

Resonance 611

Chapter 0611: Dual Resonance Advancement

It was twenty days after the end of the Holy Grail Meet. With the help of a hefty amount of seventh-grade spirit liquids and purifying lights, in addition to the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch, Li Luo was finally ready to make the push to advance his dual resonances.

In the depths of the skygold room.

Li Luo was sitting cross-legged with his eyes firmly shut. Multicolored wisps of resonant power emanated from his body, reflecting the different attributes of his resonances.

Water resonance, light resonance, wood resonance, earth resonance.

Amidst the melding and intertwining of all these resonant powers, it was obvious that the water and wood resonant powers were of a higher strength and purity.

As the resonant powers continued to radiate from Li Luo, they each had their own observable properties. The water resonant energy flowed and crashed, the light resonant energy dazzled and gleamed, the wood resonant energy sprouted and bloomed, while the earth resonant energy hummed with an arcane weightiness.

This was a sign of resonance advancement.

The process of resonance advancement was not risky in the slightest. After all, being able to reach this stage was a result of a huge accumulation of effort and resources. Once this stage was reached, actually advancing one's resonance was only a matter of time.

As such, Li Luo sat and cultivated in this position for another hour before the resonant power began to gradually fade from around his body, leaving the room in silence when the last bit of energy disappeared.

Li Luo did not open his eyes, instead focusing inside to observe his resonant palaces. Under his inspection, the resonant power within his resonant palaces had indeed been strengthened significantly. The pool of waterlight resonance had doubled in size, while the sunlight that reflected from the pool shone with more brilliance and intensity than ever. The light seemed to cleanse and purify the water resonant power even further than before.

In the other resonant palace, a patch of umber soil continued to extend outwards while the trunks and branches that had rooted from it pulsed with a vivid, verdant energy. Each leaf on the tree flowed with a lush, emerald force, the leaves a pure manifestation of wood resonant power.

"Upper seventh-grade waterlight resonance.

"Lower seventh-grade woodearth resonance."

As Li Luo surveyed the improvements within his two resonant palaces, his heart flooded with pure joy. After a year of continuous trials and tribulations, his weak fourth-grade dual resonances had finally become incomparably stronger.

Seventh-grade resonances were considered to be within the realm of high-grade resonances, and the resonant power produced from this level of resonance would be filled with greater sentience. This was a clear step above sixth-grade resonant power, be it in terms of strength or purity.

Li Luo experienced the increased flow of resonant power within his body. The dual resonance advancement had made him stronger by a few levels.

Now he was truly at the Evolving Resonance Tier.

"At this rate of progress, my success rate of breaking through to the Earth Fiend General Stage would be around 80% in three months' time even without the help of any Holy Tree Marrow Crystals." Li Luo was amazed as he had previously estimated at least half a year more of cultivation before being able to reach that point. After the resonance advancement, the time had been cut in half.

This was because his progress was even quicker than he had foreseen.

It was too bad he did not have three months.

Although he felt a little pained at the loss of a Holy Tree Marrow Crystal, it didn't matter as the cost would be worth it to survive the Housemeet and preserve House Luolan.

Li Luo harbored these thoughts in his mind when he ended the cultivation session.

He proceeded to leave the skygold room, but he stopped when he saw a servant waiting for him at the entrance.

In a flustered but respectful tone, the servant addressed Li Luo as soon as he came into view. "Young Lord, the Young Mistress has instructed me to wait here until you've finished cultivating. She bids you to go to the main hall."

Li Luo nodded and his expression changed as he made a beeline towards his destination.

When he arrived at the main hall, he saw Jiang Qing'e sitting at the head seat. She was flanked by Cai Wei and Ancestor Yuan Qing on her left and right respectively.

Yuan Qing hurried to his feet and greeted Li Luo politely.

Jiang Qing'e's gaze swept over Li Luo, but it lingered on his body, her eyes slightly lighting up in an almost imperceptible hint of surprise. She had keenly perceived that the resonant power flowing from Li Luo's body was livelier and stronger than it had been just a day ago.

"It seems like the millions of spirit liquids and purifying lights acquired by Sister Cai Wei within the past two weeks have not gone to waste," Jiang Qing'e quipped.

Cai Wei, who lacked Jiang Qing'e's sharp sense of observation, curiously looked at Li Luo as she asked, "Has the Young Lord advanced his dual resonances?"

"Just a little bit"

Li Luo did not try to hide it, he just nodded with a smile.

"Raising the grade of one's resonance is even harder than advancing one's resonant power. The Young Lord harbors dual resonances yet is able to progress at such a speed. He is truly a heavenly genius." Ancestor Yuan Qing sighed in admiration.

Li Luo grinned but touched no further on the subject, instead asking, "Since Uncle Yuan is here today, does that mean there is a pressing matter?"

Yuan Qing's expression turned solemn as he replied, "We have received reports that five of House Luolan's Pavilion Masters have arrived at Xia City in advance."

Li Luo's eyes narrowed. There were nine Pavilion Masters in House Luolan who oversaw all of the house's businesses with the exception of Xia City. The strength of House Luolan's reputation could mostly be attributed to the Council of Nine, but because of the turmoil that had been occurring within the organization, the loyalty of the Pavilion Masters had been put to the test.

Of the nine, three had pledged their allegiance to Pei Hao, four were loyal to Jiang Qing'e, and the remaining two were neutral parties.

"Which five?" Li Luo asked.

Yuan Qing listed the five names in quick succession.

Of the five Pavilion Masters, three were Pei Hao's lackeys, while the other two happened to be the two neutral parties. As for the remaining four Pavilion Masters who were on Jiang Qing'e and Li Luo's side, three had not yet arrived, while the last, Pavilion Master Lei Zhang, was protecting the headquarters.

"So five Pavilion Masters have arrived at Xia City ahead of time... The three who support Pei Hao can be accounted for, but what motive would Pavilion Masters Lu Qing and Lu Guan have for coming this early?" Li Luo queried.

"Lu Qing and Lu Guan both came to the headquarters to pay their respects earlier, but declined to stay. They have chosen to find their own lodgings outside," Yuan Qing replied.

"Truly a neutral party that abides by the rules, huh?" Cai Wei laughed sarcastically. As an ardent supporter of Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e, she not only loathed those in Pei Hao's faction, but also harbored no goodwill towards those that sat pretty on the fence.

Their neutrality was just an excuse to watch everything go down from the sidelines while reaping the spoils in the aftermath.

"We have also received news that Pei Hao has invited Lu Qing and Lu Guan to a banquet at Spring Lake Restaurant in five days' time. Perhaps this is a ploy to solicit their support at the housemeet," Yuan Qing continued.

Li Luo smirked coldly. "This little weasel has been hiding in Xia City for so long. He's finally feeling bold enough to show his face? And he even dares to do it at the Spring Lake Villa?"

The Spring Lake Villa was just outside the headquarters of House Luolan, thus Pei Hao's move was a clear provocation.

Yuan Qing's voice deepened as he added, "Also... we have received the invite as well. Pei Hao has invited the Young Lord and the Young Mistress over for a chat too."

"That dog has some gall." Cai Wei sneered.

Li Luo shot Jiang Qing'e a glance and asked, "What do you think, Sister Qing'e? That blind dog has always been a very cautious character. The fact that he dares to act up in this manner might mean that he has somebody backing him."

"Do you mean Ancestor Mo Cheng will be there to protect him?"

Jiang Qing'e's porcelain countenance was unperturbed, her voice clear but cold. "Xia City is the base of my home, House Luolan. If we do not dare to accept the invitation, I'm afraid House Luolan will become the laughing stock of the entire city by tomorrow."

Her gaze was icy and ferocious.

"We will also make the trip to Spring Lake Restaurant in five days."

"If the opportunity presents itself, I ask Ancestor Yuan Qing to fend off Mo Cheng while I claim Pei Hao's head. If we can pull this off, then it will save us a great deal of trouble at the Housemeet."

Yuan Qing steeled his resolve and clenched his fists. "Yes!"

Li Luo's eyelids twitched. His first thought was that this plan was a little too brazen. However, it was true that if Pei Hao was removed from the equation, the Housemeet would proceed rather smoothly...

Five days?

Li Luo did some quick estimations. He could attempt to break into the Earth Fiend General Stage before then.

Chapter 0612: Breaking into Earth Fiend General Stage

Li Luo spent two days finalizing all his preparations for his breakthrough into the General Stage.

Within these two days, he adjusted his mental state to its peak, and his resonant power was at its utmost, almost overflowing with vitality and energy.

After all was said and done, he no longer hesitated and directly dove into his most important breakthrough to date.

Li Luo was seated right in the center of the skygold room.

Outside the room were his four companions, Jiang Qing'e, Ox Biaobiao, Cai Wei, and Yan Lingqing, all curiously watching. They were all clear of the importance of Li Luo advancing to the next stage and thus had set aside any trivial matters to be there.

"This brat is planning to reach the General Stage whilst still in the One Star Hall. He truly is ambitious! If he succeeds, he will leave behind a record for the ages." Yan Lingqing sighed emotionally as she observed the youth sitting in the room fastidiously focusing all his attention inwards.

"Hmmm, the speed of his cultivation far surpasses my own when I was at the One Star Hall," Jiang Qing'e mused.

Yan Lingqing rolled her eyes. "You were clearly biding your time in the shadows. Who could have understood your intentions then? I hear you're going to try to become one of the Seven Astral Pillars at the end of the month. Are you planning to break into the Heavenly Dipper Stage?"

