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Chapter 4691 Yu Luo He, the Master of the Life Creation Chart

The Thunderous Storm Sea, a perilous realm within the Divine Land, was notorious for its year-round storms and relentless thunderstorms. This treacherous environment deterred even the bravest of Dao powerhouses, making them think twice before venturing into its chaotic depths.

At this moment, in a cave hidden in the depths of the central region of the Thunderous Storm Sea.

The cave was simple, with only a stone platform inside.

At this time, a thin middle-aged man dressed in a dark blue robe with an ordinary appearance and a pair of piercing eyes sat on the stone platform. He held a strange disc in his hand that projected images in the air.

"Finally, I stabilized the world inside..." Yu Luo He sighed in relief. His eyes flashed coldly as he muttered, "Next, I can use the living beings in the Life Creation Chart to heal my injuries! Now that my Sacrificial Dao made progress, I don't have to be so cautious anymore!"

Previously, his Sacrificial Dao was not strong enough, so he had to set up many restrictions to control the living beings in the Life Creation Chart. One of the restrictions was the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation.

With the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation, even extraordinarily talented beings would have a hard time breaking past the sixth Dao level. After all, it would be difficult for him to control a large number of level-seven Dao powerhouses with the level of his Sacrificial Dao at that time. His Sacrificial Dao was a long way behind that of the previous master of the Life Creation Chart.

"The Life Creation Chart is truly a divine object... Even as a Dao Merging powerhouse, I can't ignore its 'rules' without destroying it."

Although Yu Luo He was the master of the Life Creation Chart now, he still needed to follow some rules until his Sacrificial Dao reached a certain level.

For example, he could not directly kill the living beings in the world within the Life Creation Chart. He could only exploit loopholes by using the Heaven Traversing Pagoda.

"The Life Creation Chart was damaged previously, causing the loss of many lives in the chart. Not only that, but many of them were also transported to the Divine Land..."

Yu Luo He felt a little distressed when he thought about that incident. If his whereabouts had not been exposed, he would not have been surrounded and ambushed by a group of Dao Merging powerhouses, forced into a passive situation. Not only was the Life Creation Chart damaged, but he was seriously injured as well.

"What a pity! There were some high-quality sacrifices in that world, but most of them ended up being transported to the Divine Land..."

Yu Luo He felt even more vexed thinking about the sacrifices who had reached the seventh Dao level. Yu Luo He had just extended his Divine Consciousness when his expression changed drastically.

"This is bad! I sense a Dao Merging powerhouse!"

Yu Luo He did not expect to be found in such a remote place after hiding for so many years. It was also clear to him that the other party had come for him.

Swoosh!

A terrifying sword ray descended into the sea, splitting it into two. The might of the sea seemed insignificant before the sword ray at this moment.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion rang in the air as Yu Luo He left the cave, dodging the fearsome sword ray. His expression was extremely grave as he muttered, "The Limitless Sword Dao?! Is it Chen Ming Hao from the Myriad Mountains' Chen clan?"

A hint of wariness could be seen in Yu Luo He's eyes when he mentioned Chen Ming Hao. However, he was not wary of Chen Ming Hao since Chen Ming Hao was no match for him. The person he was wary of was Chen Jiu Xiao, a powerful Triple Dao Merging powerhouse.

Chen Jiu Xiao and Chen Ming Hao were also part of the group that ambushed him in the past.

"If it's Chen Ming Hao, then there's a high chance that Chen Jiu Xiao is also here!"

Yu Luo He's first thought was to escape. He had no wish to engage with the other party at all. With astonishing speed, he quickly left the area, knocking away many marine creatures. Not only that, but many of them were also reduced to dust due to his power.

The sea surged as a terrifying force wreaked havoc in it.

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"He runs pretty fast!"

A young man, shrouded by a dazzling and huge sword ray, arrived at the depths of the sea. His eyes gleamed with excitement as he chased after Yu Luo He.

This young man was naturally not Chen Ming Hao. Yu Luo He was unaware that another Dao Merging powerhouse who comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao had appeared in the Divine Land. After all, he had been hiding in this place.

Duan Ling Tian continued to chase after Yu Luo He, and the distance between the two also began to narrow. His eyes burned with desire now that the Life Creation Chart was within reach. He had very little doubt that the person in front of him was the master of the Life Creation Chart, Yu Luo He!

At the same time, while Yu Luo He was running away, he extended his Divine Consciousness again. To his surprise, there was only one person chasing after him. He searched again and confirmed that there was no second person in the area. He thought to himself mockingly, 'Alas, a man who has lost power has to suffer indignities. If I were in my prime, Chen Ming Hao wouldn't have the courage to chase me on his own!'

Previously, Yu Luo He managed to escape the ambush by the Dao Merging powerhouse thanks to his trump card. He no longer had a trump card. Moreover, he was injured now. If he fought Chen Ming Hao, he had very little chance of winning.

Seeing that he was about to catch up with Yu Luo He, Duan Ling Tian asked, "Back then, you were the one behind the heavenly texts in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, right?"

Duan Ling Tian did not expect that one day, he would be hunting down 'heaven'.

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A storm roared, and lightning flashed. The surging water suddenly parted as a figure shot up, stirring up humongous waves!

Yu Luo He rushed to the surface of the sea with a grim expression on his face. In his opinion, his highest chance of survival lay above the sea.

In the depths of the ocean, things were relatively calm. On the contrary, a storm raged above the sea. Yu Luo He knew that as long as he got out of the sea, it would not be easy for others to track him.

Apart from affecting visibility, storms could also, to a certain extent, affect one's Divine Consciousness. If one's Divine Consciousness were affected, it would naturally affect one's ability to sense and track one's target.

"Damn it! I can't believe Chen Ming Hao actually has the guts to come after me alone!"

Yu Luo He felt very aggrieved. He was a renowned figure in the Divine Land, after all. In the past, when he faced the group of cultivators, everyone was certain of his death, including the group of cultivators who ambushed him. However, contrary to everyone's expectations, he managed to escape. Nonetheless, his escape and survival came at a cost. He was severely injured, and the Life Creation Chart was also damaged.

However, despite his injuries, he was rather pleased with himself. After all, he was one of the rare few, or perhaps even the only one in the Divine Land, who managed to escape from a group of top cultivators.

For example, even the former owner of the Life Creation Chart died when he was ambushed by a group of top cultivators. This, in Yu Luo He's mind, proved that he was stronger than the former owner of the Life Creation Chart.

Although Yu Luo He's attainment in the Sacrificial Dao was not as high as his opponent's respective Daos, his reputation had far surpassed theirs. As for his Sacrificial Dao, as long as he could survive and as long as he had time, he would definitely be able to raise the level of his Sacrificial Dao through the Life Creation Chart.

He not only wanted to comprehend the Sacrificial Dao to the ninth stage, but he also wanted to merge the Sacrificial Dao with his other two Daos. Once he successfully merged three Daos, he would not have to fear anyone in the Divine Land. Even if he was ambushed by the same group of people again, he could easily retreat without using any special means.

During this period of time, Yu Luo He had hidden in the depths of the sea to recuperate from his injuries and repair the Life Creation Chart. He had planned to comprehend the Sacrificial Dao after that, continuing with his unfinished task. He was looking forward to the day when his three Daos would dominate in the Divine Land. At that time, no one would be able to kill him. Alas, he did not expect someone to find him at this time. Moreover, it was someone who was weaker than him. How could he not feel aggrieved and frustrated?

