

## Sovereign 4681

### Chapter 4681 Two Plans

As soon as Duan Ling Tian made a move, he injured and defeated the divine monk, Yu Hao, with just a strike.

Even Hong Dong Chuan and Jiang Hai Shan were shocked, let alone the others. They were in utter disbelief, and it took them a while to recover their senses. None of them expected Duan Ling Tian to possess such terrifying strength.

After recovering his senses, the old man, who was leaning on his crutch, expression was indescribable. He wished he could dig a hole to hide in when he recalled how arrogant he had been earlier.

"H-how can he be so strong?!"

Ta Ye, the bald and burly man dressed in a black robe, looked at Han Zheng, who was standing next to him and holding a folding fan, in confusion as he asked through Voice Transmission, "Han Zheng, I thought you said you found everything there was to know about him? Is this what you mean by knowing everything?"

The corners of Han Zheng's lips twitched before he said helplessly, "He hid too well. Look, apart from Jiang Hai Shan and Hong Dong Chuan, it's obvious that the others from the Surging River Divine Kingdom also didn't know he was a level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse. Moreover, based on Jiang Hai Shan and Hong Dong Chuan's expressions, it seemed like they also didn't know that he was so terrifyingly strong. They're clearly shocked that he was able to defeat Divine Monk Yu Hao with just a strike. They probably assumed that he was only a little stronger than Divine Monk Yu Hao."

Yu Hao remained silent, but his gaze was complicated when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He did not expect that even with two aces, he would still lose to the Surging River Divine Kingdom that had one ace.

Han Zheng looked at Duan Ling Tian with a wry smile on his face before he said, "The people of the Surging River Divine Kingdom really hid too deeply. With the strength of the God Defying Sword, if he had stepped in the arena first, he could've defeated all five people on our side on his own."

At the same time, after regaining their composure, Xiao Zhen Nan and Hua Ruo from the Surging River Divine Kingdom looked at Duan Ling Tian with respect in their eyes. After this competition, there was no doubt that Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword, was the strongest person below the realm of Dao Merging powerhouses in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. It would not take long for his name to spread throughout the Divine Land.

It was said that there were quite a lot of Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land, but in fact, there were only a few dozen of them. As one of the strongest people below the Dao Merging Realm, Duan Ling Tian would certainly become famous in the Divine Land just like the Temple of the Bitter Sea's Yu Hao and the Surging River Divine Monk's Jiang Hai Shan. Those who paid attention to the powerhouses in the Divine Land all knew them.

"Lord Hai Shan, the Temple of the Bitter Sea sincerely admits defeat this time," Yu Hao said after composing himself. Then, he continued to say helplessly with a bitter expression on his face, "Initially, I thought we'd be able to obtain the remaining Dao Merging Tablet from your Surging River Divine Kingdom. I, along with everyone else, really didn't expect to lose. The Surging River Divine Kingdom really surprised us with its dark horse this time."

Unlike Yu Hao who wore a bitter expression on his face, Jiang Hai Shan was smiling brightly. However, he still said modestly, "Divine Monk Yu Hao, I thought we'd lose as well. Fortunately, an old friend recommended Brother Ling Tian, allowing us to turn the tide. My apologies."

Yu Hao could not help but feel the urge to punch Jiang Hai Shan when he saw the smug expression on Jiang Hai Shan's face. At the same time, he thought to himself worriedly, 'What are we going to do if this God Defying Sword continues to represent the Surging River Divine Kingdom in the Dao Establishment Competition a thousand years later? That'll be really troublesome.'

Despite the defeat, Yu Hao still did his duty as the host. He invited Duan Ling Tian and the others to the main temple of the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

Duan Ling Tian knew that this was a customary practice after the end of the Dao Establishment Competition. Participants would have the opportunity to listen to the opposing force's Dao Merging powerhouse's Dao insight. He naturally looked forward to it.

A thousand years ago when the Surging River Divine Kingdom lost the Dao Establishment Competition, the members of the Temple of the Bitter Sea stayed as guests and listened to the Dao teaching of the Dao Merging powerhouse from the imperial family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

Previously, when Duan Ling Tian was wandering the Temple of the Bitter Sea City, he had enlightenment. With that, his Limitless Dao was very close to a breakthrough. He was now just a step away from breaking into the ninth stage of the Sword Dao. Once he succeeded, he would be able to merge it with his Sword Dao, creating the Limitless Sword Dao.

As Duan Ling Tian followed the others to the main temple, he asked Jiang Hai Shan through Voice Transmission, "What Daos did the Dao Merging powerhouse from the Temple of the Bitter Sea merge?"

Jiang Hai Shan replied immediately, "The powerhouse from the Temple of the Bitter Sea merged the Sanskrit Dao and the Limitless Dao."

Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel excited as soon as he heard this. This was his first time hearing about the Sanskrit Dao so he naturally did not have any feelings about it. What he was excited about was the Limitless Dao. After all, he comprehended the Limitless Dao, and it was only second to his Sword Dao now. It was very close to the ninth stage.

"The Temple of the Bitter Sea is truly a blessed place. Hopefully, I'll be able to improve my Limitless Dao to the ninth stage after listening to the temple's Dao Merging powerhouse!"

Duan Ling Tian did not think about representing the Surging River Divine Kingdom a thousand years later in the Dao Establishment Competition. After all, if his Limitless Dao successfully broke through, he was certain he would not be just a Dao Establishment cultivator a thousand years later.

Coincidentally, at this time, Yu Hao sent a Voice Transmission to Duan Ling Tian.

"Brother Ling Tian, if you don't represent the Surging River Divine Kingdom a thousand years later, the Temple of the Bitter Sea will grant you a request within our ability."

Yu Hao had personally experienced Duan Ling Tian's strength. He did not think he would be a match for Duan Ling Tian even after a thousand years had passed, let alone Bai Yan, who was even weaker than him.

Duan Ling Tian was briefly stunned. When he recovered, he was overjoyed. This was too convenient. It was as though someone had given him a pillow just as he was about to fall asleep.

"I'll think about it. I'll give you an answer before leaving the Temple of the Bitter Sea."

Despite his words, Duan Ling Tian had already decided to agree. After all, he was confident he would not be a mere Dao Establishment powerhouse a thousand years later. He did not agree immediately because he was still thinking about what request to make.

Duan Ling Tian had two plans now. First, he planned to see if the Dao teachings of the Temple of the Bitter Sea's Dao Merging powerhouse could help improve his Limitless Dao and allow it to break through to the ninth stage. After that, he planned to make his request. After all, his request would depend on whether his Limitless Dao improved or not.

Chapter 4682 Divine Monk Yong Ye, the Dao Merging Powerhouse

Led by Yu Hao; the divine monk, Duan Ling Tian and the others soon arrived at the main temple of the Temple of the Bitter Sea to meet the Dao Merging powerhouse of the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

The other party was an old monk with white eyebrows. He was dressed in a simple gray and white kasaya. He was seated in an old and simple Buddha hall, and he looked inconspicuous. Not only that, but if one closed their eyes and only relied on one's Divine Consciousness, it would be difficult to detect his presence. At this moment, he was sitting down and meditating.

Yu Hao bowed respectfully and said, "Ancestor, the guests have arrived."

"I'm Jiang Hai Shan. These are the other four Dao Establishment powerhouses from the Surging River Divine Kingdom. Greetings, Divine Monk Yong Ye," Jiang Hai Shan took the lead to say. His tone was very respectful. After all, the other party was a formidable and strong powerhouse. No matter how strong he was, as a Dao Establishment powerhouse, he was nothing in front of a Dao Establishment powerhouse.

Duan Ling Tian was extremely strong as a level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse who had mastered three Daos. However, he might not even be able to withstand a single strike from Yong Ye. He would either die or be severely injured.

