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Chapter 1071: Bastard, What Are You Doing!

Yun Qingshu didn't immediately leave the Tianchen World, primarily because of Lu Chen; she was eager to uncover any secrets Lu Chen might still be hiding, especially since he even knew about her origins from the Ancient Era.

Although Yun Qingshu was somewhat repelled by the events involving Lu Chen and Yun Xianxian, she had decided to tolerate them and allow this other self, Yun Xianxian, to be with Lu Chen.

Moreover, since Yun Xianxian's purity had already been compromised, she couldn't just take her back and merge with her.

If she merged with Yun Xianxian, wouldn't that mean she too would have been defiled by Lu Chen?

Even though indulging Lu Chen and Yun Xianxian would affect her main body, like sensing their intimacy, she would find a way to eliminate these impacts over time.

As long as she advanced further in her Realm, she would find a solution to this issue. In the meantime, she had instructed Yun Xianxian to avoid doing certain things with Lu Chen.

Stared down by the red-eyed Yun Xianxian, Lu Chen became somewhat excited, noticing his reaction, Yun Xianxian's expression turned even colder.

Naturally, Yun Qingshu understood that Lu Chen was being disrespectful, treating Yun Xianxian's body as his own, hence his excitement.

Quickly, Yun Qingshu controlled Yun Xianxian's body to stand up and try to escape Lu Chen, but as she lifted her jade hand to push against his chest, Lu Chen grabbed her jade hand, pressed it beside Yun Xianxian's head, and forcefully held her down.

Yun Qingshu rebuked, "Scoundrel! What are you doing!"

Lu Chen ignored Yun Qingshu's rebuke and instead answered her earlier question.

"I too am from the Ancient Era; however, most of my memories have been sealed, so I don't know what happened in the Ancient Era. But as my strength and memories gradually recover, I believe I will soon have all the memories of that era."

Hearing this, Yun Qingshu fell silent. From the memories she accessed from Yun Xianxian related to Lu Chen, his identity was indeed mysterious, and it wasn't just as simple as being the Great Emperor's son.

So, Lu Chen's words might be true; he might be from the Ancient Era like her, and knew her in that era. As some of his memories returned, he mistook Yun Xianxian for himself, then, thinking she also had amnesia, took the opportunity to claim Yun Xianxian's body.

This man was a lecher taking advantage during a crisis!

Maybe she should just kill him outright!

Just as Yun Qingshu thought this, suddenly, another person came to mind.

If Lu Chen truly was from the Ancient Era and indeed knew her, then he could possibly be...

If it really was that person...

Yun Qingshu suddenly froze, realizing if Lu Chen truly was that person, she...

While Yun Qingshu was lost in thought, Lu Chen had already started taking action.

Yun Qingshu instantly snapped out of her reverie, glaring fiercely at Lu Chen.

Impossible...

This scoundrel couldn't possibly be him!

The man in her memories showed no interest in women, unlike this scoundrel, who was still engaging in such actions under these circumstances.

After a cold snort, Yun Qingshu withdrew her Divine Sense, ensuring that she wouldn't be influenced by Lu Chen any further.

When Yun Qingshu's Divine Sense left Yun Xianxian's body, Yun Xianxian regained control of her own body. When she came to her senses, she saw Lu Chen making strenuous movements and immediately understood her Honored Master had just been there.

At that moment, an immense discomfort filled Yun Xianxian's heart. Just then, she suddenly broke free from Lu Chen's arms, embraced his strong waist, flipped over, and pinned him beneath her.

The sudden turn of events left Lu Chen stunned, as he hadn't expected Yun Xianxian to possess such strength while her Spiritual Power was sealed.

After Yun Xianxian flipped over, towering above Lu Chen's handsome face, Lu Chen was still in a daze when Yun Xianxian suddenly made her move.

This...

This surprised Lu Chen even more.

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something, Yun Xianxian leaned forward, covering his mouth with hers, and then Yun Xianxian began to take charge of everything, making it look as though she was the one tormenting Lu Chen.

Soon, Lu Chen figured out what was happening. Yun Xianxian was obviously jealous, jealous of her Honored Master, which is why she was so proactive in doing all this, showing off to her Honored Master.

After all, she was a split part of her Honored Master, so her Honored Master would definitely be aware of what she was doing.

Having understood everything, Lu Chen calmly accepted what Yun Xianxian was doing. Since the fairy had taken the initiative, he only needed to enjoy himself.

After Yun Qingshu's Divine Sense was retracted, she immediately sensed Yun Xianxian's situation and realized that this time it wasn't Lu Chen doing something to Yun Xianxian, but Yun Xianxian initiating.

Yun Qingshu's brows furrowed, her own split part was getting more and more out of her control. It was bad enough that she was jealous of herself, but to spite her to this extent was deplorable.

Yun Qingshu snorted coldly, then began meditating and focusing diligently on controlling the restless Spiritual Power within her body, trying to divert her attention.

Although Yun Qingshu believed Yun Xianxian was mistreating her own body, Yun Xianxian didn't think so at all. Although there was indeed a hint of revenge in her heart, she felt extremely exhilarated at the moment.

This gave her a sense of controlling Lu Chen, as she was always the passive one in the past. Although she could enjoy herself, she always felt something was missing in her heart.

Now that she had become the active one, it felt as if she had Lu Chen under her control, and Lu Chen seemed to have become her man alone. This psychological joy was something she had never experienced before.

Lu Chen also realized Yun Xianxian's intentions and did not stop her, letting Yun Xianxian have her way.

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Ziyang World, Black Moon City.

At dusk.