'Wait, something's not right...'

Upon hearing the other party's words, Yu Luo He suddenly felt that something was amiss.

'The heavenly text in the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary was from you, right?'

It was strange for Chen Ming Hao to say such words. After all, he was not from the Myriad Worlds or the Outer Boundary. Of course, it was possible that he had heard about it from the people who were transported to the Divine Land. However, it seemed strange for him to ask such a question.

Yu Luo He instinctively turned to look back, and he finally saw the appearance of his pursuer.

Such words, if spoken by Chen Ming Hao, would seem somewhat abrupt. After all, Chen Ming Hao was not from the Myriad Worlds or the Outer Boundary.

Yu Luo He had forcibly created a 'path' of sorts as he rushed to the surface of the sea. His pursuer, who was chasing after him, was naturally on that 'path' as well. This made it easier for him to see his pursuer.

'Duan Ling Tian?!'

Yu Luo He recognized his pursuer with just a glance. After all, the other party was a famous figure in the world created by the Life Creation Chart. In that world, the other party was peerless. Not only that, but the other party was the first person to break the limit he had set in that world.

After all, he forcibly broke through a 'passage' in the stormy sea, and the opponent was also inside this 'passage', unaffected by the special environment of the stormy sea. He clearly saw the appearance of the opponent!

With the Life Creation Chart, Yu Luo He could easily monitor everything in that world. Alas, due to the rules, even if he was the owner of the Life Creation Chart, he could not directly interfere in the life and death of the inhabitants in that world, unless he killed everyone inside.

Yu Luo He naturally would not kill everyone inside in one go. To him, the inhabitants of the world created by the Life Creation Chart were precious resources. If he killed everyone in one go, the Life Creation Chart would become useless.

Of course, he could bring or lure his target out of the world created by the Life Creation Chart to kill his target. However, that would expose the portal of the Life Creation Chart in the Divine Land. At that time, there was no doubt that the other cultivators in the Divine Land would closely guard the entrance in hopes of catching him.

For example, the existing portals that connected the Divine Land to the world within the Life Creation Chart were already closely guarded. He did not dare to approach them, worried that he would be caught.

One thing to note was that those existing portals were not opened by him or the former owner of the Life Creation Chart. They were opened by several top powerhouses using the fragments of the Life Creation Chart they obtained after the death of the former owner of the Life Creation Chart.

It was also at that time that the gap in history appeared in the world within the Life Creation Chart. At that time, those people who lived before the gap in history met with a calamity, unaware of the secrets behind the mysterious entrances that led to the Divine Land.

'How's this possible?! He actually merged his Daos?!'

Yu Luo He felt a shiver run down his spine. He did not expect Duan Ling Tian to merge his Daos so quickly. After all, it had not been that long since Duan Ling Tian was transported to the Divine Land. Not even a hundred years had passed since he had gotten injured.

He also clearly remembered that several decades ago, Duan Ling Tian was still at the eighth stage. He would not have been shocked if Duan Ling Tian had become a level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse. It was truly shocking that Duan Ling Tian entered the Dao Merging realm so quickly.

After all, it was extremely difficult for someone to break into the Dao Merging Realm. However, Duan Ling Tian, someone from the world created by the Life Creation Chart, managed to merge his Daos so quickly.

'Damn it! No wonder he managed to find me! After all, he was born in the world within the Life Creation Chart. Before entering the Dao Merging realm, he couldn't sense the aura of the Life Creation Chart. However, since he has broken through, he can naturally sense the aura of the Life Creation Chart that he couldn't sense before!'

Yu Luo He grew desperate when he saw Duan Ling Tian drawing closer and closer. He wondered if he, the owner of the Life Creation Chart, was going to be killed by what he once considered 'resources'. He was unwilling to die in such a manner.

Although Duan Ling Tian was a genius, Yu Luo He did not pay attention to Duan Ling Tian, only viewing Duan Ling Tian as one of his resources.

Unexpectedly, less than a hundred years had passed since he was ambushed and the Life Creation was damaged, someone whom he once considered as a resource had caught up with him, entering the highest realm in the Divine Land, the Dao Merging Realm.

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Duan Ling Tian made his move.

Swoosh!

Above his head, the deep sea roiled as the power of the Limitless Dao swept forth as dazzling as the stars. Its power was terrifying, as though a single strike could destroy everything. The sword ray shot toward Yu Luo He, who was fleeing.

Duan Ling Tian's icy gaze flashed with a hint of anticipation. As long as he killed Yu Luo He, he would obtain the Life Creation Chart! The chart contained the Outer Boundary and the Myriad Worlds, after all. It was where his hometown was located. Was there anyone who did not want to return to their hometown?

He wanted the Life Creation Chart, not to cultivate the Sacrificial Dao, but to see if his hometown still existed. If not, could it be repaired by the chart? He thought the likelihood was high. After all, the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary were created by the Life Creation Chart.

"Duan Ling Tian, if I weren't injured, you wouldn't have dared to act so arrogantly!" Yu Luo He bellowed. He continued to flee at lightning speed as he spoke.

At the same time, a saber ray shot out to meet Duan Ling Tian's sword ray.

When the sword ray and saber ray collided, a terrible force erupted, wreaking havoc in the sea and creating huge vortices.

In the end, the sword ray destroyed the saber ray, causing Yu Luo He, who was still injured, to spit out blood. However, he did not stop moving and continued to flee and attack at the same time.

Duan Ling Tian also continued to chase after him.

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Meanwhile, Chen Ming Hao, who had gone to the Surging River Divine Kingdom with his grandfather, had just returned to the Chen clan in the Myriad Mountain when he felt a disturbance on the path of the Limitless Sword Dao. Clearly, someone was using the Limitless Sword Dao now.

In the entire Divine Land, before Duan Ling Tian's arrival, he was the only one who comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao.

Only Duan Ling Tian, this 'outsider' from the world of the Life Creation Chart, was ignorant enough to also comprehend the Limitless Sword Dao.

This was naturally disadvantageous to him since it meant that he would have to share the power of the Limitless Sword Dao, which would affect his strength. Moreover, if the other party used too much energy from the Limitless Sword Dao, his strength would be even more affected.

"The energy is so turbulent. Who is Duan Ling Tian fighting?"

In the entire Divine Land, no one was as familiar as Chen Ming Hao was with the Limitless Sword Dao. Duan Ling Tian, who only recently comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao, was naturally no match for him as well in this regard. After all, he had comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao long before Duan Ling Tian did.

For this reason, as soon as he sensed the abnormal movements, he instantly deduced what happened.

"The energy of the Limitless Sword Dao is so turbulent. He must be fighting with another Dao Merging powerhouse! If it were a Dao Establishment cultivator, he would not have used so much energy from the Limitless Sword Dao..."

Chen Ming Hao's eyes glinted coldly as he narrowed them. At the same time, a smirk appeared on his face.

"You tried to hide from me, huh? Do you think you can hide from me for a lifetime? Do you think you can use the Dao energy as much as you please? Dream on?"

Chen Ming Hao immediately left the Chen Clan and found a secluded place.