"Well, the Seven Astral Pillars shouldn't be too difficult," Jiang Qing'e dryly replied.

This was met with a questioning eye. "Jiang Qing'e, would it kill you to act more modestly? Becoming one of the Seven Astral Pillars is the greatest achievement any student in the Astral Sage College is able to obtain. The ultimate achievement... merely not too difficult? Jeez. So, who are you planning to challenge? The weakest of the bunch is Si Tianming. He's probably your best choice."

The Seven Astral Pillars were the cream of the crop. The title was not just a symbol of status and honor, it also conferred tangible benefits to those who held it. Those individuals were allowed to remain in the college for an additional year after their graduation from the Four Star Hall, and the college would endow them with copious amounts of cultivation materials. They would also be allowed to participate in certain higher level affairs, and they would be granted a status greater than that of the esteemed Gold Gleam mentors.

This was the reason why many outstanding Four Star Hall students eyed the Seven Astral Pillars with much desire.

Of course, everything had a price. The college held these students' potential in high esteem and naturally hoped to convert them into mentors to further bolster the school's foundation.

There was nothing surprising about it as over half of the Violet Vibrance mentors had held the title of a Seven Astral Pillar.

"It's best that you avoid the more experienced students amongst the Seven Astral Pillars," Yan Lingqing reminded her helpfully.

Gong Shenjun and the First Princess were the two strongest and the most senior amongst the bunch. They were true Four Star Hall students that had had time to grow and flourish. They too possessed extraordinary strength and had achieved their positions whilst they were still in the Three Star Hall.

There were also Si Tianming and Ye Chengying in the Four Star Hall. The remaining three were old students that had remained within the Four Star Hall for a much longer time.

Yan Lingqing's intention was to warn Jiang Qing'e to avoid challenging Gong Shenjun, the First Princess, and the three older students. The remaining two were more appropriate targets.

Jiang Qing'e's gaze flickered slightly, but she neither confirmed nor denied who she would be challenging. "We'll see."

"Qing'e, do you think the Young Lord will succeed?" Cai Wei asked worriedly.

"If we want to be particular about it, he's being too rash by trying to break through now. Although he has dual resonances, if he were to spend another few months accumulating and strengthening himself, then the process would be much smoother without a doubt," she muttered.

"Huh? Really? That's not good." Cai Wei showed concern upon hearing this.

"There's not much choice. The Housemeet will happen in a month, and Li Luo definitely wants to succeed before then. He can only be of assistance if he succeeds." Yan Lingqing sighed.

"Still, there's no need to be pessimistic. Li Luo is a lucky man. Thanks to the Holy Tree Marrow Crystal, his chance of success will increase significantly. Coupled with his upgraded dual resonances, his resonant power should be sufficiently dense. He has already far surpassed the peak of a Resonant Master," Jiang Qing'e consoled.

"I also have an additional Holy Tree Marrow Crystal and a Spirit Condensing Pill provided very kindly by Lu Qing'er. The pill itself isn't of much use to me and can be used as a backup plan."

Qing'e's comprehensive explanation allowed Cai Wei to feel much more at ease knowing that this was not the end all.

As the three continued to chat, Li Luo finally opened both his eyes. A trace of serenity could be seen within them along with an unfathomable deepness, much like a stilled pool.

"Time for the show to begin," Li Luo mused to himself. He could feel the bottled resonant power within him surging vigorously, as though trying to break free its existing shackles.

Taking one last glance at his fellow supporters, he no longer hesitated. Clasping his hands together, his fingers formed a hand sign.

Bang!

Right at that moment, his docile resonances kicked into complete overdrive, their resonant power flaring up with violent force. Strand after strand of resonant power materialized and then violently struck the resonant palaces repeatedly in a whipping motion.

Boom!

Resonant power continued to hammer away at the resonant palaces containing them. After numerous consecutive blows, the resonant palaces began to tremble as though their internal organs were being violently abused. A dark red color also began to spread throughout the palaces.

Li Luo's expression twisted in pain as this occurred. His resonant palaces were the root of his body's power, and now his resonant power was seemingly running amok, causing devastation wherever it passed, each internal blow inflicting excruciating suffering.

However, he understood that this was an unavoidable process to enter the General Stage.

The first stage of the Earth Fiend General Stage was the Fiend Palace Tier.

One's resonant palaces would be transformed into so-called Fiend Palaces if they reached that point.

Simply speaking, it was a tempering process of one's resonant palaces to increase their size significantly and allow them to contain even more resonant power. More importantly, the tempering process ensured that the resonant palaces would be able to accommodate the influx of earth fiend energy.

Earth fiend energy was the mark of an Earth Fiend General Stage practitioner.

This was a unique energy that existed independently from worldly natural energy. When one's strength reached a certain level, they would be able to discern and extract this energy from their surroundings. Earth fiend energy was exceptionally berserk, but it possessed the ability to refine one's resonant palaces. Thus, those who wished to enter the Earth Fiend General Stage would first have to sense this energy, then they would extract it and integrate it into their body, strengthening their resonant palaces.

"It's not enough!" Naturally, Li Luo was focusing all of his attention on sensing earth fiend energy, but nothing could be felt. This meant that his initial stage of resonant palace tempering was insufficient. The first time one sensed earth fiend energy, they would have to voluntarily damage the surrounding walls of his resonant palaces and then allow the energy to fuse with his existing resonant power, completing the process of rebirth through destruction. It was time for the next method. Li Luo gave a deep sigh and bit down on the Holy Tree Marrow Crystal, which had been wedged beneath his tongue.

The moment the crystal shattered, a massive amount of the purest energy swept through his body like an unstoppable tsunami.

This energy was gentle and required no refinement before it could be used. With a mere thought, it was guided into his resonant palaces. It assimilated with the existing resonant power and proceeded to heavily batter against the walls of his resonant palaces with renewed force. His palaces once again shuddered under this violent series of blows whilst the dark red coloration became more and more intense.

Wave after wave of insufferable pain battered Li Luo's senses in tandem with these strikes, leaving him with a back full of cold sweat.

However, this was no time to give up. Recomposing himself, he shoved all of his worldly worries to the back of his mind, only focusing on the rhythmic movements of his resonant power and the rumbling clashes on his resonant palace walls when they collided.

This process continued without end.

Meanwhile, outside the skygold room, Jiang Qing'e and the rest were staring unblinkingly at the uncomfortably shifting Li Luo. They could see every bead of sweat atop his forehead slowly trickling down with each passing moment. Despite possessing a calm demeanor, Jiang Qing'e's hands were tightly clutching the sides of her seat, indicating her true feelings.

This was a process she was familiar with and thus she empathized with Li Luo's pain. It was a necessary path to go through. Cultivation was about discipline and overcoming one's comfort zones. Only through constant clambering to the peak and conquering one's frailty through constant improvement could one develop themselves.

As time went on, the situation seemed to remain in a stalemate.

However, all this was about to change. Li Luo could feel that he was becoming a little dizzy, and his heart trembled as something changed within him. His perception cleared up and gradually expanded, then he was suddenly able to sense a new form of energy within the existing worldly natural energy.

This strand of energy was a beautiful crimson-red, giving off a slightly wild and berserk air, almost akin to a feral serpent swimming through the clouds.

Exuberance. This was the only thing on Li Luo's mind when he finally saw the fruits of his labor.

The long-awaited earth fiend energy was finally right before his very eyes.

It was time to truly begin.

Chapter 0613: Earth Fiend Energy

Once that wisp of earth fiend energy appeared in Li Luo's perception, his mental state seemed to ripple in anticipation. However, he suppressed any hint of excitement and persevered his calmness as he knew that the moment of truth had arrived. There was no room for any mistakes.

Earth fiend energy could be sensed, so the next step was to refine his resonant palaces.

With a thought, he separated a strand of resonant power to guide the wisp of earth fiend energy into his body.

Once the earth fiend energy entered, Li Luo's body spasmed violently. It was intrinsically different from the worldly natural energy he'd absorb from day to day. It was like a berserk beast, unruly and hard to tame, viciously pouncing around and smashing anything it could get its hands on.

It was fortunate that he had cultivated a Thunderpeal Avatar and had an enhanced physique, thereby allowing him to blunt the blows of the earth fiend energy on his body. Otherwise, he might very well be grievously injured at this point.

Li Luo focused inwards on the earth fiend energy and sighed. Its current state was too disruptive, and so it could not be used to temper his resonant palaces as they simply could not stomach the abuse! Furthermore, this energy wasn't so friendly as to automatically assist him!

The next step of the plan was to tame this unruly "creature" and rid it of its frenzied tendencies.

His mind started racing through the endless possibilities to accomplish this task. In the end, a strand of waterlight resonant power arose, pouncing towards the earth fiend energy and enveloping it. Yet immediately upon that, the earth fiend energy suddenly came alive with renewed vitality, constantly bashing itself against the encirclement until it smashed the waterlight resonant power into non-existence.

"What a wild heart this energy has," Li Luo dryly commented to himself. This was a mere probing experiment, and it looked like if he were to merely rely on the waterlight resonance, the amount of resonant power he would require to accomplish the task would be immense.

If that was the case... a strand of resonant power arose from his other resonant palace, combining with a new strand of waterlight resonant power, forming an amalgamated dual resonant power.

This was more powerful than the sum of its parts and also significantly larger, almost like a whale in shape instead of the previous scrawny snake as a single strand. With a gulp, it swallowed the earth fiend energy whole.

The dual resonant power started to churn as it refined the earth fiend energy forcefully.

