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Chapter 4651: The Divine Land and a Myriad of Daos

“A supreme Dao powerhouse?”

This was the first time Duan Ling Tian had heard of this term. Obviously, it was a term for those who had mastered the Four Daos of Heaven and Earth in this world.

The shopkeeper became much more respectful after this discovery. He gave Duan Ling Tian a favorable exchange rate before asking if there was anything else he could help Duan Ling Tian with. Based on how reverent he was, it was clear that supreme Dao powerhouses held a high status in this place.

Since the shop was not too busy, Duan Ling Tian decided to ask the shopkeeper a few questions. “I actually have a few questions...”

After that, Duan Ling Tian learned that this place was called the Divine Land.

Currently, he was in a relatively remote city called Peace City in Distinct Province. The city was home to two prominent clans and one gang, and one of the clans owned the Precious Treasure Pavilion.

Apart from that, Duan Ling Tian learned that the strongest cultivators in the three forces were only supreme powerhouses, not supreme Dao powerhouses. This was the reason the shopkeeper was shocked to find out that he was a Dao cultivator.

Duan Ling Tian found an inn to stay in. After settling down, he and his family sat down and chatted.

“I didn’t expect that there are more than Four Daos of Heaven Earth in the Divine Land. There’s no Weapon Dao here. Each type of Weapon Dao is considered an independent Dao...” Ke’er said with a sigh. After gaining some understanding of this world, she was not as worried about Duan Si Ling and Duan Nian Tian’s safety. After all, their strength could be considered formidable here.

“That’s right. We only have Four Daos, but here, there are many kinds of Daos.

Just the Weapon Dao alone has hundreds of Daos...”

Since the laws did not exist here, the people here naturally did not know anything about the laws or their powers.

Earlier, Duan Ling Tian also asked the shopkeeper if he had heard of Yu Luo He, but the shopkeeper had never heard of that name before. The shopkeeper also knew nothing about the forbidden sacrificial technique that was mentioned. However, the shopkeeper explained that he was not knowledgeable about such matters because he was at the bottom of the hierarchy. If it were not for his business talent that was recognized by the clan, he would only be serving tea, doing chores, and running errands for the clan.

“I plan to visit the three major forces in Peace City tomorrow. I’m sure the people there will be able to provide us with more information,” Duan Ling Tian said, sharing his plan with his family. He planned to visit the forces alone, and he asked his wives to look after his parents.

The four women did not have any objections. Initially, they had felt uneasy in this unfamiliar world and felt as though they were in constant danger. However, as time passed, they felt more at ease.

Unexpectedly, someone came looking for Duan Ling Tian before he could visit the three forces in Peace City. The other party claimed to be the Clan Leader of the Yan clan in Peace City.

“I’ll go out and meet him...”

Since his wives were in the courtyard, Duan Ling Tian decided to meet the visitor outside. As soon as he saw the other party, realization dawned on him. After all, the shopkeeper of the Precious Treasure Pavilion was standing behind the other party.

Although the shopkeeper was low on the hierarchy, his cultivation was not too weak. This was thanks to the abundant Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in this place. The concentrations of Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy here was comparable to that in places with the most abundant Heaven and Earth Spirit Energy in the Myriad World and the Outer Boundary.

“Sir, it’s a pleasure to see you again,” the shopkeeper said respectfully.

The middle-aged man standing in front of the shopkeeper looked at Duan Ling

Tian with bright eyes as he said respectfully, “Greetings. I’m Yan Hu, the Clan

Leader of the Yan clan in Peace City. I came to give you a gift, sir.”

Yan Hu handed an item to Duan Ling Tian as he spoke.

Duan Ling Tian accepted it. It was a sword-shaped jade pendant that contained a trace of the Sword Dao. Ordinary people would not be able to detect it, but he could easily sense it with his Divine Consciousness. However, the Sword Dao in the jade pendant was only at the first stage. For those who had yet to comprehend the Sword Dao, the jade pendant would be useful. Even then, it could only give a basic comprehension of the Sword Dao.

“I have no use for this,” Duan Ling Tian said casually, returning the jade pendant to Yan Hu. Not only was the jade pendant useless to him, but it was also useless to his family. After all, his family could learn more about the Sword Dao from him compared to the jade pendant.

Yan Hu was stunned by Duan Ling Tian’s words. Then, his eyes widened as he asked tremblingly, “S-sir, does this mean you’ve mastered the second stage of the Sword Dao?”

He knew that only Dao cultivators who mastered the second stage of the Sword at the very least would not have any use for the jade pendant.

“You can think so,” Duan Ling Tian replied vaguely with a faint smile on his face.

Yan Hu’s hands trembled as he took the jade pendant back. He took a deep breath before he asked, “Sir, can I ask you to help the Yan clan? The clan will compensate you generously for your help.”

With that, Yan Hu returned the divine crystals Duan Ling Tian had used to exchange for divine rocks earlier, and he continued to say, “These are the divine rocks from earlier. Think of them as a gift from me.”

Duan Ling Tian did not reach out for the divine crystals. Instead, he asked with a faint smile, “What do you want me to help you with?”

Duan Ling Tian did not mind helping the other party if it was just a small matter. After all, as the Clan Leader of the Yan clan, he believed the other party would be able to provide him with valuable information. However, if the matter was too complicated, he would refuse the other party.

Duan Ling Tian gained an understanding of the situation after listening to Yan Hu's explanation. As it turned out, the sword-shaped jade pendant in Yan Hu's possession had drawn the attention of the other two forces in Peace City. The two forces coveted it, and it seemed like they were ready to join forces to deal with the Yan clan. Initially, Yan Hu planned to give the jade pendant to Duan Ling Tian and make the two forces abandon their covetous ideas. Naturally, he claimed that he had given it away, the two forces would not easily believe him. As such, he hoped that Duan Ling Tian would step forward and say the jade pendant was in his possession even if Duan Ling Tian did not plan to accept it, hoping that Duan Ling Tian would scare the two forces away.

"So that's what you need help with..." Duan Ling Tian said with a smile, "In that case, you can spread the word that the jade pendant is now in my possession.

Tell them to look for me if they insist on a confrontation. I'll be waiting for them."

To Duan Ling Tian, this was just a trivial matter that was not worth mentioning at all. He accepted the divine crystals that Yan Hu brought out earlier, planning to return them to his wife, Li Fei..

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After seeing Yan Hu out, Duan Ling Tian returned to the guest's courtyard and returned the divine crystals to Li Fei.

Li Fei said, surprised by the divine crystals, "Brother Tian, these are..."

Duan Ling Tian smiled before he recounted what had happened.

Li Fei nodded after he heard that the clan that owned the Precious Treasure Pavilion wanted Duan Ling Tian to lie for them.

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On the other hand, after Yan Hu returned, he quickly spread the news. He did not forget to include the inn that Duan Ling Tian was staying in.

It did not take long before the other two major forces in Peace City received the news.

"Yan Hu gave the Sword Dao pendant to a Dao cultivator?"

"Is it true? Did he disclose the other party's location? Does he want us to confirm the matter ourselves?"

The Sword Dao jade pendant was crucial in helping them to comprehend the Sword Dao. As such, the leaders of the two forces quickly rushed to the inn to confirm Yan Hu's words. When they discovered that Duan Ling Tian was indeed a supreme Dao cultivator, they could only choose to withdraw no matter how reluctant they felt.

"Were we too forceful? If we had handled it more tactfully, perhaps the Yan clan might not resort to this..."

The two leaders shook their heads and smiled wryly after leaving the inn. They did not expect the Yan clan to go to such lengths to avoid giving up the Sword Dao jade pendant to them. After all, it was a self-defeating move.