Then, he unleashed his power without reservations, using the Limitless Sword Dao to compete for the Dao energy with Duan Ling Tian.

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At the same time, Duan Ling Tian's strength weakened significantly.

'Hmm?'

Yu Luo He quickly noticed the sharp decline in Duan Ling Tian's strength. He had already resigned himself to death just a moment ago; he knew he was no match for Duan Ling Tian due to his injuries. Unexpectedly, the situation turned around.

When Yu Luo He realized that Chen Ming Hao was using the Limitless Sword Dao at this time, he laughed.

"Duan Ling Tian, it seems like today's my lucky day! I forgot that you're not the only one who comprehended the Limitless Sword Dao. It seems like Chen Ming Hao is intentionally helping me!"

Earlier, he had assumed it was Chen Ming Hao who was chasing him when he sensed the Limitless Sword Dao. He only discovered that it was Duan Ling Tian later on. It was not hard for him to deduce that Chen Ming Hao was helping him because it was a bad situation for two people to merge the same Daos.

Before making a move, Duan Ling Tian had already considered the possibility of Chen Ming Hao seizing the energy of the Limitless Sword Dao. However, he did not think the possibility was very high. After all, if Chen Ming Hao provoked him so blatantly, he could also retaliate and do the same the next time he sensed Chen Ming Hao using the Limitless Sword Dao.

In the end, this would only result in a never-ending cycle.

As such, under such circumstances, it was best for both sides to compromise.

Unexpectedly, Chen Ming Hao defied his expectations and deliberately seized the energy of the Limitless Sword Dao at this time.

"Duan Ling Tian, if you don't merge a third Dao, you'll have a hard time killing me unless Chen Ming Hao cooperates with you. However, clearly, he's very upset with you for also merging the Limitless Sword Dao. Otherwise, he wouldn't have used the Limitless Sword Dao at such a critical moment!" Yu Luo He said with a laugh.

Then, Yu Luo He shot upward at lightning speed, breaking through the surface of the sea and disappearing into the stormy horizon.

Due to Chen Ming Hao's intervention, Duan Ling Tian, who could have killed Yu Luo He, failed, falling short by a step. He continued to chase after Yu Luo He but soon found that his speed was

now inferior to that of Yu Luo He. With Yu Luo He getting farther and farther away, he finally gave up on his pursuit. After all, he knew only failure awaited him if he continued. He would have to wait for another chance. Moreover, unless Yu Luo He discarded the Life Creation Chart, he would be able to find Yu Luo He again.

In fact, he did not care much if he killed Yu Luo He or not. His goal was to obtain the Life Creation Chart.

"Chen Ming Hao..."

Thinking the culprit behind his failure, Duan Ling Tian's expression darkened, and his eyes shone with killing intent. After all, he did not offend the other party, but the other party provoked him blatantly.

Chapter 4694 Duan Nian Tian Is on the Mountain Alliance's Deserted Island

Although Yu Luo He managed to escape, Duan Ling Tian could still sense the Life Creation Chart. This meant that as long as Yu Luo He did not abandon the Life Creation Chart, Duan Ling Tian would be able to find Yu Luo He no matter where Yu Luo He fled.

Duan Ling Tian decided to give up on his pursuit of Yu Luo He because he knew that as long as Chen Ming Hao kept stirring up trouble by using the Limitless Sword Dao, he would not be able to defeat Yu Luo He. As such, continuing the pursuit was meaningless.

"I could sense it when he used the Limitless Sword Dao. I supposed it's the same vice versa. Otherwise, he wouldn't have interfered and used the Limitless Sword Dao when I was attacking Yu Luo He. He knew my strength would decline sharply."

Duan Ling Tian, who was hovering above the stormy sea, wore a gloomy expression on his face as he looked in a certain direction. It was the direction of a place that Jiang Tian Zheng from the Surging River Divine Kingdom had told him about: the Chen clan of the Myriad Mountain. The Chen clan was a force with two Dao Merging powerhouses, and one of them had even merged three Daos. This made them one of the top forces in the Divine Land.

"This is really annoying, but there's nothing I can do about it," Duan Ling Tian said through gritted teeth as a hint of unwillingness flashed in his eyes.

After all, the Life Creation Chart had just been within his grasp, but due to Chen Ming Hao's interference, he could only watch the chart slip away.

Duan Ling Tian had two choices now.

First, he could continue to grow stronger by attempting to merge the third Dao with his Limitless Sword Dao. This would put him on equal standing with the powerhouse of the Chen clan. Not only that, but if he was successful, he would no longer have to contend for energy when using the Dao since what he comprehended would no longer be just the Limitless Sword Dao.

However, it would take some time for him to achieve this feat. Needless to say, it was far more difficult to merge three Daos compared to merging two Daos. Moreover, he was not quite certain how he should go about it yet. Previously, he managed to merge two Daos thanks to his visit to the Temple of the Bitter Sea where he was enlightened. It was a series of good luck that led to the merging of his Daos. Apart from his enlightenment, he had the guidance of Yong Ye, the divine monk of the Temple of the Bitter Sea, and he also had the Dao Merging tablet. The combination of these things helped him successfully break into the Dao Merging realm.

As for the other choice, it was rather straightforward. Duan Ling Tian could look for someone to help him. He would be in charge of finding Yu Luo He, and the other party would help him deal with Yu Luo He to seize the Life Creation Chart.

However, there was a huge problem with this. Was there anyone who did not covet the Life Creation Chart? It would be difficult for him to find a helper who had no interest in the Life Creation Chart.

Duan Ling Tian did not feel like he could trust the Dao Merging powerhouses from the Surging Divine Kingdom, the Temple of the Bitter Sea, and Sea Vault Island with whom he was familiar. Even if they claimed they were not interested in the Life Chart Creation, he would not dare to trust them. It was similar to how, back on Earth, there were people who claimed they did not care about money when that was clearly not the case.

Unless his family members or good friends became a Dao Merging powerhouse, he could not trust anyone at all. This meant that if he wanted to obtain the Life Creation Chart now, he could only rely on himself.

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The Divine Land was vast but not boundless. Even then, for ordinary people, it was difficult to traverse it.

In a remote area in the Divine Land beyond the perilous sea, there was a deserted island with abundant mineral resources. This place was under the control of a force with a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse.

A group of prisoners were captured and forced to mine here tirelessly and endlessly.

In the center of the deserted island, a young man with feminine features shook his head and said to a tall and imposing young man standing next to him, "Nian Tian, you really had a hard time. After avoiding the fate of being killed by the Sacrificial Dao, you were transported from the world within the Life Creation Chart to this place. Then, the Mountain Alliance forcefully sent you here, effectively imprisoning you here..."

Duan Nian Tian smiled bitterly. "There's nothing I can do about it. The daughter of the Deputy Leader of the Mountain Alliance... With such a reputation, if I marry her, my father will probably skin me alive!"

After being transported away from the Myriad Worlds, Duan Nian Tian was sent to a territory of the Mountain Alliance. The Mountain Alliance only had a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse, but in this remote place, it could be considered a small overlord.

As soon as he arrived, he wanted to explore the place to gain a better understanding. However, while he was wandering around, he caught the eye of the daughter of Guo Qiu, the Deputy Leader of the Mountain Alliance.