At this time, everyone from Duan Ling Tian, Hong Dong Chuan, and the people from the Surging River Divine Kingdom to the people from the Temple of the Bitter Sea, excluding Bai Yan, looked at Yong Ye in awe.

Yong Ye was not just the strongest person in the Temple of the Bitter Sea. He was also worshipped by everyone in the Temple of the Bitter Sea. In their eyes, no one could replace him in their hearts.

Even the reclusive old man, who was leaning on a crutch, only came out of seclusion after so many years because of a chance to hear the teachings of Yong Ye. It did not matter if he won or lost the competition as long as he could meet Yong Ye.

At this time, Duan Ling Tian studied the old monk with white eyebrows in front of him. This was his first time meeting a Dao Merging powerhouse, whose strength surpassed all Dao Establishment cultivators. Moreover, even in the Myriad Worlds, whether it was before or after the historical gap, the most powerful people were only level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators. There was no record of anyone stronger than that. According to the Void Elder, a level-seven supreme powerhouse whose memories he had obtained, one could only possess powers comparable to 'heaven' when one became a level-nine supreme powerhouse.

Previously, in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, Duan Ling Tian found 'heaven' mysterious. It was not until he arrived in the Divine Land that he discovered that 'heaven' was just the rules of the Life Creation Chart controlled by a Dao Merging powerhouse. In a way, the master of the Life Creation Chart could also be considered the 'heaven' of the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary.

Duan Ling Tian also discovered that the Life Creation Chart was controlled by different people before and after the historical gap.

The master of the Life Creation Chart before the gap in history had cultivated the Sacrificial Dao to the ninth stage and was just a step away from merging it with an already merged Dao. If he succeeded, he would have become one of the strongest people in the Divine Land. The merging of three Daos was the pinnacle for powerhouses in the Divine Land. Currently, in the Divine Land, there were only fewer than a handful of people like that.

Alas, the master of the Life Creation Chart before the historical gap failed to make that last step. Before he could succeed, he was besieged and severely injured, which led to his death. After that, the Life Creation Chart was taken away and divided into several parts. For this reason, the world within the chart collapsed.

It was also at that time that the Void Elder died, leaving his memories in his Realm of Origin, which Duan Ling Tian obtained later on.

After coming to the Divine Land, Duan Ling Tian finally found out that the Void Elder's speculation was wrong. The Void Elder had speculated that 'heaven' feared supreme powerhouses with the potential to become level-nine supreme powerhouses, which was the highest cultivation base in the world within the Life Creation Chart, so 'heaven' wanted to kill them.

Many years later, someone gathered the parts of the Life Creation Chart and reassembled it to cultivate the Sacrificial Dao, becoming the new master of the Life Creation Chart. With this, the world within the chart was recreated. That person also captured many natives of the Divine Land and threw them into the world within the Life Creation Chart to propagate the world.

Duan Ling Tian was the descendant of those people from the Divine Land. Naturally, it was not just him. Everyone in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary after the gap in history was a descendant of those people.

Just as the new master of the Life Creation Chart reached the eighth stage of the forbidden Sacrificial Dao, he was captured and suffered an almost similar fate to the former master of the Life Creation Chart. The difference was that he was only severely injured and he managed to escape with the damaged Life Creation Chart.

Back to the present, Yong Ye opened his eyes. His gaze was dull, and his appearance was ordinary, but no one dared to underestimate him. After all, he was a Dao Merging powerhouse. He said, "Greetings, everyone."

Following that, Yong Ye looked at Duan Ling Tian and said, "I didn't expect to meet someone from the world within the Life Creation Chart. I can sense the unique vitality energy of the world within the chart on you. Previously, I didn't participate in the attack against the new master of the Life Creation Chart, but when the chart was damaged, I could sense many people with unfamiliar energy arriving in the Divine Land..."

It was also due to the unique and unfamiliar aura of the world within the Life Creation Chart that Yong Ye was able to quickly determine Duan Ling Tian was from the world within the chart.

Yong Ye's words also satiated much of Duan Ling Tian's curiosity regarding this matter.

At this time, Yu Hao said with a sigh, "Ancestor, our Temple of the Bitter Sea lost the competition this time."

Based on Yu Hao's expression, it was clear that he blamed himself.

Yong Ye's expression did not change when he heard those words. He looked at Duan Ling Tian again and calmly asked, "Because of him?"

"Yes," Yu Hao replied with a nod, "Brother Ling Tian's strength far surpasses mine. Not only has his Sword Dao reached the ninth stage, but his Limitless Dao and Mastery Dao are also at least at the eighth stage."

Upon hearing this, Yong Ye's dull gaze seemed to brighten slightly.

Meanwhile, everyone, except for Jiang Hai Shan, Yu Hao, and Bai Yan, was shocked. Even Hong Dong Chuan, who knew how strong Duan Ling Tian was, was shocked. None of them expected that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended another two Daos to such a high level. With this, it meant that as long as one of the two Daos reached the ninth stage, Duan Ling Tian could attempt to merge his Daos. If he succeeded, there would be a new Dao Merging powerhouse in the Divine Land.

Yong Ye looked at Duan Ling Tian and said kindly, "The people within the world of the Life Creation Charts are descendants of people from the Divine Land after all. Their talents are naturally not inferior. However, based on the fact that you're able to cultivate to this stage, it's clear that your talent is extraordinary. It should not be difficult for you to merge the Daos."

Duan Ling Tian bowed slightly and said with a smile, "I hope that I'll be able to gain some insight after listening to your teachings so I can further improve my Limitless Dao."

#### Chapter 4683 A New Dao Merging Powerhouse

Yong Ye, the divine monk, chuckled and said, "It seems that I can't keep any secrets when I share my knowledge later."

Yong Ye knew that if he could help Duan Ling Tian take the next step, it would be beneficial to both him and the Temple of the Bitter Sea. After all, it meant that Duan Ling Tian would owe him a favor.

At this moment, Jiang Hai Shan asked with a smile, "Divine Monk Yong Ye, based on what you just said, it seems like you weren't planning to share all you know?"

Yong Ye laughed and replied, "I was just joking. However, since Duan Ling Tian is here today, I'll go into more details. I hope I'll be able to help him progress further."

Yong Ye's expression was very friendly when he looked at Duan Ling Tian. He was very willing to do Duan Ling Tian a favor. Naturally, he also knew that his willingness to help did not guarantee that Duan Ling Tian was willing to accept his help. Nonetheless, he still wanted to try.

"Thank you, Divine Monk Yong Ye," Duan Ling Tian said, expressing his gratitude.

Now that Duan Ling Tian easily defeated Yu Hao, the divine monk, he had replaced Jiang Hai Shan as the most outstanding person in this group of people from the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

Subsequently, everyone listened attentively as Yong Ye spoke about the Dao.

During this time, Duan Ling Tian could also see that Yong Ye was not being perfunctory with his words earlier. It was obvious that Yong Ye was sincere in helping him to comprehend the Dao based on how thorough Yong Ye was with his analysis when he spoke about the Limitless Dao.

Duan Ling Tian naturally seized the golden opportunity and listened attentively. He was engrossed in listening and analyzing what he had learned. As time passed, his knowledge of the Limitless Dao deepened, breaking through the bottleneck and progressing smoothly.

Swoosh!

Before Yong Ye finished sharing his knowledge, Duan Ling Tian finally broke through, comprehending the Limitless Dao to the ninth stage. With this, he comprehended two Daos at the ninth stage, which made him an Imminent Dao Merging powerhouse. Once he successfully merged the two Daos, he would become a Dao Merging powerhouse.

The others had yet to react when Yong Ye said, "Congratulations, young friend!"

With this, the others also returned to their senses and congratulated Duan Ling Tian one after another. Even those from the Temple of the Bitter Sea who had conflicts with him earlier like the bald and muscular man and the old man, congratulated him in a friendly manner. Clearly, they were trying to mend their relationship with him. After all, it would not do them any good to provoke him. For someone like him, even if they could not befriend him, they could not make an enemy out of him.