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At the same time, Yan Hu also received news that the two forces had been successfully deceived. He quickly visited the inn again with a few elders, not only to express his gratitude, but also to answer Duan Ling Tian's question.

During his first visit, Duan Ling Tian had mentioned that he wanted to speak with knowledgeable people from the Yan clan. As such, the elders that Yan Hu brought were the most knowledgeable even if they were not Dao cultivators.

One of the elders had ventured out of the Distinct Province before. He narrowly escaped death before he successfully returned to Peace City. After all, it was dangerous for those who did not comprehend the Dao to venture out so far.

After expressing his gratitude and introducing the elders to Duan Ling Tian, he gave Duan Ling Tian a spatial ring.

The spatial rings were different from the spatial rings in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary. The latter relied on the law of space while the former relied on the materials it was forged from, which were of higher quality compared to the latter. Nonetheless, Duan Ling Tian could sense a trace of spatial energy from it. This was the first time he had sensed the spatial energy after coming to this world.

Unlike the spatial rings he was familiar with, the spatial rings here could not self-destruct. Although the rings were bound to their owners, after the death of their owners, anyone could take possession of the rings.

Duan Ling Tian inquired about the value of the spatial ring. After finding out that its value was not particularly high, he asked Yan Hu for more spatial rings for his family. After all, they no longer had their spatial rings after coming to this place.

Yan Hu was initially confused when he found out that Duan Ling Tian and the others did not possess spatial rings. Not only that, but they also seemed to lack divine rocks. After all, supreme Dao powerhouses should not lack these things. Realization only dawned on him after Duan Ling Tian told him about his origin.

Duan Ling Tian did not hesitate to disclose his origin to Yan Hu because he was certain that Yan Hu posed no threat to him. Moreover, he would soon leave this place.

After listening to this, the old man, who had once left the Distinct Province, said, "Sir, if I'm not mistaken, the world you came from is created by the Life Creation Chart. Based on the legends, the sacrificial Dao you mentioned is also related to it..."

"It's created by the Life Creation Chart?"

Duan Ling Tian was shocked. Then, he took a deep breath and said, "Please elaborate, senior."

The old man hurriedly said, "Sir, you're a supreme Dao powerhouse. I'm not worthy of you addressing me as 'senior'."

After saying that, he told Duan Ling Tian about the legends and tales he had heard over the years.

In the history of the Divine Land, it was said that someone used the Life Creation Chart to create a new realm. Not only that, but the other party was also said to have forcibly moved others there. The most shocking thing was that the owner of the Life Creation Chart was said to be able to control everything in that realm, including the flow of time.

"It's said that in the new realm created by the Life Creation Chart, the owner could establish various laws, among which were the elemental laws that form the foundation of the Life Creation Chart..."

Duan Ling Tian's heart moved slightly when he heard the words 'elemental laws'. These were likely the laws that they mastered. Apart from the five elements, space, time, and life were also considered elements in this world.

"The person who forged the Life Creation Chart and created a new realm shared it with his wife. However, for some reason, his wife met a tragic end later. Subsequently, he comprehended the sacrificial Dao and used the Life Creation Chart to bolster his strength by sacrificing the people of the new realm. Eventually, news of his sinister acts spread, and an alliance was formed. In the end, they managed to kill him. In fact, they were rather lucky. If he was just a little stronger, it would have been easier to ascend to heaven than to kill him."

"After that, news of the Life Creation Chart began to spread. The five people who joined forces to kill him each protected a piece of it. The sacrificial Dao he comprehended was also declared a forbidden technique. Those who cultivated the technique were dealt with harshly in the Divine Land."

Duan Ling Tian's emotions were in turmoil. He did not expect the 'truth' to be so shocking. After all, according to the old man, the Myriad Worlds and Outer Boundary were nothing more than realms created by the Life Creation Chart in the Divine Land.

Although the old man had said that the story was merely a legend, Duan Ling Tian was certain there were some truths in it.

He wondered if Yu Luo He managed to obtain the Life Creation Chart or forge another one, creating the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary. Were of all them 'livestocks' to Yu Luo He, used to bolster Yu Luo He's strength? After all, based on the snippets he had heard before being transported to this world, it was said that Yu Luo He had cultivated the forbidden technique.

'Did the gap in history happen because Yu Luo He sacrificed all of the lives in the realm for his cultivation? Was he sacrificing lives again before this, causing us to be transported here? However, that doesn't seem right. Why didn't he kill everyone? Why did he only kill those in the Heaven Traversing Pagoda?'

Duan Ling Tian felt chills running up his spine when he thought about the destruction of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda that preceded the destruction of the Solitary Destructive Heaven.

'Why did he try to stop people from entering the seventh level of the realm of supreme powerhouses after the gap in history? Why was there no mention of the nine entrances to the Divine Land before the gap in history?'

Although Duan Ling Tian still had a lot of questions, he was quite certain that the nine mysterious entrances in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary led to the Divine Land.

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Duan Ling Tian still had many questions. Why was it that the nine mysterious entrances to the Divine Land did not exist before the history gap, when the Void Elder was alive? Why did heaven purge the world before the historical gap but not after? Why was it so difficult to enter the realm of level-seven supreme powerhouses after the historical gap? Why did heaven make it easier for others to become level-seven supreme powerhouses after he and Feng Qing Yang became one? It seemed

like heaven did a complete turn and wanted to produce more level-seven supreme powerhouses. Last but not least, why did the nine mysterious entrances suddenly disappear one after another?

In fact, Duan Ling Tian was right about his speculation regarding the newest entrances to the Heaven Traversing Pagoda that appeared previously. Yu Luo He had used them to lure cultivators, who wanted to become stronger, into the pagoda to raise his own strength. Even now, when he recalled the horrifying screams of agony and the scene of destruction of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda before the collapse of the Solitary Destructive Heaven and the space, chills still ran up his spine.

After listening to Yan Hu and the others and obtaining some information, Duan Ling Tian said, "Thank you, Clan Leader Yan."

Yan Huo shook his head and said with a smile, "Sir, there's no need to thank me. What I did is far less than what you'd done for me," Yan Hu said sincerely.

Now that Duan Ling Tian helped the Yan clan to protect the sword- shaped jade pendant that contained the Sword Dao, it was possible that the Yan clan might have a supreme Dao powerhouse in the future. With that, the Yan clan would dominate Peace City, which would undoubtedly be a great blessing.

After seeing Yan Hu and the others out, Duan Ling Tian returned to his courtyard and recounted what he had heard to his wives. Unsurprisingly, his wives were astonished by what they heard.

"I didn't expect that something like the Life Creation Chart existed. I can actually create a new world..."

"Then, is it really true that the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary were created by the Life Creation Chart? Was the creator from the Divine Land and the owner of the Life Creation Chart?"

"No wonder we can't sense the laws here. As it turns out, laws only exist in worlds created by the Life Creation Chart."

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The next day, Duan Ling Tian also told his parents about what he had learned, and they were also shocked. They did not expect that the Realms of Gods, Devata Realms, mundane realms, and everything else were created by a supreme powerhouse in the Divine Land using the Life Creation Chart.

"Father, Mother, I plan to bring everyone to the capital city of Distinct Province," Duan Ling Tian said, "The capital city is the most prosperous place in Distinct Province. After being forced out of my Little World, if Si Nian and Si Ling were also sent to Distinct Province, it's likely they are in the capital city. Let's stay there for a while to see if we can find them."

Duan Ling Tian had already come up with a plan. After arriving in the capital city of the Distinct Province, he planned to temporarily settle down there. He planned to make a name for himself there, hoping that his family members who were separated from him would hear about him and look for him. If he was famous enough, his fame might even spread beyond Distinct Province, spreading to the ears of his family members who were outside of Distinct Province.

Duan Ling Tian's parents' eyes lit up when they learned about his plan.