The savage earth fiend energy had finally met its match against a tyrannical dual resonant power that was uncompromising. Gradually, the earth fiend energy came around, deciding to bring an end to its rambunctiousness. This was signified by several red spots of light gradually rising and dissipating from the earth fiend energy, being forcefully erased by the dual resonant power.

Countless minutes later, the red tint of the earth fiend energy seemed to disappear, and the berserk nature of the energy subsided.

He understood that he had succeeded.

At the same time, he felt a pang of worry when he checked the amount of dual resonant power he had consumed to tame the earth fiend energy. It was a lot greater than expected.

Did he possess enough resonant power to refine sufficient earth fiend energy to temper an entire resonant palace?

If he could accomplish this in a single seating, he'd have to go through another round of preparations, which would be time-consuming. He'd easily need at least another month before he could try again.

However, this was not in line with his own expectations.

"Looks like it was a bit hasty of me to rush my breakthrough at this point in time. I had thought that the Holy Tree Marrow Crystal was sufficient to assist me." Li Luo continued to ponder possible solutions. Yet he remained unperturbed through all this as it was too late to back out now. How could there be anything guaranteed on the path of cultivation? One had to struggle and exceed their own limits while bearing danger and risk to themselves.

At this point, Li Luo finally understood why Ao Bai was merely at the quasi General Stage. This was not a cakewalk—it was much harder than he had ever expected.[1]

At the same time, another realization struck him. The Fiend Palace Tier was to temper one's resonant palace... but he had two! That meant that he had twice the work ahead of him!

Of course, he was strapped for time, and the best he could hope for was just to temper one first.

Making a quick decision, he opted to strengthen the waterlight resonant palace first, because it was an upper seventh-grade.

At the same time, he willed the strand of earth fiend energy into the waterlight resonant palace.

The resonant palace immediately began to quiver, almost in anticipation and desire for this potent tonic. It was like a starving man setting his eyes on a sumptuous feast.

As the waterlight resonant palace began to emit a certain suction force, the conquered earth fiend energy naturally did not resist and directly melded into it.

At the same time, red, rippling circles started appearing throughout the resonant palace, and the previously devastated areas of the palace walls greedily lapped them up. When this happened, booming sounds could be heard throughout the palace itself.

Li Luo could intently feel that his resonant palace was being enlarged and fortified by these actions.

"The change is noticeable."

Just a mere strand of earth fiend energy could bring about such wondrous effects. Li Luo couldn't wait to see how a true Fiend Palace really looked and felt like.

At the same time, he did not stop what he was doing—he proceeded to guide another strand of earth fiend energy into his body.

The tempering of his resonant palace officially began!

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Outside the skygold room.

Jiang Qing'e had been attentively observing Li Luo's every change.

"Earth fiend energy has started to temper his resonant palace," Jiang Qing'e said as she could feel a trace of the energy's appearance within Li Luo's body. This was something familiar to her after all.

"Does this mean he's about to succeed?" Cai Wei celebrated.

Jiang Qing'e's response was slightly muted and delayed. "Not necessarily. The Fiend Palace Tier requires one to qualitatively upgrade their resonant palace, and this process consumes a significant amount of resonant power. Even though Li Luo possesses dual resonances and the Holy Tree Marrow Crystal, I'm afraid this is not a task that's so easily triumphed. If he doesn't complete this in one go, then it will not count as having broken through. He would be in a state similar to Ao Bai during the Holy Grail Meet, the Quasi General Stage."

Yan Lingqing massaged her eyebrows upon hearing this headache-inducing situation. "Psh, he's really forced himself this time."

"In a normal situation, Li Luo would have made this advancement during his time in the Two Star Hall. By bringing this forward by half a year, it naturally is accompanied with some risk of failure," Jiang Qing'e lightly explained.

"All we can do is wait to see if he's able to resist till the end."

Looks of worry fell upon Li Luo, but he was none the wiser. The only thing on his mind was the taming of more and more earth fiend energy.

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Time passed, and strand after strand of earth fiend energy was absorbed into his waterlight resonant palace. It was growing more resplendently, larger, and even more stable.

In terms of the tempering process, he was probably halfway through.

However, his heart and energy were almost at their limits.

He was left with almost 20% of his resonant power now.

The process was laborious and energy-consuming.

Li Luo spent several moments in deep thought, contemplating what to do. How could he give up before the end? How could he take things lightly? If he did not break into the Fiend Palace Tier, he would have no right to say anything during the Housemeet despite being the young lord. Would he have to fully rely on the insidious power of the Three-tailed Heavenly Wolf? No! He was better than that! He steeled himself once again, preparing to act ruthlessly even to himself.

He had to be strong. External aid was unreliable.

Thus, he clasped his palms together, fully activating his resonant palaces.

Within his resonant palace, the pool of spiritual liquid suddenly began to roil with activity, and endless ripples could be seen within as it churned. Meanwhile, in his woodearth resonance, the large tree rooted in soil started to sway and its emerald-green leaves started to float, each leaf akin to a radiant star amidst the massive, empty sky that was the tree.

Li Luo had decided to bet it all on this final push.

On the outside, Qing'e could feel the change in Li Luo's state. Her face turned into one of rapt attention and her slender hands slightly rose.

The Holy Tree Marrow Crystal and the Spirit Condensing Pill appeared in her palms.

It was time for her to act.

Yet right at this moment, the taciturn and silent Ox Biaobiao raised his hand to stop her.

"Uncle Biao?" Jiang Qing'e asked with a puzzled look.

Ox Biaobiao's expression was stern as he shook his head. "He's already used a Holy Tree Marrow Crystal and cannot absorb anymore of its medicinal potency. Even if he breaks through with it, his resonant power will become less dense. The path of cultivation requires one to forge a steady foundation, step by step. Only when this is stable can one hope to ascend to the peak in the future. The Young Lord's condition is very special, and every step requires the firmest foundation he is able to establish."

Jiang Qing'e nervously bit down on her bottom lip. She clearly understood what Uncle Biao was referring to. Li Luo's lifespan was limited and he had only four years left to break into the Duke Stage. If his breakthrough into the Earth Fiend General Stage was shaky and unsteady, it would lead to a much heftier price down the road.

Her eyes flickered with emotion. If she had to choose between House Luolan and Li Luo's life, of course she'd pick the latter without exception.

Ox Biaobiao looked at the clearly flustered Jiang Qing'e and gave a wry smile. "Don't underestimate the Young Lord's potential."

Jiang Qing'e nodded in response and lowered her arms, both the Holy Tree Marrow Crystal and Spirit Condensing Pill disappearing.

All she could do now was place her hopes on the silhouette before her.

"I believe in you, Li Luo..."

[Chapter 0614: Mysterious Power](#)

Bang! Bang!

The inside of Li Luo's body was like an oven right now. His resonant power was boiling over, fully concentrated on the refinement of earth fiend energy.

As time passed, the tempering of the resonant palace reached 80%.

However, trouble struck when Li Luo realized that he was almost out of juice.

The pool of spiritual liquid seemed to have almost dried up, and the tree's branches were bare and the leaves withered.

Clearly, his resonant power was insufficient.

He quietly observed the earth fiend energy being refined by his dual resonant power. This was the last shred he could muster, and it was insufficient to complete the tempering of his resonant palace.

"Is this the end?"

He felt a sense of dissatisfaction. Although he had not fully succeeded, he was currently in the Quasi General Stage, a significant step up from before. However, his aim was greater than that. The Quasi General Stage was only stronger than the Fourth Changing by a bit and not considered to be a qualitative upgrade.

Him taking such a huge risk to break through now would be for nought if all he had to show for it was a crappy jump to the Quasi General Stage!

"UNACCEPTABLE!"

He had to break through.

He had promised Jiang Qing'e that that dog Pei Hao would be left in pieces.

His wistful gaze stared longingly at the dwindling dual resonant power. What could he do now? First, he had to think. His valiant and surging mood had now turned calm. Everything had turned silent as he immersed himself in the emptiness. At this very moment, he felt like he could pick up a faint trace of a mysterious sound calling out to him as it flowed through his body.

It was coming from his blood.

No, it was something that was contained within his blood!

It was a mysterious power hidden within.

Was it his blood vessels themselves?

Li Luo's heart rippled with slight interest, and he attentively focused on the source of this calling.

"The Young Lord's resonant power shouldn't be able to hold on any longer."

Even Cai Wei was able to make this assessment from her observations. Li Luo's resonant power undulations had turned weak and seemed to be on its last legs.

"Hmm, he has yet to completely temper his resonant palace." Yan Lingqing sighed before forcing herself to see the bright side of things. "The Quasi General Stage isn't bad though. Even the Two Star Hall champion, Ao Bai, is only at this point. Li Luo has surpassed him by an entire year, and it's sufficient for him to dominate anyone at the same age group in the college."

Jiang Qing'e pursed her lips in response. This was still an achievement worthy of celebration. However, she understood that Li Luo possessed pride ingrained into his very bones, despite not showing it outwardly. His aim was greater than this result.

He would definitely be dispirited if he failed to achieve his goal.

Whilst the cheerleaders continued to worry, the last strand of resonant power within Li Luo dissipated. Unfortunately, the earth fiend energy it was refining was not complete, and it began to break free, ready to wreak havoc on its surroundings.

Li Luo quietly observed the earth fiend energy that was on the cusp of breaking loose. At the same time, it felt like something within him had responded to it. He could distinctly discern the sound of his blood flowing through his body. It even seemed to be increasing in speed, and the sound got louder as time passed.

