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Chapter 4281 Xia Jie Returns

To Xia Jie, not much time had passed since he met his niece's husband. After all, to him, 800 years was not a very long time. A single session of closed-door cultivation could easily last for 800 years.

'He was still in the mundane realm 800 years ago, but now, he's a rudimentary Supreme God? How's this possible?'

Although Xia Jie hoped the person everyone was talking about was his niece's husband, he found the entire thing unbelievable. However, so many people were discussing this matter. It was not possible for so many people to lie to him. Moreover, no one knew him; why would they lie to him? These people were from six different Realms of Gods; how could so many people lie to him?

"What happened exactly?" Xia Jie was in a daze.

It took a while before Xia Jie finally returned to his senses and calmly thought about the matter. It was impossible for so many people to lie to him, and it was unlikely that some with the same name killed his niece's husband. He remembered that his niece's husband was a skilled swordsman. It was the reason he had given his niece's husband the Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword back then. To confirm the truth of the matter, all he needed to do was meet the person everyone was talking about.

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After calming down, Xia Jie thought to himself, 'Let's try to look for him. I'll be able to confirm this matter once I meet him...'

Although Xia Jie still found it unbelievable that someone was able to achieve so much in 800 years, everything pointed to the fact that the person everyone was discussing was his niece's husband.

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In another part of the chaotic region, which was created by the intersection of the Divine Sanction Battlefield and another two Realm Battlefields.

Almost at the same time Xia Jie heard about Duan Ling Tian, another person also heard about Duan Ling Tian.

"It can't be him, but... it's too coincidental..."

When Linghu Ren Feng first heard about the monstrous prodigy named Duan Ling Tian, she only thought that the other party shared the same name as her son-in-law. At that time, she even thought that it would be great if her son-in-law was so strong. She firmly believed that only a powerful person could protect her poor daughter well.

In the past, if the man she loved was strong enough to save her and acknowledge her, she would not have to escape with her other daughter. To comfort herself and vent her anger, she had blamed him for being heartless.

"This prodigy is not only named Duan Ling Tian, but he's also from the Profound Energy Land and came from the lower realm. Both of them are also younger than a thousand years old. Are they really the same person?"

Linghu Ren Feng, who was still in disbelief, turned to her daughter who was standing next to her and asked, “Chu Yin, what do you think? Do you think it’s him?”

“Mother,” Linghu Chu Yin replied, “Don’t forget about brother-in-law’s achievements in the Profound Energy Land. At that time, you were so shocked as well. Even at that time, he wasn’t ordinary. How could someone ordinary attain godhood so quickly after coming to the Profound Energy Land?”

Linghu Ren Feng seemed enlightened after listening to Linghu Chu Yin’s words.

‘Indeed...’

Back then, if she did not see how outstanding Duan Ling Tian was in the Profound Energy Land, how could she have believed that he was her daughter’s husband after reincarnating in the lower realm? At that time, if she did not see it with her own eyes, she would not have believed that Duan Ling Tian who came from the mundane realm could achieve so much in the Profound Energy Land in just a few hundred years.

“It must be him! His innate talent and comprehension skills far surpass those of ordinary people,” Linghu Ren Feng said with a sigh, “However, I still didn’t expect him to become a rudimentary Supreme God so quickly. To think that he has grown stronger than me...”

Linghu Ren Feng naturally knew she was weaker than Duan Ling Tian. Not only was he a rudimentary Supreme God now, but he was also capable of killing most intermediate Supreme Gods.

“Mother, my brother-in-law must have come here for my sister,” Linghu Chu Yin said. This was very obvious to her.

Naturally, Linghu Ren Feng knew this as well. She looked at Ling Chu Yin and said with a sigh, “He’s here so I can rest assured. Yin’er, I’m sorry. In order to look for your sister, you had to follow me here and risk your life. Now, not only is your brother-in-law here, but he’s also very powerful. As long as Xue’er is still alive and on the Divine Sanction Battlefield, she’ll definitely hear about him and look for him. We won’t be as efficient as him in finding her. Let’s leave now. It won’t do us much good to stay here...”

Linghu Ren Feng brought Linghu Chu Yin here to look for Xia Ning Xue. During their time here, they had encountered all kinds of dangerous situations. Although she managed to escape every time, it did not lessen the fear in her heart. It did not matter to her if she died, but she could not let her daughter die. She felt torn about putting her daughter in danger to look for her other daughter, but she really had no choice.

Now that Duan Ling Tian was here and became stronger than her, Linghu Ren Feng felt relieved. The probability of him finding her daughter was much higher than hers. As such, there was no need for her to stay here anymore.

However, Linghu Chu Yin said, “Mother, why don’t we look for brother-in-law? We can look for sister together!”

Linghu Ren Feng shook her head and said, “There’s no need to look for him. We’ll only be a burden to him. Let’s leave.”

Then, without saying another word, Linghu Ren Feng took Linghu Chu Yin to the nearest base camp in the chaotic region and left for another base camp outside of the chaotic region on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. Then, they left the Divine Sanction Battlefield through a Transportation Formation.

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At this time, Duan Ling Tian was still in closed-door cultivation. He was unaware that after becoming famous, a few people who knew him had also heard about him.

He was unaware that his mother-in-law had wisely brought his sister-in-law out of the chaotic region and the Realm Battlefield and that Xia Jie, Ke'er's Third Uncle from her past life, was looking for him.

Since Duan Ling Tian was in closed-door cultivation, Xia Jie failed to find him despite searching the places where he was last seen. In the end, he could only give up on his search.

'Wait, since that boy came to the Divine Sanction Battlefield, it means that he could be in the Divine Offering Land as well. Moreover, he doesn't know that Xue'er isn't in the Divine Offering Land...'

Xia Jie was sure that Duan Ling Tian's family and friends were unaware that his niece had gone to the Realm Battlefield. As such, even if Duan Ling Tian reunited with them, he would not know that his niece had gone to the Realm Battlefield. As such, there was a possibility that Duan Ling Tian had gone to the Xia clan in the Divine Offering Land.

With this, he quickly came up with a plan.

"I'll leave the chaotic region and the Realm Battlefield now and return to the Xia clan."

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Alas, unbeknownst to Xia Jie, Duan Ling Tian had long heard about Ke'er entering the Realm Battlefield. Instead of learning about this from his family and friends, he had learned about it from Linghu Ren Jie from the Profound Energy Land.

Linghu Ren Jie was Linghu Ren Feng's brother, after all. It was only natural that Linghu Ren Feng told Linghu Ren Jie about it.

Although Duan Ling Tian heard that Ke'er had entered the Realm Battlefield, he also went to the Xia clan in the Divine Offering Land to check if Ke'er had returned from the Realm Battlefield. At the same time, he also wanted to go to the Yun clan's estate.

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Xia Jie did not waste time and went to the base camp on the Divine Sanction Battlefield, returning to the Divine Offering Land. As soon as he arrived in the Divine Offering Land, he hurried back to the Xia clan's estate in the north.

After returning to the Xia clan, Xia Jie learned that someone came looking for his niece. The son of his subordinate had met the person at that time.

"He said his name is Duan Ling Tian, Xue'er's husband? It's really him! So it's true! What a remarkable boy! How long has it been? Only 800 years have passed, but he has achieved so much after leaving the mundane realm!"

Xia Jie was naturally overjoyed after confirming that the monstrous prodigy he heard about on the Realm Battlefield was indeed his niece's husband.

“As expected! How could the person my niece fell in love with be mediocre? Xue’er truly has good taste!”

After a moment, Xia Jie looked at his subordinates and asked, “Did the Eldest Young Miss return the clan?”

Upon hearing this, hesitant expressions appeared on the faces of Xia Jie’s subordinates.

Xia Jie’s expression changed slightly and asked, “Tell me! Did something happen to the Eldest Young Miss?”

Xia Jie was familiar with his subordinates. Based on their expressions, something bad must have happened to his niece.

At this time, a middle-aged man next to Xia Jie said with a wry smile, “Third Master, a while ago, I saw the clan leader bring the Eldest Young Miss back to the clan. However, not long after, the Clan Leader Yun arrived. After that, no one has seen the Eldest Young Miss in the clan again.”

Chapter 4282 The Xia Brothers

“Brother?!”

Xia Jie was briefly stunned after listening to his subordinate. Then, he said angrily, “Is he really going to continue down the wrong path?”

Previously, before entering the Realm Battlefield, Xia Jie had met his eldest brother, Xia Yu. At that time, it seemed like Xia Yu felt guilty so he assumed that Xia Yu would no longer force Ke'er again. He did not expect to hear this after he returned.

"If I had known this, I wouldn't have entered the Realm Battlefield," Xia Jie said, feeling regretful. Although he had many unexpected gains on the Realm Battlefield after going there to search for his niece, he would not have gone there if he knew this would happen.

"I'm going to look for him!"

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Xia Jie left decisively, leaving his subordinates behind like a gust of wind.

The middle-aged man sighed. "Third Master is still as impatient as ever."

Despite his words, when the middle-aged looked at the back of the unkempt Xia Jie, respect could be seen in his eyes. Xia Jie had saved his life in the past, and if Xia Jie needed his help, he would hesitate to give up his life for Xia Jie.

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After leaving, Xia Jie looked for Xia Yu, his eldest brother and the Clan Leader of the Xia clan, immediately. As soon as he saw Xia Yu, he asked, "Where's Xue'er? I heard that you brought her back to the clan. Where is she now?"

Xia Yu frowned slightly as he looked at his impatient brother. “You’re already an adult, but you still act like a child. Can you speak properly?”

In the past, Xia Yu felt guilty when faced with his third brother, Xia Jie. After all, it seemed like Xia Jie loved his daughter more than he did. As such, he felt ashamed whenever Xia Jie mentioned his daughter. However, today, he no longer felt guilty. After all, he had already decided not to force his daughter to marry Yun Qing Yan of the Yun clan.

Xia Jie grew even more upset when he saw Xia Yu act as though nothing happened. He said with a scoff, “Answer me. Where’s Xue’er? Didn’t she come back? Did you hand her over to Yun Ting Feng?”

Yun Ting Feng was the Clan Leader of the Yun clan, and he was also Yun Qing Yan’s father.

“You just returned, but you’re very well-informed,” Xia Yu said with a faint smile, “Don’t worry. I didn’t hand Xue’er to him.”

Xia Jie frowned. “Then, where’s Xue’er? Did you ground her after she returned? Did you stop her from seeing other people?”

Ke’er had been on the Realm Battlefield for more than 700 years, and it had been more than 700 years since Xia Jie had seen her. After such a long time, her Soul Pearl that was in his possession had long run out of energy, making it impossible for him to contact her.