"That's a good plan..."

"Indeed. With this, hopefully, we'll be able to find our grandchildren soon..." Li Rou said. She was genuinely worried about her grandchildren, and it had affected her sleep recently.

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After spending another day in Peace City, Duan Ling Tian obtained a map and left the city with his family for the capital city of Distinct Province. To speed up their journey, he carried everyone. However, even with his speed, it still took them almost ten days to reach their destination. It could be seen how big the Distinct Province was. However, it had to be said that he would stop to rest every night in a city and only travel during the day. If laws existed in this place, and Duan Ling Tian's speed was like when he was in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, they would have arrived in just a day or two.

Duan Ling Tian and the others did not feel much when they arrived in the capital city. After all, they had seen cities that were larger, grander, and busier than the capital city of Distinct Province.

"Let's find an inn first," Duan Ling Tian said.

After finding an inn to settle down, Duan Ling Tian went out alone to gather information. He wanted to find out about the number of major forces in the capital city and how strong their strongest powerhouses were.

When he was still in Peace City, he had learned about the classification of cultivation in the Divine Land. Based on the classification here, he was at the eighth Dao Establishment stage. To reach this stage, one had to comprehend a Dao of Heaven and Earth to the eighth stage. Cultivators at this stage were not as powerful as level-eight supreme powerhouses were in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary. They only had a slight advantage against a level-seven supreme powerhouse from the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds because those from the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds could use the laws.

"The strongest powerhouse in the Distinct Province is only at the sixth Dao Establishment stage?"

With this, Duan Ling Tian knew that his plan had a higher chance of success. As long as defeated the strongest person in the capital city of Distinct Province, he would become the strongest person in the province. This would naturally give him fame. With fame, his family and friends who were separated from him would hear about him and come looking for him.

'I'm also curious about the abilities of the cultivators in the Divine Land...'

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After learning about the strongest powerhouse in the capital of Distinct Province and the sect that the other party belonged to, Duan Ling Tian returned to the inn. He bade farewell to his family before he made his way to the Misty Cloud Sect.

The Misty Cloud Sect was located a hundred miles to the east of the capital city of Distinct Province. It was nestled within the mountains, and it was like a paradise. However, in comparison to the top forces in the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, it was still a bit lacking.

Duan Ling Tian stood with his hands on his back as he hovered in the air in front of the entrance of the Misty Cloud Sect. He said loudly, "I'm Duan Ling Tian, a wandering sectless cultivator from the countryside. I came today to challenge the Ascending Clouds Sage of the Misty Cloud Sect to replace him as the strongest person in the Distinct Province!"

Duan Ling Tian's thunderous voice swept through the entire Misty Crowd Sect, shocking everyone.

The disciples guarding the entrance were also shocked. Although they had met many cultivators who came to challenge the elders of their sect, they had never met anyone so bold as to challenge the strongest person in their sect. Moreover, the other party did so in such a direct and domineering manner.

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Duan Ling Tian naturally knew that his approach was disrespectful, but he did not care. After all, following the principle of the strong being revered, he, a level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator, could be said as relatively polite considering the fact that his opponent was only a level-six Dao Establishment cultivator.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Soon enough, several figures flew out from the Misty Cloud Sect. They glared at Duan Ling Tian with hostile gazes.

Duan Ling Tian was not surprised by their reaction. After all, it was only normal for them to react in this manner.

"You're Duan Ling Tian? Do you really think you're worthy of challenging my junior granduncle for the title of the strongest powerhouse in the Distinct Province?"

A burly and bald man stepped forward at this moment, glaring at Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian was reminded of Lei Hong when he saw the other party. Their facial appearances were not the same, but they had similar height and body type.

'I wonder if Lei Hong entered the Heaven Traversing Pagoda after the new entrances appeared? If he did, he's definitely dead now. If not, then he's likely in the Divine Land as well...'

After that, Duan Ling Tian smiled faintly at the burly and bald man and said, "Otherwise, why don't you test my capabilities?"

"That's what I thought as well," the bald man said with a sneer. He raised his hand, releasing a surge of powerful energy that turned into a snake-like long whip. Without wasting time, he brandished the whip and flew toward Duan Ling Tian.

Swoosh!

Without any warning, the long whip suddenly straightened itself and turned into a sharp sword, which was aimed at Duan Ling Tian's forehead. The man stared at Duan Ling Tian and did not conceal the killing intent in his eyes at all.

"You want to kill me?" Duan Ling Tian asked, amused. After all, the man had grossly overestimated himself. Even the strongest person in the Misty Cloud Sect, a level-six Dao Establishment cultivator, was no match for him, let alone the bald man who was only a level- four Dao Establishment cultivator.

Based on the other party's weapon of choice, it was clear to Duan Ling Tian that the other party cultivated the Whip Dao.

"Since you plan to kill me, don't blame me for being ruthless," Duan Ling Tian said expressionlessly. He did not dodge at all as the man approached him. He raised his hand casually, sending a sword ray whistling through the air.

Whoosh!

The sword ray was like a meteor as it flew out. In just a blink of an eye, it pierced the bald man's forehead.

The bald man, the people who came out with him, and the disciples guarding the entrance did not have time to react at all. Everything happened so quickly.

The bald man froze for a beat before he suddenly plummeted to the ground at a high speed.

Duan Ling Tian did not think twice and quickly collected the other party's ring. Since the spatial rings in this place could not self-destruct, he would have access to the ring as long as the owner died.

Silence permeated the entire place for a few moments before the people of the Misty Cloud Sect finally reacted.

"Vice Sect Leader Shi is... dead?"

"Heavens! Vice Leader Shi was a level-four Dao Establishment cultivator, but this man killed him so easily? How strong is he exactly?"

The people from the Misty Cloud Sect were shocked by Duan Ling Tian's strength. They also finally realized why he had so boldly challenged the Ascending Clouds Sage, the strongest powerhouse of the Misty Cloud Sect.

After regaining their senses, a few of them cried out in fear, shocking the other members of the sect who were still in the sect.

"Grandmaster, the sect is in danger! We need your help to deal with the enemy!"

"Grandmaster, the enemy has killed Junior Brother Shi Meng!"

These words stirred up a commotion in the Misty Cloud Sect.

"The enemy is so strong that we need the Grandmaster to personally make a move?"

"Who is he?"

"Are we in danger?"

As chaos descended, some elders and disciples, who were more astute, moved to the edge of the sect's estate. They were ready to leave the sect and retreat to the mountains to take refuge if the situation called for it.

At this moment, a scoff rang from the depths of the Misty Cloud Sect's estate. Shortly after, a man with snow-white hair and a robust appearance who was dressed in a Taoist robe appeared. Despite his snow-white hair, he seemed to be only in his middle age. He stared at Duan Ling Tian and said in an unfriendly tone, "Sir, it's fine if you came to challenge me, but you've crossed the line by killing a member of the Misty Cloud Sect."

Duan Ling Tian said expressionlessly, "You're the Ascending Clouds Sage, right? Let me ask you, if someone intends to kill you, and you're capable of killing the other party, would you have spared the other party's life? If he did not try to kill me, I wouldn't have

bothered to kill him. After all, he was no different from an ant in my eyes."

Although Duan Ling Tian's words were arrogant, they were true. Shi Meng had only mastered the Whip Dao to the fourth stage and did not seem to have comprehended any other Dao. He was indeed no different from an ant in front of Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian could no longer use the laws, and by extension, his doppelgangers, after leaving the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, but he still had the Daos of Heaven and Earth he had comprehended. Not only did he comprehend the Sword Dao to the eighth stage, but he had also comprehended the Mastery Dao and the Limitless Dao to the seventh stage. With this alone, he was still comparable to, if not stronger than, a level-eight supreme powerhouse who comprehended a law to the paramount stage. "Presumptuous!"