Lu Chen's Puppet and Ji Qiuyu were patrolling along the city walls, and since Lu Chen's original body was just lying on the bed, being oppressed by Yun Xianxian, he freed up some energy to control the Puppet.

Just then, a soldier suddenly said to Ji Qiuyu, "City Lord, something's wrong, the Demonic Qi has started gathering again!"

Upon hearing this, both Ji Qiuyu and Lu Chen turned their heads toward the Demonic Seal Forbidden Grounds and indeed saw thick Demonic Qi beginning to accumulate above it.

Ji Qiuyu frowned and said puzzled, "The moon hasn't even risen yet, how can the Demonic Qi start accumulating so quickly!"

Usually, the Demonic Qi in the Demonic Seal Forbidden Grounds only began to accumulate when the moon came out and the Demonic Tide began to spread outside.

The sun had not even set yet, that fiery red sun still hung on the horizon.

After coming back to her senses, Ji Qiuyu said to the soldiers on the city wall, "Be vigilant!"

Chapter 1072: Lu Chen, Do You Think That's the Heavenly Demon?

After Ji Qiuyu gave the order, her deputy began to move swiftly, and soon the soldiers of Black Moon City were ready for battle.

Compared to before, the soldiers of Black Moon City, even when facing a Demonic Tide, were no longer as tense as they had been in the past because they knew their Deputy City Lord could suppress the Demonic Qi.

As long as their Deputy City Lord was there, even if they faced a Demonic Tide of the scale they had last time, they could easily withstand it.

However, at this moment, Ji Qiuyu's expression was not good; she looked worriedly at the accumulating Demonic Qi in the distance. Previously, the Demonic Qi did not gather so early, and today the speed of its accumulation had clearly accelerated. It had just begun, and the Demonic Qi had already become so dense, covering half of the sky over the Sealed Demon Grounds.

Something must have happened in the Sealed Demon Grounds!

Could it be that the Heavenly Demon had broken the seal? Thinking of this, Ji Qiuyu's heart grew even more anxious.

After a while, the Sealed Demon Grounds began to stir, affecting Black Moon City as well, causing the entire city to tremble as if some giant creature was moving within the Sealed Demon Grounds.

At this moment, a soldier shouted hastily, "Quick... Look, ... everyone, look!!!"

The soldiers on the city walls hurried to look toward the Sealed Demon Grounds, and what they saw stunned everyone.

A gigantic body emerged from the Sealed Demon Grounds, seeming to be composed of the demons within the Sealed Demon Grounds.

This...

This was the first time since Ji Qiuyu had been in charge of Black Moon City that she had seen such a massive demon that could step over the city walls and directly enter Black Moon City with its height.

At this moment, the soldiers on the city tower were thrown into chaos.

"What... What is that?"

"How can there be such a gigantic demon?"

"Could it possibly be the Heavenly Demon?"

"My God! The Heavenly Demon has broken the seal!!!"

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Except for Lu Chen, no one present had ever seen the Heavenly Demon; the Heavenly Demon existed only in their imaginations, presumed to be immensely huge with a terrifying oppressive aura.

Now, the creature in the Sealed Demon Grounds, in their eyes, was no different from the Heavenly Demon.

Thinking that the giant could be the Heavenly Demon, the soldiers shook uncontrollably. Ji Qiuyu snapped back to reality and quickly commanded, "All Demon-breaking Arrows aim at that giant!"

Ji Qiuyu also suspected that the giant might be the Heavenly Demon, as she had never seen the Heavenly Demon herself.

Thinking that the Heavenly Demon had broken the seal, Ji Qiuyu felt an immense fear in her heart; she was never scared before, but now she feared the Heavenly Demon.

According to historical records, encountering the real Heavenly Demon meant not only getting killed by it; the Heavenly Demon would also imprison the cultivators' souls, slowly tearing them apart, using the cultivators' souls as food.

It was better to die directly and have one's soul destroyed, rather than suffering the torture of the Heavenly Demon if one was not fully dead and fell into its hands.

Lu Chen took a moment to observe the giant and found that it indeed possessed a strong Heavenly Demon Power, but compared to a real Heavenly Demon, the giant's Heavenly Demon Power was nothing significant.

Clearly, that giant was not a real Heavenly Demon but a demonic body constructed by the Heavenly Demon using its power to control the demons in the Sealed Demon Grounds, likely aiming to directly break the blockade of Black Moon City and let the demons spread out.

While Lu Chen was lost in his thoughts, Ji Qiuyu asked him next to him, "Lu Chen, do you think that is the Heavenly Demon?"

Lu Chen came back to his senses, turned to look at the pale-faced Ji Qiuyu, and smiled as he said, "Its Heavenly Demon Power is nothing compared to that of a real Heavenly Demon."

Hearing Lu Chen's reply, Ji Qiuyu was stunned for a moment. Lu Chen's words made it sound as if he had seen a real Heavenly Demon. Otherwise, how could he know that the giant's Heavenly Demon Power was far inferior to that of a true Heavenly Demon?

Ji Qiuyu curiously asked, "Have you seen a real Heavenly Demon?"

In the Ziyang World, there was only one Heavenly Demon, and it was sealed in the Demon Sealing Forbidden Land. How could Lu Chen possibly have seen a real Heavenly Demon?

Lu Chen said with a smile, "I indeed have seen a real Heavenly Demon."

Ji Qiuyu was taken aback.

She then continued to ask, "There's only one Heavenly Demon in the Ziyang World, sealed inside the Demon Sealing Forbidden Land. How could you have possibly seen a Heavenly Demon?"

Lu Chen replied, "The specific reason, I will tell you when the time comes."