In fact, there was nothing wrong with the appearance of Guo Qiu's daughter. It was just that her reputation was rather bad. Before meeting him, she had been involved with many men at the same time. Strangely, when she saw him, she became serious about him, unlike the other men she had been involved with. Perhaps, it was love at first sight. She was ready to settle down, and to prove her love to him, she even killed all the men she was with.

Duan Nian Tian could not help but feel a chill running down his spine when he thought about that scene. That woman was really terrifying.

Apart from her involvement with many men in the past, he was also put off by her cruelty. He knew he could not accept her. Putting himself aside, even his parents would not be able to accept it if he married her.

Originally, he had prepared to die, thinking that the other party would surely kill him for refusing. Unexpectedly, the other party did not kill him and sent him to the deserted island instead, planning to imprison him here for the rest of his life.

"Someone's coming!"

Duan Nian Tian's expression changed immediately, and he quickly pulled the young man next to him aside. They had snuck here, and if they were found, they would be punished.

The young man took a peek and saw an old man and a middle-aged man. He said in a hushed voice, "It's Lord Xue Ping and Lord Sheng An."

The two men did not lower their voices when they talked, so Duan Nian Tian and his companion could clearly hear them.

"I heard that a strong Dao Merging powerhouse had appeared in the Surging River Divine Kingdom!"

"Is it true?"

"Yes. I heard that he's from the world within the Life Creation Chart. He came to the Divine Land only decades ago, but he has already entered the Dao Merging realm. How terrifying!"

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In just a blink of an eye, the two men who had forced Duan Nian Tian and the young man to hide had gone far away. Duan Nian Tian and the young man, who had clearly heard their conversation, exchanged a look.

After a while, the young man broke the silence, saying, "Nian Tian, I remember you mentioned that you and the others from the world within the Life Creation Chart came to the Divine Land several decades ago. I'm surprised that someone has already entered the Dao Merging realm so quickly! Also, didn't you say that in your world, the most powerful person was comparable to a level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator?"

Duan Nian Tian had discussed matters regarding the world within the Life Creation Chart, the Myriad Worlds and the Outer Boundary, with his friend. However, he did not disclose much about

his family and did not mention the most powerful person in the world within the Life Creation Chart was his father, Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Nian Tian nodded. As far as he knew, before the upheaval in the Life Creation Chart and the migration to the Divine Land, his father was the only level-eight supreme powerhouse, which was equivalent to a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse in the Divine Land. His grandmaster, Feng Qing Yang, might have become a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse ahead of Duan Ling Tian; he still remained at the same level before they ended up in the Divine Land.

Duan Nian Tian nodded. As far as he knew, before the upheaval in the Life Creation Chart and the migration to the Divine Land, his father was the only level-eight supreme powerhouse, which was equivalent to a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse in the Divine Land. His grandmaster, Feng Qing Yang, might have become a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse ahead of Duan Ling Tian; he still remained at the same level before they ended up in the Divine Land.

'Could it be father? Duan Nian Tian wondered inwardly as his eyes lit up with excitement. In his opinion, among the people who came to the Divine Land, his father had the highest chance of becoming a Dao Merging powerhouse first, followed by Feng Qing Yang.

The young man continued to speculate, "Nian Tian, is there a hidden powerhouse you're unaware of in the world within the Life Creation Chart? After all, it's unlikely even for a prodigious level-eight Dao Establishment cultivator to enter the Dao Merging realm in such a short time, unlike becoming a level-nine Dao Establishment cultivator. It's difficult to enter the Dao Merging realm after all. There are only a few dozen Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land as it is. On the other hand, there are hundreds of level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators!"

There were many Dao Establishment cultivators in the Divine Land. Even powerful level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators were numbered in the hundreds.

For instance, in the Surging River Divine Kingdom and the Temple of Bitter Sea, although there were only three level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouses known to the public, in reality, there were still many of them who were not known to the public because they had left.

They left the Surging River Divine Kingdom or the Temple of Bitter Sea because the Dao Merging powerhouses in those two places could not help them comprehend the Myriad Dao due to the differences in their Daos. They left to look for opportunities or to join forces with Dao Merging powerhouses who could help them comprehend the Myriad Daos.

"Out of ten level-nine Dao Establishment cultivators, perhaps only one would successfully become a Dao Merging powerhouse. The others are doomed to fail until the end of their lives."

At the same time, Duan Nian Tian wondered if the new Dao Merging powerhouse from the Surging River Divine Kingdom was Duan Ling Tian or Feng Qing Yang. He also wondered if perhaps there was someone from the Myriad Worlds or the Outer Boundary who was stronger than his father and grandmaster.

'In any case, perhaps this is my chance to leave this place...' Duan Nian Tian thought to himself as his eyes flashed with determination.

Duan Nian Tian was to be confined on this solitary island until his death. The people who guarded the island naturally did not dare to offend the Vice Leader of the Mountain Alliance.

"Yue Qiang, let's go back first."

Duan Nian Tian signaled to his companion and left. Then, when Yue Qiang began supervising the miners, he made his way to the two men, whom he had overheard talking earlier.

The two men were only level-one Dao Establishment powerhouses, but they were rather important figures in the Mountain Alliance. One of them was in charge of this island, while the other was responsible for bringing people back and forth to collect the minerals excavated from this place.

At this moment, someone said to the duo, "Lord Xue Ping, Lord Sheng An, Duan Nian Tian said he has an urgent matter to discuss with you."

Needless to say, Duan Nian Tian was not qualified to meet the duo directly.

"Duan Nian Tian?" Sheng An frowned. "This name sounds somewhat familiar..."

Xue Ping chuckled. "It's not strange that you find his name familiar. That kid was brought here by Miss Guo several decades ago. She had ordered for him to be confined to this place until he died."

"Oh, I remember him now!"

Realization dawned on Sheng An. He had heard about this back then and could not understand Duan Nian Tian's choice. After all, if Duan Nian Tian had married Miss Guo, he would have risen in ranks in the Mountain Alliance. However, Duan Nian Tian refused Miss Guo and rather be confined to an island for the rest of his life.

"However, why is he looking for us?" Sheng An was somewhat puzzled.

"We'll know once he's here, won't we?" Xue Ping smiled.

When Duan Nian Tian was led over, Xue Ping asked nonchalantly, "Duan Nian Tian, I heard you have an urgent matter to discuss with us. What is it?"

Duan Nian Tian glanced at the other people nearby.

Seeing this, Xue Ping narrowed his eyes. Clearly, Duan Nian Tian did not want others to listen in on what he had to say. This made him very curious, so he ordered the others away.

"Can you speak now?" Sheng An was also very curious, wanting to know what he wanted to discuss with them.

"My lords, before I start, I'd like to ask you something, The new Dao Merging powerhouse from the Surging River Divine Kingdom... Is his surname Duan?" Duan Nian Tian asked and held his breath, fearing the answer would be a 'no'. After all, his plan to escape this place hinged on the answer to his question. Otherwise, he would have to wait until he had entered the Dao Establishment realm before he could leave, and it would take a very long time. Since there might be a chance to leave now, he naturally did not want to wait foolishly.

Chapter 4696 Duan Nian Tian's Leverage; A Favor from a Dao Merging Powerhouse

Xue Ping looked at Sheng An as he had only heard about the appearance of a second Dao Merging powerhouse in the Surging River Divine Kingdom from him. However, he had no idea about the details.