In a fit of anger, the Ascending Clouds Sage released a surge of violent energy that quickly turned into a sword ray. The sword ray, which held the sixth stage of the Sword Dao, shone brighter than the sun as it shot toward Duan Ling Tian.

Buzz!

The void trembled in its wake but showed no signs of spatial tearing.

Duan Ling Tian could not help but marvel inwardly at how stable the space in the Divine Land was. Similar to the Ascending Clouds Sage aside, his sword ray also did not tear the space earlier.

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"Your moves are flashy, but they're useless," Duan Ling Tian said when faced with the Ascending Clouds Sage's fierce attack. He raised his hand, and a small sword ray shot out of his finger. The sword ray was like a small star compared to the Ascending Clouds Sage's gigantic Heaven Soaring sword ray.

However, the seemingly insignificant sword ray exploded with a powerful force when it collided with the Heaven Soaring sword ray, instantly crushing the latter. Then, it continued shooting toward the Ascending Clouds Sage without showing any signs of slowing down.

"The seventh Dao Establishment stage?!" the Ascending Clouds Sage exclaimed in shock. In the next moment, the anger in his eyes was replaced with shock and despair. He quickly pleaded, "I admit defeat! Please spare me, senior!"

The Ascending Clouds Sage hurriedly retreated and begged for mercy when he sensed the murderous that Duan Ling Tian's attack emitted. He formed layers of protection with all his might, but they were all easily destroyed by Duan Ling Tian's sword ray. After all, the gap between the seventh and the sixth stage of the Sword Dao was too big. He had been studying the Sword Dao for many years and had not been making any progress, but Duan Ling Tian had reached the stage of the Sword Dao that he had been dreaming of.

Duan Ling Tian scoffed coldly.

In the next moment, the sword ray shot past the Ascending Clouds Sage, grazing the side of his head and taking away a few strands of his grey-and-white hair before vanishing into thin air.

"Thank you for sparing my life, senior!"

The Ascending Clouds Sage trembled in fear as his unkempt hair fluttered in the air. He deeply regretted his earlier arrogance at this moment. As the strongest person in the Distinct Province, his arrogance had been deeply engraved in his bones, after all. Although there were another two level-six Dao Establishment cultivators in the Distinct Province, none of them was a match for him. He naturally did not expect the person who came to challenge him today to be at least a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse. Not only that, but the other party seemed to be stronger than ordinary level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouses.

At this moment, the other members of the Misty Cloud Sect, who were shocked by the turn of events, also apologized to Duan Ling Tian one after another after returning to their senses.

"Senior, please forgive us for offending you earlier!"

"Senior, please forgive me!"

Duan Ling Tian looked at the Ascending Clouds Sage and asked indifferently, "So, did I win the challenge today?"

"Of course!" the Ascending Clouds Sage said hastily as he nodded, "Senior, your strength far surpasses mine. It's only right to say that you're now the strongest powerhouse in the Distinct Province!"

"Very good," Duan Ling Tian said as he nodded in satisfaction, "I came to challenge you to make a name for myself, after all..."

After a pause, Duan Ling Tian said in a voice that echoed in the entire Misty Cloud Sect, "Remember. My name is Duan Ling Tian. I'm known as the God Defying Sword among my friends and opponents. Spread the word that I, the God Defying Sword, am now the strongest person in the

Distinct Province. Those who are dissatisfied are welcome to challenge me at the Soaring Wind Inn in the capital city."

Duan Ling Tian had given himself the title, the God Defying Sword, because he was worried that his other family members and friends might think it was just a person who shared the same name as him when they heard about him. However, with the title God Defying Sword, they would have no doubt that it was him.

After that, Duan Ling Tian turned around and left in just a blink of an eye.

"Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword?" the Ascending Clouds Sage muttered under his breath after he regained his senses. He had never heard of Duan Ling Tian before. As such, he assumed that Duan Ling Tian was a wandering cultivator who had just come out of seclusion, shaking the entire Distinct Province as soon as he appeared.

At this moment, a high-ranking official of the Misty Cloud Sect approached the Ascending Clouds Sage. He said respectfully with a flattering expression on his face, "Senior granduncle, Lord Duan said earlier that he's staying in an inn in the capital city. It seems like he doesn't have his own place yet because he had just come out of seclusion. Our sect owns several properties in the capital city. Why don't we give him one of our properties as a gesture of goodwill? After all, when his reputation spreads, it'll be very unlikely for him to accept our gesture of goodwill. There's no doubt many of the prominent families in the capital city will be scrambling to show their goodwill to him at that time..."

The Ascending Clouds Sage's eyes lit up upon hearing this suggestion. He patted the man's shoulder and said with a satisfied expression, "What a brilliant idea! An Yu, it seems like I've underestimated you in the past."

Then, the Ascending Clouds Sage turned to look at the dignified middle-aged man next to him and said, "Sect Leader, prepare the best property our sect owns in the capital city and follow me to the Soaring Wind Inn in the capital city to meet Lord Duan."

After a moment, the Ascending Clouds Sage added, "An Yu, you should come with us as well."

"Yes, grandmaster."

"Yes, senior granduncle."

An Yu could barely conceal his excitement. He could sense the envious gazes of his senior brothers.

After the Sect Leader of the Misty Cloud Sect made the arrangements, they quickly departed for the Soaring Wind Inn in the capital city.

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"Did someone want to challenge me so soon?"

Duan Ling Tian raised an eyebrow. Only two days had passed since he returned from the Misty Clouds Sect. When he saw the Ascending Clouds Sage and another two men, he assumed they came to inform him that someone wanted to challenge him.

The Ascending Clouds Sage said with a smile, "That's not it, Lord Duan. We came to offer you a property of ours. Previously, you said you were staying in an inn. Considering that you just came to the Distinct Province, I asked the sect leader to prepare a property for you as a gift from us."

Then, the Ascending Clouds Sage said to the Sect Leader of the Misty Cloud Sect, "Tell Lord Duan about the property."

The Sect Leader of the Misty Cloud Sect stepped forward and bowed respectfully before he said, "Greetings, Lord Duan. I'm Wu Dan Qing, the Sect Leader of the Misty Cloud Sect. My lord, the property we prepared for you is located..."

Duan Ling Tian naturally understood their intention. It was obvious that this was a gesture of goodwill. Since he had just arrived in the capital of the Distinct Province, it was true that he needed a place of his own. After all, his family members were with him. With a permanent residence, they could also settle down properly. They would be staying here for a while since he planned to wait and see if any of his other family members and friends would look for him.

Chapter 4656 Old Friends

The property the Misty Cloud Sect intended to give Duan Ling Tian was luxurious and huge. It was very eye-catching in the capital city of the Distinct Province.

With the help of the Sect Leader of the Misty Cloud Sect, Duan Ling Tian and his family did not need to do anything at all in regard to moving in. Duan Ling Tian did not intend to keep a low profile so he allowed the Misty Cloud Sect to make the arrangements. It did not take long before everyone in the capital city knew that the Misty Cloud Sect had given their best property to a wandering cultivator called Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword. As expected, his name spread like wildfire in the Distinct Province.

"We have an extremely powerful Dao Establishment cultivator in the Distinct Province now. He's at least a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator!"

"I heard that Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword, defeated the Misty Cloud Sect's Ascending Clouds Sage, the former strongest person in the Distinct Province, with just a strike!"

"The gap between the seventh and the sixth Dao Establishment stage is too big. It's not surprising that he could do that."

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The day before Duan Ling Tian and the others moved, the major forces in the Distinct Province sent people to the Wind Soaring Inn to look for him. The representatives were either sect leaders or the strongest powerhouses of the respective forces.