Realizing that this might be a good thing, he surrendered himself to the rhythm of things, letting his mind and spirit roam free.

It was as though the floodgates were finally thrown open. An unconscious suppression had finally been unwound.

Li Luo suddenly felt that the blood within him was coming to life. Roiling, blood-red energy was being oozed out of every blood cell, and within the energy was a hint of a mysterious, violet light. This magical energy then directly consumed the earth fiend energy like a starving beast craving a meal. The originally berserk earth fiend energy immediately settled down upon being consumed, even faintly trembling as though it felt a sense of fear at the power that had contained it.

In a brief moment, the arrogant and untameable earth fiend energy had been turned docile.

Li Luo was left completely bewildered by this scene. However, this didn't stop him from quickly guiding the earth fiend energy into his resonant palace to continue the tempering process. Only after that did he slowly proceed to inspect the strange, new, blood-red energy within him. The power was extremely peculiar as even with his best efforts, nothing he did could control or affect it. It simply existed and did as it pleased, circulating within him.

On the bright side, he could feel a natural sort of affinity with it, despite lacking the ability to handle it.

This was a completely unexpected development. Could he be any luckier that a miracle had fallen from the sky? This was a wonderful development, and he could now continue his refinement of earth fiend energy.

Thanks to the morale boost the energy had provided, he was determined to continue to guide more earth fiend energy from the environment into his body.

Boom!

Just as the thought surfaced in his mind, he could feel the blood-red energy starting to act restless once again. He desperately tried to suppress it, but the blood-red energy began to coalesce into some sort of vortex, spinning rapidly.

Taken aback once again, a bad feeling arose in his heart and he felt a sense of terror.

Before he knew it, countless times more earth fiend energy was sucked in violently, and it surged towards him in a tide!

The sight left Li Luo numb with shock. With how berserk the earth fiend energy strands were, he had only dared to take them in one by one. Now there were tens of them flying towards him, so just how was he supposed to save himself? Would he be left as a crippled mess after this?

His body might just blow up from the influx of energy!

Li Luo was screaming in grief deep down. The miraculous blood-red energy had just brought him elation and joy, but the tables turned soon after! Now all he felt was regret!

Would he be ended by some wilful, mysterious power that had just awakened within him?

What should he do now?

As he continued to gripe and panic in his heart, Jiang Qing'e's expression changed as well. She had similarly felt the presence of a surge of earth fiend energy entering Li Luo's body. Understanding that something might have gone wrong, light resonant energy was roused within her delicate body as she prepared to rush forward and interrupt Li Luo's advancement.

"Qing'e! You must calm down!" Ox Biaobiao grabbed her and held her back.

"Uncle Biao, something's not right!" Jiang Qing'e shouted anxiously. Even the usually calm Jiang Qing'e was completely riled up by this scene.

There was too much earth fiend energy, and Li Luo definitely could not handle it. The only result was a gory explosion!

"Believe in him!" Ox Biaobiao commanded.

Hearing those words, she forcibly halted herself. Her dainty palms were clenched so tightly that veins could be seen. Heaving a deep sigh, she composed herself. Ox Biaobiao would never seek to harm Li Luo after all.

Even Yan Lingqing and Cai Wei could sense the severity of the situation, and traces of strained expressions could be seen on their dignified faces.

A tense mood filled the atmosphere.

On the sidelines, Jiang Qing'e stared at the dozens of strands of earth fiend energy violently being sucked into Li Luo's body.

At this critical moment, Li Luo's body suddenly swelled up, with the blood vessels clearly visible through his skin. Endless amounts of fresh blood began to ooze from every pore as he cut a bloody figure.

Chapter 0615: Fiend Palace Tier!

Li Luo could feel the massive amount of earth fiend energy pouring right into his body. Yet the only thought that ran through his mind was that of despair.

Damn it, there were so many things left to do, and he had to go out with a bang?!

The unfathomable amount of energy was not something he could refine in his current state!

Once the earth fiend energy ran out of control, the result would only be carnage... within his body.

His mind focused on the cyclone created by the blood-red energy. He was feeling a little frustrated. Wasn't this stuff just messing with him?

Still, emotions were of no use in this situation. Li Luo could only blankly stare at the tide of energy surging towards him. The moment it entered his body, he felt an agonizing pain lance throughout every inch of his being. Wherever the stream of energy passed, it would leave behind tattered flesh and blood.

The only good thing was that this energy did not diffuse in every direction, only being led on a noose right towards the cyclone.

Of course, this little fact did nothing to console Li Luo. The wildness and savagery of the earth fiend energy would inevitably explode outwards in every direction once the cyclone failed to contain it. This was the prelude to the end.

Thus, he could only blankly stare at the blood-red vortex, making plans for the worst case scenario.

Finally, the countless strands of earth fiend energy arrived at the blood-red vortex, where a mysterious, violet light was churning within. An uneasy feeling overcame Li Luo, but with the passage of time, this once again transformed into shock.

He realized that the earth fiend energy that was entering the blood-red energy vortex did not exhibit any signs of going rampant. It was as though it was being tamed into adorable, little earthworms. All of the raging influence was being refined out of the earth fiend energy at breakneck speed.

This was a little unbelievable.

How could it be refined so easily?

One had to know that even a single strand of earth fiend energy required copious amounts of resonant power. However, this crappy energy vortex would just rotate a couple of times and then the earth fiend energy would be cleansed like zooming through a car wash??

Its efficiency was frightening.

"What in the world..."

A fat meat pie had fallen from the sky, leaving Li Luo flabbergasted not once, not twice, but a third time in a row. After a few moments of hesitation, he gritted his teeth and made his decision. The blood-red vortex might be a strange existence, but he could feel an undeniable sense of intimacy with it. There could be no way this thing would want to harm him... right?

Thus, he decided to go all in, and all of the quickly refined earth fiend energy was thrust towards his waterlight resonant palace.

Boom!

With the torrential flood of earth fiend energy surging into his resonant palace, the entire structure started to emit rumbling vibrations as it greedily slurped up every last bit of energy. Endless ripples of red spread throughout the resonant palace, tempering it to its limits.

As it was a part of Li Luo, he was able to clearly sense how massive changes were occurring throughout it.

After a while, he realized that the waterlight resonant palace could no longer absorb any more, and he understood that it had been fully tempered.

The metamorphosis was completed.

Inspecting the interior of the resonant palace, he was able to discover the heaven-shaking changes that had occurred. The palace had been vastly expanded and the walls were circulating with a myriad of inscrutable lights, seeming to form some sort of esoteric design that flowed with vitality and life.

If the previous resonant palace was akin to a mud hut, the fiend palace was like a radiant and majestic palace in comparison.

Weng!

At the same time, incandescent light spilled forth from the palace, forming a rain made of light that landed upon the manifestation of the waterlight resonance, the pool of spirit liquid.

Upon a mere touch, one could see that the dried-up creek had been revitalized. The source was spilling outwards with magnificent amounts of new resonant power, overflowing with magically materialized liquid. The pool continued to expand as the rain fell, also demonstrating the quick recovery of Li Luo's resonant power.

No, it was not mere recovery. In fact, the pool continued to expand in size.

Upon reaching its previous limit, the expansion did not stop. The pool continued to grow as the resonant power it symbolized increased in spades. In a mere ten breaths, the pool had turned into a lake!

Within the lake also sat a small, lustrous sun, making the spirit liquid look even more pristine and unblemished.

Li Luo's waterlight resonant power had increased by several times as a result.

This was the benefit brought about by refining a fiend palace.

Li Luo had truly stepped into the ranks of the Fiend Palace Tier.

He couldn't contain the excitement within him when he felt the surging resonant power. He had succeeded after taking such a huge gamble.

"Since I still have some leftover earth fiend energy..."

There were still around ten strands of earth fiend energy left, and thus, he willed all of it towards his woodearth resonant palace. The former surpassed the latter monstrously in terms of both quality and quantity.

"...it's time to temper the woodearth resonant palace too."

The remainder was a pleasant surprise, and his original aim was just to temper the waterlight resonant palace. However, the power of the blood-red vortex far surpassed his imagination, bringing him a surprise that allowed him to strengthen himself a little more.

If he could temper the second resonant palace completely, that would be the second wonderful windfall he'd receive today. The increase in woodearth resonant power would lead to an exponential growth in his strength.

At this point, the benefits of the dual resonances could be seen. Others might benefit once from reaching the Fiend Palace Tier, but he would receive twice the benefits! He would definitely be head and shoulders above any other cultivator at the same stage.

With all this in mind, he controlled the remaining amounts of earth fiend energy into the woodearth resonant palace, beginning the tempering process.

After all of it had been consumed by the resonant palace, the only thing that led Li Luo to feel a sense of pity was that he could not complete the tempering process! It was only around 70% complete.

"Forget it, 70% is still good enough."

There was a pang of regret, but he was satisfied. Now that he had broken through, refining earth fiend energy would become a lot easier, and so the complete tempering of the second resonant palace was only a matter of time.

He had stepped into the Fiend Palace Tier and was stronger than Ao Bai by a significant margin now.

Just as he shifted his focus out of his resonant palaces, he noticed that the vortex had disappeared without him noticing. Searching his body several times, he was unable to locate any trace of this mysterious power. After thinking about it for a while, he gave up on trying to find it. His best guess was this was some sort of bloodline power he possessed.

Perhaps this was the supposed Veins of Heavenly Emperor Li that Principal Pang had mentioned.

Yes. It seemed he had pretty high-quality blood vessels. Maybe he was considered special even among those from the inner continent.