“In a way, yes,” Xia Yu said with a nod.

“In a way?” Xia Jie grew angry again. “What do you mean? Previously, you told me that you wouldn’t force her to marry that brat, Yun Qing Yan, anymore if she came out of the Realm Battlefield alive.”

The faint smile on Xia Yu’s face did not fade when faced with the angry Xia Jie. “Don’t worry about it. The marriage agreement between Xue’er and Yun Qing Yan has been called off. Yun Ting Feng also promised that he won’t force her to marry his son again.”

The angry Xia Jie was stunned by Xia Yu’s words.

Not only was the marriage agreement called off, but Yun Ting Feng also agreed to it? When did Yun Ting Feng become so agreeable?

Xia Yu continued to say, “Apart from that, after spending more than 700 years on the Realm Battlefield, Xue’er has recovered her cultivation base from her past life. Not only that, but she has grown stronger as well. She must have had a fortuitous encounter on the Realm Battlefield. Do you feel happier after listening to this?”

Xia Yu laughed. There were times that he would feel frustrated with his third brother, but they were brothers after all. Moreover, he knew Xia Jie also sincerely loved his daughter. For all these reasons, he had always been rather tolerant of Xia Jie. If it were another person acting so recklessly to him, the Clan Leader of the Xia clan, he or she would have already been punished.

Xia Jie’s eyes brightened immediately. “Really?! In such a short time, she not only recovered her previous cultivation base but also grew stronger? Xue’er is not even a thousand years old in this life! It seems like our clan’s reincarnation technique is quite amazing!”

Xia Jie knew that when news spread about an intermediate Supreme God who was not even a thousand years old spread, it would definitely stir up a huge commotion in the Divine Offering Land and the other Realms of Gods.

“That’s a matter of course. How can a secret method passed down from our ancestors be simple?” Xia Yu said with a sigh, “However, in the history of our clan, there were a few ancestors who used this method before facing their Heavenly Tribulations. Alas, none of them successfully reincarnated. Along with the ancestor who created this secret technique, Xue’er is the second person to have succeeded in the history of our Xia clan.”

However, in truth, even Xia Yu was not 100% certain the ancestor who created the secret method reincarnated successfully. After all, a very long time had passed since then. He only assumed that the ancestor had succeeded.

Xia Jie shook his head and said, “Perhaps, it depended on one’s courage and determination. Unless one is certain one isn’t going to survive the Heavenly Tribulation, very few people would dare to try this secret method. It’s possible that there wasn’t anyone like that in our clan in the past...”

Xia Yu shook his head as well. “There was and is no lack of such people in our clan. Perhaps, to reincarnate successfully, courage and determination isn’t the only factor. Perhaps, there are factors as well...”

“I agree,” Xia Jie said with a proud expression on his face as he nodded, “Otherwise, not counting the ancestor who created the method, Xue’er wouldn’t be the only one to have succeeded. My niece is indeed extraordinary!”

Seeing how proud Xia Jie looked, Xia Yu could not help but say, “Of course. That’s my daughter. My biological daughter.”

At the same time, Xia Yu thought to himself, ‘She’s your niece, but she’s my daughter! If she wasn’t my daughter, she wouldn’t be your niece. Why are you acting so proud in front of me?’

The proud expression on Xia Jie’s face froze for a moment before he said, annoyed, “Oh, so now she’s your daughter? What about when you forced her to marry before? Then, after she successfully reincarnated, you still wanted to force her in the beginning!”

Speaking of this, Xia Jie became angry again.

Xia Yu was not upset with Xia Jie’s outburst. Instead, he said with a sigh, “Third brother, you should know that I was also forced into a corner...”

Xia Jie scoffed and said coldly, “I know. However, didn’t I tell you... If the Yun clan is really bold enough to do what they said they would and manage to kill our ancestor, once our ancestor’s Soul Pearl shatters, we’ll head to the Yun clan and fight them to death. Who’s afraid of them? Even if their ancestor comes back, there won’t be many members of the Yun clan left when he arrives. We’ll make sure the Yun clan won’t be able to recover!”

Xia Jie’s voice turned dark as he continued to say, “Moreover, I’m sure Yun Ting Feng won’t dare to go through with his threats. It’ll only bring about the downfall of the Yun clan, and he’ll become the biggest sinner in the history of the Yun clan at that time!”

“I know. That’s what I said in response to his threats this time, and he also gave up on forcing Xue’er to marry his son,” Xia Yu said.

“You should’ve said this from the very beginning,” Xia Jie said. Then, he frowned and asked, “Then, where’s Xue’er now?”

Xia Yu looked at Xia Jie and replied truthfully, “She’s in a stone room in our Xia clan’s ancestral hall. You won’t be able to see her or speak to her for another one thousand years.”

Xia Jie’s frown deepened. “Why? What’s the reason for this? My niece has returned, but I’m not allowed to see her and speak to her?”

Xia Yu replied, “It’s the Yun clan. Although Yun Ting Feng agreed to call off the marriage, he and the Yun clan aren’t willing to let the matter go so easily. His condition is for Xue’er to be confined for a thousand years. After that, she’ll naturally be freed.”

Xia Yu paused. When he saw Xia Jie’s eyes darting around, he said, “Don’t even think about it. Although Xue’er is in the clan’s estate, you can’t ignore Yun Ting Feng. Since you heard that Xue’er came back, you must have also heard that Yun Ting Feng came to the clan, right? He came to set up a Formation outside of the stone room. If someone frees Xue’er or speaks to Xue’er, he’ll be alerted by that Formation. Otherwise, he’s going to ask his ancestor to look for trouble with ours. I know it’s the same old threat. However, it’s not too much to agree to the request considering Xue’er will only be confined for a thousand years. He insisted that our clan has to be held accountable for breaking the marriage agreement in some way.”

Xia Jie’s expression eased after listening to Xia Yu’s expression.

Although it was shameless for Yun Ting Feng to threaten them with the safety of the Xia clan’s ancestor, Xia Yu and Xia Jie both felt that this punishment was indeed rather light. After all, the marriage agreement was not a one-sided thing. Back then, the Xia clan had agreed to the Yun clan’s proposal. As such, they were indeed at fault for going back on their words. It was only natural the Xia clan had to pay a price for calling off the marriage, and considering the bigger picture, being confined for a thousand years was nothing.

After a moment, Xia Jie frowned again, “Brother, is this really all Yun Ting Feng asked for? He only asked that Xue’er is confined for a thousand years?”

Based on Xia Jie's understanding of Yun Ting Feng, Yun Ting Feng was not such an easygoing person. He was not one to compromise so easily. Was he really worried that the Xia clan would fight the Yun clan to death?

Xia Yu nodded. "Yes. He came up with this to give us a way out..."

Xia Yu did not tell and had no intention of telling Xia Jie that Yun Ting Feng wanted to kill his unworthy son-in-law. He was certain that Xia Jie would be furious after learning about it.

Chapter 4283 Xia Jie Has Also Been Confined

Xia Yu knew that Xia Jie, his third brother, had met his unworthy son-in-law. He also knew that with Xia Jie's temperament, Xia Jie definitely would oppose his decision to help the Yun clan deal with his unworthy son-in-law. As such, he did not mention this matter at all. Otherwise, he would just be looking for trouble.

Xia Yu had also heard the recent rumors from the chaotic region that the Divine Sanction Battlefield was a part of. He heard about Duan Ling Tian, a rudimentary Supreme God whose strength was almost on par or on par with the top intermediate Supreme Gods and who could kill most intermediate Supreme Gods. Most importantly, the other party had yet to stabilize his cultivation.

Xia Yu also heard that the other party was not even a thousand years old and that he came from the Profound Energy Land's Myriad Laws Academy, a heavyweight supreme-rank force.

When Xia Yu heard all these rumors, he already guessed that the other party was his unworthy son-in-law. His son-in-law was even more heaven-defying than what Yun Ting Feng had told him.

Alas, no matter how talented his son-in-law was, Xia Yu felt that he had no choice but to help Yun Ting Feng get rid of his son-in-law. He was not willing to risk the safety of the ancestor of the Xia clan for his son-in-law. If something happened, he would truly be the biggest sinner in the history of the Xia clan.

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‘The only thing I can do is not take action myself and prohibit the members of the Xia clan from dealing with him... I’ll only cooperate with him to lure Duan Ling Tian out...’

As the Clan Leader of the Xia clan, Xia Yu had long grown accustomed to deaths and making hard decisions. However, he was not completely heartless. If it were not for the safety of the ancestor of the Xia clan, he would not have agreed to help the Yun clan deal with Duan Ling Tian. At the very least, Duan Ling Tian was the man his daughter fell in love with. Alas, he truly did not have another choice.

Xia Yu sighed inwardly when he thought about this matter.

Meanwhile, Xia Jie’s mood improved greatly after confirming that the Yun clan only demanded his niece be confined for a thousand years. He said, “A thousand years will pass in just a blink of an eye. After that, I’ll be able to see Xue’er.”

Unlike when he just arrived, a smile could be seen on Xia Jie’s face at this moment. However, when he saw his brother staring at him, his smile vanished, and he said with a straight face, “I really don’t know what you saw in that Yun Qing Yan. That brat can’t even compare to Xue’er. He’s not worthy of her at all. Only Xue’er’s husband is worthy of her!”

A smug expression appeared on Xia Jie's face after he finished speaking. It was as though he was waiting for Xia Yu to ask him why he had said those words. However, after a while, when he saw that Xia Yu was only looking at him calmly, he could no longer hold back and asked, "You... Why aren't you curious about what I said?"

How could Xia Yu not know what his brother was thinking? He said, "I've already heard about it."

Xia Yu continued to say, "A few days ago, I heard that a peerless prodigy under the age of a thousand years old appeared in the chaotic region that the Divine Sanction Battlefield is a part of. After hearing his name and his origin, I guessed his identity." He nodded before he continued to say, "He's really outstanding. Not even a thousand years have passed since he left the mundane realm, but he has already achieved so much. Even that prodigy from the Ning clan who's widely acknowledged as the strongest among the younger generation isn't a match for him. If the supreme powerhouse from the Ning clan didn't intervene, that prodigy from the Ning clan would have died. In any case, it's good that Duan Ling Tian didn't kill him. Otherwise, he would have died in the chaotic region."

Xia Yu shook his head and said, "He's not even a thousand years old, after all. It's normal that he's fearless and rash at his age. Perhaps, he became complacent due to his smooth journey on the Realm Battlefield so he did not think about how perilous it was in the chaotic region..."