The Ascending Clouds Sage did not leave the Soaring Wind Inn after he came. He had claimed that he wanted to help Duan Ling Tian, but in reality, he hoped that he would be able to further comprehend the Sword Dao from Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian did not drive the Ascending Clouds Sage away because the latter's presence was advantageous for him. He only needed to give the other party a few pointers, and the other party would deal with various trivial matters for him. Moreover, behind the other party was the Misty Cloud Sect, the top force in the Distinct Province, which he could use to his advantage. All in all, there was only gain and no loss for the Ascending Clouds Sage to stay.

When the matter of the Ascending Clouds Sage staying in the inn and becoming a 'housekeeper' for Duan Ling Tian spread, it naturally caused a stir. Not only did Duan Ling Tian defeat him, but Duan Ling Tian also managed to make him willingly stay and serve him. How could it not cause a stir?

"This is too unbelievable! The venerable patriarch of the Misty Cloud Sect, a level-six Dao Establishment powerhouse and the former stronger person in the Distinct Province, is actually willing to be a housekeeper!"

"Why is it unbelievable? You're too narrow-sighted. The patriarch of the Misty Cloud Sect was formerly the strongest person in the Distinct Province. How could someone like him be stupid? It's obvious that he willingly humbled himself and followed Lord Duan because he'll benefit from it!"

"I agree. The Ascending Clouds Sage has lived for a long time. I'm sure all of his actions serve his interests. There's no way he'll do things that won't benefit him!"

"The Ascending Clouds Sage cultivates the Sword Dao, and Lord Duan's title is the God Defying Sword... This means that Lord Duan also cultivates the Sword Dao. Since he defeated the Ascending Clouds Sage, it's clear that his Sword Dao is much more profound than that of the Ascending Clouds Sage. His Sword Dao is at least a stage higher than that of the Ascending Clouds Sage, who's a level- six Dao Establishment cultivator. After all, it's said that he's at least a level- seven Dao Establishment cultivator. If you ask me, I think the Ascending Clouds Sage is trying to get close to Lord Duan so he can improve his Sword Dao!"

"You have a point!"

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Meanwhile, in Heavenly City; a small city in the Distinct Province.

A beautiful young woman with an extraordinary bearing walked out of a restaurant with a golden-clad girl who looked as lovely as a doll. The duo quickly left the city and made their way to the capital city of the Distinct Province.

"Sister Xue Nai, there's no doubt that Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword, is Brother Ling Tian!" the girl said to the young woman confidently.

"You're right," the young woman said with a smile, "If it were just the name alone, it could have been someone who coincidentally shared the same name. However, with the title of the God

Defying Sword, there's no doubt that the other party is Brother Ling Tian! He's not someone who likes to draw attention to himself. Based on how ostentatious he had been, it's obvious that he hopes that we'll hear about him and look for him."

The young woman was Han Xue Nai, and the girl was Little Gold. Previously, the two were gaining experience in the Divine Offering Land, which was part of Duan Ling Tian's Little World, with Duan Si Ling, Duan Nian Tian, Little Black, and Little White.

The group of people split into three teams before they wandered the Divine Offering Land. Han Xue Nai and Little Gold were in a team, Duan Si Ling and Little White were in one team, and Duan Nian Tian and Little Black were in one team. Naturally, none of them expected the Divine Offering Land to collapse.

Later on, Han Xue Nai and Little Gold were sent to Divine Land's Distinct Province. They traveled for a long time before they came to Heavenly City. They had been staying in Heavenly City for a few days and had no plans of leaving until they heard rumors about Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword. They naturally understood Duan Ling Tian's intention and quickly left the Heavenly City to reunite with him in the capital city of the Distinct Province.

The duo had yet to comprehend any Dao so they had not entered the Dao Establishment realm. Nonetheless, thanks to the Supreme Powerhouse Divinities they received from Duan Ling Tian in the Divine Offering Land, their cultivation had improved greatly. Moreover, he also gave them abundant resources. With all these things, they successfully entered the realm of Supreme Gods.

During their journey to the capital city, they encountered bandits, but it was easy for them to deal with the bandits. Their journey was rather smooth, and in no time at all, they arrived safely in the capital city.

After inquiring for a short while, they quickly found the location of the Duan Residence in the capital city. When they arrived, they realized that Duan Ling Tian's prestige had soared greatly in just a short time, surpassing that of the Ascending Clouds Sage in the past. They saw people lining

up outside the Duan Residence, hoping to seek apprenticeship so they could comprehend the Sword Dao and become Dao Establishment cultivators.

"Young ladies, did you come to seek apprenticeship as well?"

The guards stationed at the entrance of the Duan Residence were elders of the Misty Cloud Sect. The Ascending Clouds Sage had asked the sect leader to station two elders here. In his opinion, ordinary disciples were not qualified to be Duan Ling Tian's guards.

Han Xue Nai said politely, "Greetings, senior. Can I trouble you to inform Lord Duan that his old friends, Han Xue Nai and Little Gold, are here to visit?"

Han Xue Nai was very vague about her relationship with Duan Ling Tian. She was worried that revealing too much might bring unnecessary trouble. Moreover, she was certain that Duan Ling Tian would meet them as soon as he heard their names.

"Old friends of Lord Duan?"

The elders of the Misty Cloud Sect did not dare to delay and quickly relayed the message. Since he was not qualified to approach Duan Ling Tian directly, he relayed the message to the Ascending Clouds Sage.

"Senior granduncle, two young ladies claiming to be Lord Duan's old friends are here..."

The Ascending Cloud Sage did not waste time and looked for Duan Ling Tian immediately.

Duan Ling Tian's eyes lit up as soon as he heard Han Xue Nai and Little Gold's names. With this, he knew his plan was a success. Due to the speedy arrival of the duo, he also knew that they must have also been transported to the Distinct Province.

Li Fei, who learned about the duo's arrival from the Ascending Clouds Sage, rushed outside excitedly.

Duan Ling Tian followed behind Li Fei. When he arrived at the entrance, Li Fei was already hugging two familiar graceful figures. He smiled brightly. The arrival of the duo was a very auspicious start to his plan.

Chapter 4657 Junior Nephew Duan Ling Tian, I've Heard So Much About You

"Brother!"

Han Xue Nai and Little Gold could not contain their excitement at all when they saw Duan Ling Tian. They pulled out of Li Fei's embrace and rushed toward him with tears of joy streaming down their faces. They had been on tenterhooks after being transported to a completely unfamiliar place. They had gotten used to being under Duan Ling Tian's protection, and the difference after coming to a new place was like that of heaven and hell.

"I didn't expect to find two of you first," Duan Ling Tian said with a smile as he hugged them and patted their backs. They were like his younger sisters after all.

About fifteen minutes later, everyone gathered to listen to Han Xue Nai and Little Gold recount their experience after arriving in this world. The duo had also gained an understanding of this world, but it was not as profound as that of Duan Ling Tian. As such, they were shocked when they heard about the legend of the Life Creation Chart. This was their first time hearing about it after all. They had a hard time accepting that the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds were just a creation of the Life Creation Chart.

After a while, Han Xue Nai said, "No wonder there are no laws here..."

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Han Xue Nai and Little Gold's arrival made everyone very hopeful that the others might come looking for them in the capital city of the Distinct Province soon. Apart from family friends, it was also likely that people from God Defying World would come looking for him.

As expected, half a month later, a visitor came to the Duan Residence in the capital city of Distinct Province. The other party was none other than Zhao An Yi from the Outer Boundary's Azure Cloud Saint Sect. When Duan Ling Tian first met him, he was the strongest person in the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, a formidable Saint. Later on, he became a level-seven supreme powerhouse. Now that he was in this new world, he was a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator.