Ji Qiuyu looked at Lu Chen skeptically and tentatively asked, "You're not a Demon Cultivator, are you?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "I possess the power to restrain Heavenly Demons. Do you think that Heavenly Demon would accept me and let me become a Demon Cultivator?"

Ji Qiuyu thought about it and it seemed true. If Heavenly Demons knew of Lu Chen's existence, they would definitely try everything to kill him, rather than allowing him to become a Demon Cultivator.

But then it became strange. When had Lu Chen seen a Heavenly Demon?

Could it be...

Ji Qiuyu suddenly thought of a possibility.

Could it be that Lu Chen's original body had lived for who knows how many years? Was he present when the Heavenly Demon was sealed back in the day, and did he luckily survive? So, did Lu Chen see the sealed Heavenly Demon at that time?

In that case, wouldn't Lu Chen be of the same generation as her own ancestors?

Ji Qiuyu immediately stopped herself from continuing with these wild thoughts. In the Cultivation World, having a Daoist couple with a thousand or even ten thousand years age difference wasn't anything strange.

Upon this realization, Ji Qiuyu gathered her senses and focused all her attention on the giant in the Demon Sealing Forbidden Land.

Ji Qiuyu then cautiously asked Lu Chen, "Lu Chen, that's a huge demon. Are you confident you can handle it?"

Although Lu Chen could restrain Demonic Qi, the demon looked very powerful, and Lu Chen's power was ultimately limited. She was not sure if he could handle this gigantic monster.

Lu Chen said indifferently, "Don't worry. As soon as this monster dares to leave the Demon Sealing Forbidden Land, I will immediately take action and destroy it."

Although the demon looked very powerful, Lu Chen also noticed its weakness. This demon was made up of countless other demons.

As long as he, with his power to restrain Demonic Qi, approached the giant, the demons in that giant's body would immediately start struggling to detach from the giant's body. Then, the giant would disintegrate.

Moreover, his restraint of Heavenly Demon Power was absolute. Even if that giant possessed Heavenly Demon Power, it would have no chance against the Demon Burying Spell.

As time ticked away, the giant grew increasingly larger, and the Demonic Qi grew stronger. Soon, the entire Black Moon City was enveloped in darkness.

The sun had not yet set, but the spreading Demonic Qi completely covered the sunlight from the setting sun.

The next moment, the giant, stepping with massive footsteps, walked directly towards Black Moon City.

At this moment, a soldier ran up to Ji Qiuyu and said, "City Lord, Commander Bai has come with reinforcements!"

Hearing this, Ji Qiuyu scoffed. She still remembered Bai Wenbin fleeing last time. In her view, Bai Wenbin now dared to offer support probably because he felt it was safe with Lu Chen around.

However, regardless of his motives, his coming to help was for the benefit of Black Moon City, the Great Chu Dynasty, and the entire Ziyang World. Ji Qiuyu had no intention of turning Bai Wenbin away.

Chapter 1073: You are actually a Demon Cultivator!

Bai Wenbin quickly arrived in front of Ji Qiuyu and Lu Chen, smiling as he said, "Qiuyu, I heard there was a disturbance at the Demon Sealing Forbidden Grounds, so I immediately brought people to Black Moon City."

At that moment, Lu Chen took a glance at Bai Wenbin. The instant Bai Wenbin approached, Lu Chen sensed the presence of Heavenly Demon Power emanating from him.

After all, he possessed the Demon Burying Spell; no matter how deeply Bai Wenbin concealed it, he could still feel the Heavenly Demon Power within him.

The corners of Lu Chen's mouth lifted slightly, curious to see what Bai Wenbin was planning.

However, just to be safe, Lu Chen transmitted a message to Ji Qiuyu, "Qiuyu, Bai Wenbin has Heavenly Demon Power within him, be careful around him later."

Hearing this, Ji Qiuyu was stunned. She had initially thought that Bai Wenbin was simply being persistent and had come to offer his help, not expecting Bai Wenbin had other motives for coming today.

Ji Qiuyu's brows furrowed slightly, but she did not expose Bai Wenbin. She thanked him flatly, "Thank you, Commander Bai, for leading your men to support Black Moon City."

Bai Wenbin squinted and smiled, saying, "Qiuyu, you're being too polite, there's no need for thanks between us."

"Besides, dealing with the demons mainly relies on Deputy City Lord Lu. We're really just playing a supporting role."

At that time, Lu Chen sensed Bai Wenbin's Heavenly Demon Power once again. Bai Wenbin's Heavenly Demon Power was not particularly pure, indicating it wasn't directly from the Heavenly Demon itself but from another Demon Cultivator who had passed the power to Bai Wenbin.

That meant there were other Demon Cultivators with Heavenly Demon Power behind Bai Wenbin, and it was likely one of them was a Demon Envoy of the Heavenly Demon.

As Bai Wenbin finished speaking, the velocity of the distant giant increased. In just a moment, the giant left the Demon Sealing Forbidden Grounds and headed towards Black Moon City.

Ji Qiuyu immediately instructed her soldiers, "Fire the arrows!"

Numerous Black Gold arrows shot toward the giant, but when they struck its body, they only produced a small puff of white smoke, and the giant seemed largely unaffected as it continued its stride toward Black Moon City.

Seeing this, the soldiers operating the siege crossbows hurriedly launched massive arrows at the giant, but even the enlarged Black Gold arrows had little effect.

By this time, the giant's body was riddled with Black Gold arrows, yet it kept advancing toward Black Moon City. Fortunately, the giant did not launch any attacks and merely kept moving forward.