Xia Yu's knowledge was not any less than that of Xia Jie.

Xia Jie scoffed and said, "So what if he made a mistake? When you were his age, you were nowhere close to being as good as him."

Xia Yu glanced at Xia Jie and said calmly, "Sometimes, one mistake is all it takes to ruin someone."

Xia Jie retorted, “My nephew-in-law is extremely lucky. Even in hopeless situations, he can turn things around! Xue’er is the same as well. Look at how lucky she is. She successfully reincarnated. Not only that, in fewer than a thousand years, she became an intermediate Supreme God, and her strength now has surpassed that of her past life. If you ask me, even Ning Yi Xuan from the Ning clan is inferior to my nephew. After all, Ning Yi Xuan still hasn’t become an intermediate Supreme God yet.”

Xia Yu did not refute Xia Jie’s words. Instead, an expression of surprise appeared on his face as he looked past Xia Jie and asked, “Second brother? Why are you back?”

“Second brother?” Xia Jie instinctively looked back when he heard Xia Yu’s words. However, as soon as he turned back, he seemed to notice something, and his expression changed immediately. “Xia Yu, you...”

Before Xia Jie could finish speaking, he was restrained by an incredibly powerful energy and was knocked unconscious. Following that, he was imprisoned in a spatial prominent divine artifact.

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When Xia Jie finally regained consciousness, his expression was dark as he asked, “Xia Yu! What are you doing?”

Xia Yu replied with a sigh, “Third brother, I’ll be honest with you. In fact, apart from requesting for Xue’er to be confined, the Yun clan also asked for you to be confined. They know that Duan Ling Tian is on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. They think that he’s able to achieve so many amazing feats because you looked for him in the past and gave him some things to help him. I’ll free you after a thousand years.”

Xia Jie scolded, “Bullsh*t! Back then, I only gave him a prominent divine artifact. Moreover, that prominent divine artifact did not even have an artifact soul! He relied on himself to reach where he is today. It has nothing to do with me!”

“Third brother, just stay there. As you said, a thousand years will pass in a blink of an eye,” Xia Yu said.

Then, without waiting for Xia Jie’s reply, Xia Yu closed the spatial divine artifact. When he felt the space in the spatial divine artifact shaking, he linked the Xia clan’s Guarding Formation to the spatial divine artifact. Following that, the space stopped shaking immediately.

Xia Jie, who had been struggling to break free, could only give up at this moment. He said angrily, “Xia Yu, when I get out, I won’t let you off! I’m going to burn your room down! I will also...”

Xia Jie continued scolding and cursing until he ran out of breath. After falling silent, he began to worry. Based on Xia Yu’s words, the Yun clan had already learned of Duan Ling Tian’s existence. It seemed like he had forgotten that he told Xia Yu about how Duan Ling Tian was so lucky that he could turn things around no matter how hopeless it seemed to be.

“I hope he’ll be careful... With his strength now, it’s still not enough to take on the Yun clan...”

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The Yun clan did indeed request for Xia Jie to be confined. However, Xia Jie was not truthful about the reason.

Yun Ting Feng asked for Xia Jie to be confined because he did not want to risk Xia Jie ruining his plan to lure Duan Ling Tian out and kill Duan Ling Tian after the Realm Battlefield closed.

Indeed, Xia Jie would definitely ruin the plan if he knew what was going to happen.

Once again, Yun Ting Feng used the same threat. He said that if Xia Jie ruined his plan and caused him to fail in killing Duan Ling Tian, he would consider the Xia clan to have broken their agreement.

In the end, Xia Yu could only agree to Yun Ting Feng's request. As Xia Jie's brother, he also knew that the only way to prevent Xia Jie from ruining the plan was to confine Xia Jie.

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The Yun clan in the northwest.

Since Xia Yu, the Clan Leader of the Xia clan, had already heard about the peerless prodigy in the chaotic region who was being targeted by the descendants of supreme powerhouses, how could the Yun clan not hear about this?

After receiving the news, Yun Ting Feng felt slightly uneasy. He had confirmed that the peerless prodigy was the person who nearly killed his son in the past. Based on the news he received, Duan Ling Tian had grown stronger since the last time they met.

"How long has it been? He's grown stronger again!"

Yun Ting Feng, who was usually calm, found it difficult to maintain his composure at this moment.

Yun Qing Yan, who had also received the news and came to look for his father, said, "Father, Duan Ling Tian is in the Divine Sanction Battlefield's chaotic region now. He's likely unaware that my cousin has left the Realm Battlefield. Father, why don't we send people into the chaotic region to kill him?"

Yun Qing Yans' expression was dark at this moment. After all, he had a huge grudge against Duan Ling Tian. In the past, he had been high and mighty, and Duan Ling Tian was as insignificant as an ant. However, after Duan Ling Tian nearly killed him, to his horror, the 'ant' had grown and surpassed him.

Previously, Yun Qing Yan had calmed down a lot after knowing that his father planned to lure Duan Ling Tian out and kill Duan Ling Tian. However, after receiving the latest news from the Divine Sanction Battlefield that Duan Ling Tian had grown even stronger, he began to panic again. Once again, he regretted not killing Duan Ling Tian when he was in the mundane realm.

Seeing his son's reaction, Yun Ting Feng frowned. A hint of disappointment could be seen in his eyes as he said in a deep voice, "Calm down. You're being too emotional. Do you think it'll be easy to kill him in the chaotic region? I'm sure you've also heard that a group of descendants of supreme powerhouses is searching for him now. Up until now, they've yet to find him. Among them, quite a few of them hired advanced Supreme Gods to help them."

Yun Ting Feng paused for a moment before he continued to say, "Moreover, there has been no news of Duan Ling Tian for a long time now. He's either dead and no one knows about it, or he's in closed-door cultivation."

Yun Qing Yan asked hopefully, "Father, what do you think? Do you think he's dead or alive?"

Yun Ting Feng calmly replied, “It’s highly likely that he’s alive. How can a monstrous prodigy like him die so easily? Moreover, after his close brush with death, he’s going to be even more cautious.”

It was the first time that Yun Ting Feng had heard of or seen such a monstrous prodigy. Moreover, the other party came from the mundane realm and was not even a thousand years old.

Yun Qing Yan’s expression turned unsightly when he heard Yun Ting Feng’s words. He said indignantly, “I really don’t know what the Ning clan’s Ning Yi Xuan was thinking. Duan Ling Tian nearly killed him, but he saved Duan Ling Tian’s life!”

As soon as Yun Qing Yan received the news about that incident, he had cursed Ning Yi Xuan thousands of times. If Ning Yi Xuan did not intervene, Duan Ling Tian would have died.

Chapter 4284 Duan Ling Tian Emerges From Closed-Door Cultivation

In fact, Yun Qing Yan was not the only one who was puzzled by Ning Yi Xuan’s action.

Whenever Ning Yi Xuan met an acquaintance In the chaotic region, formed by the intersection of the Divine Sanction Battlefield and another two Realm Battlefields, they would always ask, “Ning Yi Xuan, I heard that Duan Ling Tian almost killed you in the past and that the ancestor of your Ning clan paid a huge price to save your life... Even if you don’t consider Duan Ling Tian an enemy, you should still hold a grudge against him, right? Why did you step forward to save his life?”

Faced with such a question, Ning Yi Xuan’s answer remained the same.

“Before I surpass and defeat him, I won’t allow him to die if I can help it.”

To Ning Yi Xuan, surpassing and defeating Duan Ling Tian had become his obsession. This obsession helped him to progress rapidly in his cultivation, and he was now only half a step away from entering the realm of an intermediate Supreme God. If he had one more fortuitous encounter, there was no doubt that he would be able to break through smoothly. Even without a fortuitous encounter, he would be able to break through within ten years relying on his obsession to surpass Duan Ling Tian. If Duan Ling Tian died before he was able to do so, he would lose his source of motivation. Without the motivation, he was not confident he would be able to enter the realm of an intermediate Supreme God in ten, twenty, or thirty years without a fortuitous encounter.

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“Duan Ling Tian, I hope that you’ll live after that incident... Just you wait! I’ll defeat you and reclaim my past glory!”

In fact, there were not many people who dared to gossip about Ning Yi Xuan, and many people also assumed that his defeat at Duan Ling Tian’s hand was just a rumor that might not be true. However, Ning Yi Xuan himself felt like he had become a laughingstock after he was defeated by Duan Ling Tian and that the only way for him to redeem himself was to surpass and defeat Duan Ling Tian.

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Duan Ling Tian was naturally unaware of Ning Yi Xuan’s thoughts. At this time, he was prepared to emerge from his closed-door cultivation. He had progressed significantly, and if he continued to cultivate now, the progress would only be negligible. As such, he thought that it would be better for him to leave his closed-door cultivation. Perhaps, he would find an opportunity for further improvements.

“It feels like I still have a long way to go to completely stabilize my cultivation base in the realm of a rudimentary Supreme God.”

Although Duan Ling Tian had been in closed-door cultivation for several years, he was not satisfied with his improvement. In fact, he was very dissatisfied with the improvements he made. His cultivation speed could be considered quick, and yet, his improvements were not much. A few years ago, he had been under a great deal of pressure, and the pressure drove him to improve quickly after he entered closed-door cultivation. However, now that the pressure was gone, his progress had slowed down as well.

“I can still obtain battle merits by killing people in the chaotic region to open a secret realm... I’ll gather battle merits and open a secret realm. Previously, my battle merits allowed me to open a single-person secret realm. It was there that I met Ning Yi Xuan. I’ll try to accumulate a little more battle merits this time and open a multi-person secret realm. More battle merits are needed to open a secret realm that can accommodate more people after all. With more people, the rewards will definitely be better...”

Duan Ling Tian found a new goal very quickly. While he worked toward his goal, he naturally did not forget his wife; Ke’er, his mother-in-law; Linghu Ren Feng, and his sister-in-law; Linghu Chu Yin. He was still searching for the trio in the chaotic region. He knew that the chaotic region was vast, and searching for them was no different from searching for a needle in a haystack. In the end, he knew that everything depended on fate.

“I’ll go to the base camp first and see if the descendants of the supreme powerhouses are still targeting me...”

Duan Ling Tian knew that he could not stay in one place for long and that he had to be very cautious. The base camp was a good place to check if the descendants of the supreme powerhouses were still out to get him. Apart from that, he also wanted to find out what the current situation in the chaotic region was like.

Duan Ling Tian was also slightly hopeful that he would run into Ke’er, Linghu Ren Feng, or Linghu Chu Yin in the base camp.

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Duan Ling Tian traveled for a few days before he finally arrived at the entrance of the nearest base camp. He had once passed by this base camp.