Li Luo couldn't resist smirking. He had felt the satisfaction of living a fictional story come to life, a pauper discovering that he was actually the heir to some sort of massive fortune...

"Old man, oh, old man... you had such a wonderful lineage, so why did you run all the way to this godforsaken continent? Is this the legendary eloping with the bride sort of adventure?" Li Luo mused to himself.

Now that everything was completed, his eyes blazed open.

Yet the first thing he saw was the beautiful visage right before him. Her enchanting, golden eyes that were clear like a lake were focused intently on him. Most importantly, Li Luo could see traces of worry in her gaze.

Taking his time to enjoy the breathtaking sight of her face, he gave a wry smile.

"Sister Qing'e, I've succeeded."

In a flash, the gorgeous girl in front of him gave the sunniest smile she ever could muster before taking a step forward and hugging the bloody Li Luo with outstretched arms.

Her warm embrace nestled into his bosom, but Li Luo's heart was calm, focused only on the moment.

Only the warmth that flowed between them mattered.

Chapter 0616: Triple Resonance Completion

Li Luo had finally obtained a well-deserved night of rest. Opening his windows, he gave a lazy yawn as he stretched while basking in the radiance of the rising sun. A smile crept over his face as he thought of his successful breakthrough the day before. A single night was not enough to dampen his excitement just yet.

"I'm finally at the Earth Fiend General Stage!" He sighed. His gaze held a hint of pride that could not be concealed. Well, there was no need to, as this was something worth celebrating.

A year ago, he was merely someone with blank palaces. Then he became a dual resonance user who cultivated with terrifying speed, far surpassing all his peers. Ah... he had to correct himself—those who were ONCE his peers.

There was no one who could even come close to touching him in the Two Star Hall of the Astral Sage College.

If he was being a little arrogant then... frankly speaking, he was even amongst the very best in the entire East Divine Continent when it came to Two Star Hall students. He couldn't claim to be the best, as it was likely the Ao Bai had made some improvements himself since the Holy Grail Meet, likely even breaking through into the Fiend Palace Tier himself.

His results and massive improvements spoke for themselves. Honestly, even a ninth-grade resonance user didn't mean much to him!

However, Li Luo also understood that this breakthrough had required his lucky stars to align. If not for his bloodline power awakening, assisting him with refining copious amounts of earth fiend energy, he would not have managed to succeed so cleanly. At best, he'd be at the Quasi General Stage.

Well, this was unavoidable. Time was tight when it came to his lifespan and the Housemeet, so he had to do everything possible to improve himself.

There were times where one could only squeeze out their potential through extreme circumstances.

"My waterlight resonant power seems to have become several times more dense than before." Li Luo could feel the surging waves of resonant power that occupied his resonant palace. The sense of power

was completely superior to that of before, and it was unbelievable to him. No wonder there was such a huge gap between Resonant Masters and those at the General Stage.

Additionally, he had dual resonances, so once the woodearth resonance was completely tempered, the difference would only become bigger.

After fully immersing himself in the feeling of the dramatically increased amount of resonant power within him for a bit longer, Li Luo closed the window and proceeded to sit cross-legged. A look of intense anticipation was clear in his gaze.

What he was going to do next was something that he had craved for even more than the breakthrough to the Fiend Palace Tier.

It was the dawn of his third resonance.

When he had first discovered his three resonant palaces, they had brought him both copious amounts of joy and sorrow. This was mind-blowing talent. After all, three resonant palaces was the mark of a King!

And just how lofty were those at the King Stage? There was only one single King in the entire Xia Kingdom: Principal Pang. Even when placed amongst the elites of the inner divine continent, such an individual would also be at the peak of power.

Thus, possessing three mortal resonant palaces was a fact that could even kill people with sheer envy!

This was true genius bestowed by the heavens!

At this point in time, Li Luo had already imagined himself as the protagonist of legends. Yet all of these lofty dreams came crashing down a moment later.

After all, the three resonant palaces were empty.

He truly possessed three resonant palaces but none possessed a single resonance.

The scene had left Li Luo dumbstruck.

Without resonances, it didn't matter how many resonant palaces he had, as he would have no ability to absorb worldly natural energy and thus cultivate.

Fortune and tragedy had truly come in spades, and Li Luo almost fainted on the spot.

Life was making a fool of him.

Yet his parents had managed to leave him a path out of this abyss in the form of the Acquired Resonance Godly Forging Art. Li Luo trudged ahead, finally breaking through into the General Stage. And now he was on the cusp of obtaining his third resonance. The day he had long anticipated had arrived.

Li Luo lifted his palm, and a golden, triangular plate appeared. The center had a groove where a single, small flame was prancing about. After a month's worth of nourishing, the previously unstable Thunder Dragon resonance had finally become a lot more stable.

"Finally.... the Thunder Dragon resonance."

His gaze blazed with trepidation as he stared at the flickering flame. He had dreamed and longed for this day for too long. Once complete, his three resonant palaces would reach completion. If he went against someone of the same tier, he would not lose even if that person had a true ninth-grade resonance.

He'd leave Jing Taixu's quasi ninth-grade in the dust.

The only pity was that even with three resonances, it would be exceedingly difficult to fuse the three into triple resonance power. He had barely touched upon the realm of mastering dual resonances, much less the significantly more complicated triple resonances.

Regardless, this was enough. He'd beat his opponents with sheer quantity.

He'd have ridiculous amounts of resonant power in reserve, and that would allow him to trample over any opponent at the same level.

"Though I wonder how large the price would be..." Li Luo mused to himself. He couldn't help but feel slightly perturbed. These acquired resonances were unique, and he had to pay a price to fuse with each one. The first was the most severe, leaving him with five years left to live. The second just wasted his foundation. Fortunately, Ox Biaobiao had the methods to reverse this issue and assist him with recovery; otherwise, endless troubles awaited him in future.

There would definitely be a price for the third resonance. The only question was whether his Earth Fiend General Stage strength could afford it.

Still, he would pay any price as he was on the path of no return.

At this point, he raised his hand and removed the Thunder Dragon resonance from its nest before swallowing it without hesitation and activating the Acquired Resonance Godly Forging Art.

Boom!

Right at this moment, his body seemed to echo out with draconic roars and the booms of thunder. A mysterious light shot right into his body, diving directly towards his third blank palace.

At the same time, he could feel his resonant power and blood essence being consumed at a terrifying pace.

"I hope I can hold on!" he murmured to himself.

The door to Li Luo's bedroom remained tightly shut from dawn till late at night.

Eventually, the door was lightly pushed open.

Li Luo's tottering body gingerly stepped out. His complexion was alabaster white and he seemed a little haggard and shriveled. His eyes were sunken and his body even seemed a little dessicated. Not only had he been sucked dry of resonant power, but his blood essence was completely spent. If not for the Thunderpeal Avatar bolstering his physique, he might very well have turned into a dry husk.

As a result, Li Luo felt an extreme sense of weakness.

With a shaking fist, he lightly knocked on the door frame, summoning the maid who usually served him. "Please hurry and arrange a meal for me... preferably with something that can replenish my blood essence, and send it to my room. Be quiet and don't let Qing'e know..." he gasped.

The maid, seeing Li Luo's pale visage in the middle of the night, almost had the fright of her life! It was like meeting a ghost in the flesh! After which, her expression turned a little strange. It was late at night and yet Li Luo was prancing around, looking clearly overexerted for some reason... The only reason could be that he was engaging in some debaucherous acts!

"Young Lord, what changed in you, to turn you so brazen and crazy?"

The maid enviously took a glance in the direction of Li Luo's room. Just what sort of wench had sucked him so dry?

It was no wonder Li Luo didn't want her to let the young mistress know...

"Hurry!" Seeing the maid in a daze, Li Luo quickly chided her.

Not one to be told twice, she hurriedly left to satisfy her young lord's request...

After which, he hobbled back to his room and shut the door. Although he was short of breath and absolutely exhausted as he leaned against it, a smile bloomed on his face.

He had passed the third trial without any serious consequences!

From now on, his three resonant palaces were complete.

Chapter 0617: Spirit Deposit

The next day, dawn arrived once again, and Li Luo stirred awake. Forcing his stiff eyelids open, he turned to look at his outstretched palm. On it was the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch that had dimmed in light. If one didn't pay attention, they might not have noticed it in the relatively dingy room.

Li Luo had taken advantage of the spirit deposit ability of the brooch last night, resulting in his current state.

The spirit deposit ability was simply overdrawing the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch's stored energy to catalyze the recovery of one's resonant power. After using it, the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch would naturally require a period of time to restore the lost reserves and would not be able to produce any Violet Spiritliquid. Doing this would also leave some lasting damage on the brooch's abilities, so it was not ideal to keep using this ability. It was almost like slaughtering the goose that laid the golden eggs.

However, Li Luo was unperturbed. Even the best treasures had to be used at the optimal times.

What he had constantly lacked was time, and he could not slowly nourish the newly formed Thunder Dragon resonance. As a result, he had activated the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch's ability to temper the resonance quickly as this was the only way to strengthen himself greatly in a small amount of time.

After which, he clasped his hands. It was a shame he wouldn't be able to enjoy the benefits brought about by the Violet Spiritliquid for quite a while, but the bright side was that the Eternal Oak Armor remained usable as it had a separate function of the brooch.

Unfortunately, the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch had almost turned into a spare piece of junk after very little use.

More importantly, he decided to inspect the growth of his third resonant palace.

Within it was a silver layer of clouds that constantly flowed about, occasionally flashing with traces of lightning and thunder, echoing throughout its interior.