Not long after, the giant reached the outskirts of Black Moon City. Suddenly, it stopped, its lantern-like enormous eyes scanning the walls of the city, as if searching for something.

Suddenly, the giant's gaze fell on Lu Chen and it raised its immense palm, slamming down toward his location.

Seeing the giant was actually targeting him, Lu Chen was puzzled. When had he offended the Heavenly Demon of the Demon Sealing Forbidden Grounds?

Upon reflection, Lu Chen instantly realized that both times he sent puppets to Ziyang World, he had passed through the Demon Sealing Forbidden Grounds and had played tricks on the Heavenly Demon there. The Heavenly Demon probably remembered him.

Lu Chen gave a faint smile, then clenched the Black Gold Sword in his hand, leapt into the air, and slashed down with his sword.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

In an instant, a tremendous chill emanated from the sword, instantly freezing the demon-conglomerated giant. Then, countless strands of Sword Qi surrounded the giant's body. As the Sword Qi sliced through, cracks appeared on the frozen giant's body.

Before long, the entire giant's body slowly toppled, falling directly towards Black Moon City.

The demons on the giant's body also fell toward Black Moon City, upon seeing which, Ji Qiuyu's brows furrowed.

"Not good, the giant's body had already surpassed the height of Black Moon City's city walls. The moment it fell, it was uncertain how many demons would directly land inside Black Moon City," Ji Qiuyu immediately bellowed, "Prepare for battle!"

Soldiers on the city walls hastily drew their bows non-stop, shooting arrows to kill the falling demons mid-air, but the number of demons was simply too many.

Seeing the sky filled with demons, Lu Chen couldn't help but think that this might be the Heavenly Demon's plan, intentionally using Heavenly Demon Power to condense the demons into a giant.

When that giant was defeated, it fell directly into Black Moon City, rendering the city walls useless.

However...

Thinking of getting past him and directly entering Black Moon City was not so easy.

Lu Chen then leaped again, jumping back into the air.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!

This time, Lu Chen used all the Spiritual Power of his puppet clone. For a while, Black Moon City's skies were filled with chilling cold air, which directly froze all the demons falling from the giant's body.

The next moment, eight Sword Qis swept through those frozen demons, instantly turning their bodies into ice slag.

After Lu Chen had dealt with those demons, the Spiritual Power in his puppet's body was almost depleted. Although the puppet possessed most of his strength, a puppet could not obtain Spiritual Power from the main body if it was too far away, and could only replenish by absorbing Spiritual Artifacts from the puppet itself.

Seeing Lu Chen's puppet body fall straight from the sky, Ji Qiuyu feigned a change in expression and immediately flew towards Lu Chen.

However, at that moment, Bai Wenbin's body suddenly emitted a dense Demonic Qi, instantly turning the soldiers around him in Black Moon City into a mist of blood.

Then, with a wave of his hand, Bai Wenbin sent a wave of Demonic Qi that struck Ji Qiuyu's body, sending her flying, while he stepped forward, rushing towards Lu Chen's body.

After Ji Qiuyu hit the city wall and spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, she then said, "Bai Wenbin, you're actually a Demon Cultivator!"

While flying towards Lu Chen's body Bai Wenbin laughed, saying, "I've finally awaited this chance, today all of you will die!"

As Bai Wenbin approached Lu Chen, he stretched out a claw, directly gripping Lu Chen's neck.

However, he did not immediately kill Lu Chen, but laughed loudly and said, "Dare to snatch my woman, today I will let you experience the pain of Demonic Qi consuming your soul!"

While speaking, Bai Wenbin directly unleashed the Heavenly Demon Power from his body, watching as the Heavenly Demon Power entered Lu Chen's body, though Lu Chen still did not struggle.

At that moment, Lu Chen suddenly took out a token and immediately activated it.

He was just a puppet clone, dead was dead, but after he was gone, Bai Wenbin might likely strike Ji Qiuyu, so it was better to call for help.

After Bai Wenbin noticed Lu Chen's movements, he quickly struck out with his palm, trying to shatter the object in Lu Chen's hand, but his Demonic Qi did not destroy the token.

At the same time.

Blood Rainbow Pavilion headquarters.

When Nangong Qingya felt the Spiritual Power Wave from the Pavilion Master's Token, she immediately used the Teleportation Array and headed directly to Black Moon City.

However, the moment she arrived at Black Moon City, she saw Lu Chen, held in Bai Wenbin's hand, explode completely, engulfing Bai Wenbin in the explosion's shockwave.

Chapter 1074: The main body certainly doesn't have a penchant for being a monster's dog! Tianchen World.

Black Dragon City, Imperial Palace.

At this moment, Yun Xianxian was still moving, even though she was completely limp, but she had no intention of stopping. She wanted to retaliate against her main body, to let it understand that her body had been given to Lu Chen, not something to be bowed down to at its whim.

However, just then, Lu Chen extended his hands, wrapped his arms around her slender waist, and prevented her from continuing to thrash around.

Yun Xianxian slowly raised her head, her seductive eyes gazing silkily at Lu Chen's eyes, "What... what are you doing?"

Lu Chen smiled lightly and then slowly stood up, letting Yun Xianxian sit in his embrace. One hand wrapped around Yun Xianxian's waist while with the other hand, he released the two puppets she had created for him.

Seeing this, Yun Xianxian was somewhat puzzled, not understanding what Lu Chen intended to do.

At this time, Lu Chen said, "There's been trouble in the Ziyang World."

Hearing this, Yun Xianxian realized what was happening; it seemed something had occurred with Lu Chen's puppets in the Ziyang World.

Then, wanting to withdraw, Yun Xianxian said, "Then you should attend to your matters first."