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In the end, Duan Ling Tian did not return to the Surging River Divine Kingdom with Jiang Hai Shan and the others. Instead, he stayed on under the pretext of exchanging insight with Yong Ye. However, the truth was he wanted to look at the Temple of the Bitter Sea's Dao Merging tablet. In fact, this was one of the conditions he had proposed to Yu Hao earlier. In exchange for studying the temple's Dao Merging Tablet, he promised that he would not participate in the next Dao Establishment Competition between the Surging River Divine Kingdom and the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

After all, if Duan Ling Tian continued to represent the Surging River Divine Kingdom in the competition, the Temple of the Bitter Sea would be in an extremely disadvantageous position. There was no doubt that they would lose their only Dao Merging Tablet if Duan Ling Tian represented the Surging River Divine Kingdom in the next competition.

Before his Limitless Dao broke through to the ninth stage, Duan Ling Tian originally planned to ask Yong Ye to continue sharing his knowledge of the Limitless Dao. However, since he had a breakthrough, he naturally had to change the condition.

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At the same time, after the group from the Surging River Divine Kingdom left, Jiang Hai Shan asked Hong Dong Chuan, "Dong Chuan, do you think Brother Duan will already be a Dao Merging powerhouse a thousand years later?"

Hong Dong Chuan shook his head and said, "It's hard to say. After all, there were many people like him who had comprehended two Daos to the ninth stage. However, they failed to enter the Dao Merging realms even after thousands or tens of thousands of years had passed."

Hong Dong Chuan paused for a moment before he continued to say, "However, in terms of talent and comprehension skills, those people can't compare to Brother Duan at all. I'm confident he'll be able to break into the Dao Merging Realm within a thousand years."

Jiang Hai Shan said with a sigh, "If that's the case, he won't be able to help us in the next Dao Establishment Competition. It seems like I have to plan ahead... It's not a big issue if we lose the next competition, but if we lose the one after that, we'll lose all our Dao Merging Tablets."

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In fact, Yu Hao, the divine monk, also had a feeling that Duan Ling Tian would be able to become a Dao Merging powerhouse within a thousand years because of how readily Duan Ling Tian accepted his proposal initially. Nonetheless, since he had already spoken, he naturally could not go back on his words. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was now someone the Temple of the Bitter Sea wanted to befriend. Even Yong Ye regarded Duan Ling Tian as a friend despite their age gap.

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Duan Ling Tian ended up staying in the Temple of the Bitter Sea for three years before he decided to leave.

Yong Ye personally saw Duan Ling Tian off.

"Brother, I'll take my leave now. If there's a chance, I'll visit you again," Duan Ling Tian said before he bade farewell to Yong Ye.

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Duan Ling Tian returned to the Duan Residence after leaving the Temple of the Bitter Sea. He stayed for a month to accompany his family.

Following that, Duan Ling Tian went to the capital to meet the royal family to study one of the two Dao Merging Tablets in their possession.

Duan Ling Tian also met the old ancestor of the Surging River Divine Kingdom's royal family, a Dao Merging powerhouse. The other party was very friendly and even shared his knowledge with him. However, the other party comprehended a different Dao so Duan Ling Tian did not gain much from it.

"Young friend, you can choose between the two Dao Merging tablets," the old ancestor said, allowing Duan Ling Tian to choose. This was not mentioned by Jiang Hai Shan in the past. After all, Jiang Hai Shan did not have the authority to make such a decision.

"I'll choose this one then," Duan Ling Tian said. He did not choose the tablet that had nothing to do with the Sword Dao and the Mastery Dao; he chose the tablet that contained the Mastery Dao.

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Time passed by very quickly. In just a blink of an eye, twenty years had passed.

On one fine day...

Boom!

A thunderous explosion, which seemed capable of shaking the sky, resounded in the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. A few phenomena appeared in the sky. They were not only visible to those in the capital, but they were also visible to those near the capital.

At this time, Yong Ye walked out from the Temple of the Bitter Sea and looked at the dazzling phenomena in the direction of the Surging River Divine Kingdom as he muttered to himself, "A new Dao Merging powerhouse? I wonder if it's Ling Tian..."

#### Chapter 4684 Sea Vault Island

"He... He broke through so quickly?!"

Jiang Hai Shan, the level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse of the Surging Divine Kingdom's imperial family, stood next to a robust and dignified middle-aged man. At this time, they were looking at the strange phenomenon in the sky above the central area.

A storm was raging, and peculiar noises rang in the air. It looked extremely mysterious.

Jiang Hai Shan was not unfamiliar with this scene. After all, he had seen such a phenomenon before because of the man next to him. This was the heaven and earth phenomenon that appeared when someone entered the Dao Merging realm.

In the Divine Land, the heaven and earth phenomenon would appear when someone successfully broke into the Dao Merging realm. It was unlike the world created by the Life Creation chart where heaven and earth phenomena were rather common, which was due to the rules set by the owner of

the Life Creation Chart. In the Divine Land, the space was very stable and strong. Even powerhouses had a hard time tearing the space apart. As such, heaven and earth phenomena were not common in the Divine Land.

"I didn't expect his talent and comprehension skills to be so extraordinary!" the middle-aged man next to Jiang Hai Shan said with an emotional sigh.

The middle-aged man was Jiang Tian Zheng. He was the Dao Merging powerhouse of the Surging River Divine Kingdom's royal family. His status was very high in the royal family, and Jiang Hai Shan had to address him as 'ancestor'.

The buildings that stood in the middle of the storm, which was brought about by the heaven and earth phenomenon, were in ruins.

At this moment, the figure of a person sitting cross-legged in the air could be faintly seen. The figure belonged to a handsome purple-clad young man with an extraordinary bearing. Although his eyes were closed at this moment, his aura was extremely intimidating. Many people did not dare to look directly at him.

Boom!

A thunderous noise echoed in the sky. It was as though the world was coming to an end. Streaks of light shot out before they formed a giant sword in the sky. Smaller swords, which were increasing in numbers, could also be seen surrounding the giant sword. They were like the stars surrounding the moon.

The giant sword that towered up into the sky emitted a terrifying aura as the number of small swords continued to grow. Not only did they cover the sky above the Surging River Divine Kingdom, but they also began to spread to the surrounding areas, covering half of the sky above the area near the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

This naturally alarmed everyone.

"This phenomenon indicates that someone broke into the Dao Merging realm!"

"Based on the phenomenon, it seems like the other party merged the Sword Dao and the Limitless Dao..."

"It's the Limitless Sword Dao!"

In the Divine Land, there were only dozens of Dao Merging powerhouses, and there were only a few of them in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and its surrounding areas. Nonetheless, many Dao Establishment powerhouses knew that the heaven and earth phenomenon was an indication of the birth of a new Dao Merging powerhouse. Based on the phenomenon, they could also tell the two Daos that had merged.

In a city in the Distinct Province.

In the Duan Residence.

A group of people were looking at the heaven and earth phenomenon.

Yu Xiao and Zhao An Yi, who knew what the heaven and earth phenomenon meant, could not help but gasp in shock as they looked at the phenomenon with a hint of anticipation and excitement in their eyes. After all, the Dao Merging realm did not exist in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary. Although they were both at the seventh Dao Establishment stage, which was not far away from the Dao Merging realm, they were not confident that they would be able to break into the Dao Merging realm before they reached the end of their lives.

Zhao An Yi sighed emotionally before he said, "I wonder who broke into the Dao Merging realm. How unexpected!"

Zhao An Yi and Yu Xiao had no idea that the heaven and earth phenomenon was caused by Duan Ling Tian. They were still under the assumption that Duan Ling Tian was a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse; they did not even know that he had broken through to the ninth Dao Establishment stage previously. When Duan Ling Tian returned twenty-two years ago, he did not tell them about his breakthrough.