"It seems like you didn't enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda," Duan Ling Tian said when he saw Zhao An Yi.

Previously, before Feng Qing Yang and his wife returned to the Outer Boundary, Duan Ling Tian had asked them to remind a few people in the Outer Boundary not to enter the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. Zhao An Yi was one of those few people. Duan Ling Tian merely gave them a reminder, and it was up to them whether they heeded his advice or not. Clearly, Zhao An Yi had listened to his reminder.

Zhao An Yi cupped his fists together at Duan Ling Tian and said, "I have to thank you for your reminder. Back then, I heard from Old Meng from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion that you asked Brother Feng to inform us about this matter. To be honest, I didn't think there'd be an issue with the Heaven Traversing Pagoda. However, I believed that you wouldn't give us such a reminder for no good reason."

Zhao An Yi had also witnessed the collapse of the Heaven Traversing Pagoda and heard the horrifying screams that rang from the pagoda.

After chatting for a while, Duan Ling Tian learned that Zhao An Yi had also heard about the Life Creation Chart. Similar to him, he also heard that the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds were created by the Life Creation Chart and that the owner of the chart was Yuan Luo He. Also, he, just like Duan Ling Tian, did not know if Yuan Luo He was still alive or dead.

"In fact, I was not sent to the Distinct Province. I was sent to a nearby province. I traveled to the Distinct Province hoping to gain more information," Zhao An Yi said, "I learned that I'm considered a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator here and that the strongest person in the Distinct Province is a level-six Dao Establishment cultivator. Similar to you, I planned to defeat the other party so that my name would spread far and wide, hoping to gather the surviving members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect."

"Unexpectedly, a few days later, I heard that the Misty Cloud Sect's Ascending Clouds Sage had been defeated by someone called Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword. Naturally, I knew it was you."

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Zhao An Yi spent a few days catching up with Duan Ling Tian after their reunion before he left. Now that there was the Duan Residence in the capital city of the Distinct Province, he knew members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect might come here. He planned to expand their network in another province by replicating Duan Ling Tian's plan. With that, his members and Duan Ling Tian's family and friends would have an extra place to go to. They agreed to send each other's people to their respective residences if anyone came to their door. It was only natural for them to cooperate now that they were in a foreign world. Moreover, they had an existing friendship before coming to this world.

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Boundary. Those from the Outer Boundary were either from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, or the Jin Dynasty's Thirteen Cities. Needless to say, as time passed, several people came to the capital city of the Distinct Province. Some of them were from the God Defying World, and some of them were from the Outer Boundary. Those from the Outer Boundary were either from the Jade Tide Heavenly Mansion, the Azure Cloud Saint Sect, or the Jin Dynasty's Thirteen Cities. Needless to say, Duan Ling Tian made arrangements for them accordingly.

It also did not take long before Zhao An Yi made a name for himself. He defeated the strongest person in the Cloud Province, replacing the other party. He called himself the Azure Cloud Elder, and he named his residence the Azure Cloud Residence.

When Duan Ling Tian heard about this, he sent the members of the Azure Cloud Saint Sect who had come to him to Zhao An Yi.

Shortly after the group of people from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect departed, Zhao An Yi sent someone over as well. It was none other than Xia Jie from the Xia clan.

"Third uncle!"

Duan Ling Tian and Ke'er were overjoyed when they saw Xia Jie. Compared to Xia Yu, the Clan Leader of the Xia clan, they were much closer to Xia Jie.

After that, several supreme powerhouses from the God Defying World also arrived at the Duan Residence. Needless to say, now that they were in an unfamiliar world, rather than surviving on their own, the wisest thing to do was to seek refuge with Duan Ling Tian, a level-eight supreme powerhouse.

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"Lord Duan is a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse?!"

It did not take long for the Ascending Clouds Sage to learn about this from a God Defying World's supreme powerhouse. He was thoroughly shocked to learn that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the Sword Dao to the eighth stage. Although he knew Duan Ling Tian was much stronger than ordinary level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouses, he did not expect Duan Ling Tian to be a level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator.

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Not long after that, another visitor arrived at the Duan Residence. The other party was a mischievous young girl. Although Duan Ling Tian had never seen her before, they had quite a significant connection. When she saw him, she said with a grin, "I didn't expect to find you before Sister Seven! Junior Nephew Duan Ling Tian, I've heard so much about you!"

Chapter 4658 Yu Xiao

The young girl standing in front of Duan Ling Tian looked to be around thirteen or fourteen years old. Her hair was tied into two braids that framed her delicate face, which would evoke admiration from others. Although he had never met her before, he had heard about her on more than one occasion.

"Senior Aunt Yu," Duan Ling Tian greeted Yu Xiao with a wry smile on his face. Despite her appearance, his seniority was lower than hers, and he could only address her as such. After all, she was the second sister of his master's wife.

Yu Xiao laughed heartily in response. She looked very optimistic compared to his old friends who were rather pessimistic after being sent to this world.

The duo chatted for a while. Duan Ling Tian learned that Yu Xiao was also aware of the Life Creation Chart and the speculation that the Myriad Worlds and Outer Boundary were created by the Life Creation Chart.

After a while, Duan Ling Tian asked, “Senior Aunt Yu, do you have any plans to gather the people from the Jin Dynasty’s Thirteen Cities? After all, they’re likely scattered all over the Divine Land.”

“No, I’m too lazy for that,” Yu Xiao said with a yawn and shook her head, “Let’s just leave this matter to Qing Yang. I’ll stay with you and wait for Seventh Sister and Qing Yang to show up.”

Duan Ling Tian was rendered speechless by Yu Xiao’s lazy demeanor. He had long heard about her from his master, and now that he had met her, he could not help but feel amazed. How did such a lazy person, who was a Saint before entering the Heaven Traversing Pagoda, become a level-seven supreme powerhouse after entering the pagoda? She was the second level-seven supreme powerhouse in the Jin Dynasty’s Thirteen Cities, following in the footsteps of Xue Qing Zhu. In the Divine Land, even without the laws, she was a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator.

“Senior Aunt Yu, I heard from the Azure Cloud Saint Sect’s Zhao An Yi that apart from the absence of laws, he also could not use his bloodline power. Is it the same for you?” Duan Ling Tian asked.

Yu Xiao nodded. “I can’t use my bloodline power as well. If I’m not mistaken, bloodline powers are also related to the laws just like the doppelgangers. Each has its own advantages and disadvantages...”

Among cultivators, those who had bloodline powers could not form doppelgangers from the laws, and those who could form doppelgangers did not possess bloodline powers. Each of them has their own advantages and disadvantages. Alas, in this world, they could no longer use these two techniques.

Duan Ling Tian knew that it was almost impossible to return to the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary now that they had been seemingly destroyed. Perhaps there was a glimmer of hope if he could obtain the Life Creation Chart to restore them. However, the difficulty of this task was extremely high. Needless to say, he still wanted to try. After all, for him and the others, that world was their home.

“Senior Aunt Yu, since you plan to stay here, what do you think if I leave you in charge of this place? If you agree, I plan to travel and make a name for myself so that we’ll be reunited with the others quickly. If I meet master and his wife, I’ll let them know you’re here so they can find you,” Duan Ling Tian suggested, “All you need to do is stay here and cultivate while you protect my family and friends.”

As a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator, it was not difficult for Yu Xiao to ensure everyone’s safety. Duan Ling Tian did not plan to bring too many people with him. At most, he would bring Huan’er and Ke’er who had comprehended the Dao. It was safer for those who had yet to comprehend the Dao to stay here.

“Very well, I have no objection to that,” Yu Xiao said with a nod, “Moreover, this task is more suited for you. It’s easier for you to make a name for yourself as a level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator. Moreover, even ordinary level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators might not be a match for you.”