There was still plenty of time, so Yun Xianxian was not in a hurry at the moment.

Just as Yun Xianxian prepared to get up, she found that Lu Chen's hand was firmly holding her bottom, making it impossible for her to rise.

Yun Xianxian hugged Lu Chen's neck, her face full of confusion as she looked at him. Lu Chen had matters to attend to, so why wouldn't he let her get up?

Lu Chen offered no explanation but instead channeled spiritual energy directly into the two puppets that Yun Xianxian had crafted for him.

In the next moment, both puppets possessed the strength of the Yin-Yang Realm. He then controlled the puppets to use Shadow Shifting, instantly bringing them to the fissure in the barrier of the Tianchen World.

When the soldiers guarding the barrier's fissure saw two of their Majesty, they were all stunned. However, Lu Chen didn't offer too much of an explanation. He left one puppet at the fissure and then controlled another to head towards the Ziyang World.

At that time, Yun Xianxian's jade arms hung around Lu Chen's neck, quietly watching his eyes, knowing he was currently controlling the puppets, so she did not move either.

After what seemed like a long while, Lu Chen drew a deep breath, came back to his senses, and looked at Yun Xianxian's cool rosy cheeks.

Yun Xianxian asked, "Is it done?"

Lu Chen said lightly, "Yes, it's done now."

After speaking, Lu Chen lay down once more.

Yun Xianxian watched Lu Chen for a while and then bent down again, kissing Lu Chen's mouth before continuing her plan of revenge.

While enjoying Yun Xianxian's attentions, Lu Chen was simultaneously controlling the puppets to rush towards Black Moon City. The recent explosion of the puppets was very likely to not kill Bai Wenbin.

Besides, Bai Wenbin must surely have other Demon Cultivators backing him, so he had to hurry to Black Moon City to prevent any harm from befalling Ji Qiuyu.

Even though he had just invoked the Pavilion Master's Token of the Blood Rainbow Pavilion, Nangong Qingya would arrive at Black Moon City at the first opportunity. However, once Nangong Qingya learned of his self-destruction, they might not be willing to get involved and rescue Ji Qiuyu.

Simultaneously.

Above Black Moon City.

Nangong Qingya, clad in a red dress, hovered in the air, looking dispassionately at the explosion's burst of light.

At that moment, the blood energy surging violently through her body was unmistakable. Even though her face remained expressionless, the frantic rush of blood energy revealed her immense anger.

She had not expected that in such a short amount of time, Lu Chen would have been killed. She had clearly arranged for the people from Blood Rainbow Pavilion to protect Lu Chen in Black Moon City. How could he still have encountered danger? Where had all those people gone to die?

With Lu Chen's death, they no longer had a direct method to suppress the Demonic Qi. Once the Heavenly Demon broke through the seal, Blood Rainbow Pavilion would suffer the consequences as well.

Thinking of this, Nangong Qingya suddenly regretted leaving Lu Chen in Black Moon City. If she had taken Lu Chen with her the last time she visited Black Moon City, he wouldn't have faced such peril.

Regret medicine didn't exist in the world; such thoughts were now useless.

Nangong Qingya's red eyes swept over the aftermath of the explosion. Once the shockwaves had dissipated, Bai Wenbin, covered in wounds, appeared within her sight.

Seeing the black Demonic Qi emanating from Bai Wenbin, Nangong Qingya shouted coldly, "The Blood Rainbow Master has not encountered a Demon Cultivator in quite a long time!"

As her words fell, Nangong Qingya waved her jade hand, and a massive blood-colored handprint descended directly towards Bai Wenbin.

Witnessing the blood-colored handprint in the sky, Bai Wenbin's face turned pale. Although Lu Chen's self-destruction had not killed him, he had already expended a great deal of Magic Power and was now utterly incapable of resisting the attack from an All Law Realm powerhouse.

Just as Bai Wenbin was about to be crushed to death, a ghastly voice suddenly echoed in the air, "I wonder who has offended the Blood Rainbow Master so much to incite such rage, killing as soon as you arrive!"

As the voice dropped, a swirl of black energy constantly rotated in the air, followed by an old man in a black robe and wearing a mask appearing beside Bai Wenbin.

With a lift of his body, a burst of Demonic Qi surged out from the old man, easily shattering Nangong Qingya's blood handprint.

Feeling the old man's power, Nangong Qingya spoke coldly, "No wonder Lu Chen encountered danger; it turns out an All Law Realm Demon Cultivator has appeared!"

She had been wondering why the people she arranged to protect Lu Chen in Black Moon City had not intervened. Now, it seemed likely that they had been dealt with by this All Law Realm Demon Cultivator.

Nangong Qingya had no desire to waste words with the Demon Cultivator and directly mobilized her blood energy, pointing a finger, as countless blood-red skeletons charged toward the robed old man.

The robed old man laughed and said, "Blood Rainbow Master, we are both Demonic Cultivators. Why resort to such violence?"

In the midst of speaking, the robed old man waved his hand, which resembled tree bark, and a surge of concentrated Heavenly Demon Power flowed out, engulfing and consuming all the blood energy-formed skeletons.

Nangong Qingya immediately furrowed her Liumei brows.

The robed old man continued, "Blood Rainbow Master, although you are not a Demon Cultivator, your cultivation method is no different from ours. Your blood energy poses no harm to us Demon Cultivators; it not only fails to harm me but is a great tonic for me instead."

Nangong Qingya had also noticed this fact, and her heart immediately felt the urge to retreat.

If it were a Yin-Yang Realm Demon Cultivator, she could easily suppress them. However, one who possessed the All Law Realm and, more so, the Power of the Heavenly Demon was not so easily dealt with.