“It seems like there are only a few base camps in the chaotic region. However, the base camps have many entrances and exits. This entrance is just one of many...”

It did not matter which Realm of Gods one was from, one would be able to freely enter all base camps.

Duan Ling Tian looked at the entrance to the base camp, which was a barrier that emitted a blue light. The base camp could not be seen at all. He knew that the base camp was not located directly behind the entrance.

“Even if two people use the same entrance, it doesn’t mean that they’ll be transported to the same base camp...”

The entrances of the base camps were not fixed to a specific base camp; the destination was constantly changing.

Even if three people held hands and stepped into the entrance, there was still a chance that they would be sent to different base camps. For this reason, many people who traveled together would not go to base camps unless they were in danger. After all, there was a high chance they would be separated.

The exits of the base camps operated in the same manner. One would be transported to random locations after leaving the base camps.

Perhaps, the only way for one to ensure that one's group stayed together was with the help of a treasure or method by a supreme powerhouse. To do so, everyone had to be in agreement. For example, the descendant of the supreme powerhouse, who gathered more than a dozen intermediate Supreme Gods to deal with Duan Ling Tian in the past, possessed the means left to him by his ancestor to ensure everyone in his group stayed together when entering and exiting a base camp.

“Alright, let's go in...”

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian stepped into the entrance. His vision darkened briefly, and when his sight was restored, he found himself in a vast base camp.

In order to avoid trouble, Duan Ling Tian had altered his appearance. As such, no one paid attention to him when he arrived at the base camp. In fact, even a rudimentary Supreme God would be able to see through his disguise if they had probed him with their Divine Consciousness, let alone intermediate and advanced Supreme Gods. However, the base camps were rather peaceful, and very few people would probe others with their Divine Consciousness in the base camps. Probing another person with one's Divine Consciousness was a provocative and offensive act, after all. Perhaps, if the other party was just an ordinary cultivator, there would be no problems. However, if one accidentally probed someone with a good background, one would definitely get into trouble.

After entering the base camp, Duan Ling Tian was still slightly worried that his disguise would be seen through. However, he soon realized that he had been thinking too much. After all, not only was the base camp vast, but there were not many people as well. Moreover, there were also a few people who wore disguises in the base camps.

Not long after, a voice caught Duan Ling Tian's attention.

“Hey, do you think Duan Ling Tian from the Profound Energy Land’s Myriad Laws Academy is dead as some people had speculated? Or do you think he just found a good place to hide?”

Not far away from Duan Ling Tian, several people gathered to speak.

Upon hearing those words, Duan Ling Tian was rather surprised. He did not expect his origin would be found out. However, after a moment, he thought that it was only natural that his origin was exposed. After all, it was not difficult for descendants of supreme powerhouses to find out such things even without the direct help of supreme powerhouses.

Duan Ling Tian continued to eavesdrop on the conversation. He discovered that apart from his origin, people had also found out that he was not even a thousand years old. Not only that, but word about his encounters with Ning Yi Xuan had also spread.

“Hey, do you think that Duan Ling Tian really managed to defeat Ning Yi Xuan?”

“I don’t think so...”

“I don’t think so either. However, my cousin is familiar with a descendant of a supreme powerhouse. According to that person, it’s true that Duan Ling Tian managed to defeat Ning Yi Xuan. At that time, the supreme powerhouse from the Ning clan had to intervene to save Ning Yi Xuan’s life, and he was punished as a result.”

“Punished? Who could punish a supreme powerhouse?”

Many people were puzzled by this incident, and some people who had spoken to Ning Yi Xuan also repeated his answer to the others.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head inwardly. ‘I didn’t expect that people are still talking about this after so many years...’

As Duan Ling Tian wandered the base camp, he heard people discussing various topics. However, it had to be said that he was the topic of most discussions.

Duan Ling Tian also learned that many descendants of supreme powerhouses had given up on looking for him to search for fortuitous encounters. After all, most of them only had one supreme powerhouse in their respective forces, and there were many fortuitous encounters, which could only be found on the Realm Battlefield, that their respective supreme powerhouses could not provide them. These unique fortuitous encounters were placed on the Realm Battlefield under the joint effort of a group of supreme powerhouses to cultivate talented juniors.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian also heard about the mysterious Outer Boundary, which he had briefly heard about before. However, it was his first time hearing about the God Defying World which consisted of 18 Realms of Gods, 81 Devata Realms, and countless mundane realms.

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“81 Devata Realms and 18 Realms of Gods... Is this a coincidence, or is it an intentional arrangement?”

Duan Ling Tian could not help but wonder after confirming that the Heaven Defying World, which he was in, consisted of 18 Realms of Gods, 81 Devata Realms, and countless mundane realms. Apart from that, the Outer Boundary should be outside of the God Defying World.

Independent spaces created by supreme powerhouses and other powerhouses were unstable, but they were considered realms as well along with the Little Worlds in powerhouses' bodies. These realms were naturally also part of the God Defying World.

“It seems like this world is much bigger than I had imagined...”

Duan Ling Tian's perception of the world changed after learning about this. Previously, he thought the world that he was in was the only world. However, now, he thought it might not be necessarily true. Perhaps, the God Defying World was one of many worlds.

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The God Defying World was a world of its own. In a way, it was just like how Earth, where he was from in previous life, and the places outside of Earth were considered a world.

Duan Ling Tian's knowledge of the God Defying World and the Outer Boundary was limited. It was only limited to what he heard, and he did not ask anyone about it. In any case, what he had learned so far had shocked him so much that it caused him to be absentminded for a while. It was only natural since the God Defying World and the Outer Boundary had subverted his worldview.

“I can't continue like this... Otherwise, my cultivation will be affected. Not only that, I completely lost interest in accumulating battle merits to open a secret realm now. All I want to do now is learn more about the God Defying World and the Outer Boundary...”

“It's better for me to leave the chaotic region and the Realm Battlefield for now...”

In the end, the shock and confusion from learning about the God Defying World were too much that Duan Ling Tian decided to leave the chaotic region and the Realm Battlefield temporarily.

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After leaving the Divine Sanction Battlefield, Duan Ling Tian crossed over to the Profound Zen Battlefield. From the Profound Zen Battlefield, he returned to the Profound Energy Land.

When Duan Ling Tian arrived at the Profound Energy Land, he felt as though a lifetime had passed since the last time he was here. In the past, he left the Profound Energy Land with his Third Senior Brother, Yang Yu Chen. At that time, he was just an advanced Emperor of Gods. In just a blink of an eye, decades had passed, and he was now a rudimentary Supreme God.

“Although the Myriad Laws Academy is only a heavyweight supreme-rank force, it has existed for a long time just like prime supreme-rank forces. The Academy Master is likely very knowledgeable...”

Duan Ling Tian wasted no time and returned to the Myriad Laws Academy after arriving at the Profound Energy Land. Although he could return openly, he chose to be discreet.

News about him being in the Divine Sanction Battlefield’s chaotic region had spread, and the people and forces here, including the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation, must have also heard the news. In the past, the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation only needed to send a rudimentary Supreme God to kill him. However, now, even a stronger intermediate Supreme God would not be able to threaten Duan Ling Tian. In fact, even the most powerful intermediate Supreme God might not be able to stop him from leaving without help. Only an advanced Supreme God would be able to stop him.

There was only one advanced Supreme God in the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation. He would only make a move if he could confirm Duan Ling Tian's location. It would be impossible for him to wait outside of the Myriad Laws Academy for Duan Ling Tian to appear.

Apart from that, everyone assumed Duan Ling Tian was still in the chaotic region on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. As such, it was impossible for the Lone Primordial Spirit Congregation to send their men to wait for him outside of the Myriad Laws Academy.

However, due to Duan Ling Tian's close brush with death previously, he was very cautious now. Regardless of how safe it seemed, he still hid his appearance when returning to the Myriad Laws Academy. He only removed his disguise when he stepped foot into the Myriad Laws Academy.

Meanwhile, the patrolling elders were the first to notice Duan Ling Tian. Needless to say, all of them were surprised.

"It's Duan Ling Tian! He's back!"

"He's back? Isn't he in the Divine Sanction Battlefield's chaotic region?"

"Duan Ling Tian, you're really a rudimentary Supreme God now!"

"I heard that he only became a rudimentary Supreme God not long ago, but he's already stronger than most intermediate Supreme Gods! Even those intermediate Supreme Gods we consider strong might not be a match for him..."

"Apart from a few of our Vice Academy Masters, I don't think any intermediate Supreme Gods in our academy are a match for him!"

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The news of Duan Ling Tian's return to the Myriad Laws Academy spread quickly.

Many teachers and students were eager to meet Duan Ling Tian who had become a rudimentary Supreme God. Most of them had also heard that he nearly killed a descendant of a supreme powerhouse on the Divine Sanction Battlefield and could not wait to ask him about it. Alas, when they rushed over, they were sorely disappointed.

"Where's Senior Brother Duan?"

"Where's Brother Duan?"

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Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian had returned to the Inner Palace faction's independent realm.

As soon as Duan Ling Tian arrived, he heard a voice saying, "Junior brother, you're finally back! You and Third Senior Brother have been away for too long! My cultivation has improved a little recently. Come and spar with me! Don't worry. I'll go easy on you, and I won't hurt you!"

The voice belonged to Lang Chun Yuan, Duan Ling Tian's Fourth Senior Sister. Previously, she had broken through and entered the realm of a rudimentary Supreme God in the Trial of Gods. Not only

that, but she also completely stabilized her cultivation base at that time. Decades had passed since then, and she was naturally stronger than before.

Suddenly, Lang Chun Yan seemed to have discovered something, and her eyes widened in shock. “Junior brother, you... you’ve also broken through and entered the realm of a rudimentary Supreme God?!”

Duan Ling Tian smiled and nodded.

“You... You haven’t stabilized your cultivation base, have you?” Lang Chun Yuan asked.

Duan Ling Tian smiled wryly and replied as he shook his head, ‘No. It’s not easy to cultivate after becoming a rudimentary Supreme God. Although I’ve broken through for a while now, I’m still quite a distance from stabilizing my cultivation base...’

“Thank goodness!” Lang Chun Yuan heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing these words. Earlier, she had felt greatly pressured after discovering that Duan Ling Tian was a rudimentary Supreme God. She was his senior sister, after all. As a senior sister, how could her junior brother surpass her?

After a moment, Lang Chun Yuan said with a sigh, “Indeed. My cultivation has slowed down a lot after I became a rudimentary Supreme God.”

Duan Ling Tian nodded. “After the advanced chaotic region appears, I hope that I’ll be rewarded with the divine fountain...”