Unlike the others, Duan Ling Tian's wives were aware of his breakthrough. As such, when they saw the heaven and earth phenomenon and heard about the birth of a new Dao Merging powerhouse, Ke'er, Li Fei, Huan'er, and Feng Tian Wu thought about him immediately.

"He's the second Dao Merging powerhouse in the Surging River Divine Kingdom!"

"There's no doubt that it's him! It's been a long time since the birth of the Dao Merging powerhouse in the Surging River Divine

Kingdom! It must be him!"

"When he left twenty years ago, he said he was going to break into the Dao Merging Realm. It seems like he's succeeded!"

The women were rather excited as they spoke. After staying in the Divine Land, they knew that the Dao Merging realm was the pinnacle of cultivation in the Divine Land. In the entire Divine Land, there were only a few dozen Dao Merging powerhouses, and all of them were powerful in their own right.

For example, Jiang Tian Zheng, the Dao Merging powerhouse of the Surging River Divine Kingdom's royal family, was a powerful figure in this region. With his presence, the Surging River Divine Kingdom would continue to stand strong. Individually, other Dao Merging powerhouses would not easily look for trouble with the Surging River Divine Kingdom unless they were confident they could kill him with a single strike. He did not have to worry unless he offended several Dao Merging powerhouses, and they decided to join forces to attack him. Visit [n\(o\)vel\(\)next.c0m](#) for the best novel reading experience

At the main temple of the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

Swoosh!

Yong Ye, the divine monk, walked out and flew toward the Surging River Divine Kingdom. Apart from congratulating the new Dao Merging powerhouse, he also wanted to confirm his speculation of Duan Ling Tian being the new Dao Merging powerhouse.

On a huge island, which was like a paradise, in the sea near the eastern border of the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

A man flew up into the sky, making his way to the heaven and earth phenomenon with the intention of congratulating the new Dao Merging powerhouse. This man was the guardian of the Sea Vault

Island, and he was also the only Dao Merging powerhouse of the island.

"I didn't expect another Dao Merging powerhouse to appear in the Surging River Divine Kingdom... I wonder if it's Jiang Hai Shan? However, with his talent, it should be very difficult for him to break into the Dao Merging realm. I should go and have a look..."

"This is..."

Hong Dong Chuan, who had rushed over to the royal palace in the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, was shocked when he learned from Jiang Hai Shan that Duan Ling Tian had broken through. He did not expect that Duan Ling Tian would enter the Dao Merging realm so quickly.eastern fantasy

'How long has it been? When I sparred with Duan Ling Tian, he was only at the eighth Dao Establishment stage... It seems like not more than thirty years have passed since then, right?'

When Duan Ling Tian finally opened his eyes, Jiang Tian Zheng, the Dao Merging powerhouse of the Surging River Divine Kingdom's royal family, congratulated Duan Ling Tian enthusiastically.

"Congratulations, fellow Dao Merging powerhouse!"

#### Chapter 4685 Old Dao, New Dao

Duan Ling Tian opened his eyes, revealing a burst of light as dazzling as the sun and making it difficult for people to look at him directly. As he slowly regained his senses, he nodded and smiled amicably at Jiang Tian Zheng, a strong Dao Merging powerhouse from the Surging River Divine Kingdom. He said, "Thank you for guarding me, senior."

Duan Ling Tian was capable of protecting himself during his breakthrough, but he could sense that Jiang Tian Zheng was guarding him earlier through his Divine Consciousness.

"It's a small matter," Jiang Tian Zheng shook his head and said with a smile, "You've broken through into the Dao Merging realm so there's no need for you to address me as 'senior'. We can be considered peers after all. If you don't mind, you can just address me as Brother Jiang."

Duan Ling Tian smiled and said, "Alright, Brother Jiang."

After breaking into the Dao Merging realm, Duan Ling Tian felt that his view of the world had changed. He could now faintly see the Limitless Sword Dao on the horizon. The Limitless Sword Dao was the Dao he had merged; it was an ancient Dao with an intimidating, mysterious, and unpredictable aura.

The Dao that one chose to merge was crucial in determining one's strength. If the Dao was weak, one would naturally be in a disadvantageous position when competing with other Dao Merging powerhouses.

There were also new merged Daos, which meant that the Daos were the first of their kind. The creator of the new Dao would possess strength that surpassed ordinary Dao Merging powerhouses due to the completely new path. The new path allowed for smooth progress, unlike the old paths that countless people had taken, causing them to be worn out. Each time a cultivator followed an old path, the path would take damage.

Dao Merging powerhouses' greatest source of strength was the Dao Merging Energy, which came from the path they had chosen.

Before Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough, he had learned this from the divine monk from the Temple of the Bitter Sea, who was also a Dao Merging powerhouse.

'Surprisingly, there's no change in my internal energy compared to when I was at the ninth Dao Establishment realm. A breakthrough now doesn't guarantee a qualitative change in internal strength. Apart from my Dao, which has grown stronger and will help me face stronger enemies, my soul has changed as well...'

After becoming a Dao Merging powerhouse, one's soul would grow stronger while one's internal energy remained the same. Needless to say, one would also have access to the Dao Merging Energy.

'The paths from old Daos are worn out so the energy they provide is inferior compared to new Daos. However, it's not easy to merge a completely new Dao. Otherwise, there won't be people taking shortcuts all the time...'

People like the two masters of the Life Creation Chart, who chose to comprehend the Sacrificial Dao and sacrifice beings in the chart, were examples of those who took a shortcut. The Sacrificial Dao was rather special among the Daos. Ordinary people would not come across it, let alone comprehend or master it. Only the master of the Life Creation Chart could comprehend the Sacrificial Dao. For this reason, whatever Dao one used to merge with the Sacrificial Dao would create a new Dao.



Apart from that, merging three Daos would also create a new Dao. However, only those who possessed extraordinary innate talent and comprehension skills were capable of merging three Daos. After merging two common Daos, one could still merge a third Dao with it, creating a new Dao. Needless to say, the names of all of those who succeeded in merging three Daos were recorded in history.

'The Limitless Sword Dao is a common Dao comprehended by many in the past... According to the divine monk from the Temple of the Bitter Sea, among the Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land, there were quite a few who comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao,' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself with a sigh.

"Congratulations, Your Excellency!"

At this time, Jiang Hai Shan and Hong Dong Chuan bowed, paying their respect to Duan Ling Tian.

In the Divine Land, after breaking into the Dao Merging realm, one would be considered a top powerhouse. After all, Dao Merging powerhouses were considered invincible. Even a strong Dao Merging powerhouse would not find it easy killing a weaker Dao Merging powerhouse, unless the gap between their strength was extremely big.

For this reason, in a show of respect, people in the Divine Land would use honorifics such as 'Your Excellency' for Dao Merging powerhouses.

Although Hong Dong Chuan had grown familiar with Duan Ling Tian, he was not a close friend of Duan Ling Tian nor did he know Duan Ling Tian for long. For this reason, he adhered to etiquette after Duan Ling Tian became a Dao Merging powerhouse.

Duan Ling Tian was naturally aware of this, but he did not comment on it. He only nodded and smiled in response before he fell deep into his thoughts again.

Seeing this, the duo no longer disturbed Duan Ling Tian and fell silent.

As for Jiang Tian Zheng, he stood at the side and waited patiently as he guarded Duan Ling Tian.

Not long after...

"Jiang Tian Zheng!"

A voice rang from the east. It was not loud, but Jiang Tian Zheng, Jiang Hai Shan, and Hong Dong Chuan heard it clearly.

Duan Ling Tian returned to his senses and looked to the east as he extended his Divine Consciousness. He quickly sensed the presence of another Dao Merging powerhouse. Moreover, he was unfamiliar with the other party; the other party was not from the Temple of the Bitter Sea.