Sheng An stared sharply at Duan Nian Tian as he asked, "Duan Nian Tian, why are you asking about this? Are you implying that you have connections with that Dao Merging powerhouse just because you share the same surname and have almost similar names? Do you think you can deceive us?!"

Before Duan Nian Tian could respond, Xue Ping exclaimed in shock, "Almost similar names?"

Although Xue Ping had heard from Sheng An that the new Dao Merging powerhouse came from the world within the Life Creation Chart, he did not know the specifics. His curiosity was instantly piqued.

Sheng An glanced at Xue Ping and said, "The new Dao Merging powerhouse in the Surging River Divine Kingdom is said to have made a name for himself in the Surging River Divine Kingdom before he broke into the Dao Merging realm. His name is Duan Ling Tian, also known as the God Defying Sword."

Duan Ling Tian was not just famous in and around the Surging River Divine Kingdom, his reputation had also spread throughout various parts of the Divine Land, even to its remote corners. As such, even the Mountains Alliance knew about him and his achievements in the Surging River Divine Kingdom simply because he had become one of a few dozen Dao Merging powerhouses in the Divine Land.

"Duan Ling Tian?!" Xue Ping's eyes widened in shock.

Meanwhile, Duan Nian Tian who was standing next to Xue Ping trembled. Although he was mentally prepared, he could not contain his excitement when he confirmed that his father had broken through and become a Dao Merging powerhouse in less than 100 years after coming to the Divine Land!

Sheng An naturally noticed Duan Nian Tian's reaction. With his current strength, he could easily sense Duan Nian Tian's emotional fluctuations, which seemed like a genuine reaction.

"Their names are too similar, aren't they? It's just a one-word difference!" Xue Ping said. When he saw Duan Nian Tian's excitement, he asked, "Duan Nian Tian, you also come from the world within the Life Creation Chart, and your name is so similar to him... Are you really related to him?"

At this point, Duan Nian Tian had slightly calmed down. He looked at Xue Ping and earnestly said, "Lord Xue Ping, Duan Ling Tian is my father!"

Xue Ping and Sheng An looked at him in disbelief.

After Xue Ping regained his senses, he said, "It's impossible!"

He looked at Duan Nian Tian with a scrutinizing gaze and sneered. "Duan Nian Tian, you must have known about the news of that Dao Merging powerhouse in advance and lied to us, right?"

"If you're the son of that Dao Merging powerhouse... Why would you be imprisoned by Miss Guo here?"

"Even though he had only recently become a Dao Merging powerhouse, it's said that he was already a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse when he arrived in the Divine Land decades ago!"

He was suspicious of Duan Nian Tian. After all, even if Duan Ling Tian was only a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse, Miss Guo would not have dared to provoke him since their vice leader, Guo Qiu, was only a level-three Dao Establishment powerhouse. Even their strongest powerhouse, the mysterious leader of the Mountains Alliance, was only a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse.

Upon hearing Xue Ping's words, Sheng An's gaze on Duan Nian Tian also became somewhat skeptical. After all, what Xue Ping said made perfect sense. If Duan Nian Tian really had such a formidable father, would he have fallen to his current state? Would he be forced by the daughter of a mere level-three Dao Establishment powerhouse to this extent?

Duan Nian Tian did not panic. He was telling the truth after all. He smiled bitterly and said, "My lords, with Miss Guo's temperament, if I were to tell her that I have a father who is a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse, she would definitely think I'm lying! Even if she didn't think I was lying, by offending me in such a way, she would most likely choose to kill me to silence me!"

He added, "I wasn't with my father that time. In fact, I don't even know where he is in the Divine Land now. Even if I wanted him to help me, it would be like trying to quench one's thirst with distant water! Perhaps, if she intended to kill me, I might have said something. However, she didn't, so I could only choose to endure the humiliation to survive.

Duan Nian Tian looked helpless at the end of his words.

Before they could respond, Duan Nian Tian looked at them and said sincerely, "My lords, I'm not asking you to let me go now... After all, I have no evidence, so it's only normal for you to be suspicious of my words. But, I still hope that both of you will make a trip to the Surging River Divine Kingdom to verify this matter. I believe, if my father knew about my situation, he would

definitely come to rescue me himself. At that time, both of you would also receive a favor from my father. A favor from a Dao Merging powerhouse should be good enough for you to give it a try..."

"Moreover, you'll only benefit from this matter. As long as you don't inform Miss Guo and clarify this matter secretly, even if it turns out I'm lying, you don't have to worry about offending Miss Guo."

Guo Li Li, known as Miss Guo by Xue Ping and the others, was the daughter of their vice leader, Guo Qiu.

Upon hearing Duan Nian Tian's words, Xue Ping and Sheng An exchanged a glance, and they both saw a spark of interest in each other's eyes. After all, this was an opportunity to gain a favor from a Dao Merging powerhouse!

In the past, in their eyes, their leader, who was a level-four Dao Establishment leader, was extremely powerful, an existence they looked up to. However, even their leader could not compare to a Dao Merging powerhouse. Gaining the favor of a Dao Merging powerhouse was undoubtedly a golden opportunity for them.

"I think we can give it a try. What do you think?" Xue Ping asked Sheng An through Voice Transmission.

"We can give it a try... It just so happens that I need to leave this place for a while, and the Surging River Divine Kingdom is on the way. I'll go and see if I can meet this Dao Merging powerhouse and verify Duan Nian Tian's words!"

Chapter 4697 Sheng An Visits the Duan Residence

As Duan Nian Tian mentioned, this matter was advantageous for both Sheng An and Xue Ping. There was no harm in giving it a try. If it turned out to be true, they would obtain a favor from a Dao Merging powerhouse. Such an unexpected stroke of luck was beyond their wildest dreams.

After the decision was made through Voice Transmission, Sheng An looked at Duan Nian Tian with a much gentler expression as he said, "Nian Tian, I'll personally make a trip to the Surging River Divine Kingdom to confirm this matter. If what you say is true, I'll ensure your father comes here to rescue you as soon as possible. You should understand that even if Xue Ping and I believe you, we can't save you. After all, Miss Guo's father is Vice Leader Guo!"

"Although we're also elders of the Mountain Alliance and seem to hold a high status, we're not comparable to Vice Leader Guo!"

"Not to mention, in terms of strength, even if we join forces, we're still far from being a match for him. So, I hope you understand our predicament."

Xue Ping and Sheng An's attitude toward Duan Nian Tian had changed greatly. After all, if Duan Nian Tian was the son of a Dao Merging powerhouse, they knew they could not offend him and had to curry favor with him. Although they had yet to confirm his identity, they could not mistreat him like before.

"My lords, I understand." Duan Nian Tian could easily guess their thoughts, but he needed their help now, so he remained polite. He finally had a chance to escape this place. At this time, he wondered and sighed inwardly, 'Mother should be with Father... I wonder if they had found Si Ling and the others.'

Ever since he was transported to the Divine Land several decades ago, he had been alone. He had companions when he roamed the Outer Boundary, but he happened to be alone when the Outer Boundary collapsed.

Over the years, life in the Divine Land was not unbearable, but it was extremely boring compared to the time he was in the Myriad World and the Outer Boundary. As such, he would reminisce about the good old days quite often.