Due to her relationship with Xue Qing Zhu, Yu Xiao was aware that Duan Ling Tian had comprehended the Sword Dao to the eighth stage and that his comprehension of the Mastery Dao and Limitless Dao was also quite profound.

“Alright, it’s settled then,” Duan Ling Tian said, sighing in relief. With this, he would be able to leave with peace of mind.

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After Duan Ling Tian parted ways with Yu Xiao, he gathered his family and friends and told them about his plan to leave the Distinct Province. He planned to make a name for himself in other places, hoping to reunite with the others who had yet to be found.

Needless to say, most of Duan Ling Tian’s family and friends wanted to accompany him. However, in the end, he only allowed Huan’er and Ke’er to accompany him. After all, the duo had already comprehended the Dao. It was safer for the others to stay back and cultivate.

Li Fei and Feng Tian Wu did not have any objections regarding this matter. After staying in the Distinct Province for a while, they found that it was a good place to stay.

After telling everyone about his plan, Duan Ling Tian also introduced Yu Xiao to them. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming to her. After all, she was Xue Qing Zhu’s second sister.

A few days later.

“Senior Aunt Yu, I’ll leave my family and friends to you...”

Duan Ling Tian bid farewell to everyone before he left with Huan’er and Ke’er.

Apart from his family and friends, even the Ascending Clouds Sage from the Misty Cloud Sect came to send him off. Although he was slightly disappointed about Duan Ling Tian's departure, he quickly became excited again when he recalled the insight regarding the Sword Dao that he had gained from Duan Ling Tian. His efforts during this time were not in vain at all. Thinking of this, he was even more determined to perform well during Duan Ling Tian's absence. If he could win Duan Ling Tian's favor, there was nothing he could not achieve regarding the Sword Dao.

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At the same time.

Ke'er asked curiously, "Brother Tian, where are we going after we leave the Distinct Province?"

Until now Duan Ling Tian had not told Ke'er and Huan'er about their destination after leaving the capital city of the Distinct Province.

Duan Ling Tian replied, "We're going to the River Province. It's the core territory of the Surging River Divine Kingdom."

Chapter 4659 Hong Dong Chuan, the Prison Crushing Saber

At this point in time, Duan Ling Tian's knowledge about the Divine Land was only limited to the Surging River Divine Kingdom and its surrounding areas. The Distinct Province was a relatively remote province in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. It had been many years since there was a Dao powerhouse above the seventh level in the Distinct Province, and Duan Ling Tian was the first to emerge after such a long time.

On the contrary, some cities near the Divine Kingdom's capital, which was in the River Province, boasted more than one Dao powerhouse above the seventh level. Some even had several Dao powerhouses above the seventh level. Needless to say, any forces in the capital of the Divine Kingdom had their fair share of Dao powerhouses above the seventh level.

Rumors had it that the patron of the Divine Kingdom, the Great Revered Elder of the royal family, was a level-nine Dao powerhouse. Needless to say as the capital of the Divine Kingdom, it was very prosperous

However, the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom did not hold any special appeal for Duan Ling Tian and his two wives. After all, in the Outer Boundary alone, there were many cities just as prosperous as the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. It was not surprising that they were not particularly impressed.

"Ke'er, Huan'er, let's find an inn to stay in first. I'll go out after that to deal with some matters," Duan Ling Tian said.

The two women nodded, expressing their understanding. With their current strength, it was best for them to stay in the inn for their safety and cultivate since they would not be of much help to him. With the abundance of cultivation resources and Duan Ling Tian's profound knowledge of the Sword Dao, their cultivation was relatively smooth.

After they settled down, Duan Ling Tian asked for directions and made his way to a big mansion in the capital. When he arrived, he looked at the plaque above the entrance that had the two words, Hong clan. Then, he said to the gatekeepers, "I'm Duan Ling Tian from the Distinct Province's Duan Residence. I came here to Hong Residence today to challenge Hong Dong Chuan, your strongest powerhouse. Please convey my intention to him..."

Hong Dong Chuan was a renowned figure in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and its capital. He was at the eighth Dao Establishment stage. Apart from that, the Hong clan also had close ties to the royal family, which further elevated Hong Dong Chuan's status.

The gatekeepers' eyes widened slightly upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's words. They did not think Duan Ling Tian was joking. Ordinary people would not dare to joke about this matter. It could lead to their deaths after all. For this reason, they did not dare to delay and quickly sent a servant to inform Hong Wu Zhi, the current Clan Leader of the Hong clan, about this matter.

Hong Wu Zhi was also shocked when he heard about this matter. He muttered to himself, "Duan Ling Tian from the Divine Province? It seems like he's the God Defying Sword..."

Although Duan Ling Tian's name had not spread through the entire Surging River Divine Kingdom yet, as the Clan Leader of the Hong clan, Hong Wu Zhi knew a thing or two about rising powerhouses in the Surging River Divine Kingdom compared to ordinary people. As such, it was only natural that he had heard of Duan Ling Tian.

Apart from Duan Ling Tian, Hong Wu Zhi also heard of another rising star in another province of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. His name was Zhao An Yi, the Azure Cloud Elder and he was a seventh Dao Establishment powerhouse.

With this in mind, Hong Wu Zhi began to speculate.

"Duan Ling Tian and Zhao An Yi, the Azure Cloud Elder, seem to be acquainted with each other. Not only that, but they both suddenly appeared out of thin air."

"I heard that the cultivation ground of the new master of the Life Creation Chart was found recently. Several Dao Establishment powerhouses joined forces and severely injured him and also caused significant damage to the world created by the Life Creation Chart. I wonder if these two people came from that world?"

Then, a hint of unease flashed in Hong Wu Zhi's eyes as he thought of something. He muttered, "Since Duan Ling Tian dares to come to our Hong Residence to challenge our ancestor, I'm afraid he's not a level-seven Dao Establishment cultivator like the rumors said he is. He's likely a level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator."

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When Hong Wu Zhi and a few of his servants arrived at the entrance, he saw Duan Ling Tian immediately.

"Sir, are you Duan Ling Tian, the God Defying Sword? The strongest person in the Distinct Province?" Hong Wu Zhi asked politely. Although he was the Clan Leader of the Hong clan, he was just a level-six Dao Establishment cultivator. He naturally did not dare to be disrespectful or presumptuous when faced with the purple-clad young man in front of him.

"I'm Hong Wu Zhi, the Clan Leader of the Hong clan. I heard you came to challenge our ancestor?" Hong Wu Zhi asked politely.

"Yes," Duan Ling Tian said with a nod, "I want to test the strength of your Hong clan's ancestor. If I defeat him, I hope you'll help me to challenge the level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse in the royal court."

Hong Wu Zhi was shocked when he heard that Duan Ling Tian wanted to challenge the level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse from the royal court of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, who was known as the patron of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. He could not help but wonder if Duan Ling Tian was really capable or if Duan Ling Tian was just arrogant after becoming the strongest person in the Distinct Province.

Hong Wu Zhi took a deep breath to calm down before he said, “Sir, I’ll bring you to the ancestor. It’s up to him to accept your challenge or not. I have no say in this matter.”

At the same time, all kinds of thoughts raced through Hong Wu Zhi’s mind.

It was said that the new master of the Life Creation Chart failed to completely control the chart just like its former master. Once someone reached the seventh Dao Establishment stage in the world created by the chart, it would be very difficult to conceal the existence of the chart. Once the existence of the Life Creation Chart was exposed, the master of the chart would be hunted down. After all, the new master of the chart had stolen the Life Creation Chart, hoping to imitate the former owner’s action of cultivating the forbidden Sacrificial Dao.

