Wu Long? Isn’t that akin to openly challenging our Lord Heavenly Emperor?”

At this moment, the elder in charge of gathering intel in the Give Alliance said, "Indeed, before Duan Ling Tian killed Leader Wu Long, Lord Heavenly Emperor's manifestation did appear at the Heavenly Dao Alliance base. He even tried to negotiate with Duan Ling Tian and promised to give Duan Ling Tian whatever he wanted as long as he spared Leader Wu Long's life. However, before Lord Heavenly Emperor finished speaking, Duan Ling Tian killed Leader Wu Long."

Everyone inhaled sharply when they heard these words.

"Not only that, but before Duan Ling Tian killed Leader Wu Long, he destroyed our Lord Heavenly Emperor's manifestation!"

The members of the Given Alliance looked at each other in shock and disbelief. For a moment, no one spoke. They were shocked that Duan Ling Tian rejected the Heavenly Emperor of Given Heaven's olive branch and even destroyed his manifestation from the divine mark! Although the destruction of the manifestation did not affect the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven at all, it was a sign of Duan Ling Tian challenging the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven.

"Duan Ling Tian is as good as dead."

"He's too bold! Even his master can't save him this time!"

"Does he think his master is comparable to Lord Heavenly Emperor just because his master has attained godhood? There's a strength difference between gods, after all. As someone who's ranked first on the Devata Realms' Heavenly Emperor Ranking, our Lord Heavenly Emperor had attained godhood a long time ago. There's no doubt he's now a King of God at least..."

Most of the high-ranking members of the Given Alliance were certain that Duan Ling Tian would die.

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was unaware of the commotion that he had caused. He was naturally also unaware that Ji Ying, the Leader of the Given Alliance, was making his way to the Heavenly Dao Alliance base in the east of the Nine Serenities Battlefield.

When Ji Ying arrived at the Heavenly Dao Alliance base, he discovered the entire place was empty. Everyone, including the leader and the guardians of the alliance, had left.

After leaving the Heavenly Dao Alliance, many of the members joined a new alliance or wandered the Nine Serenities Battlefield alone. Some went north; some went south; some went west; some went to the central region.

This meant that Ji Ying who wanted to seek revenge from the Heavenly Dao Alliance would have a tough time finding its members. Let alone the ordinary members, it would be difficult for him to find the leaders and the guardians of the alliance who were somewhat famous. After all, they could change their names and disguise themselves. In fact, the Leader of the Heavenly Dao Alliance's name, Shangguan Yun Feng, was also just a pseudonym.

Most people would hide their true identities when in the Nine Serenities Battlefield. There were very few like Duan Ling Tian, Ji Ying, and Wu Long who used their real names and who had overwhelmingly

powerful backgrounds. There were also some Nine Star Gods of War who hid their names so they could freely use their Divine Elements without being exposed.

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'I didn't think Leader Ji Ying would come so fast.'

At this moment, Shangguan Yun Feng, the former Leader of the now-defunct Heavenly Dao Alliance, was looking at Ji Ying. Ji Ying had coincidentally come to the alliance that he had just joined to ask about the Heavenly Dao Alliance and Duan Ling Tian's whereabouts. Although he had expected this, he was still taken aback when he saw Ji Ying.

'It seems like the rumors are true that Ji Ying really doted on his junior brother, Wu Long. He really does have a soft spot for Wu Long,' Shangguan Yun Feng thought to himself.

Currently, not only did Shangguan Yun Feng change his name and disguise himself, but he had also suppressed his cultivation base.

'I'll stay here temporarily. I'll only leave the east for the central region once I become as strong as a top Eight Star God of War...'

The central region of the Nine Serenities Battlefield was filled with experts. One would not be able to survive for long if one was not a top Eight Star God of War at least.

'I wonder if I'd be able to meet the Young Master again in the future.'

When Shangguan Yun Feng thought about Duan Ling Tian, he could not help but worry again. He really hoped Duan Ling Tian would heed his advice about using a pseudonym and disguising himself. After all, Duan Ling Tian would be in grave danger as long as he had yet to become a Nine Star God of War.

Shangguan Yun Feng knew many young geniuses who continued flaunting their extraordinary backgrounds even after they had offended others just to maintain their reputation. They usually ended up dead.

If Duan Ling Tian were aware of Shangguan Yun Feng's thoughts, he would have found it funny. Although his reputation was important, it was not comparable to his life. Moreover, he also had to consider his loved ones who depended on him. They were living in his Little World and there was Ke'er who was still waiting for him to rescue her in the Divine Offering Land.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian did not bother hiding his identity when joining the Heavenly Dao Alliance because he had hoped to lure out those from the Title Temple who might be after him. Moreover, the Five Divine Elements had used their remaining strength to inscribe a Celestial Talisman for him using a leaf from the Divine Tree of Life that would enable him to escape from Nine Star Gods of War. The Celestial Talisman was so powerful that if he were to use it outside of the Nine Serenities Battlefield, he could even escape from a god.

Duan Ling Tian had been hoping those from the Title Temple would look for him so he could kill them to avenge his master. Unfortunately, plans could not keep up with changes. Instead of the members of the

Title Temple, Wu Long, the second disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, would come looking for him.

How could Duan Ling Tian be unaware of the fact that killing Wu Long would put him and the Heavenly Emperor of the Given on opposing sides? However, he had deemed it necessary to kill Wu Long. After all, Wu Long had tried to kill him. If he did not kill Wu Long, a knot might form in his heart because of this. The knot would then hinder his cultivation progress. Hence, he killed Wu Long even though the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven had manifested and tried to intervene.

'It seems like I won't have the chance to kill those from the Title Temple for now...' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself. He was rather certain that the Temple Temple would only send Eight Star God of War, at most, after him. He had no fear as long as they did not send Nine Star Gods of War.

With his current strength and the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword, he was strong enough to kill all Eight Star Gods of War. Moreover, he possessed 99 Heavenly Veins that would supply him with endless Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy that was comparable to that of Realms of Gods.

'I should use a pseudonym. The Leader of the Given Alliance must be searching for me now...'

Duan Ling Tian was aware that Ji Ying, the Leader of the Given Alliance and the first true disciple of the Heavenly Emperor of the Given Heaven, was a Nine Star God of War. At this time, if he ran into Ji Ying, he would only have one option: use the Celestial Talisman the Five Divine Elements had inscribed for him to escape.. However, he was reluctant to waste it on Ji Ying.