Previously, Duan Ling Tian knew nothing about the divine fountain. At that time, he even thought that the divine fountain was not as good as the supreme powerhouse’s Divine Energy. It was only

when he was hunted down by the descendants of the supreme powerhouses that he learned about how the divine fountain could quickly improve the cultivation of Supreme Gods.

Even supreme powerhouses coveted the divine fountain even if they had no use for it. After all, not all descendants and children of supreme powerhouses had used the divine fountain before.

There were very few divine fountains, and none of them were in the God Defying World. All the existing divine fountains were in the Outer Boundary.

Upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words, Lang Chun Yuan lost her composure. "Divine fountain?! Junior brother, did I hear wrongly? Did you really say 'divine fountain'?"

Duan Ling Tian, who saw the envious expression on Lang Chun Yuan's face, replied, "Yes. Fourth Senior Sister, you know about the divine fountain?"

"Yes," Lang Chun Yan said as she nodded. Then, she said with a hint of displeasure, "Previously, Eldest Senior Sister brought back a drop from the divine fountain, but she gave it to Third Senior Brother. It was because of that drop from the divine fountain that Third Senior Brother was able to break through the bottleneck and became an intermediate Supreme God. Eldest Senior Sister said that the divine fountain is really precious. She had encountered it by chance. There's no divine fountain in the God Defying World, and it can only be found in the Outer Boundary."

Duan Ling Tian wanted to inquire more about this matter, but Lang Chun Yuan continued to say as she stared at him with bright eyes, "Junior brother, tell me how I can obtain the divine fountain in the chaotic region. Perhaps, I'll be able to obtain a few drops..."

Upon hearing these words, Duan Ling Tian regretted mentioning the divine fountain to Lang Chun Yuan. He could not help but wonder if she would drop all her responsibilities and run to the Realm Battlefield. According to Yang Yu Chen, someone had to guard the Inner Palace faction at all times.

If there was no one at all, it would not take long for the Inner Palace faction's independent realm to collapse. As such, the independent realm could only be empty for a very short time.

In the end, Duan Ling Tian said with a bitter smile, "Fourth Senior Sister, I'll tell you about it. However, you must first promise me that you won't run to the chaotic region. You should be aware that you have to be here physically. Otherwise, our faction's independent realm will collapse."

This was the reason Yang Yu Chen had passed on the position of the Palace Master of the Inner Palace faction to Lang Chun Yuan before he left. Someone had to be present at all times to ensure the independent realm did not collapse.

Lang Chun Yuan looked at Duan Ling Tian eagerly as she asked tentatively, "Junior brother, why don't I pass on the position of the Palace Master of the Inner Palace faction to you?"

Previously, Lang Chun Yuan had been fooled into accepting the position of the Palace Master of the Inner Palace faction by Yang Yu Chen. She finally realized that her Third Senior Brother had passed on the burden to her. She felt extremely regretful at this moment. Alas, there was nothing she could do now. If she left, the independent realm would collapse. At that time, she, her senior sister, her senior brothers, and her junior brother would lose their home.

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Duan Ling Tian said solemnly, "Fourth Senior Sister, I can't. My wife, your junior sister-in-law, is suffering somewhere on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. I can't take over the position of the Palace Master of the Inner Palace faction until I find her. I hope you understand this..."

Although Lang Chun Yuan was childish, Duan Ling Tian still respected her. After all, he knew that she sincerely cared about him and took good care of him. He treated others the way they treated him and would repay kindness with kindness.

“Junior brother, I was just joking,” Lang Chun Yuan said with a sheepish smile. Although she was childish, she was not unreasonable. Then, she said seriously, “Don’t worry. The Inner Palace faction is our home. Since Third Senior Brother has entrusted the faction to me, I’ll definitely guard it and won’t let it disappear.”

Following that, a childlike and innocent smile bloomed on her face before she continued to say, “Don’t worry, junior brother. Even if I want to enter the Realm Battlefield, I’ll send my doppelganger. My doppelganger isn’t any weaker than I am. Junior brother, tell me, how do I obtain the divine fountain?”

Lang Chun Yuan was clearly determined to obtain the divine fountain.

Duan Ling Tian did not find Lang Chun Yuan’s reaction surprising. After all, even direct descendants of supreme powerhouses coveted the precious divine fountain. Otherwise, why would the descendants of the supreme powerhouses go to such great lengths to search for him and kill him?

“Fourth Senior Sister, the divine fountain...” Duan Ling Tian said before he recounted the announcement that the supreme powerhouse made on the Realm Battlefield.

Lang Chun Yuan’s eyes lit up after she listened to Duan Ling Tian’s words. “Even those who rank tenth in their respective categories will be rewarded with a drop from the divine fountain?! That supreme powerhouse who found the divine fountain in the Outer Boundary must be very lucky!”

Lang Chun Yuan could not help but gulp at the end of her words.

Duan Ling Tian’s heart was moved as well. Based on what he had heard, he knew that the divine fountain was incredibly precious; supreme powerhouses would fight over just a drop from the

divine fountain. Since even those who were ranked tenth would be rewarded with a drop from the divine fountain, those who ranked above the tenth place would definitely be rewarded as well. Moreover, they would likely be rewarded with more than one drop from the divine fountain.

After a moment, Duan Ling Tian looked at Lang Chun Yuan and asked curiously, “Fourth Senior Sister, how much do you know about the Outer Boundary?”

Lang Chun Yuan returned to her senses and shook her head as she said, “Not much. I’ve not been to the Outer Boundary, after all. I heard a little about it from Eldest Senior Sister. Although she’s an advanced Supreme God, the Outer Boundary is still a very dangerous place. It’s said that even supreme powerhouses can die in the Outer Boundary. In the Outer Boundary, there are advanced Supreme Gods and supreme powerhouses from other worlds as well. According to her, the masters of the 18 Realms of Gods are extremely powerful, and they’re the guardians of the God Defying World. They also guard the 18 passages that connect to the Outer Boundary. Apart from that, advanced Supreme Gods have to take turns to serve and guard the God Defying World in the Outer Boundary as well.”

Duan Ling Tian did not know much about the God Defying World, after all. After listening to Lang Chun Yuan, he finally realized that the Outer Boundary was a terrifying place. As such, supreme powerhouses only chose advanced Supreme Gods to go to the Outer Boundary. However, there was no lack of people below the realm of an advanced Supreme God who went to the Outer Boundary in search of better fortuitous encounters. Alas, many of them failed to return. Those who survived lost their cultivation and could only wait for their deaths through the Heavenly Tribulation.

“Eldest Senior Sister also said that the supreme powerhouses were inspired by the space realm in the Outer Boundary and created the Realm Battlefield. There’s a reward system in the Outer Boundary, and in addition to that, there are many treasures like the divine fountain. In the past, Eldest Senior Sister killed an advanced Supreme God in the Outer Boundary and obtained a drop from the divine fountain...” Lang Chun Yuan said.

After explaining everything she knew to Duan Ling Tian, Lang Chun Yuan’s doppelganger sprang out from her body. It smiled at Duan Ling Tian before it left in a hurry.

“Junior brother, I’ve sent my doppelganger to the chaotic region on the Profound Zen Battlefield. Don’t worry, I’ll be here. You can find me here if you need anything. By the way, my knowledge of the Outer Boundary is limited. If you want to know more, that old man, Su Bi Lie, should be able to provide you with more information,” Lang Chun Yuan said to Duan Ling Tian.

Su Bi Lie was the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy, and he was also an advanced Supreme God.

Duan Ling Tian nodded. “I returned because I planned to look for him and ask about the Outer Boundary. Fourth Senior Sister, I’ll take my leave now. After speaking to the Academy Master, I’ll be returning to the Realm Battlefield...”

Lang Chun Yuan smiled and said, “Junior brother, I can’t wait to compete in the rudimentary Supreme God ranking with you once the advanced chaotic region appears...” Then, she added confidently, “I’ll definitely have a higher rank than you!”

Similar to Duan Ling Tian, Lang Chun Yuan was also a rudimentary Supreme God. She was determined to rank higher than Duan Ling Tian because he was her junior brother. If she was weaker than Duan Ling Tian, her Second Senior Brother and Third Senior Brother would definitely tease her.

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After leaving the Inner Palace faction, Duan Ling Tian went to meet Su Bi Lie, the Academy Master of the Myriad Laws Academy. He had met Su Bi Lie and was acquainted with Su Bi Lie in the past.

Su Bi Lie sighed when he saw Duan Ling Tian. “I’ve heard of it. I expected you to perform outstandingly on the Realm Battlefield, but it seems like I still underestimated you.”

Naturally, Su Bi Lie had also heard about Duan Ling Tian's feats on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. Apart from that, previously, Yun Ting Feng, the Clan Leader of the Yun clan, which was a prime supreme-rank force in the Divine Offering Land, had visited him and asked for his help to kill Duan Ling Tian. Needless to say, he refused Yun Ting Feng.

"Academy Master, you're overpraising me. I was just lucky," Duan Ling Tian replied modestly.

"Lucky?" Su Bi Lie shook his head and said, "The fact that you almost killed Ning Yi Xuan, the prodigy from the Sanction Land's Ning clan, is a testament to your strength. That feat alone is enough to convince those from the other Realms of Gods of your strength. You're now widely acknowledged as the number one prodigy in all of the Realms of Gods, which was the title that previously belonged to Ning Yi Xuan."

Based on what Duan Ling Tian had heard, he speculated that Ning Yi Xuan must be quite famous in the Realms of Gods. However, he did not expect that even Su Bi Lie thought so highly of Ning Yi Xuan.

"I heard that the supreme powerhouse from the Ning clan received a rather heavy punishment for intervening on the Realm Battlefield and rescuing Ning Yi Xuan," Su Bi Lie said. After a brief pause, he added, "However, don't worry. That supreme powerhouse is quite reasonable. He won't take offense because he knows he's at fault."

Duan Ling Tian felt at ease after listening to Su Bi Lie's words. After all, in addition to being punished, he had cost the Ning clan's supreme powerhouse two fragments of prime divine artifacts. At this point, a supreme powerhouse could easily kill him, and it would be a grave matter if that supreme powerhouse held a grudge against him.

Before Duan Ling Tian could ask about the Outer Boundary, Su Bi Lie asked, "Is there any enmity between you and the Divine Offering Land's Yun clan?"

Duan Ling Tian was stunned by this question. He quickly recovered his senses, and he knew that something must have happened after he left the Myriad Laws Academy for Su Bi Lie to ask such a question. He asked, “Academy Master, did the Yun clan visit you?”