In just a moment, a young man flew over and landed in front of Duan Ling Tian. He was handsome, and he was dressed in a cyan robe. He held a fan in his hand, looking graceful.

"Zhou Qing Chuan!" Jiang Tian Zheng looked at Zhou Qing Chuan and said with a smile, "I didn't expect that an apathetic person like you would come to my Surging River Divine Kingdom to join the fun..."

#### Chapter 4686 Duan Ling Tian, You Should Go Into Hiding

This was Duan Ling Tian's first time meeting Zhou Qing Chuan, but he had heard of the latter from the Temple of the Bitter Sea's divine monk and the Surging River Divine Kingdom's Jiang Tian Zheng. Since there were only three Dao Merging powerhouses in and around the area of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, the trio interacted with each other often, exchanging ideas. Zhou Qing Chuan was the strongest person in Sea Vault Island, and he was an extremely strong Dao Merging powerhouse.

"Old Jiang, the Surging River Divine Kingdom is really impressive! Another Dao Merging powerhouse has emerged from the kingdom!" Zhou Qing Chuan said with a laugh before he shifted his gaze to Duan Ling Tian and continued to say, "An unfamiliar face? However, I'm not surprised. I didn't think it could be Jiang Hai Shan since he's still far from reaching the Dao Merging realm."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Hai Shan only smiled bitterly and did not say anything.

In fact, Zhou Qing Chuan was from the same generation as Jiang Hai Shan, which meant that Zhou Qing Chuan was much younger than Jiang Tian Zheng and the divine monk from the Temple of the Bitter Sea. In Jiang Hai Shan's youth, he was often overshadowed by Zhou Qing Chuan. He tried

his best to keep up with Zhou Qing Chuan's cultivation but failed. Currently, Zhou Qing Chuan was comparable to the ancestor of the Surging River Divine Kingdom's royal family.

"This person can't be considered a cultivator from our Surging River Divine Kingdom," Jiang Hai Shan said with a smile, "At best, he can only be considered half a member of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. It's a coincidence that he happened to end up in the kingdom."

Upon hearing Jiang Tian Zheng's words, Zhou Qing Chuan looked at Duan Ling Tian in amazement. "Oh? Based on my understanding of your words, are you saying that he's from the world within the Life Creation Chart?"

When the new master of the Life Creation Chart was discovered a few years ago, he was severely injured and the Life Creation Chart was badly damaged. Zhou Qing Chuan was aware of this, but since it did not happen in the vicinity of Sea Vault Island, he did not participate in the matter. Otherwise, the other Dao Merging powerhouses would have definitely invited him along.

Jiang Tian Zheng replied with a nod, "Yes, Brother Ling Tian is indeed from the world within the Life Creation Chart."

Zhou Qing Chuan's eyes lit up, and he cupped his fists together at Duan Ling Tian as he said, "Greetings, Brother Duan."

"Greetings, Brother Zhou," Duan Ling Tian responded.

Following that, the two of them conversed casually.

When Zhou Qing Chuan learned that Duan Ling Tian still had friends and family members whom Duan Ling Tian had yet to reunite with, he promised to help Duan Ling Tian spread the word in Sea Vault Island. If there were any friends and family of Duan Ling Tian on the island, he also promised to send them back.

Duan Ling Tian naturally expressed his gratitude.

Although Sea Vault Island was only located in the east of Surging River Divine Kingdom, the harsh conditions of the sea made crossing the sea dangerous, which limited the island's communication with the outside world. As such, most people on the island lived a life of seclusion. For this reason, although Duan Ling Tian had gained fame in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and its

surrounding areas, Zhou Qing Chuan had not heard of Duan Ling Tian. Otherwise, he would have guessed the person who had broken through earlier was Duan Ling Tian.

While Duan Ling Tian, Zhou Qing Chuan, and Jiang Tian Zheng spoke among themselves, Jiang Hai Shan and Hong Dong Chuan stood respectfully at the side.

After a while, the divine monk from the Temple of the Bitter Sea arrived. Earlier, he was more than 90% certain that Duan Ling Tian was the one who had broken through, and now, he finally confirmed it with his own eyes. With Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough, he naturally changed the way he addressed Duan Ling Tian.

"Congratulations, Brother Duan!" the divine monk said. His expression turned solemn as he continued to say, "Brother Duan, it's good news that you've entered the Dao Merging realm, but I have a reminder for you. There's another Dao Merging powerhouse in the Divine Land who has merge the Sword Dao and the Limitless Dao. In the Divine Land, when Dao Merging powerhouses, who merged the same Daos, make a move simultaneously, they won't be able to fully utilize the Dao Merging Energy. For this reason, even if they're not enemies, it's very difficult for them to be friends."

Jiang Tian Zheng's expression turned solemn as well upon hearing the divine monk's words. He muttered, "If you didn't mention it, I would have forgotten about that person..."

Similarly, the gentle smile on Zhou Qing Chuan's face also vanished when he heard the divine monk's words.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian was puzzled when he saw the trio's reaction and expressions. He asked, "Gentlemen, what's going on?"

"Brother Duan, previously, there was another person who merged the Sword Dao and the Limitless Dao. I'm sure you already know that if two people who merged the same Daos make a move at the same time, it'll affect their performance. Imagine this. If one person were engaged in a life-or-death battle with someone else, and at the crucial moment, the other person; who merged the same Daos, also made a move, forcibly seizing part of the Dao Merging Energy. It would definitely weaken the former's attack, which could result in defeat and even death..."

Duan Ling Tian frowned as he thought to himself, 'In that case, that would make those who merged the same Daos natural enemies, right?'

Jiang Tian Zheng looked at Duan Ling Tian and warned, "Brother Duan, if it's just that person alone, there's no need for you to be wary of him. However, the problem is that his grandfather is one of the few Dao Merging powerhouses alive in the Divine Land who has successfully merged three Daos. I'm worried he might ask his grandfather to deal with you. Even if you managed to escape, you'd definitely be injured. Once you're injured, if you're targeted again, you'll definitely die. Although it's rare for Dao Merging powerhouses to be killed in the Divine Land, it's not completely unheard of..."

Zhou Qing Shan and the divine monk also echoed Jiang Tian Zheng's words. The trio clearly expressed that they were helpless and would not be able to help Duan Ling Tian confront those people. All they could do was to help him prepare in advance and advise him to go into hiding to avoid being caught.

Duan Ling Tian remained silent, feeling a hint of frustration in his heart. He thought that entering the Dao Merging realm would place him at the peak in the Divine Land. Unexpectedly, soon after his breakthrough, he might have to face a disaster.

"The Triple Dao Merging realm..." Duan Ling Tian murmured to himself with a dark expression on his face. At the same time, a hint of killing intent flashed in the depths of his eyes.

#### Chapter 4687 Does He Think I'm a Pushover?

In the Divine Land, the most powerful people were Triple Dao Merging powerhouses, followed by Dao Merging powerhouses who managed to merge new and unique Daos.

Although Duan Ling Tian had entered the Dao Merging realm, the Limitless Sword Dao was not a new Dao in the Divine Land. As such, the Dao Merging Energy he could harness from the path of the Limitless Sword Dao was limited.

It was only natural that the other person who had also merged the Limitless Sword Dao wanted to get rid of Duan Ling Tian. After all, even Duan Ling Tian was unhappy about this matter. His mood worsened when he learned that the other party's grandfather was a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse and that he might be targeted. With this, the longing for power rose again in his heart. He was determined to merge the Limitless Sword Dao with his Mastery Dao, forging a new path for himself in the Divine Land. Currently, his Mastery Dao had reached the eighth stage; once it reached the ninth stage, he would be able to merge three Daos and become a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse.