As such, Hong Wu Zhi felt rather incredulous that the new master of the Life Creation Chart actually allowed the beings in the world created by the chart to reach the seventh Dao Establishment stage. This was tantamount to seeking death.

‘No wonder he was discovered and almost killed...’

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian nodded and said, “Very well...”

Hong Wu Zhi led Duan Ling Tian to a secluded courtyard in the depths of the Hong Residence to meet Hong Dong Chuan, the ancestor of the Hong clan who was a formidable level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse. He was also known as the Prison Crushing Saber. Obviously, he comprehended the Saber Dao.

Although Hong Dong Chuan was the ancestor of the Hong clan, his appearance was that of a handsome young man. He looked to be about Duan Ling Tian’s age. When he learned about Duan Ling Tian’s identity and the purpose of Duan Ling Tian’s visit, battle intent flashed in his eyes immediately.

“I’ve heard of the Distinct Province’s God Defying Sword. An old friend of mine previously mentioned that someone with a vaguely similar title to mine, the Prison Crushing Saber, had appeared. Since you dare to challenge me, I assume you’ve also reached the eighth Dao Establishment stage, right?”

Chapter 4660 The Difficulty of Merging the Daos

Hong Dong Chuan was a straightforward person. After learning about Duan Ling Tian’s intention, he readily accepted Duan Ling Tian’s challenge. He even agreed to boost Duan Ling Tian’s fame by accepting the challenge. They quickly decided on a date to fight, which would be six months later. They would fight on the Towering Heaven Peak, the highest peak near the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom. Apart from that, the Hong clan would also spread the word about the fight immediately.

Similar to Hong Wu Zhi, Hong Dong Chuan had already guessed Duan Ling Tian’s background and purpose. He speculated that Duan Ling Tian’s purpose of becoming famous was to gather his family and friends who were scattered throughout the Divine Land.

Hong Dong Chuan asked bluntly, “Brother Ling Tian, you must have come from the world created by the Life Creation Chart, right?”

Duan Ling Tian was surprised by these words. He did not expect the other party to guess his origin so accurately. After a moment, he asked Hong Dong Chuan how Hong Dong Chuan had figured it out.

Duan Ling Tian did not intend to hide his origin because he did not think it was necessary. In his opinion, the powerhouses in the Divine Land seemed to be quite righteous, even if it was only superficial. After all, the powerhouses of the Divine Land hunted down the owner of the Life Creation Chart after they found out the other party had created a new world using the chart and

cultivated the forbidden sacrificial Dao with the intention of sacrificing the lives in the world created by the chart to grow stronger, drawing the ire of heaven and mortals alike.

“If there were only you, I wouldn’t have suspected anything. However, there was also the sudden appearance of Zhao An Yi, the Azure Cloud Elder, in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. With the sudden appearance of two powerhouses who seemingly appeared out of thin air, I began to speculate and made the connections between the two of you. Originally, the strongest people in the two provinces were only level-six Dao Establishment powerhouses. It’s only natural for people to speculate when two powerhouses at and above the seventh level appear. Although there are many powerhouses who keep a low profile, many of them continue to keep a low profile. The fact that both of you appeared consecutively was naturally suspicious,” Hong Dong Chuan explained, “I’m sure I’m not the only one who’s able to guess it. I’m sure many powerhouses at or above the seventh Dao Establishment stage have also guessed it, and most of them are eager to meet you. Even if you don’t come to the capital, it won’t be long before someone visits you at the Duan Residence in the Distinct Province.”

After hearing this, Duan Ling Tian also realized the extent of his fame and that he had caught the attention of many powerhouses in the Surging River Divine Kingdom. He also figured out the reason why Hong Dong Chuan set the fight for months later and ordered people to spread the word about the fight. Clearly, Hong Dong Chuan was helping him. Initially, he assumed that Hong Dong Chuan wanted to defeat him in front of a large group of people to satisfy his own vanity. After speaking to Hong Dong Chuan, he finally realized that he had misjudged Hong Dong Chuan and misunderstood Hong Dong Chuan’s good intentions.

“Thank you, Brother Hong.”

Duan Ling Tian quickly expressed his gratitude. With the Hong clan spreading the word, the entire Surging River Divine Kingdom would soon find out about the fight that was set to take place in six months. At that time, many people would gather to watch the fight. Not only that, but it was possible that people from outside the kingdom might also come.

“You’re welcome, Brother Ling Tian. By the way, you just arrived so you must not have a place to stay yet, right? I’ll tell Wu Zhi to arrange a place for you and your wives to stay,” Hong Dong Chuan said. He had learned earlier that Duan Ling Tian was accompanied by his two wives.

“Thank you, Brother Hong.”

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Thanks to Hong Dong Chuan and Hong Wu Zhi’s arrangements, Duan Ling Tian and his wives had a place to settle down in the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

After making the arrangements, Hong Wu Zhi returned to the Hong Residence and looked for Hong Dong Chuan.

“Ancestor, aren’t you a little too generous with Duan Ling Tian?” Hong Wu Zhi asked, puzzled. Although he knew that Hong Dong Chuan was curious about Duan Ling Tian’s strength, he was confused as to why Hong Dong Chuan was so generous.

“You should know that I have very keen senses, especially after comprehending the Dao. His comprehension of the Sword Dao is very profound, and it’s not any weaker than my Saber Dao. Most importantly, I’m sure he has comprehended at least another Dao to the seventh stage. Do you know what that means?”

Hong Wu Zhi inhaled sharply upon hearing these words. “H-how’s that possible?!”

Comprehending one Dao to the seventh stage was already very challenging. It was even more challenging to comprehend another Dao to the seventh stage.

Hong Dong Chuan was not only skilled in the Saber Dao, but he was also skilled in several other Daos. However, among these Daos, the strongest was only at the sixth stage. It was difficult to comprehend the second Dao to the seventh stage due to the suppression from his main Dao, which was the Saber Dao. Under the suppression of the Saber Dao at the eighth stage, it was as difficult as ascending to heaven to comprehend the other Daos to the seventh stage.

Based on Hong Wu Zhi's knowledge, currently, in the Surging River Divine Kingdom, there were only a few people who had successfully comprehended a second Dao to the seventh stage. These people were naturally among the strongest people in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and were considered almost peerless. Among these people, one of them not only had a profound comprehension of two Daos, but he had also begun to merge his Daos.

To merge the Daos, one had to comprehend two Daos to the seventh stage. The second step was to further comprehend the two Daos to the ninth stage. After that, one would be able to merge the two Daos to create a completely new Dao. Based on this, one could tell how difficult it was to merge the Daos.

"He has already passed the first condition to merge the Daos," Hong Dong Chuan said, "There's no harm in befriending such a person. It'll only be beneficial to me and the Hong clan..."

Hong Wu Zhi did not doubt Hong Dong Chuan's words. He knew that Hong Dong Chuan was cautious and proud. Hong Dong Chuan would not treat Duan Ling Tian so well for no good reason. If Duan Ling Tian was not extraordinary, Hong Dong Chuan would not have deigned to become Duan Ling Tian's 'stepping stone' in Duan Ling Tian's bid for fame.

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Meanwhile, Ke'er and Huan'er were quite surprised when they heard about Duan Ling Tian's time in the Hong clan.

“The Hong clan’s Hong Dong Chuan is so helpful? He actually took the initiative to help you spread your name?” Ke’er asked. She was puzzled and skeptical about the other party’s kindness.

Duan Ling Tian had also thought about the reason behind Hong Dong Chuan’s generosity. He knew that Hong Dong Chuan likely wanted to build a good relationship with him because Hong Dong Chuan could sense his power. However, not many people would go to the extent of becoming a stepping stone for another person. Nonetheless, regardless of the reason, he had no intention of refusing Hong Dong Chuan’s goodwill.