Previously, Duan Ling Tian nearly killed Yun Qing Yan, the Eldest Young Master of the Yun clan, near the Yun clan’s estate in the Divine Offering Land. Thanks to the life-saving method Yun Ting Feng gave Yun Qing Yan, Yun Qing Yan narrowly escaped death. At that time, Duan Ling Tian knew that his action was tantamount to waging war against the Yun clan. Nonetheless, he did not expect the Yun clan would send someone to the Myriad Laws Academy in the Profound Energy Land.

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Su Bi Lie nodded and said, “That’s right. Yun Ting Feng, the Clan Leader of the Yun clan, visited me.”

Duan Ling Tian was surprised that Yun Ting Feng personally visited the Myriad Laws Academy. He was naturally curious about the purpose of Yun Ting Feng’s visit.

As though he could see the question in Duan Ling Tian’s mind, Su Bi Lie said with a faint smile on his face, “He asked for you to be expelled from the Myriad Laws Academy. In other words, he wants the academy to abandon you.” After a beat, he continued to say, “Although the Myriad Laws Academy isn’t a prime supreme-rank force and has no supreme powerhouses, we have connections with a few supreme powerhouses. For this reason, even prime supreme-rank forces won’t simply offend the academy. As a prodigy of the academy, the academy naturally values you greatly. If he kills a student of the academy, it’s not different from making an enemy out of the academy. Hence, he wants the academy to expel you to avoid unnecessary trouble when he kills you.”

Duan Ling Tian was enlightened after listening to Su Bi Lie’s words. He looked at Su Bi Lie as he said solemnly, “So that’s the reason... Thank you, Academy Master.”

Based on Su Bi Lie's words, it was clear that Su Bi Lie refused Yun Ting Feng. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian knew that Yun Ting Feng must have offered Su Bi Lie some kind of benefit to expel him. As such, he felt very thankful to Su Bi Lie and that he owed Su Bi Lie a favor.

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"You're being too courteous," Su Bi Lie shook his head and said, "Please don't feel that you owe me a favor. I did what was right. If I expel you because of Yun Ting Feng, the Inner Palace faction will definitely sever ties with the academy."

Su Bi Lie's expression turned solemn when he mentioned the Inner Palace faction. He continued to say, "Perhaps, you might wonder why the Inner Palace faction is strong but alienated from the Myriad Laws Academy. The Inner Palace faction is a guardian of the academy and has contributed greatly to the academy. In fact, without the Inner Palace faction, the academy won't have connections to the supreme powerhouses." He paused briefly before he continued to say, "Duan Ling Tian, you'll learn more about the Inner Palace faction when the time comes. You might now know this, but the Inner Palace faction is strong enough to stand on its own as a heavyweight supreme-rank force. You're a peerless prodigy. Your Third Senior Brother and Fourth Senior Sister are also rare prodigies. No one in the academy can compare to them, let alone surpass them. Although your Second Senior Brother is slightly weaker talent-wise, his comprehension skills are on par with your Third Senior Brother and Fourth Senior Sister. Then, there's your Eldest Senior Sister. No one doubts her capabilities. I'm afraid I won't be able to withstand three moves from her now even though in terms of seniority, I'm her junior granduncle."

Su Bi Lie smiled self-deprecatingly after he finished speaking.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by how extraordinary Yang Yu Chen and Lang Chun Yuan were. They would not be recruited by the Inner Palace faction if they were not monstrous prodigies from the lower realms. It was the same for him. If he did not have high innate talent and comprehension skills, Yang Yu Chen would not have personally invited him to join the Myriad Laws Academy's Inner Palace faction.

However, despite hearing about his Eldest Senior Sister multiple times, Duan Ling Tian was still shocked when Su Bi Lie spoke about his Eldest Senior Sister. In the past, Yang Yu Chen had told him that Su Bi Lie might not be as strong as the leaders of the prime supreme-rank forces, but Su Bi Lie was still among the strongest advanced Supreme Gods.

‘Eldest Senior Sister is so strong?’

Duan Ling Tian suddenly felt a sense of security after realizing how strong his Eldest Senior Sister was. Although he had never met his Eldest Senior Sister, based on what Yang Yu Chen and Lang Chun Yuan said, his Eldest Senior Sister was very protective of her juniors in the Inner Palace faction.

Duan Ling Tian asked curiously, “Academy Master, based on your words, it seems like my Eldest Senior Sister is very strong. How strong is she compared to Yun Ting Feng, the Clan Leader of the Yun clan?”

Yun Ting Feng was naturally very strong. He was one of the strongest advanced Supreme Gods.

Su Bi Lie shook his head and said, “It’s difficult to say. I’m also not confident I’ll be able to withstand three moves from Yun Ting Feng. If your Eldest Senior Sister has improved her cultivation in recent years, perhaps, she’ll be comparable to Yun Ting Feng...”

Duan Ling Tian was once again shocked by Su Bi Lie’s words. Yun Ting Feng, the Clan Leader of the Yun clan, was only second to the supreme powerhouse of the Yun clan. He did not expect his Eldest Senior Sister to be comparable to one of the strongest advanced Supreme Gods. He finally understood why Su Bi Lie said that the Inner Palace faction was strong enough to stand on its own as a heavyweight supreme-rank force.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian decided to ask about the matter that brought him back to the Profound Energy Land. “Academy Master, I heard that my Eldest Senior Sister is in the Outer Boundary. My Fourth Senior Sister doesn’t know much so you can tell me about the Outer Boundary?”

Su Bi Lie shook his head. “There’s no need for you to know too much about it at this point in your life. Although you’re now a rudimentary Supreme God, the Outer Boundary is still very far from reach for you. Not counting the supreme powerhouses, under normal circumstances, only advanced Supreme Gods can go to the Outer Boundary. Unless they possess strength comparable to advanced Supreme Gods, those below the realm of an advanced Supreme God will die if they go to the Outer Boundary.”

When Su Bi Lie saw the curiosity and anticipation burning in Duan Ling Tian’s eyes, he said, “If you’re really curious, I’ll tell you about it. I hope it doesn’t bring your harm. Instead, I hope it further motivates you to soar to greater heights.”

“The God Defying World isn’t the only world. The Outer Boundary connects to many worlds, collectively known as the Myriad Worlds. The God Defying World is just one of the Myriad Worlds. If you’re strong enough, you can travel to other worlds through the Outer Boundary,” Su Bi Lie explained.

“The God Defying World is one of the Myriad Worlds?” Duan Ling Tian was shocked.

“No one knows the specifics, but more than 10,000 worlds have been discovered up until now. However, most of them are weak and subjugated by stronger worlds. Our God Defying World alone rules over more than a dozen weaker worlds. However, among the Myriad Worlds, we’re not considered the strongest even if we’re not weak. There are three strongest worlds among the Myriad Worlds, and they rule over more than a hundred worlds each, and our God Defying World is among them. Including our Our God Defying World, there are 18 worlds with similar strength.”

“Usually, weaker worlds have fewer than ten supreme powerhouses. Of course, there are exceptions when those supreme powerhouses are extremely powerful. For example, among the 18 worlds, which we’re a part of, there’s a very powerful supreme powerhouse. He’s comparable to the strongest supreme powerhouse from the three strongest worlds. Due to his strength, the world he’s from is considered strong even though there are only a few supreme powerhouses there.”

“The Outer Boundary that connects the Myriad Worlds is a miraculous place. It rewards those who are very strong. The Trial of Gods and the Realm Battlefield were created by supreme powerhouses in the image of the Outer Boundary. The rewards on the Realm Battlefield aren’t just from the supreme powerhouses. The weak worlds that the God Defying World rule contributed as well. When the vital energy of a world is depleted, the world and its inhabitants will be destroyed. Only supreme powerhouses will survive. This is unfortunately the sad fate of weak worlds. We should feel grateful that the God Defying World isn’t one of them. Otherwise, unless we become supreme powerhouses or are acquainted with a supreme powerhouse, we won’t be able to escape death when the world ends.”

Duan Ling Tian gained a deeper understanding of the Outer Boundary after listening to Su Bi Lie’s explanation.

In short, the Outer Boundary connected the Myriad Worlds, and there were three strongest worlds. The God Defying World was not one of the three strongest worlds, and it was one of the 18 worlds directly under the rules of the three worlds. Below the 18 worlds were the weakest worlds where they had fewer than ten supreme powerhouses respectively.

Chapter 4288 The Unfortunate Duan Ling Tian

Duan Ling Tian suddenly recalled something, and he could not help but ask, “Academy Master, you said that our God Defying World is among 18 worlds under the three strongest worlds?”

Duan Ling Tian could not help but think of the 18 Realms of Gods in the God Defying World. Was the number a coincidence?

Duan Ling Tian continued to ask, “There are 18 Realms of Gods in our world, and it has always been this way. Does this have anything to do with the 18 worlds?”

Su Bi Lie nodded. “Yes. The 18 worlds are weaker than the three strongest worlds. As such, we need to work together to defend against the three strongest worlds. A long time ago, the 18 worlds began to use their vital energies to create a Formation that protects us from the three strongest worlds. In the same manner, the 18 Realms of Gods in the God Defying World create a Formation to protect the God Defying World.”

Duan Ling Tian furrowed his brows slightly. “Since the 18 worlds worked together to create a Formation to guard against the three strongest worlds, why is there a need to create a separate Formation to protect the God Defying World? If the God Defying World is under attack, the other 17 worlds won’t just stand aside and do nothing, right?”

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Duan Ling Tian paused for a moment. Then, his eyes widened before he exclaimed... “Could it be that...” He quickly lowered his voice and said to Su Bi Lie, “Could it be that there’s a conflict between the 18 worlds?”

Su Bi Lie looked at Duan Ling Tian with an expression of approval before he nodded. “That’s right. The 18 worlds have a conflict with each other. However, it’s not very severe. In any case, you’ll learn more about it after you become an advanced Supreme God and a guardian of the God Defying World. Even if I explain it to you now, there’s a chance you won’t be able to understand the situation anyway. You’ve just become a rudimentary Supreme God, and it’s impossible for you to understand things related to a higher level...”

Duan Ling Tian was right in that there was a conflict between the 18 worlds. However, it was not a huge problem and did not affect their effort to defend themselves against the three strongest worlds.

It was normal for conflicts to arise among people, after all, and when faced with a common enemy, it was also common for people to set aside their differences and come together.

Duan Ling Tian was curious about the 81 Devata Realms as well, and Sue Bi Lie explained that the 81 Devata Realms were just a coincidence. In the beginning, there were more than a hundred Devata Realms, but as time passed, only 81 Devata Realms were left.