What was most eye-catching was that within the moving thunderclouds hid a shadow. Whenever the clouds parted, the silhouette of a majestic dragon could be seen. The silhouette spanned tens of thousands of zhang and was wreathed in dark-red draconic scales. It occasionally released a low roar that converged with the boom of thunder, causing the entire resonant palace to vibrate.

"A dragon resonance..." Li Luo continued to observe the dark-red dragon silhouette. This was the manifestation of his resonance, and he could feel an ineffable suppression that was rarely seen within beast resonances.

After a few more moments of observation, Li Luo stopped inspecting his resonance with gleeful satisfaction.

"A sixth-grade Thunder Dragon resonance."

With the usage of the spirit deposit, he had tempered the resonance in one go from the fourth-grade to the sixth-grade. A night's worth of time had caused it to rise twice. Such a huge upgrade might have never been seen before.

Well, to be fair, not all those who possessed a Violet Resonant Tree Brooch would benefit as greatly as he did. Although the tempering energy was gentle, using too much in one go would also lead to resistance being built up.

Thus, very few opted to use this ability. For most people, using the Violet Spiritliquid slowly over time was the most effective as it allowed one to obtain the best results.

But Li Luo could not be compared to these individuals. His blank palaces allowed him to unscrupulously abuse such tempering materials to continuously bolster his resonances without fear of side effects due to their special void affinity. Thus, he was able to maximize the usage of the spirit deposit without much waste.

This shortcut saved him two to three months worth of time. Based on experience, the normal tempering of a resonance from the fourth-grade to the sixth-grade would have required copious amounts of both spirit liquids and purifying lights and a significant amount of time. "I wonder... is there anything that can help replenish the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch's energy?" Li Luo lightly sighed. He would be lying if he said he didn't miss the daily tempering effects of the Violet Spiritliquid. It synergised with the spirit liquids and purifying lights he used and allowed him to temper his resonances significantly quicker.

Thus, if the opportunity presented itself, he would do his best to restore the Violet Resonant Tree Brooch's functionalities.

Rolling off the bed, he could still see that his complexion seemed a little pale in the mirror. On the other hand, the weakness he felt the previous night was mostly gone and he could feel boisterous resonant power flowing through him. He had definitely improved once again.

Furthermore, this was before the third resonant palace had been tempered by earth fiend energy. With all three resonances at the Fiend Palace Tier, his body would enjoy nigh limitless amounts of resonant power, perhaps even rivaling Greater Fiend Palace Tier cultivators.

The Fiend Palace Tier was divided into two simple tiers: the Greater and Lesser Fiend Palaces. As this tier was all about strengthening and tempering the fiend palace itself, this was an easy way to differentiate one's progress.

Li Luo was now in the early stage of the Lesser Fiend Palace Tier.

Smug satisfaction was written all over his face. One month's time had allowed his strength to skyrocket. He had entered the Fiend Palace Tier and his resonant palaces were complete. If he could learn a Duke Art, it would be perfect.

Thus, Li Luo proceeded to wash up before walking towards the inner hall with a spring in his step.

Meanwhile, within the hall...

Jiang Qing'e was currently enjoying her breakfast when Ox Biaobiao made his way over, heaping copious amounts of nourishing food onto the table. Her first expression was that of suspicion. What was he doing? It was not until she saw a pale Li Luo teetering along that she finally understood what it was for.

"What now?" Jiang Qing'e put down the pastry in her hand as she interrogated him.

"This brat threw himself into the midst of danger just yesterday, so why is he looking so frail once again? How could anyone feel reassured with his self-destructive tendencies?"

Li Luo heaved a little smile as he stared at the table full of replenishing tonics. "I am sorry for the trouble, Uncle Biao."

As the chef of House Luolan, Ox Biaobiao obviously knew that Li Luo needed such nutritious food, the only question was why.

Ox Biaobiao sized him up and beamed. "Well, it's not as bad this time. You've only suffered a loss of blood essence. After entering the Earth Fiend General Stage, your resonant power should be considered sufficiently dense, and you possess a sturdy foundation. There's no longer any need to offer up your lifespan nor foundation as a price."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Qing'e also took the time to scrutinize Li Luo, and what she saw shocked her. She could distinctly feel that the resonant power undulations coming from him were significantly stronger than after his breakthrough just a day ago.

"Just what did this fool do last night? No wonder he hasn't appeared for an entire day."

"Explain. Truthfully." Jiang Qing'e gently raised her chin as she stared at him with almost a look of disdain.

Li Luo coughed lightly before he slowly enunciated, "Sister Qing'e, you should be more polite towards me from now on."

"Oh? Did you grow some balls after you broke through to the Fiend Palace Tier?" She lightly laughed.

"In the past, I was a mere dual resonance user, and you had a true ninth-grade light resonance. Thus, I was outclassed by several degrees. However, I've bridged this gap!" Li Luo announced victoriously.

She continued to stare at Li Luo wordlessly, trying to imagine what this idiot was trying to do.

Under her watchful supervision, Li Luo signaled for the surrounding servants to take a few steps back. With a thought, he started to emit resonant power that contained an aura of suppression from his body, and the shadow of a coiled dragon materialized behind him.

Even Jiang Qing'e seemed to have lost focus upon this sight.

At this point, Li Luo crowed arrogantly.

"From today onwards, being a dual resonance user is a thing of the crappy past. You may now address me as triple resonance Li Luo!"

Chapter 0618: Cultivating Fiend Arts

"Triple resonances..."

Jiang Qing'e was unperturbed by his triumphant tone, but her expression gave her inner surprise away. The announcement of triple resonances was a surprise she had never expected. Triple resonances at the General Stage was something that even Jiang Qing'e had never heard of. From a certain point of view, it truly did not lose out to a ninth-grade resonance.

Of course, the important part was that he had three resonances at the General Stage... The only way an average individual could achieve this was if their body produced a new resonant palace and resonance during the breakthroughs to the Resonant Master stage and the General Stage. This miracle had to happen twice in a row. What was the probability of that happening?

Triple resonances was something even Dukes wanted to achieve!

Triple resonances was the hallmark of a King Stage cultivator and thus the lifelong pursuit of a Duke.

Now Li Luo had triple resonances, and he was only a piddly cultivator at the General Stage! Frankly speaking, he couldn't use triple resonant power yet, but he had thrice the amount of resonant power compared to others, which was already a huge advantage. At the very least, if he could grasp a rudimentary form of fusion with the three resonant powers together, it would be exceptionally beneficial in paving the way to breaking into the King Stage.

"Not bad." Jiang Qing'e finally snapped out of her stupor, and a trace of a smile appeared. Li Luo being able to grasp this rare opportunity brought her endless joy.

"I had not expected the Young Lord's third resonance to be a dragon one. Hehe. As expected of someone from that bloodline. You have a natural affinity with dragons." Ox Biaobiao chuckled.

At this point, Li Luo was slightly startled before he quickly asked, "Uncle Biao, does this have anything to do with the Veins of Heavenly Emperor Li?"

"Did you hear that from Principal Pang?" Ox Biaobiao asked rhetorically upon hearing that specific term, and he nodded in response.

"That's the truth. You and your father both possess the Veins of Heavenly Emperor Li. Your bloodline is extremely famous in the inner divine continent, and those who are part of it tend to awaken dragon resonances. Your father himself has a quasi ninth-grade dragon resonance."

Shock precipitated his question. "Do you mean that one's resonance isn't decided purely by chance?"

He had always thought that one's awakened resonance would be random. However, if those who possessed the Veins of Heavenly Emperor Li had a high probability of awakening dragon resonances, then that was clearly not so. There must have been a specific reason for it.

"Legend has it that one of your ancestors made a pact with a heavenly dragon. As a result, the qi of that dragon has remained in your bloodline till date. Thus, all who possess the Veins of Heavenly Emperor Li have an extremely high chance of awakening a dragon resonance," Ox Biaobiao explained. Li Luo gulped. This incredible tale seemed to exceed even the limits of his imagination. He had also never heard of it.

More importantly, the third resonance had been created by him, not awakened through his bloodline directly. From a different perspective, he was fated to obtain a dragon resonance, and even when his inborn talents failed him, destiny still found a way.

"My old man actually had a quasi ninth-grade dragon resonance?" Li Luo sighed. The resonance his father had revealed to him was not the dragon resonance that Uncle Biao had mentioned.

"Speaking of which, I've never actually seen what my mother's dual resonances are," he said.

Ox Biaobiao then gave another smile. "Speaking of her first resonance, the circumstances are quite interesting."

"What do you mean?"

"The Mistress' first resonance was a Golden Winged Peng resonance. It was a true ninth-grade resonance. The Golden Winged Peng is a spirit beast that exists at the peak of strength in our world. It's rumored that it even feeds on young dragons. Thus, it has always had enmity with the dragon race."

Li Luo was slightly shocked. No wonder his old man always got his ass beaten by his mother. Could it be a suppression on an instinctual level? Wait a moment... he had a dragon resonance too. Did this mean that if his mother flew into a rage, he'd just sit there and quiver quietly?

"Ah, Mom is truly amazing..." Li Luo dryly laughed. A ninth-grade Golden Winged Peng resonance would be the second true ninth-grade he had ever seen, and they were all from his family. More importantly, they were all possessed by the ladies of the house!

Sorrow filled Li Luo as he lamented his fate. "Why, oh, why do the males of his family have to suffer this cruel injustice?"

"The Mistress must truly be an esteemed individual, for being able to subdue the Master." Jiang Qing'e laughed lightly as well, a hint of adoration in her tone.