'I hope he stays rational and doesn't provoke me. Otherwise, it won't matter if he has a grandfather who's a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse. I'll still kill him!' Duan Ling Tian thought to himself as

his eyes shone with killing intent. He was not a pushover after all. Otherwise, he would not have been able to come so far. His cultivation journey was one that was filled with bloodshed after all.

Duan Ling Tian took a deep breath before he looked at Jiang Tian Zheng and continued to inquire about his possible enemy. When he learned that the other party had a big family, he felt slightly relieved. At the very least, he did not have to worry about the other party venting his anger on his family and friends if the other party could not find him.

Jiang Tian Zheng and the other two spoke very frankly and reassured Duan Ling Tian. They told him that the other party had more wives and children than Duan Ling Tian did and that usually, the other party was not someone who acted recklessly. Moreover, conflicts between Dao Merging powerhouses that implicated their respective family and friends would incur displeasure from other Dao Merging powerhouses, especially those with families of their own. Although it was easy for a Dao Merging powerhouse to lose reason and vent his or her anger on the family and friends of another Dao Merging powerhouse, they all adhered to the unspoken rule of not implicating their enemy's family and friends.

At this moment, Jiang Tian Zheng said, "Brother Duan, if you're still worried, why don't you bring your family to the imperial city? I'll watch over them on your behalf."

"Thank you, Brother Jiang," Duan Ling Tian said, sincerely expressing his gratitude. His family and friends were definitely safer with Jiang Tian Zheng's protection after all.

In fact, even if Duan Ling Tian did not have to go into hiding, he had no plans of staying in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. This was because after he entered the Dao Merging realm, he felt the aura of his homeland. He naturally knew that it was the aura of the damaged Life Creation Chart. Needless to say, he was surprised. After all, based on his knowledge, the master of the Life Creation Chart, whom everyone thought of as 'heaven' in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, was ambushed and narrowly escaped death with the damaged Life Creation Chart in his hands. After that, the other party disappeared without a trace. To this day, no one had been able to find him. However, after entering the Dao Merging realm, Duan Ling Tian could sense the other party's location. To be precise, he could sense the location of the Life Creation Chart.

'I wonder if it's because I'm from the world within the Life Creation Chart. Is that why I can sense my homeland after entering the Dao Merging realm?'

This was the only reason Duan Ling Tian could think of at that time.

Due to this matter, Duan Ling Tian planned to leave and looked for the master of the Life Creation Chart after he made arrangements for his family. He was not afraid of the other party. After all, it had not been too long since the other party was severely injured. If the other party was at the peak of his strength, then he would have reasons to be wary. However, since the other party was injured, there was no need for him to be afraid.

'Let's see if I can snatch the Life Creation Chart from him...'

Duan Ling Tian had no interest in comprehending the Sacrificial Dao, which could be comprehended after he obtained the Life Creation Chart. He was just curious about the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, wondering if they still existed within the Life Creation Chart.

Previously, when the master of the Life Creation Chart was attacked, Duan Ling Tian witnessed the collapse of 'heaven' and the crumbling of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda before he was forcefully transported away. He speculated that all the living beings in the pagoda had become nourishments for the master of the Life Creation Chart.

'I hope that the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary still exist...'

Although the Divine Land was good, it was naturally no match for his homeland. Even after becoming a Dao Merging powerhouse, he still could not forget his homeland. If it was possible, he wanted to return to his homeland to cultivate and spend time with his family, living a peaceful life.

Before becoming a Dao Merging powerhouse, he had already planned to try and obtain the Life Creation Chart. He wanted to see if he could restore his homeland. At that time, he would bring those who were willing back to the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary.

Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian did not mention his ability to sense the Life Creation Chart to the trio in front of him since it would only bring him trouble. After all, the Life Creation Chart was a sensitive matter in the Divine Land. He knew that if he successfully obtained the Life Creation Chart and news spread about it, even if he did not intend to comprehend the Sacrificial Dao, it was likely that the Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land would not let him go. To be precise, they would not let the Life Creation Chart go.

"Everyone, I'll go and look for my family and friends first. I hope we'll meet again in the future..."

After bidding farewell to the trio, Duan Ling Tian used his Limitless Sword Dao and flew toward the Distinct Province. With the Dao Merging Energy, it would not take long for him to arrive at the Duan Residence.

'Is that person using the Dao Merging Energy now?'

Just as Duan Ling Tian was approaching the Distinct Province, he felt the energy from his Limitless Sword Dao weaken. It was not difficult for him to figure out that another person was also using the Limitless Sword Dao at this moment.

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Meanwhile, in an ancient city nestled deep in the mountains far away from the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

A person stood in the air as terrifying sword rays flew around him, making others afraid to approach him. He was a young man dressed in a long cyan robe. He looked dignified, and he had an extraordinary bearing. At this moment, a frown could be seen on his face as he muttered to himself, "Someone has also entered the path of the Limitless Sword Dao?"

Although a phenomenon appeared during Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough, it was only visible in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and its surrounding areas. It was naturally impossible for the phenomenon to be visible in such a distant place. Moreover, news of Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough had yet to spread to this place. Even so, it was not difficult for him to find out that someone had also mastered the Limitless Sword Dao once he tried to mobilize the Dao Merging Energy from the Limitless Sword Dao.

"Who is it?"

The young man's expression was gloomy and his gaze was cold. After all, this was undoubtedly a huge problem for him.

"In the Divine Land, those with the potential to enter the Dao Merging realm know that I master the Limitless Sword Dao! How dare someone choose to master the Limitless Sword Dao as well? Does he think I'm a pushover?"



The Divine Land was vast, seemingly boundless. Even for Dao Merging powerhouses, traveling at full speed around the Divine Land would take months. However, it had to be said that the speed of Dao Merging powerhouses was incredible. For example, Duan Ling Tian had just entered the Dao Merging realm, but it took him less than 15 minutes to travel from the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom in River Province to the capital of the Distinct Province, where his family resided.

To the north of the Surging River Divine Kingdom was the Endless Sword Domain while to the east and the south were the vast oceans. The Sea Vault Island was located beyond the eastern seas while there was a vast land far from the southern sea. The distance to that land from the Surging River Divine Kingdom could circle the borders of the Surging River Divine Kingdom at least ten times.

The Surging River Divine Kingdom, the Endless Sword Domain, Sea Vault Island, and the Temple of the Bitter Sea to the west of the Surging River Divine Kingdom were just a small part of the Divine Land.

There was a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse and several dozen Dao Merging powerhouses in this region. It was rather safe here so many settled here. There were even outsiders who just came from dangerous places and were reluctant to leave after spending some time here.

Most places were treacherous in the Divine Land. However, these places also usually contained fortuitous encounters. After surviving these dangerous places, many powerhouses managed to comprehend new Daos and forge new paths of their own.

The Chen clan was an ancient family that had long existed in the Myriad Mountains and was one of the top forces in the Divine Land with Dao Merging powerhouses. Not only that, but the clan also had a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse, who was one of the few Triple Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land.

At this time, Chen Ming Hao; the young man dressed in a cyan robe who was also one of the two Dao Merging powerhouses in the Chen clan, said to his grandfather; a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse, "Grandfather, someone has chosen the path of the Limitless Sword Dao! For most people, even if they have a high comprehension of the Sword Dao and the Limitless Dao, they would choose to merge different Daos when they break into the Dao Merging realm to avoid offending you!"

"How dare that person choose the Limitless Sword Dao! Is this person trying to provoke our Chen clan?" Chen Jiu Xiao said with a dark expression as killing intent flashed in his eyes. In his opinion, even if the other party did not think much of Chen Ming Hao, the other party should have considered him. He found the other party's actions unforgivable.

After a moment, Chen Jiu Xiao asked, "Do you know who it is?"

Chen Ming Hao shook his head. "I don't know for now. It'll probably take some time before we can find out who the other party is..."