And now, upon learning that his father, Duan Ling Tian, had become a Dao Merging powerhouse, he realized that perhaps everything he had enjoyed in the past was not necessarily unreachable. Duan Ling Tian was not only a top powerhouse who could protect him in the Myriad World and the Outer Boundary but could also provide him with a comfortable life in the Divine Land.

'Now, I'll just have to wait for Sheng An to confirm my identity in the Surging River Divine Kingdom...'

Duan Nian Tian was not worried because he was being truthful after all.

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In the following days, Duan Nian Tian lived much more comfortably because Xue Ping took care of him, ensuring that he would not be treated like a mule as before.

However, Xue Ping was discreet about it because he could not afford to offend Guo Li Li before confirming that Duan Nian Tian was indeed the son of a Dao Merging powerhouse. His subtle actions were hard for others to detect, but Yue Qiang, who was closest to Duan Nian Tian, had long noticed something was amiss. "Nian Tian, has Xue Ping been in a good mood lately? He hasn't been bossing you around like before..."

"I guess so..." Duan Nian Tian nodded as he feigned surprise. He did not plan to tell Yue Qiang that his father was the Surging River Divine Kingdom's new Dao Merging powerhouse for now. After all, it would be bad for him if Yue Qiang snitched on him and told Guo Li Li about it.

"It's really strange... What good fortune did Xue Ping encounter?" Yue Qiang was very curious about this, but despite racking his brains, he could not figure out why Xue Ping stopped making things difficult for Duan Nian Tian.

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Meanwhile, after dealing with some matters, Sheng An headed for the Surging River Divine Kingdom. As a level-one Dao Establishment powerhouse, it took him some time to arrive in the territory of the Surging River Divine Kingdom and ask about the whereabouts of Duan Ling Tian.

It naturally led him to the capital of the Surging River Divine Kingdom where the Duan Residence was located. He requested to meet Duan Ling Tian, mentioning that he had news of Duan Nian Tian.

"Duan Nian Tian?"

At this point, although most of Duan Ling Tian's friends and family members had left the residence, there were still some people who knew of Duan Nian Tian's existence. Upon receiving the news, someone immediately went to find Zhao An Yi, the level-seven supreme powerhouse from the Azure Cloud Mansion of the Outer Boundary.

Before Duan Ling Tian left, he had asked Zhao An Yi to take care of the remaining people in the Duan Residence.

"Someone brought news about Duan Nian Tian, Brother Ling Tian's son?"

Zhao An Yi naturally knew Duan Nian Tian had not been found yet. Now that someone had come with information about him, he naturally did not dare to be negligent. He immediately rushed to the Duan Residence.

Zhao An Yi was naturally aware that the newest Dao Merging powerhouse in the Surging River Divine Kingdom was Duan Ling Tian. When he first learned about it, he was naturally shocked. He was also genuinely happy for Duan Ling Tian. Even more so, he felt confident, thinking that among the people from the world within the Life Creation Chart, they had a Dao Merging powerhouse, comparable to the top powerhouses in the Divine Land. He had decided to ally himself with Duan Ling Tian long ago. As such, the stronger Duan Ling Tian became, the more advantageous it would be for him.

"Do you really have news about Brother Ling Tian's son, Duan Nian Tian?" Zhao An Yi asked bluntly as he extended his Divine Consciousness toward Sheng An.

The domineering energy caused Sheng An to tremble uncontrollably. Not only that, but Zhao An Yi was also staring at him intently, trying to determine if he was telling the truth.

'He's so powerful!'

Sheng An was shocked when he discovered that Zhao An Yi was much stronger than a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse. However, he did not know that Zhao An Yi was a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse. He quickly pleaded for mercy. "My lord, please withdraw your Divine Consciousness. I know the whereabouts of Duan Nian Tian!"

"Where is he?" Zhao An Yi's eyes lit up and stopped pressuring Sheng An. After learning about Duan Nian Tian's current situation from Sheng An, his expression darkened, and his eyes glinted coldly.

"My lord, please convey this matter to Lord Duan Ling Tian," Sheng An added.

Although Zhao An Yi was much more powerful than the leader of the Mountain Alliance, his goal was to meet Duan Ling Tian, a Dao Merging powerhouse, after all. How could a favor from Zhao An Yi compare to that of a Dao Merging powerhouse?

Chapter 4698 Duan Nian Tian Can Now Hold His Head High

"Brother Ling Tian has gone on a long journey and won't be back anytime soon," Zhao An Yi glanced at Sheng An and said in a slightly impatient tone, "Don't worry. As long as you help me bring Nian Tian back, I won't treat you unfairly. Although I'm far weaker than Brother Ling Tian, I'm still a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse."

At this moment, Sheng An finally came to his senses.

Zhao An Yi had been addressing Duan Ling Tian as his brother from the beginning, indicating an extraordinary relationship between them. Moreover, Zhao An Yi was much stronger than he had imagined, far stronger than the leader of the Mountain Alliance!

Sheng An took a deep breath and looked at Zhao An Yi before he said with a smile, "Lord Zhao, once Young Master Nian Tian returns, I hope you'll put in a few good words for me in front of Lord Duan. My name is Sheng An, and I'm an elder of the Mountain Alliance in Night Forest, east of Carefree Island."

After confirming that Duan Nian Tian's words were true, Sheng An addressed Duan Nian Tian as Young Master Nian Tian, as if they were very close.

Upon hearing Sheng An's words, Zhao An Yi looked deeply at Sheng An, finally realizing that Sheng An wanted to curry favor over Duan Ling Tian. He smiled and said, "Don't worry. If you help us bring Nian Tian back, Brother Ling Tian and I will reward you accordingly. After all, Nian Tian is his only son. Let alone Brother Ling Tian, even I will reward you."

Sheng An was pleasantly surprised. He did not expect Duan Nian Tian to be the only son of Duan Ling Tian. It seemed like he had struck gold this time. At the same time, he thought about Guo Li Li who imprisoned Duan Nian Tian on that island. 'It seems like not only will Guo Li Li suffer, but Guo Qiu and the entire Guo clan will suffer as well!'

Sheng An was no longer afraid of offending Guo Qiu now. He was certain that even if their leader found out about this, their leader would not be unhappy. After all, he had just saved the Mountain Alliance from a disaster. If Duan Ling Tian found out about the matter and came to the Mountain Alliance, could the alliance survive his wrath?

At that time, the leader would definitely be extremely grateful to him. Moreover, with Duan Ling Tian and Zhao An Yi as his backers, he would definitely have a promising future.

"Lord Zhao, when will it be convenient for you to come with me?" Sheng An asked.

Zhao An Yi pondered for a moment and said, "I'll inform the royal family first, and then, we can leave."

Not only was he looking after the Duan Residence, but he also needed to take care of his own people. If he wanted to leave, he had to ask for the royal family's help to look after his people and the people in Duan Residence.

Based on his close relationship with Duan Ling Tian, the royal family definitely would not refuse to help him.

Sure enough, after speaking to them, they even asked if he needed some powerhouses to accompany him.

In the end, for safety purposes, Zhao An Yi was accompanied by a level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse from the royal family.

Sheng An was not surprised by the presence of an additional person. It was only normal for the royal family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom to send someone to escort the only son of their other Dao Merging powerhouse back.