Li Luo coughed upon hearing this, then he took on a sincere tone. "There are many aspects of my Mom that I do respect with all earnestness. However, like any human, she has her flaws too. You must not learn from her bad examples. One such example is her beating my old man whenever she felt like it. So yes, you must only learn the good things."

This completely flew over her head though. "The Mistress taught me that violence is the only truth. Might makes right."

Li Luo's expression darkened immediately. "Mom! Just what were you teaching her? Was she hoping that her son would grow up in an abyss of suffering???"

Hmph. Just because the senior wasn't good enough, that didn't mean the junior would have to follow in his footsteps... Yes. So what if she had a ninth-grade light resonance? He had triple resonances! No matter how he looked at it, he was not at all inferior. Time would soon tell who wore the pants in the relationship.

Of course, he would first have to catch up to Jiang Qing'e's cultivation level.

Before they were equals... he'd first have to concede and admit defeat. Yes. There was no shame in that. He was just biding his time in the shadows. Yes. He would convince himself that way.

Jiang Qing'e completely ignored Li Luo, who was lost in his own world, and her eyes glinted. "Now that you've entered the Earth Fiend Stage, you can begin learning Fiend Arts."

"Fiend Arts?"

Li Luo snapped out of his stupor and his expression changed. He naturally knew what they were. This was a cultivation method for those that had entered the Earth Fiend Stage.

Simply speaking, it was a way for the body to absorb and refine earth fiend energy. Once this energy was refined, it would turn into another form of energy known as abstruse fiend light.

Abstruse fiend light possessed an amazing quality: it could amplify resonant power. This was absolutely game changing in battle.

This was also the symbol of might of an Earth Fiend General Stage cultivator.

At the same time, abstruse fiend light was able to polish and enhance one's resonant palace. For one to progress to the Greater Fiend Palace Tier, one had to rely on this new energy. Thus, the Fiend Art that one cultivated was of significant importance to any cultivator.

In a sense, it was quite similar to the energy cultivation arts that one practiced at the Resonant Master Stage, only Fiend Arts were of a higher tier.

"The college tricked me once again... The 12 Step Weave which I exchanged points for doesn't have the corresponding Fiend Art..." Li Luo grumbled.

"What are you blabbering about? A Fiend Art's value far surpasses that of an energy cultivation art. Plus, it's of a higher tier, so how could the college give it away so cheaply for a few crappy points." Jiang Qing'e rolled her eyes.

"Still, I would not recommend that you learn the Fiend Art of the 12 Step Weave."

"Why?" Li Luo asked curiously now.

"The 12 Step Weave's Fiend Art's grade is a little low. It's a Three Fiends Art," she explained.

"What is a third-grade Fiend Art? Simply put, if one is able to produce three rays of abstruse fiend light with their Fiend Art, then it is considered a Three Fiends Art. Correspondingly, the number of rays one is able to create will determine the grade of it."

Li Luo laughed helplessly. Well, that was straightforward.

"So then what sort of Fiend Art do you cultivate, Sister Qing'e?"

"A Four Fiends Art. I bought it from the college for 300,000 points. It's also the best Fiend Art that the school possesses."

Li Luo's expression turned slightly bitter. That was a significant amount of school points, points that he had originally planned to spend on a Duke Art.

"Young Lord, you don't have to be concerned about obtaining a Fiend Art. House Luolan's foundation may not run as deep as the college's, but what we have stashed away are also things that the college might never possess." Ox Biaobiao chortled as he slapped his stomach.

Li Luo instantly felt his spirits lift upon hearing that. "Did my old man leave something wonderful behind?"

"You are truly astute. Your father did, in fact, leave behind a Fiend Art, it's just that the requirements are extremely strict and most people will never be able to cultivate it. Otherwise, I would have passed it to Qing'e to learn." Ox Biaobiao laughed teasingly.

"Even Sister Qing'e is unable to do so?" Li Luo's expression turned a little strange. Just what kind of damned Fiend Art was this? Even a ninth-grade light resonance user could not satisfy its requirements?

"Well, it's not that Qing'e lacked talent. It's just that this Fiend Art requires one to possess dragon resonant power," Ox Biaobiao explained.

"Possess dragon resonance power?"

Li Luo was absolutely elated. Haha! This was clearly something left behind just for him.

His old man was really reliable at times like this.

Looking at the eager Li Luo, Ox Biaobiao raised his hand, and a palm-sized scale appeared in it. The scale seemed to exude an aura of pressure, harking back to its source, an actual dragon. Countless words that were faintly discernible were engraved on it.

"This Fiend Art is known as the Three Revolutions Draconic Breath Fiend Art."

Just hearing that imposing name brought Li Luo immense joy. "That's so cool! What grade is it, huh?"

Ox Biaobiao lifted his palm with his fingers outstretched. "A Five Fiends Art. I'm afraid not even the Astral Sage College might have something like this."

Li Luo was moved to the point of tears.

Ah. Such simple and plain acts were all it took to bring joy to a wealthy young master.

Chapter 0619: Meeting Pei Hao Again

With the Three Revolutions Draconic Breath Five Fiends Art in hand, Li Luo left. There was something extremely important to be done. He had to attend Pei Hao's banquet at the Spring Lake Villa.

A banquet laced with no good intentions towards him.

Still, Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e planned to pop by. All the more since this was being hosted right outside the headquarters of House Luolan. It was clearly a provocative act, and if they did not respond in kind, that would also speak badly of them. A tarnished reputation and hindered fame were not beneficial, considering how the wards of House Luolan worked.

Most importantly, Pei Hao had also invited the two neutral Pavilion Masters with the intention of winning them over. This was something that Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e could not idly let by.

Pavilion Masters were the elders of House Luolan, and they possessed significant influence within. They could also be considered as the upper echelons of the house's strength. When Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan were around, these pawns could do no more than fawn over the duo without the slightest trace of disobedience. Yet with years passing by and no hint of information to be heard, they naturally began to foment ideas of their own. Even Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e's constant efforts were not enough to sway them to reconsider, as they had yet to grow into their own might.

With regards to the neutral Pavilion Masters, there was no love lost between them and Li Luo. They had not chosen to follow Pei Hao outright, but their actions spoke louder than words. Attempting to become their own independent powers also infuriated the duo.

However, this fury had to be stomached. With the current state of affairs, their strength was simply not enough. After they stepped into the Duke Stage and consolidated control over the house, there would be a full accounting for everything that had been done. Li Luo and Qing'e finished their breakfast and left for the outer hall. Ancestor Yuan Qing and Lei Zhang were already waiting for them within. "Young Lord and Mistress, we have gathered House Luolan's forces and surrounded the Spring Lake Villa. Once you give the signal, we'll slaughter those beasts!" Lei Zhang thundered.

Li Luo nodded. If Pei Hao showed himself, then he'd better have made his own preparations. The best case scenario was getting rid of the rot now to prevent any further complications during the Housemeet.

"Young Lord and Mistress, Pei Hao is a cunning and cautious rat. He's hidden within the depths of Xia City for a long time, and now that he's chosen to show himself, it can only mean that he is confident. You have to be cautious," Yuan Qing chided.

Jiang Qing'e nodded. "Ancestor Yuan Qing, you can rest assured. We will definitely be careful."

Yuan Qing nodded and knew there was no further need to remind them.

After the preparations were complete, there was not much time till the appointment and thus they directly left for the venue.

Right outside the headquarters of House Luolan was an eye-catching and lavishly decorated building known as the Spring Lake Villa. The two locations were separated by just a single road.

"It looks like the place is infested with spies," Li Luo commented as he glanced at his surroundings. He could distinctly feel that there were countless eyes focused upon the headquarters, and Pei Hao had clearly decided to spread the news. Every faction had their eyes focused on the event today.

Seen another way, this banquet was the first probing confrontation between the two parties before the Housemeet.

Jiang Qing'e's expression remained icy, completely ignoring the probing gazes. Together with Li Luo, they sauntered down the street and entered the vicinity of the Spring Lake Villa.

The main doors were ajar, but the usually boisterous location was now devoid of all life. Pei Hao had very kindly decided to reserve the entire location, and with the news of their confrontation public, no one in their right mind would join the celebration. After all, they could possibly end up as collateral damage.

Yuan Qing, Lei Zhang, and a group of House Luolan guards surrounded and escorted the two into the building. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the entirety of the first level was vacated, and so the group made their way upwards.

Upon reaching the top floor, the view was panoramic, overlooking all of the nearby streets. It was here where many figures were already seated, all cautiously observing the duo who had made their way up.

Li Luo's gaze swept across the group, and sitting right in the most central position was a certain Pei Hao, who was all smiles. A small, lustrous, golden sword earring hung loosely from his earlobe, complimenting the cold, sharp aura emitting from his slightly sunken eyes.

Right beside him was Ancestor Mo Cheng.

There were also three familiar figures—the Pavilion Masters who had defected.

Following which were two more individuals, one male and one female. The duo stared at Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e a little stiffly and unnaturally. These two were none other than the neutral Pavilion Masters.

The atmosphere immediately took a turn for the worse and things became tense with their arrival.

"Hehe. Young Lord and Miss Jiang, you two possess astonishing bravery that far surpasses that of lesser men. You knew that this was clearly an ambush, but you still walked in willingly." Pei Hao sniggered.

"I wanted to personally set eyes upon a hiding rat that has chosen to reveal itself. Just what sort of backing would allow such a spineless coward to finally poke his head out?" Li Luo parried with a verbal thrust.