Given that the Power of the Heavenly Demon naturally countered a Cultivator's Spiritual Power, and that the Heavenly Demon drew its strength from blood energy and negative emotions, as a Demonic Cultivator, she faced extremely slim odds against an equally-leveled Demon Cultivator possessing the Power of the Heavenly Demon.

The robed old man went on, "Blood Rainbow Master, my lord is about to break through the seal and descend upon the Ziyang World once more. Since you are a Demonic Cultivator, why not simply pledge allegiance to my lord and become a Demon Cultivator?"

"If the Blood Rainbow Master accepts the Power of the Heavenly Demon from my lord, with your cultivation method, you could break through to the Divinity Transformation Realm within ten years and become the foremost person in the Ziyang World!"

Nangong Qingya let out a cold chuckle, "I have no interest in being a lackey to a monster!"

She was indeed a Demonic Cultivator, but she had her lines she would not cross.

Hearing Nangong Qingya's words, the robed old man's Demonic Qi violently surged outward, "Since the Blood Rainbow Master refuses to submit to my lord, then I suppose..."

"Suppose what?"

Before the robed old man could finish speaking, a figure suddenly appeared between Nangong Qingya and the robed old man.

Chapter 1075: You... You're actually not dead!

Seeing Lu Chen appear, everyone present, except for Ji Qiuyu, was stunned.

They had clearly seen Lu Chen self-destruct just a moment ago. How was he still alive?

Nangong Qingya's crimson eyes stared intently at Lu Chen, sensing that his realm seemed to have advanced to the Yin-Yang Realm.

Not only did he survive the self-destruction, but his realm even broke through?

Was that even possible?

Or was Lu Chen's self-destruction merely a blind?

Upon seeing Lu Chen reappear, Bai Wenbin and the man in the black robe immediately felt tremendous pressure. The aura emanating from Lu Chen made the Heavenly Demon Power within them feel great fear.

Bai Wenbin, unable to believe it, said, "You... you're actually not dead!"

"This... This is impossible!"

Lu Chen had clearly self-destructed right before him, his body blown to smithereens, and now he was alive again!

Could it be that the one who self-destructed just now wasn't Lu Chen at all? Then if not Lu Chen, who was that person?

At that moment, the man in the black robe sinisterly said, "It seems you have quite a few life-saving tricks up your sleeve!"

Lu Chen replied indifferently, "I don't have many life-saving tricks. It's just that it's not so easy for you to kill me."

With that, Lu Chen glanced at the man in the black robe, and the next moment, the man's information appeared before Lu Chen's eyes.

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[Strength: Eightfold Realm of Ten Thousand Laws]

[Loyalty: 0]

After seeing Xiao Chenghua's information, Lu Chen smiled faintly and continued, "I didn't expect you to hide so deeply. The State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty turns out to be a Demon Cultivator, and even a Demon Envoy with Heavenly Demon Power."

Hearing these words, the crowd was taken aback once again; they had never suspected that the man in the black robe was actually the State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty.

Xiao Chenghua himself was startled. Very few knew of his status as a Demon Envoy. How did Lu Chen recognize his identity at a glance, especially when he had concealed his body and aura?

Moreover, he was certain that he had never encountered this Lu Chen before. So, how could Lu Chen recognize him so quickly?

After pondering for a moment and still unable to figure it out, Xiao Chenghua nonetheless stopped thinking and decided not to waste more words with Lu Chen. He had come here to kill Lu Chen.

At first, he hadn't planned to take action. If he hadn't discovered the Yin-Yang Realm masters from the Blood Rainbow Pavilion positioned in Black Moon City to protect Lu Chen, he wouldn't have made a move. It wasn't the time for him to be exposed.

But now that he had been recognized and his identity exposed, there was no need for concern.

The next second, Demonic Qi furiously surged from Xiao Chenghua's body, shrouding the entire sky above Black Moon City in dense Demonic Qi, the oppressive force making it difficult for the cultivators in the city to breathe.

Xiao Chenghua looked at Lu Chen and said, "Boy, although I don't know how you discovered the identity of this old man, now that you have, all of you must die here today."

As he spoke, Heavenly Demon Power surged from Xiao Chenghua's body, and the entire world seemed to transform into hell itself, as countless skeletons crawled out from the ground.

"Myriad Forms of Netherworld!!!"

Seeing this scene, Nangong Qingya was about to take action, but after a second thought, she realized that Lu Chen had the ability to suppress Demonic Qi, and since he hadn't died even after self-destructing, he surely had other secrets she was not aware of; there was no need for her to be so anxious. Perhaps Lu Chen could suppress Xiao Chenghua, the Demon Envoy.

With that thought, Nangong Qingya did not intervene but stood a short distance away, watching.

Just as those undead skeletons were about to touch Lu Chen's body, Lu Chen raised his right hand and declared, "Swords, come!"

As soon as the words fell, the Black Gold Swords on the battlements flew straight toward Lu Chen. With the power of the Yin-Yang Realm, it was relatively easy for him to control all these swords simultaneously.

In an instant, thousands of Black Gold Swords appeared before Lu Chen, and one of them flew into his hand.

Next, he channeled the Demon Burying Spell and infused the Spiritual Power from within his body into the Black Gold Swords. He swung his sword, and the Black Gold Swords flew toward the advancing skeletons like arrows.

As soon as the Black Gold Swords came into contact with the skeleton illusions, they were instantly purified into bone ash by the Spiritual Power of the Demon Burying Spell, scattering in the wind.