During the journey, Sheng An told Zhao An Yi about Duan Nian Tian's situation there.

Before Zhao An Yi could speak, the powerhouse from the royal family gasped in shock. He could not believe that someone actually provoked Duan Ling Tian's only son; it was tantamount to seeking death.

Zhao An Yi's expression darkened and killing intent flashed in his eyes. In his eyes, Guo Qiu and Guo Li Li were as good as dead.

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Sheng An led the way, so it did not take them long to arrive at Carefree Island.

"Lord Zhao, Carefree Island is just ahead... In the past, there was a Dao Merging powerhouse here, but the powerhouse had passed away peacefully 3,000 years ago. Now, the strongest powerhouses on the island are two level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouses."

"The Mountain Alliance is just an ordinary force in the Night Forest. Our leader is a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse. As for our vice leader, Guo Qiu, he's only a level-three Dao Establishment powerhouse."

Soon, Sheng An brought Zhao An Yi to a remote island near the coast of the Night Forest, which was also the mining area occupied by the Mountain Alliance where Duan Nian Tian was imprisoned.

Seeing Sheng An return with two men, Xue Ping knew that Duan Nian Tian had been truthful; he was indeed the son of a Dao Merging powerhouse!

"Xue Ping, bring these two gentlemen to see Young Master Nian Tian," Sheng An urged. At the same time, he reminded Xue Ping via Voice Transmission, "They're both level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouses!"

Xue Ping's heart skipped a beat. He did not dare to be negligent and quickly led the duo to Duan Nian Tian. "My lords, please follow me."

"Nian Tian, do you still remember me?" Zhao An Yi had met Duan Nian Tian only once but he remembered the latter. Moreover, Duan Nian Tian resembled Duan Ling Tian greatly.

"You're... Uncle Zhao!" Duan Nian Tian naturally remembered Zhao An Yi. After all, the latter was a level-seven supreme powerhouse from the Azure Cloud Sect in the Outer Boundary. "You're right!" Zhao An Yi laughed. "Rest assured, you're safe now! I'm taking you home!"

Duan Nian Tian was naturally excited. He could finally hold his head up high.

Chapter 4699 Enemies in Despair

Since Yu Luo He, the owner of the Life Creation Chart, was indirectly saved by Chen Ming Hao from the Myriad Mountains' Chen clan, Duan Ling Tian had chased after Yu Luo He several times, following the energy that the chart emitted.

However, Chen Ming Hao would intervene at every critical moment, seizing the Dao Merging energy of the Limitless Sword Dao, greatly reducing Duan Ling Tian's strength and allowing Yu Luo He to escape every time.

In the most recent encounter, Yu Luo He's injuries had further healed. Instead of fleeing, he stayed and fought Duan Ling Tian, ultimately ending in a draw. After confirming he could not defeat Duan Ling Tian, he laughed then escaped!

"Duan Ling Tian, you better not provoke me again... Otherwise, next time when my injuries recover further, you'll definitely be defeated when Chen Ming Hao intervenes again!"

Yu Luo He was exceptionally arrogant this time, as if he could not wait for Duan Ling Tian to come looking for him again.

Duan Ling Tian's expression was unsightly because Yu Luo He was right. Their recent encounters had made him realize that Yu Luo He's injuries were constantly recovering. Yu Luo He had even recovered to the point where he could fight him on par, with Chen Ming Hao seizing the Dao Merging energy.

If Yu Luo He's injuries healed again, Duan Ling Tian knew he would be at a disadvantage with Chen Ming Hao's intervention. Although he was frustrated and resentful, there was nothing he could do about it.

"Chen Ming Hao..."

After spending nearly 100 years in the Divine Land, Duan Ling Tian felt genuine hatred toward a person for the first time. Murderous intent filled the depth of his eyes as he muttered, "One day, I'll definitely settle the score with you!"

Duan Ling Tian flashed and disappeared from the spot.

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Meanwhile, at the Chen clan in the Myriad Mountains, Chen Ming Hao stopped using the Limitless Sword Dao as soon as he sensed Duan Ling Tian had stopped using it. He smiled wickedly as he said, "Duan Ling Tian, as long as I'm alive, you won't be able to use the Limitless Sword Dao freely!"

At this time, an old man suddenly appeared. He looked at Chen Ming Hao and shook his head as he said, "This doesn't address the root of the problem. Not only that, but you're also endangering yourself... You can make things difficult for Duan Ling Tian now, but he can also do so in the future..."

The old man was none other than Chen Jiu Xiao, the Chen clan's Triple Dao Merging powerhouse.

"Grandfather, there's no need for you to advise me on this matter," Chen Ming Hao said as he shook his head, "If I don't do this, I won't be able to clear my mind, and it'll affect my comprehension of the third Dao to the ninth stage, let alone merge it. Moreover, Duan Ling Tian came from the world within the Life Creation Chart; he has no support in the Divine Land and can only rely on himself. On the contrary, I have you, Grandfather! Who dares to bully me?"

Seeing how arrogant Chen Ming Hao was, Chen Jiu Xiao only remained silent.

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When the news of Duan Ling Tian breaking into the Dao Merging realm finally spread to all corners of the Divine Land, his enemies from the world within the Life Creation Chart also heard about it.

"Duan Ling Tian actually broke into the Dao Merging realm?"

Lei Hong was still within the territory of the Surging River Divine Kingdom; he was in seclusion, unaware of the affairs of the outside world. He had only emerged today and found out that Duan Ling Tian had become a Dao Merging powerhouse.

His expression darkened instantly. Although he was not Duan Ling Tian's match during their time in the world within the Life Creation Chart and had even been nearly killed, he was not afraid of Duan Ling Tian. Not only that, but he was also determined to seek revenge on Duan Ling Tian!

This was also the reason why he wanted to make a move at Duan Residence when Duan Ling Tian was away. Duan Ling Tian's absence was the only way he could seek revenge.

He knew about Duan Ling Tian's heaven-defying talent, but he was not discouraged, seeking to narrow the gap between them and hoping to surpass Duan Ling Tian one day in the future. After all, the Divine Land was vast, filled with opportunities beyond imagination. Perhaps, one day, he would be lucky enough to catch up to Duan Ling Tian or even surpass him.

Alas, before that day could come, he received this news, which filled him with despair. He finally felt it was impossible to catch up to Duan Ling Tian in this lifetime, let alone surpass him.

Dejected, Lei Hong found a tavern and kept pouring himself drinks to get drunk. He drank continuously for several days and nights like a madman before stopping.

When he finally sobered up, he reminded himself not to take action against the people around Duan Ling Tian unless he was absolutely confident. After all, Duan Ling Tian was in a different league now; who knew if Duan Ling Tian had some new tricks up his sleeve? He was still determined to seek revenge, but he was going to be more cautious about it.

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Lei Hong was not the only one who felt depressed upon learning about Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough.

In a place far away from the Surging River Divine Kingdom, Yun Xin Feng, previously known as Yun Qing Yan, was in a foul mood upon receiving the news.

He had been fortunate since coming to the Divine Land. After several fortuitous encounters, he was now a level-four Dao Establishment powerhouse. He thought that he had narrowed the gap between him and Duan Ling Tian and that he might have a chance to kill Duan Ling Tian again...