Chen Jiu Xiao nodded and said with a cold gaze, "Very well. Once we find out who he is, I'll kill him when the opportunity arises. If we join forces, even if we can't kill him the first time, he'll be severely injured. As long as we can find him again the second time, he'll be as good as dead..."

Chen Jiu Xiao was naturally very confident about his strength.

Meanwhile, Chen Hao Ming's expression eased slightly after listening to his grandfather's words. He changed the topic, asking, "Grandfather, is there any news about Yu Luo He, the master of the Life Creation Chart?"

"No," Chen Jiu Xiao said with a sigh as he shook his head, "That guy values his life a lot. Not only was he equipped with many life-saving methods when we ambushed him, but he also managed to escape with the Life Creation Chart. When he escaped, I knew it wouldn't be easy to find him again. It seems like I was right..."

Upon hearing this, Chen Ming Hao sighed as well. "If only we could secretly find him and snatch the Life Creation Chart away from him. If the two of us manage to merge the Sacrificial Dao with our existing Daos, no one in the Divine Land will be a match for us..."

A hint of greed could be seen in Chen Ming Hao's eyes when he spoke.

"It's easier said than done," Chen Jiu Xiao said, shaking his head, "Although everyone publicly condemns the Sacrificial Dao, how many of them secretly wish to comprehend it? They just don't want another person to comprehend the Sacrificial Dao so they banned it. After all, the Sacrificial Dao is unique among the many Daos. Not only that, but it's also a new path in the Divine Land. One can only imagine how powerful it'll be taking a new path..."

After entering the Dao Merging realm, most Dao Merging powerhouses would become indifferent to the world. However, the Dao Merging powerhouses were anxious to take the master of the Life Creation Chart down because they feared that he would surpass them with the help of the Life Creation Chart.

Not only did Chen Jiu Xiao participate in attacking the master of the Life Creation Chart, but he also partook in attacking the former master of the Life Creation Chart. However, at that time, he was just an ordinary Dao Merging powerhouse in the Divine Land. In the end, the former master of the Life Creation Chart was killed by other Triple Dao Merging powerhouses.

Chen Jiu Xiao's eyes suddenly flashed before he said, "This reminds me of something. Back then, before attacking the former master of the Life Creation Chart, he mentioned the world within the Life Creation Chart. He said that the beings in that world had strength equivalent to a level-nine Dao Establishment cultivator. In the end, all those people became his 'nourishment'... Needless to say, that helped him comprehend the Sacrificial Dao to the ninth stage and also brought him closer to the Triple Dao Merging realm."

Chen Jiuxiao continued to say, "At that time, no living beings from the world within the Life Creation Chart were transported to the Divine Land. However, this time, after the Life Creation Chart was damaged, many beings from the world within the chart were transported to the Divine Land. It's likely that there are many who are comparable to level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators among them..."

After a beat, Chen Jiu Xiao added, "I wonder if the person who chose the path of the Limitless Sword Dao is from the world within the Life Creation Chart... Perhaps he only successfully entered the Dao Merging realm after coming to the Divine Land. If I'm right, then everything makes sense. After all, he might not know about you and that choosing the path of the Limitless Sword Dao would offend the Chen clan..."

Chen Ming Hao nodded in agreement after listening to Chen Jiu Xiao's words. His gaze was murderous as he said, "Regardless of whether he was aware of it or not, he must die! If he doesn't die, he'll always be vying for the Dao Merging Energy of the Limitless Sword Dao with me!"

#### Chapter 4689 Chen Jiu Xiao, the Cunning Old Man

The Chen clan dominated the Myriad Mountains, and it was also one of the top forces in the Divine Land. It was not surprising that their intelligence network spread far and wide. About half a month later, they managed to gather information about the new Dao Merging powerhouse from the Surging River Divine Kingdom. The timing of the emergence of the new Dao Merging powerhouse matched the description of one of the ancestors of the Chen clan, a Dao Merging powerhouse who chose the path of the Limitless Dao Sword.

After receiving information about Duan Ling Tian, the two powerhouses of the Chen clan, Chen Jiu Xiao and Chen Ming Hao, met again.

"So Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword, is indeed from the world within the Life Creation Chart. He was in the Surging River Divine Kingdom?"

"Grandfather, you were right. He really did come from the world within the Life Creation Chart!" Chen Ming Hao said in a low voice as his eyes shone murderously.

"It's not that hard to guess," Chen Jiu Xiao said indifferently, "Nobody in the Divine Land would choose the path of the Limitless Sword Dao in fear of offending our Chen clan after all. Only an ignorant outsider from the world within the Life Creation Chart would dare to choose this path. However, whether it was intentional or not, he has to die since he affects your cultivation!"

After a moment, Chen Jiu Xiao added, "I'll accompany you to the Surging River Divine Kingdom, and we'll try to kill him at that time. At the very least, we must severely injure him. With this, as long as we can find him again in a short time, we'll definitely be able to kill him!"

Chen Ming Hao's eyes lit up and a sinister smile appeared on his face when he heard these words. He thought to himself, 'Duan Ling Tian, you can only blame yourself for unknowingly choosing the same path as me. Otherwise, you'd have a place in the Divine Land. Alas, offending me and the Chen clan is a death sentence!'

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It did not take long before Chen Jiu Xiao and Chen Ming Hao left the Myriad Mountains for the Surging River Divine Kingdom. Although the two places were far away from each other, they arrived in the Surging River Divine Kingdom in just a few days. As soon as they arrived, they quickly made their way to the capital city. Based on the information they received, Duan Ling Tian had moved his residence in the Distinct Province to the capital city after entering the Dao Merging realm.

Above the Duan Residence.

Chen Ming Hao stood alone in the sky, looking at the area below him as he said in a voice that echoed through the capital city, "Duan Ling Tian! I'm Chen Ming Hao, a Dao Merging powerhouse from the Chen clan in the Myriad Mountains! I've come to challenge you to determine the owner of the path of the Limitless Sword Dao!"

The arrival of a Dao Merging powerhouse shook the Duan Residence. Previously, they had been delighted when they learned that Duan Ling Tian had joined the ranks of the Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land. The increase in Duan Ling Tian's strength meant an increase in their chances of survival in the Divine Land after all. Alas, they did not expect that in less than a month after moving to the capital city of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, a Dao Merging powerhouse would show up to challenge Duan Ling Tian.

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At the same time, in the Hong Residence.

Hong Dong Chuan's expression changed slightly before he exclaimed, "It's Chen Ming Hao! He came so quickly?!"

Although Hong Dong Chuan was only at the eighth Dao Establishment stage, as a native of the Divine Land, he was naturally familiar with strong Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land. He knew that Chen Ming Hao would naturally come to look for trouble, but he did not expect it to happen so quickly.

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At the royal palace.

Jiang Tian Zheng frowned. He was the guardian of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, and he was the only Dao Merging powerhouse in the kingdom before Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough. As soon as he sensed Chen Ming Hao's presence, he quickly flew over to Chen Ming Hao.

In just a flash, Jiang Tian Zheng stood across from Chen Ming Hao.

"Jiang Tian Zheng?"

It was not surprising that Chen Ming Hao recognized Jiang Tian Zheng. Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land naturally knew each other.

Chen Ming Hao nodded at Jiang Tian Zheng and greeted the latter before he said, "I came for the new Dao Merging powerhouse. This matter has nothing to do with you."

Chen Ming Hao might not be a match for Jiang Tian Zheng, but it would not be easy for Jiang Tian Zheng to defeat Chen Ming Hao either. Moreover, Chen Jiu Xiao, a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse, was hiding nearby, ready to make a move.

Jiang Tian Zheng shook his head and said with a smile, "Brother Chen, I have no intentions of getting involved in the matter between you and Duan Ling Tian. I only came to inform you that you're a step too late. Duan Ling Tian is no longer in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. He left with a few of his close relatives over half a month ago."