Xiao Chenghua's expression turned exceedingly ugly. He knew Lu Chen's Spiritual Power could counter Demonic Qi, but he hadn't expected Lu Chen's Spiritual Power to suppress Demonic Qi so effectively. A mere routine attack from Lu Chen had instantly dissolved his Myriad Forms of Netherworld.

This Lu Chen posed a significant threat to Demon Cultivators and Heavenly Demons; he absolutely could not be allowed to live. If he were allowed to continue growing, once the Heavenly Demon broke through the Sealing, it was very likely that even the Heavenly Demon might be suppressed by Lu Chen.

With this in mind, Xiao Chenghua immediately produced a flag.

The Flag of Ten Thousand Souls!!!

In an instant, countless anguished wails emerged from the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls. Soon after, numerous twisted souls stepped out of the flag, heading straight for Lu Chen.

Xiao Chenghua said with a cold smile, "No matter how powerful you are, I do not believe you can withstand the devouring of these tormented souls!"

Feeling the power emanating from those souls, everyone present turned pale with fright; the power of those souls was nearly at the Yin-Yang Realm level.

At this point, even Nangong Qingya felt unsteady on her feet. If she didn't take action now, something bad might happen to Lu Chen again.

The Flag of Ten Thousand Souls wielded by Xiao Chenghua exerted a pressure beyond that of an Earth Grade Spiritual Artifact, and with Lu Chen's strength only at the level of the Yin-Yang Realm, it was very likely he couldn't withstand it.

The next moment, a surge of vital energy burst forth from Nangong Qingya's body.

At this moment, Lu Chen, seeing the tormented souls rushing directly toward him, remained calm. He hovered calmly in the air.

As the tormented souls drew closer, Lu Chen suddenly gripped the sword in his hand tightly, and Spiritual Energy suddenly exploded from his body.

The Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

The chilling cold froze all the tormented souls, and then eight beams of Sword Qi slashed through the bodies of the souls, turning them directly into icy fragments.

Seeing this, Xiao Chenghua said with a laugh, "My tormented souls cannot be killed. I want to see just how long you can hold out!"

After the tormented souls from Xiao Chenghua's Flag of Ten Thousand Souls were shattered, they would be reborn within the flag again. As long as the user's Demonic Qi didn't run dry, the flag's tormented souls could continuously resurrect until they eventually exhausted the enemy.

At this moment, countless tormented souls once again flew out from Xiao Chenghua's Flag of Ten Thousand Souls.

Lu Chen gathered the surrounding Spiritual Energy and struck with his sword once more.

The Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

The tormented souls that flew out of the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls were once again frozen entirely, and once again, they all turned into icy debris.

Now Xiao Chenghua noticed something was amiss. As more and more tormented souls from the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls were eliminated, the number emerging from the flag seemed to be dwindling.

What's going on?

The tormented souls of the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls were supposed to be eternal and undying.

Lu Chen, noticing the decreasing number of tormented souls from the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls, said with a laugh, "State Preceptor, it seems the tormented souls in your flag are about to go on strike, hardly daring to come out anymore."

Chapter 1076: That's the All Law Realm!

Lu Chen's words had just ended when Xiao Chenghua immediately checked the Flag of Ten Thousand Souls in his hand. To his shock, the inspection revealed that the souls eliminated by Lu Chen had not regenerated but had died completely, causing fewer and fewer souls to emerge from his flag.

Xiao Chenghua could hardly believe it. Could Lu Chen's spiritual power actually purify souls and grant them liberation?

This man must die today!

A sharp light flashed in Xiao Chenghua's eyes. He then unleashed the Heavenly Demon Power, which, along with the souls, transformed into skeletons and charged directly at Lu Chen.

Lu Chen didn't plan to waste any more time either. He threw the Black Gold Sword in his hand, letting it hover in front of him, then he gathered the spiritual power within his body.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

The previous two times had been minor skirmishes that did not fully unleash the power of the Heaven Rank Swordsmanship, but this time was different. When Lu Chen released the Sword Qi, the entire sky seemed to freeze in an instant.

The cold air instantly enveloped all the souls, as well as Xiao Chenghua, and when the cold Sword Qi released by Lu Chen touched Xiao Chenghua's body, his body froze at a speed visible to the naked eye.

Xiao Chenghua couldn't believe that the cold air could freeze him. He hurriedly unleashed all the Heavenly Demon Power in his body, but as soon as it emerged, it seemed to encounter a natural enemy and immediately fled in other directions.

However, Lu Chen didn't give the Heavenly Demon Power a chance. He continued to drive the Sword Qi, and in an instant, the Heavenly Demon Power was also frozen by the cold Sword Qi.

Xiao Chenghua roared, "No... impossible!!!"

As Xiao Chenghua's words fell, his entire body was completely frozen, followed by eight streaks of Sword Qi piercing through his body, turning him into several large chunks.

Seeing this scene, Bai Wenbin's face turned pale without a trace of color, his body trembling nonstop.

That was a Myriad Laws Realm!!!

A Myriad Laws Realm Demon Cultivator, who possessed the Heavenly Demon Power, had been instantaneously killed by a Yin-Yang Realm Cultivator???

How... how is that possible!!!

Not only Bai Wenbin, but everyone present was stunned.

A Yin-Yang Realm Cultivator had easily killed a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy? Those present began to doubt if they were dreaming.

Especially some Black Moon City Soldiers who had once looked down on Lu Chen, they were now thoroughly convinced.

After who knows how long, Bai Wenbin suddenly came to his senses, without any hesitation, he turned around and fled.