“The Devata Realms and the mundane realms were not created by humans. They and their inhabitants were formed naturally by God Defying World and evolved along with the passage of time. Some Devata Realms were originally mundane realms a very long time ago...”

Duan Ling Tian had never heard about this before, but he was not very surprised since it was not out of the realm of possibility.

Su Bi Lie smiled and said, “Whatever it is... The most important thing for you now is to make a name for yourself in the chaotic region. It’s best if you can rank first among the rudimentary Supreme Gods in the advanced chaotic region. With that, the supreme powerhouses will definitely take notice of you, and some of them might even extend a helping hand to you. Before you grow into your potential, it’s important that you have the support of a supreme powerhouse.”

Duan Ling Tian thought about the time he was in a single-person secret realm where he almost killed Ning Yi Xuan. At that time, Ning Yi Xuan was rescued by the Ning clan’s supreme powerhouse. As compensation, the supreme powerhouse had given him two fragments of prime divine artifacts. Not only that, but he also obtained another four fragments of prime divine artifacts from another two supreme powerhouses. Among the four fragments, the two sword-shaped fragments were from a supreme powerhouse whom he had never met before.

‘Did the two supreme powerhouses give me the fragments of prime divine artifacts because they saw my potential?’

Realization finally dawned on Duan Ling Tian that the two supreme powerhouses gave him the fragments of prime divine artifacts because they saw his potential. The fragments were like investments. When he grew into his potential, he would be of help to the two supreme powerhouses.

‘It seems like the older one gets, the wiser one becomes,’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh. Although he was slightly over 900 years old now, he was still very young compared to supreme powerhouses.

“Academy Master, if there’s nothing else, I’ll take my leave now,” Duan Ling Tian said. Now that his question had been answered, he was ready to return to the chaotic region on the Divine Sanction Battlefield. After all, he still needed to improve his cultivation and search for his Ke’er, his mother-in-law, and his sister-in-law.

Su Bi Lie said with a smile, “I’ll accompany you. It doesn’t hurt to be cautious.”

“Thank you, Academy Master,” Duan Ling Tian said. He trusted Su Bi Lie. After all, without Su Bi Lie, he would have been killed not long after he joined the Myriad Laws Academy.

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After entering the Divine Sanction Battlefield through the Profound Zen Battlefield, Su Bi Lie said solemnly, “Duan Ling Tian, although you’re remarkably talented, it’s impossible for you to escape from dangerous situations. Let me remind you to be extra cautious in everything you do. Although I’ve never heard of anyone as talented as you, I’m sure you’re not the first nor the last in the long history of the God Defying World. I don’t know if they successfully grew into their potential, but there’s no doubt that they all faced the great danger of dying before growing into their powers. Everything will be in vain if you die before your time. Even the most monstrous talent will be erased by time.”

The solemn expression on Su Bi Lie's face eased as he continued to say, "Hence, you must remember to be cautious."

"Thank you for your reminder, Academy Master. I'll be cautious in everything I do," Duan Ling Tian replied seriously as he nodded. If Ning Yi Xuan did not show up and saved him previously, he would have died. Since then, he had become very cautious. Although he managed to escape from great danger every time, who knew when his luck would run out?

"Goodbye," Su Bi Lie said before he left through a spatial tear, leaving a knife-shaped thing with a chilling aura behind.

"This is..." Duan Ling Tian's eyes widened in shock. He instinctively turned to look at Su Bi Lie, but Su Bi Lie had already disappeared.

'A fragment of the prime divine artifact...' Duan Ling Tian sighed emotionally. He could tell that the fragment of the prime divine artifact was very precious to Su Bi Lie and that it was likely the only one in Su Bi Lie's possession. After all, not all advanced Supreme Gods possessed fragments of prime divine artifacts unless they were among the strongest. It was not difficult to guess that Su Bi Lie, who was weaker than Yun Ting Feng and his Eldest Senior Sister, only had one in his possession.

'I owe him another favor...' Duan Ling Tian shook his head as put away the fragment of the prime divine artifact. This was his eighth fragment of the prime divine artifact.

'I need two more fragments before my Seven Orifices Exquisite Sword can begin its transformation into a prime divine artifact. At that time, I'll grow stronger as well, and I might be comparable to a top intermediate Supreme God as long as he or she doesn't own a prime divine artifact. I might even be able to defeat him or her...' Duan Ling Tian's eyes burned with anticipation.

‘Alright, let’s head to the chaotic region!’

Duan Ling Tian, who was outside of the chaotic region on the Divine Sanction Battlefield, wasted no time in returning to the Divine Offering Land through a base camp before entering the Divine Sanction Battlefield again. After that, he quickly made his way to the chaotic region.

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Soon after Duan Ling Tian arrived in the chaotic region, he made his way through a valley.

Suddenly, a wave of energy swept toward Duan Ling Tian. After sensing the energy, he was rendered speechless. He was chosen to be a gatekeeper of a level in a secret realm again!

‘The challengers are definitely not from the Divine Offering Land. I wonder if they’re from the Sanction Land or one of the other four Realms of Gods...’

Chapter 4289 A Crazy Coincidence

Duan Ling Tian was familiar with the situation because he had already experienced it before. Previously, he and a few people from the Divine Offering Land were transported into a secret realm to become gatekeepers for a level. At that time, the challengers from the Sanction Land were very confident, and they even bragged about killing Duan Ling Tian and the others. In the end, he single-handedly killed the challengers from the Sanction Land and helped the people from the Divine Offering Land escape death.

Now, Duan Ling Tian had no idea who he was going to face in the secret realm. The only thing he was certain of was that the other gatekeepers had to be from the Divine Offering Land as well. After all, he had entered the Divine Sanction Battlefield from the Divine Offering Land and was

considered to be from the Divine Offering Land. As for the challengers, they had to be from one of the five Realms of Gods, which created the chaotic region.

Swoosh!

After the darkness lifted, Duan Ling Tian discovered he was hovering above a glacier. His Divine Energy that lingered on the surface of his skin easily blocked the bone-chilling cold in the surroundings. Soon enough, he saw six people appearing one after another, and all of them wore dark expressions on their faces.

A middle-aged man said indignantly, “Damn it! I’ve been selected as a gatekeeper again!”

An old man shook his head and said, “There’s no point in complaining. We should join forces and defeat the challengers. We’ll be able to leave the secret realm safely once we defeat them.”

“He’s right! We need to join forces to survive!” another middle-aged man said.

The remaining nodded solemnly in agreement.

Duan Ling Tian remained silent as he looked up ahead.

A group of seven people stared at Duan Ling Tian and the others. Six of them wore a faint smile on their faces while one of them, a middle-aged man, wore an unsightly expression on his face.

“Young Master Hong...”

At this time, one of the people from the opposing group noticed something was amiss. Earlier, the arrogant grandson of a supreme powerhouse had been very calm, but his expression was very dark now.

The other five people from the opposing group turned to look at the grandson of a supreme powerhouse in unison.

“Young Master Hong, could it be that you know one of them?”

“Young Master Hong, is he an enemy of yours? If so, let’s join forces and kill him.”

“Young Master Hong...”

The middle-aged man was not the strongest in the group from the Scaling River Land, but everyone was courteous to him because he was the grandson of a supreme powerhouse and politely addressed him as ‘Young Master Hong’.

‘What a coincidence!’ Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a smile. He did not expect to meet Hong Zhang Yi in this secret realm. Hong Zhang Yi was the person who brought more than a dozen intermediate Supreme Gods to kill him previously. He would have died if it were not for Ning Yi Xuan’s timely appearance.

The people from the Divine Offering Land also noticed that something was amiss, and they turned to look at Duan Ling Tian.

“He’s Duan Ling Tian from the Profound Energy Land’s Myriad Laws Academy,” Hong Zhang Yi said at this time, revealing the identity of the purple-clad young man, whom all direct descendants of supreme powerhouses wanted to kill.

Duan Ling Tian’s presence naturally affected the personal interest of the descendants of supreme powerhouses. They were also jealous of his high innate talent and comprehension skills. After all, they could not even compare to a lowlife from the lower realm.

Meanwhile, the people from the Scaling River Land were shocked by Hong Zhang Yi’s words.

“Duan Ling Tian?!”

“That monster from the Profound Energy Land’s Myriad Laws Academy?!”

“He’s that new rudimentary Supreme God who’s capable of killing most intermediate Supreme Gods, right?”

“That’s him?!”

The expressions of the six men from the Scaling River Land turned unsightly at the same time.

“Let’s go!”

In the next moment, the six men from the Scaling River Land saw a portal appearing above Hong Zhang Yi. Clearly, Hong Zhang Yi intended to leave without a fight. None of them objected to this,

and in just a moment, a portal appeared above each of them before all seven of them vanished into thin air.

Meanwhile, the people from Duan Ling Tian's group were baffled by this sudden development. They were standing quite a distance away so they did not hear the opposing group's conversation. They only knew that the opposing group left because of the purple-clad young man in their group.

After a moment, the old man's eyes widened before he exclaimed, "Wait! Is he that monster, Duan Ling Tian, from the Profound Energy Land?!"

"I heard that Duan Ling Tian entered the Divine Sanction Battlefield as a member of the Divine Offering Land..."

"I heard that Duan Ling Tian is always dressed in purple robes, and he possessed a pair of eyebrows that make him look valiant... This young man fits the description..."

A hint of nervousness could be seen in the old man's eyes as he looked at Duan Ling Tian. "He can't be Duan Ling Tian, right?"

"Ask him, and we'll know..."

The six of them really wanted to ask Duan Ling Tian but were hesitant.

Finally, Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly and said, "That's right. I'm Duan Ling Tian."

Duan Ling Tian had already anticipated that Hong Zhang Yi and the others would surrender and leave. He could have killed Hong Zhang Yi earlier and prevented him from leaving with his Teleportation Profundity. However, if he killed Hong Zhang Yi, he would have to kill not only everyone from the Scaling River Land but everyone from the Divine Offering Land as well. Otherwise, it would be troublesome if news about him killing Hong Zhang Yi spread to Hong Zhang Yi's grandfather, who was a supreme powerhouse.

Duan Ling Tian did not think that Hong Zhang Yi possessed a life-saving jade token as well so there was no need to worry about a supreme powerhouse appearing to intervene in the fight. Life-saving jade tokens were very difficult to refine, and although Hong Zhang Yi was doted upon by his grandfather, Hong Zhang Yi was not the only grandson. Life-saving jade tokens were usually given to direct descendants or people who were extraordinary and outstanding like Ning Yi Xuan.