Chen Ming Hao frowned and his expression darkened immediately. Following that, he extended his Divine Consciousness and swept it through the Duan Residence, confirming that there were no traces of Duan Ling Tian in the residence. Subsequently, he glared at Jiang Tian Zheng and said with an unsightly expression on his face, "Jiang Tian Zheng, I'm certain Duan Ling Tian was unaware that I've also mastered the Limitless Sword Dao. Did you tell him about me? Did you tell me to leave?"

Jiang Tian Zheng frowned. Although he did not want to provoke Chen Ming Hao and make an enemy out of the Chen clan, it did not mean that he was afraid of Chen Ming Hao. Moreover, he was slightly stronger than Chen Ming Hao because the path he had chosen was relatively new. If it were not for the fact that Chen Ming Hao's grandfather was a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse, he would have already attacked Chen Ming Hao.

After a moment, Jiang Tian Zheng said expressionlessly, "Chen Ming Hao, it's best not to speak without evidence. How can you blame me? In the Divine Land, how many people do you think know that you've mastered the Limitless Sword Dao? Apart from Dao Merging powerhouses, even those Dao Establishment cultivators know about it. Perhaps the only people who aren't aware of it are those who live in seclusion."

Just as Chen Ming Hao was about to reply, Chen Jiu Xiao, who was hiding nearby, appeared. After confirming that Duan Ling Tian was not around, there was no more reason for him to hide. As soon as he appeared, he said, "Brother Jiang, my grandson has acted rashly. Allow me to apologize on his behalf."

Upon seeing Chen Jiu Xiao, Jiang Tian Zheng narrowed his eyes imperceptibly as he thought to himself, 'As expected, this cunning old man is here!'

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"Greetings, Senior Chen," Jiang Tian Zheng said politely. Inwardly, he was cursing the other party for being treacherous. After all, despite being a Triple Dao Merging powerhouse, the other party actually hid in the dark, waiting to launch a sneak attack.

"Considering how bad Brother Chen's temper was earlier, I had already guessed that Senior Chen was present," Jiang Tian Zheng continued to say politely, "As for compensation, there's no need for that."

Jiang Tian Zheng and Chen Ming Hao were both Dao Merging powerhouses. Even if he were not Chen Ming Hao's match, he would not be much weaker than Chen Ming Hao. Moreover, he was also confident that the Triple Dao Merging powerhouse would not join forces with Chen Ming Hao to deal with him over such a trivial matter. Not only that, but he was also confident that if the duo attacked him, he would be able to escape with minor injuries. It was also unlikely that they would harm the other members of the royal family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom in order to kill him. After all, that would only bring chaos to the Chen clan.

All in all, Jiang Tian Zheng was certain the duo would not attack him now. After all, there was no real conflict between them. It was unlikely that the verbal dispute earlier was going to escalate into a life-or-death situation.

The duo only came to look for Duan Ling Tian because Duan Ling Tian's Limitless Sword Dao affected Chen Ming Hao's interest, hoping to get rid of Duan Ling Tian. Alas, their visit was in vain. After all, Duan Ling Tian had left long before their arrival. Not only that, but Duan Ling Tian had also taken precautions to ensure his loved ones' safety.

In fact, Jiang Tian Zheng felt that Duan Ling Tian was overly cautious. In his opinion, the two Dao Merging powerhouses from the Chen clan were unlikely to harm Duan Ling Tian's loved ones. After all, doing so would only make them enemies of the Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land.

Meanwhile, Chen Jiu Xiao took a deep look at Jiang Tian Zheng before he said, "In that case, we'll take our leave first."

After saying that, Chen Jiu Xiao and Chen Ming Hao left.

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After leaving, Chen Ming Hao said in a deep voice, "Grandfather, Duan Ling Tian came from the world within the Life Creation Chart. There's no way he could have known that I comprehended the

Limitless Sword Dao as well. Not only that, but he also could not have known that we would deal with him after he became a Dao Merging powerhouse. There's no doubt that Jiang Tian Zheng was the one who told him about it!"

Chen Ming Hao was certain that without Jiang Tian Zheng's reminder, Duan Ling Tian would not have been so well-prepared.

"So what?" Chen Jiu Xiao said calmly, "We can't force him to admit it if he doesn't want to. Don't forget that he's also a Dao Merging powerhouse, and he's also stronger than you. Unless we're certain we can deal with him, it won't be beneficial to the Chen clan if we take action against him."

Chen Ming Hao's expression darkened even more upon hearing these words. A hint of unwillingness could be seen in the depths of his eyes. However, he knew there was nothing he could do even if he felt unwilling.

Although the Myriad Mountains' Chen clan contributed greatly to Chen Ming Hao's success, the clan had also become a constraint on him, and also his grandfather. They naturally could not abandon the Chen clan. After all, his grandfather had many direct descendants in the Chen clan. How could they disregard the lives of those people?

In comparison, Jiang Tian Zheng did not have any direct descendants. He guarded the royal family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom because the Jiang family had long been based in the kingdom. As such, it was much more difficult for Chen Jiu Xiao to disregard the Chen clan compared to Jiang Tian Zheng.

This was also the reason Jiang Tian Zheng was able to remain unyielding in front of Chen Jiu Xiao earlier. After all, Jiang Tian Zheng did not have any fetters tying him down.

"Grandfather, now that Duan Ling Tian is aware that we want to kill him, it won't be easy for us to find him! It makes me angry whenever I think about him sharing the Dao path with me!" Chen Ming Hao said unwillingly.

Chen Jiu Xiao said with a sigh, "There's nothing we can do about that. We can only take one step at a time now. Now that Duan Ling Tian has fled, we can only continue to search for him and look for information. Once we confirm his whereabouts, we'll take action immediately. That's all we can do now."

Chen Ming Hao nodded as his eyes shone with resentment.



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Although Jiang Tian Zheng, Divine Monk Yong Ye, and Zhou Qing Chuan assured Duan Ling Tian that the duo from the Chen clan would not harm his loved ones even if he left them in the capital, Duan Ling Tian still felt uneasy.

As such, he brought his loved ones to a remote place north of the Endless Sword Domain. The place was like a paradise. In this remote place, Yu Xiao was invincible; it was enough to ensure his loved ones' safety.

Currently, those who remained in the Duan Residence in the Surging River Divine Kingdom were mostly people who sought refuge from Duan Ling Tian after being transported to the Divine Land from the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary. Led by Zhao An Yi, they stayed in the residence to intercept acquaintances from the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary.

It was impossible for everyone to leave the Duan Residence. After all, Duan Ling Tian still had many missing loved ones. For example, his son; Duan Nian Tian, was still missing. Li Rou often shed tears in secret, worried about Duan Nian Tian. Whenever Duan Ling Tian saw Li Rou cry, he would feel distressed. Nonetheless, he still remained optimistic. Now that he had become a Dao Merging powerhouse, he was confident that Duan Nian Tian would come to the Duan Residence as soon as Duan Nian Tian heard about him.

After making the arrangements for his loved ones, Duan Ling Tian said before bidding farewell to Yu Xiao, "I'll leave everyone in your care then."

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Duan Ling Tian did not tell anyone about his intention to look for the owner of the Life Creation Chart. Yu Xiao was unaware of his intention and only assumed that he had left to make a name for himself in the Divine Land to reunite with his loved ones.

"He's still injured, so this is a good opportunity for me... If I can kill him and obtain the Life Creation Chart, it'll be perfect..."

Duan Ling Tian followed the aura of the Life Creation Chart, which he could sense after he entered the Dao Merging realm. He knew that there would be a fierce battle once he met the owner of the

Life Creation Chart. It was no surprise that obtaining the Life Creation Chart would be challenging even if the odds were in his favor.

He was confident that he would be able to defeat his opponent due to his opponent's injuries. However, he knew it would be unlikely for him to be able to kill the other party even if the other party was injured. After all, the other party was stronger than Duan Ling Tian when the other party was in his prime.