After all, when he was still in the Outer Boundary, he did not even dare to dream about killing Duan Ling Tian due to the great disparity in their strengths. Moreover, there was also the Fatal Heavenly Tribulation that stood in his way. Even if one managed to become a level-six supreme powerhouse, it would be difficult to become a level-seven supreme powerhouse.

However, after coming to the Divine Land, he felt like a fish in water, feeling that this place was a blessing in disguise. He had fantasized more than once about confronting Duan Ling Tian and trampling on Duan Ling Tian again. He had relived the time when he trampled on Duan Ling Tian back in the mundane realm countless times. Once he was strong enough, he would kill Duan Ling

Tian decisively to prevent future trouble, learning from his mistake. Even now, he still regretted listening to Xia Ning Xue and sparing Duan Ling Tian's life back then.

Hence, upon learning of Duan Ling Tian's breakthrough, Yun Xin Feng sat on the ground in despair. The confidence he had painstakingly built up collapsed completely.

Duan Ling Tian had broken into the Dao Merging realm, becoming one of the strongest powerhouses in the Divine Land! Even if he became a Dao Merging powerhouse in the future, it would still be difficult to kill Duan Ling Tian. Most importantly, he was not confident he could even break into the Dao Merging realm, considering how difficult it was to do so.

Chapter 4700 The Carefree Dao Sect

Duan Ling Tian naturally was unaware of Lei Hong or Yun Xin Feng's current thoughts. In fact, he no longer paid much attention to those two people. At most, he was slightly guarded against them, so as not to be taken advantage of to avoid harming his family and friends.

Although he had become a Dao Merging powerhouse, he was unable to constantly watch over his family and friends. In the Divine Land, unlike the world within the Life Creation Chart, there was no power of laws, so there was no way to form doppelgangers.

"Let's go back."

Duan Ling Tian, deciding not to pursue Yu Luo He further, chose to reunite with his wife and parents. After ensuring their safety, he ventured back to the Surging River Divine Kingdom alone.

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"Has there been any news about Nian Tian?"

Within the royal family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom, Duan Ling Tian found out that someone had found his son, Duan Nian Tian. Zhao An Yi had already dispatched a level-seven Dao powerhouse from the royal family to retrieve his son.

Duan Ling Tian's spirits lifted upon hearing this news, and he expressed his gratitude toward Jiang Hai Shan.

Jiang Tian Zheng, a Dao Merging powerhouse, seldom involved himself in most affairs. Most responsibilities fell to Jiang Hai Shan, a level-nine Dao Establishment cultivator, and the current emperor.

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Looking at Carefree Island as a whole, the Mountain Alliance was a relatively minor force, nestled in the eastern region's coastal corner by the Night Forest. Among the various forces within Night Forest, it did not rank within the top three.

If one were to discuss the most formidable force on Carefree Island, it would undoubtedly be the Carefree Dao Sect. The sect's name itself was intrinsically linked to Carefree Island, which was renamed in honor of the sect.

The Carefree Dao Sect might not boast the oldest legacy on the island, but it stood as the most powerful force. This reputation was bolstered by the emergence of three Dao Merging powerhouses from its ranks over the course of history.

Even the island's previous Dao Merging powerhouse hailed from the Carefree Dao Sect. In the current generation, although no Dao Merging powerhouses were present, the sect boasted three level-nine Dao powerhouses and more than ten level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouses.

Most of these individuals were away, seeking their own breakthroughs, leaving behind only one level-nine Dao Establishment powerhouse and three level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouses. Among them, a level-eight Dao Establishment powerhouse named Yang Tian He served as the Grand Elder.

Yang Tian He, with his middle-aged appearance, robust physique, and commanding presence, exuded an aura of authority. His son, Yang Chun, shared a resemblance but carried a hint of naivety, indicating his lack of experience. Gazing earnestly at his father, Yang Chun declared, "Father, Yao Yao and I are deeply in love!"

"In love?" Yang Tian He responded with a sneer, "It seems to me she's merely drawn to your status. The one you love may not reciprocate your feelings."

Yang Tian He had fathered many children, but his affection for his youngest son was unparalleled, making his other children wonder if they were truly his biological children.

"Father, Yao Yao is unaware of my true identity," Yang Chun explained earnestly, "I've only revealed to her the level of cultivation that matches hers... Our meeting was purely by chance!"

Before his father could respond, Yang Chun pleaded, "Please, Father, fulfill my wish! With your status, there's no need to arrange a marriage for me. Let me be with the one I truly love!"

Seeing this, Yang Tian He's frown deepened. In the end, he said, "I'm really curious. What kind of woman would make you so infatuated? Bring me to meet her. If I find her agreeable, I'll personally visit her family to propose marriage and select an auspicious day for your wedding."

Overjoyed by his father's concession, Yang Chun exclaimed, "Thank you, Father! I'm certain you'll like Yao Yao!"

"Let's go."

With that, Yang Tian He swiftly transported them thousands of miles away from the Carefree Dao Sect.

"Her family resides in the eastern region?"

"Yes, Father," Yang Chun confirmed eagerly, "Her name is Guo Yao Yao, the second daughter of the deputy leader of Mountain Alliance in the Night Forest. She has an older sister."

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It was quite the coincidence. As Yang Tian He and Yang Chun arrived at the Mountain Alliance and neared the Guo Mansion, they unexpectedly encountered Sheng An leading Zhao An Yi, Duan Nian Tian, and the level-seven Dao Establishment powerhouse from the royal family of the Surging River Divine Kingdom.

Zhao An Yi's voice, filled with formidable power, resonated as he issued a cold command, "Guo Qiu, bring your daughter out to face her punishment!"

Zhao An Yi's voice swept through the Guo Mansion, panicking its inhabitants. The majority, over ninety percent of them, experienced dizziness due to the sonic impact, and in more severe cases, some were bleeding from all orifices, collapsing to the ground lifelessly.

After a brief pause, a pale middle-aged man ascended from within the mansion, his gaze locked on Zhao An Yi from afar, filled with terror. Nevertheless, he summoned the bravery to bow and asked, "Sir, may I ask how my daughter and I have provoked your wrath?"

Although Duan Nian Tian stood next to Zhao An Yi, Guo Qiu failed to recognize him since they had never met before.

However, within the Guo Mansion, a dramatic realization dawned on Guo Li Li, a beautiful young woman with a full figure. Her face was pale, and her eyes were wide with shock and disbelief when she saw Duan Nian Tian next to Zhao An Yi.

"Duan Nian Tian?! How could it be him? Where did he find such a powerhouse? Did he come to seek revenge from me?"

At this moment, Guo Li Li was overwhelmed with regret. Had she known Duan Nian Tian was capable of this, she would have killed him back then.

"Sister, do you know him?"

Next to Guo Li Li stood another young woman, similar in appearance but possessing a more graceful figure. She, too, was slightly pale. The aftereffects of the sound wave caused her eardrums to rupture and immense discomfort, disrupting her cultivation.

This was Guo Yao Yao, the second daughter of Guo Qiu.

"Yao Yao!"

Just then, Yang Chun caught sight of Guo Yao Yao. His eyes sparkled with excitement as he turned to Yang Tian He, saying, "Father, she's the woman I love! What a coincidence that someone came looking for trouble with my future father-in-law and sister-in-law! Father, if you protect them, they'll definitely have a better impression of me!"