Previously, Duan Ling Tian learned that Ning Yi Xuan in fact had no blood relations to the Ning clan's supreme powerhouse. However, due to Ning Yi Xuan's extraordinary innate talent, the supreme powerhouse of the Ning clan cherished Ning Yi Xuan more than he cherished his direct descendants. Generally, supreme powerhouses had many descendants. Just the supreme powerhouse from the Ning clan alone had more than one hundred children. One could only imagine how many descendants he had. However, Ning Yi Xuan, who was not a blood relative, was still so highly favored. This was a testament to Ning Yi Xuan's strength.

'What a pity that I met him in this secret realm,' Duan Ling Tian lamented inwardly. If he had met Hong Zhang Yi on the Realm Battlefield, it would have been much easier for him to hide the fact that he killed Hong Zhang Yi. Not only was communication prohibited on the Realm Battlefield, but he was sure that it was impossible for the supreme powerhouses overseeing the Realm Battlefield to keep an eye on everything. The supreme powerhouses would hardly notice the death of a rudimentary Supreme God.

Conversely, if Duan Ling Tian killed Hong Zhang Yi in this secret realm, he would leave behind a group of witnesses. Even if Hong Zhang Yi's grandfather did not personally make a move, it was likely that his men would act on his behalf. As such, he decided not to kill Hong Zhang Yi to avoid unnecessary trouble. Let alone supreme powerhouses, it would be impossible for him to escape two advanced Supreme Gods. Although he hated Hong Zhang Yi to the bones, he knew he had to be patient to survive.

Meanwhile, the six people from the Divine Offering Land were shocked after Duan Ling Tian confirmed his identity.

“It’s really you!”

“You’re Duan Ling Tian!”

“Duan Ling Tian, you’re really amazing! All of them left as soon as they recognized you!”

“Duan Ling Tian, we’re able to leave this secret realm safely because of you. Thank you!”

After the people from the Divine Offering Land expressed their gratitude to Duan Ling Tian, all of them were transported out of the secret realm.

When the darkness lifted again, Duan Ling Tian found himself in a valley. When he looked up, he saw a man punching the wall of a cliff. It was as though the man was trying to make a cave for shelter.

Not long after Duan Ling Tian appeared, the man discovered Duan Ling Tian’s presence, and he was shocked. His face turned pale as he stammered, “I-impossible! H-how’s this possible?!”

Duan Ling Tian was surprised as well. ‘What a crazy coincidence!’

Duan Ling Tian was miraculously transported to the same place as Hong Zhang Yi after leaving the secret realm!

Chapter 4290 The Aeon Sword

Duan Ling Tian and Hong Zhang Yi stared at each other in shock, amazement, and disbelief.

After a few moments, Duan Ling Tian's eyes glinted coldly while a hint of dread appeared in the depths of Hong Zhang Yi's eyes.

At this moment, Hong Zhang Yi no longer had the arrogance he had when he met Duan Ling Tian for the first time. At that time, he had more than a dozen intermediate Supreme Gods with him, giving him the strength to completely suppress Duan Ling Tian. However, at this time, he was alone. Even if the other six people from the Scaling River Land were here at this moment, he did not think he would be able to deal with Duan Ling Tian.

Seeing that Duan Ling Tian was making his way over, Hong Zhang Yi quickly forced a smile on his face and said, "Duan Ling Tian... I have no grudge against you. I only tried to kill you previously because I was instigated by my senior brother, who's my grandfather's disciple. He hoped to rank in the top three of the rudimentary Supreme God ranking in the advanced chaotic region so he asked me to help him deal with you."

Hong Zhang Yi, who could keenly sense Duan Ling Tian's killing intent, began to struggle to survive. Needless to say, the 'senior brother' he mentioned was a complete fabrication to appease Duan Ling Tian.

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“Do you think I’ll believe you?” Duan Ling Tian smiled coldly. Although he thought that the coincidence was too unbelievable, he naturally had no intention of letting Hong Zhang Yi go. This was an amazing opportunity. If he did not seize it, it was likely that he would not be given such an opportunity again. Even if this was not a coincidence and was arranged by someone, he still did not intend to let Hong Zhang Yi go. Only a supreme powerhouse could arrange such a thing. If it was truly arranged by a supreme powerhouse, it meant that the supreme powerhouse likely did not have a good relationship with Hong Zhang Yi’s grandfather. After all, the supreme powerhouse went out of his or her way to arrange for him and Hong Zhang Yi to meet.

Seeing that his soft approach did not work on Duan Ling Tian, Hong Zhang Yi’s expression changed again. He did hesitate to switch to a hard approach. Whether it was a hard or a soft approach, it did not matter as long as he could survive. He said in a low and threatening voice, “Duan Ling Tian! If you dare to kill me, my grandfather definitely won’t let you go! Don’t forget that my grandfather is a supreme powerhouse. If he wants to kill you, it’ll be easier than killing an ant!”

Duan Ling Tian only smiled when he heard Hong Zhang Yi’s threatening words. He said, “Hong Zhang Yi, if I kill you today, do you think your grandfather will be able to find out that I did it?”

After a pause, Duan Ling Tian continued to say, “How about this? Why don’t you use the life-saving jade token he gave you? I’ll definitely retreat as soon as your grandfather’s manifestation appears. What do you think? He doesn’t even have to make a move and worry about breaking the rules of the Realm Battlefield. He just needs to show up. I’ll definitely retreat out of respect for a supreme powerhouse.”

Duan Ling Tian’s smile grew wider and wider as he spoke. He was confident that Hong Zhang Yi did not possess a life-saving jade token.

“You...” Hong Zhang Yi’s face turned red in anger. Although his grandfather loved him dearly, he did not possess the precious life-saving jade token. In fact, he had taken the initiative to ask for one a few years ago, but he was chided by his grandfather in the end.

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At the same time, in a hidden place not far from Duan Ling Tian and Hong Zhang Yi.

An old man appeared and asked, "Is this really alright? You want to help Duan Ling Tian seek revenge, but I'm afraid that if Old Ghost Hong finds out about it, he won't let this matter go."

If Duan Ling Tian heard this voice, he would have been able to recognize it. It belonged to the supreme powerhouse who had helped the Ning clan's supreme powerhouse and another supreme powerhouse to pass him fragments of prime divine artifacts.

The old man did not show himself when he spoke to Duan Ling Tian so his voice left a deep impression on Duan Ling Tian. After all, it was the first time a supreme powerhouse had spoken to him.

A young man with an elegant bearing, who stood next to the old man, said indifferently and confidently, "So what if he knows? Is he a match for me?"

The old man said with a wry smile, "We're all on the same side. Isn't it better to avoid conflict if possible?"

"As long as you don't mention this matter, he will never find out about this matter. Of course, it'll also depend on whether I'm in a good mood or not..." the young man replied indifferently.

The old man shook his head helplessly. Then, he asked curiously, "Previously, you've already given him two fragments of prime divine artifacts. Isn't that enough? Why did you decide to help him seek revenge?"

The young man's eyes flashed when he heard these words. He nodded slightly and said, "He's truly remarkable. His mastery of the Sword Dao isn't inferior to that of my father in his prime. In fact, it's even stronger than mine. Once someone like him becomes a supreme powerhouse, the Aeon Sword will reappear in the God Defying World's Outer Boundary."

Upon hearing the words 'Aeon Sword', the old man's expression turned solemn.

The Aeon Sword was a title given to a legendary figure. He had perished after killing several powerful people who invaded the God Defying World, and his sacrifice allowed the God Defying World to emerge victorious in the battle. That legendary figure also comprehended the law of space and the Sword Dao. He was the strongest sword cultivator in the God Defying World.

That legendary figure was the father of the young man.

At this time, the old man seemed to have thought of something, and his eyes widened. "He... Don't tell me that Duan Ling Tian has something to do with your father's disciple!"

The old man thought about how the purple-clad young man had also mastered the Sword Dao.

The young man glanced at the old man and said, "Old man, have you been following me?"

Upon hearing these words, the old man's eyes brightened and he asked, "So there's a connection?" Then, he quickly added, "If I were following you, you would've discovered me. Tell me... What connection does Duan Ling Tian have with your father's disciple?"

The old man's eyes shone with curiosity as he looked at the young man.

The young man looked at the purple figure in the distance before he said calmly, "He's my junior brother's disciple. His Sword Dao comes from my junior brother."

The young man's junior brother was his father's disciple.

"What?!" the old man exclaimed in shock, "He's your junior brother's disciple?"

After realization dawned on him, the old man muttered, "No wonder, no wonder... No wonder you pay so much attention to him. You even delivered Old Ghost Hong's grandson to him! As it turns out, he's your junior nephew!"

Duan Ling Tian was unaware that he had now gained a junior uncle who was a supreme powerhouse.

The old man asked, "Have you thought about the possibility that he might not make a move against Old Ghost Hong's grandson because he's afraid of Old Ghost Hong?"

The young man smiled indifferently and said, "It doesn't matter. I've given him this opportunity, what he does with it is completely up to him. However, if lets this opportunity go to waste, he'll only create trouble for himself in the future. After all, I can't protect him all the time." After a brief pause, he said, "However, I believe that he will seize this chance..."

The young man's eyes were filled with confidence when he looked at Duan Ling Tian.

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Duan Ling Tian ignored Hong Zhang Yi's hard and soft approach. When Hong Zhang Yi tried to escape, he quickly disrupted the space in the surroundings.

Once Hong Zhang Yi realized that he could not escape, he began to plead for his life.

Duan Ling Tian naturally ignored Hong Zhang Yi's pleas. Previously, he almost died because of Hong Zhang Yi. How could he let go of such a good opportunity to avenge himself?

After killing Hong Zhang Yi, Duan Ling Tian looked at his empty surroundings before he cupped his fists together in four directions. He was not certain if his encounter with Hong Zhang Yi was a coincidence or if it was arranged, but he still expressed his gratitude. Following that, he quickly left the valley.

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"It seems like he figured it out," the old man said.

"He's not stupid," the young man said with a faint smile, "Perhaps, it could be considered a coincidence to meet Hong Zhang Yi in the secret realm. However, it's too absurd to meet Hong Zhang Yi again after leaving the secret realm... Such a coincidence isn't out of the realm of possibility, but it's extremely rare. It's likely that he's not completely certain himself, but he's more inclined to believe that someone intervened."

The young man's smile widened as he continued to say, "In any case, his luck is quite good. It just so happened that the secret realm he was pulled into is in our area."

"You..." the old man shook his head and said, "During the 900 years we've been overseeing this place, you smiled the most today... How is it? You must be happy now that you gained a junior brother and a junior nephew. After all, you've been treading on a solitary path up until now..."