Pei Hao's gaze immediately shrunk as he glared at Li Luo. He could still remember that just a year ago, this insect was a blank palace wastrel, yet he had miraculously been reborn. Pei Hao was even beginning to feel an uncomfortable sensation around him.

In other words, he could feel a slightly threatening presence coming from Li Luo.

This revelation caused Pei Hao's thoughts to fog up in shock. He had heard of many of Li Luo's accomplishments throughout the year. Recently, there was even news that he had obtained the title of the strongest student in the One Star Hall across the East Divine Continent... which was no empty title. It had to be backed up with strength and potential.

Pei Hao might not have entered the Astral Sage College, but he was very clear on the strength that the students of sage colleges possessed.

Being able to differentiate and triumph over all of those similarly talented students spoke volumes of him. Li Luo was no longer some insignificant weakling.

After resolving the issue with the blank palace, Li Luo had demonstrated talent that anyone would be envious of.

In the past, Pei Hao could prance around like a clown before him, consoling himself with the fact that Li Luo was a useless blank palace individual. Unfortunately, things had changed, and Li Luo had flaunted his mind-boggling cultivation speed to the world. He could finally live up to the expectations of a young lord of a prestigious house.

Li Luo was now the hope of House Luolan's revitalization, a resplendent sun in the sky.

"How can a single person monopolize all these benefits?" A furious killing intent arose from the depths of Pei Hao's jealous heart, and he tightly gripped a ball that he had been holding the entire time. Li Luo was blessed with a silver spoon in his mouth, and Pei Hao was nothing compared to him no matter how much effort he put in! He had a deep respect and reverence for both Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan. It was because of his undying loyalty and care for House Luolan that he had received their attention. Yet everything he did, no, perhaps not even the entirety of House Luolan was worth a strand of hair on Li Luo's head. Veins started to protrude on his forearms.

He knew that he was envious of Li Luo. Incomparably envious. Yet it was this envy that had pushed him so far!

There were no regrets. This was the path he had chosen for himself.

Since the two of them had ruined the House Luolan that he cared so much about... then no one else was to blame if he were to be the destroyer of this hated symbol.

Chapter 0620: Pei Hao's Intentions

"Greetings, Young Lord, Young Mistress." At this point, Lu Qing and Lu Guan got up with embarrassed expressions on their faces and rushed over to pay their respects to the duo. At the same time, they hurriedly explained themselves. "We heard that General Manager Pei Hao invited the two of you over, and thus we made our way here as well."

Li Luo was still the official heir to the house. If they had met him a year ago, their tone might have been vastly different, curt, and possibly even impolite. They had thought he was just a blank palace cripple who would never amount to anything. Thus, they had naturally chosen to take a step back and maintain a stance of neutrality.

However, things were different now. The blank palace young lord had shed his cocoon and metamorphosed into a radiant sun that dazzled all who set their eyes upon him.

In the short span of a year, Li Luo had brought about numerous changes to House Luolan. These Pavilion Masters were cognizant of their underlings' thoughts, and Li Luo's position had gradually begun to even surpass that of Jiang Qing'e.

Thus, they felt a little apprehensive when facing Li Luo today. If the duo with heaven-defying talent and potential could resolve the current situation, the house would inevitably regain much of its splendor and flourish once again.

When dealing with the duo's explanations, a gentle smile appeared on Li Luo's face, and he waved his hand. "Don't worry, I believe in your loyalty for House Luolan."

Although this seemed to contradict his true thoughts, as a sensible and mature individual, Li Luo would not vent his frustrations on the duo just yet. This would only move them towards Pei Hao, and thus he had to be compassionate. Jiang Qing'e insipidly glanced at them. "Why don't you two sit over here, then? We're only looking for Pei Hao today."

"Yes, Young Mistress."

The two hurriedly agreed. Jiang Qing'e's influence within the house was not small, and whilst the elements rocked the foundation of the house, she was the only one holding the fort down. Furthermore, she personally possessed potential and strength, something that struck fear into all of the Pavilion Masters.

"Since the two of you are here, why not hear me out?" Pei Hao squashed down the frustrations within his heart and gave a welcoming smile.

"No need. It's probably something unbearable to the ears." Li Luo sighed.

"Young Lord, there's no need to reject me. We actually have very similar aims, which is to protect House Luolan. Come the Housemeet, our internal strife only benefits outsiders." Pei Hao smiled.

"I'm sorry. You're also an outsider," Li Luo rebuked. Pei Hao's smile immediately dampened for once. Before he could reply, Li Luo waved his hand once again. "Well, since we're here, I'll grace you with my presence and listen to whatever crap you have to say. What do you think?"

Pei Hao's eyelids seemed to droop at this instant, and he started enunciating his words slowly. "I suppose the Young Lord is thinking of shedding all pretenses during the Housemeet in a month. Thus, I have a suggestion to prevent this conflict from spiraling out of control, so that others can't take advantage of us. My suggestion is simple: House Luolan will continue to maintain the tradition of having two House Lords. You and I will take one of these positions each, and we will rule the house jointly. Let us turn our hostility into friendship and usher in a new era of success, one where we will jointly restore

House Luolan back to its previous majesty. Young Lord, I've given up many concessions to suggest this. I hope you'll consider this seriously."

Li Luo immediately released a deep sigh. "You're right. The idea of there being two House Lords is a very tantalizing proposition."

A smile began to form at the edge of Pei Hao's face upon hearing these words. Even Mo Cheng seemed to be elated by this.

Yuan Qing and Lei Zhang, on the other hand, stared at Li Luo in disbelief. If they officially recognized Pei Hao as a House Lord, that would mean that he could justifiably intervene in many affairs of House Luolan. Although this might avert an immediate conflict, it would leave behind many hidden dangers. How could the young lord not understand this and agree with them?

However, just as doubts began to appear in their hearts, Li Luo continued, "However, I think that the two House Lords should be Qing'e and I. How is any of this related to you, you hungering, white-eyed wolf? You even dared to bite the hand that fed you!"

The smirk was wiped off Pei Hao's face, the edges of his mouth began to twitch, and his eyes became gloomy.

Li Luo had been messing with him.

Naturally, Li Luo's gaze towards him was filled with contempt and condescension. "Pei Hao, oh, Pei Hao... Who do you think you are? Wanting to control House Luolan? Don't try using these pretty words to threaten me. I cherish House Luolan only because it's a plaything that my parents spent some effort to create. However, it doesn't mean much to the family at all. If it falls apart, so be it. Once we're more free in the future, we'll casually rebuild it. Pei Hao, oh, Pei Hao... I know you care about House Luolan, but it's really not that important to me. If you want to play, I'll play along... all the way to the bitter end."

Li Luo lightly shook his head as he looked at Pei Hao with a tinge of pity and mercy.

The entire top floor turned deathly silent and time seemed to have come to a halt. Whether it was Yuan Qing, Lu Qing, or any of the other Pavilion Masters, they were all shocked speechless by Li Luo's cutting words. They had never expected to hear this from him.

They knew that every single word was intended to carve into Pei Hao's deepest, darkest insecurities.

Everyone turned to look at Pei Hao's reaction, and expectedly, his cold visage had turned a little distorted in fury. His eyes were like those of a venomous snake, glaring coldly at Li Luo, ready to strike at the hint of any movement. A terrifying aura seemed to arise from his very soul.

There was nothing worse than being despised over something one valued immensely.

On the contrary, Li Luo was all smiles, completely unfazed by his change. "It looks like it was a little too mean of me to strike at your pitiful self-esteem."

Bam!

Pei Hao slammed the table before him with a single palm, directly smashing it into wooden junk. Resonant power flowed out, turning the debris into mere dust.

Before he spoke, Jiang Qing'e took a step forward, her golden eyes icily staring at Pei Hao. "Pei Hao, I don't like to talk unnecessarily. However, I will say one thing. I don't wish to see you at the Housemeet... so die for me!"

Right at this moment, frightening amounts of light resonant energy poured forth like a tide from her body, strongly suppressing the entire area.

With a wave of her hand, light resonant power materialized into a sword that hacked out mercilessly towards Pei Hao, slicing through the very void itself.

Jiang Qing'e's attack was sudden, and before anyone else could react, the tyrannical blade of light lanced forward.

However, Pei Hao remained unflinching, his expression downcast.

Weng!

The sword of light that blazed like the sun suddenly solidified and stopped an inch before Pei Hao's face. Everyone saw that an ice resonance had suddenly manifested right behind him, exuding copious amounts of chilly air. The flaming light that shrouded the sword actually froze over.

After which, it fell to the floor harmlessly, shattering into icy fragments.

This development caused Jiang Qing'e's eyes to shrink, and she glanced at the screen behind Pei Hao.

"Haha. It has been a few years. Young Mistress Qing'e's resonant power seems to have become even more tyrannical."

At this point, laughter could be heard coming from behind the screen, and a figure walked out slowly.

Everyone turned to watch this newcomer.

It was a man who had a head with specks of white hair and a thin countenance. Frost seemed to spread across his face, causing his whole body to also emit a chilling air as he strode forward. At the same time, a frightening amount of resonant power was released from him, spreading throughout the area.

The expressions of some in the area changed, and others were lost for words. "Greater Heavenly Resonance Stage?" Yuan Qing glanced at this man, his eyes unexpectedly squinting. "Xu Tianling, you've actually broken into the Greater Heavenly Resonance Stage?"

When Li Luo heard this name, he felt as though he had been struck by a bolt of lightning too.

Xu Tianling was none other than the head of the three ancestors of House Luolan.