Though he could feel that Lu Chen had very little spiritual power left in his body, having witnessed Lu Chen's power, he had completely lost the desire to fight him.

With the strength of the Yin-Yang Realm easily slaying a Myriad Laws Realm Demon Cultivator, such a person was simply not someone he could deal with.

Even though Bai Wenbin had come to realize the extent of Lu Chen's strength, it was already too late to escape. Before Lu Chen could make a move, a massive blood hand appeared instantaneously above Bai Wenbin's head. Before he could react, it crushed him into a mist of blood.

Lu Chen glanced over the mist that had once been Bai Wenbin, then his gaze fell upon Nangong Qingya.

Seeing Lu Chen staring intently at herself, Nangong Qingya's delicate body couldn't help but tremble slightly. After witnessing Lu Chen's combat strength just now, she had developed a sense of fear towards him.

Moreover, she could distinctly feel the power within Lu Chen's body suppressing her vital essence, meaning that Lu Chen could not only easily kill a Demon Cultivator of a higher rank but he might also be able to kill her, a Demonic Cultivator.

At that moment, Nangong Qingya felt extremely tense.

After a short while, Ji Qiuyu flew in front of Lu Chen. He observed Ji Qiuyu's body and then used the Evergreen Longevity Technique to help her recover.

Feeling a warm current flowing through her body, Ji Qiuyu immediately thanked Lu Chen, saying, "Thank you."

As her words fell, Ji Qiuyu eyed the Lu Chen in front of her, curious whether this Lu Chen was a puppet or his real body.

Having the strength of the Yin-Yang Realm, he surely couldn't be a puppet, right?

At that thought, Ji Qiuyu's heart pounded uncontrollably. If it was indeed Lu Chen's real body, did that mean she was soon to become Lu Chen's true woman?

At that moment, Lu Chen, smiling, spoke to Nangong Qingya, "Thank you, Nangong Sect Master, for supporting Black Moon City. If it weren't for you holding off those Demon Cultivators, the demonic creatures in the Sealed Demon Land might have escaped."

Hearing Lu Chen's voice, Nangong Qingya finally snapped out of her daze, "No... no need to be polite. Even without the true master here, with Deputy City Lord Lu's strength, you would... you would have easily dealt with today's events."

Nangong Qingya appeared noticeably nervous, and though her facial expression was somewhat cold, she was even stuttering when speaking.

Lu Chen's last move had truly shocked her.

This encounter made Nangong Qingya even more curious about Lu Chen's identity—who was this man, where did he come from, why could he not only survive a self-destruction but also rapidly enhance his power to the Yin-Yang Realm, and even kill a Myriad Laws Realm Demon Envoy with the strength of the First Layer of the Yin-Yang Realm?

If she hadn't seen it with her own eyes, she would have never believed such exaggerated feat of overcoming realms could exist.

This realization made Nangong Qingya acknowledge that Lu Chen's identity was no ordinary one. She couldn't afford to treat him like last time; she didn't want to end up killed by the same move that Lu Chen used on Xiao Chenghua.

After healing the injuries on Ji Qiuyu, Lu Chen's gaze shifted towards the distant Sealed Demon Land, where the Demonic Qi still lingered in the air, indicating that the demons were still gathering.

In an instant, Lu Chen's body vanished from the spot and next appeared on the city battlements. Following this, he released the Spiritual Power within him, and waves of Spiritual Power radiated out from him.

In a matter of moments, the Demonic Qi above the Sealed Demon Land grew increasingly faint, and as the Demon Qi dissipated, Black Moon City regained its brightness—the red evening sky hung in the heavens, and the remaining sunlight cast a warm glow on everyone, creating a sense of immense warmth.

Lu Chen had consecutively used the Ice-Eight Level Sword just now, lowering the entire Black Moon City's temperature so much that the soldiers were shivering. Now, with the sudden appearance of the sunset, everyone naturally felt much warmer.

Nangong Qingya quietly watched Lu Chen, who stood on the city battlements, lost in thought.

Then, without saying any parting words to Lu Chen, she directly left Black Moon City, leaving behind the dangerous entity known as Lu Chen.

After everything was settled, Lu Chen and Ji Qiuyu returned to the City Lord's Mansion. Lu Chen was just about to have the puppet return to the room so his real body could indulge, but as soon as he stepped into the room, Ji Qiuyu followed and embraced the puppet Lu Chen from behind.

Lu Chen was slightly startled, initially thinking Ji Qiuyu was worried about him. Then he reassured her, "Haven't I said it before? That was a puppet. Even if it self-destructed, I wouldn't be harmed. You don't have to worry about me."

Ji Qiuyu immediately said, "It's not because of that..."

Her voice was very low, her cheeks were flushed, and her heart was incredibly flustered.

Chapter 1077: Tell me truthfully, do you have a lot of Daoist couples?

Lu Chen was somewhat puzzled. If it wasn't because she was worried about him, why would Ji Qiuyu cling to him so tightly?

Lu Chen then continued to speak, "Qiuyu, if you have something on your mind, just say it directly?"

Ji Qiuyu could no longer endure, and in a voice as small as a mosquito's, she asked, "Lu... Lu Chen, is this body your real one?"

Hearing this question, Lu Chen chuckled. He finally understood why Ji Qiuyu was acting this way—it turned out she was suspecting that his real body had come to Black Moon City.

Lu Chen then said, "I too wish to be by your side as soon as possible, but sadly, this body isn't my real one, it's just a puppet."

Hearing Lu Chen's response, Ji Qiuyu was taken aback. She had thought that this body was so powerful, easily able to kill a Demon Envoy of the All Law Realm, it must undoubtedly be Lu Chen's real body. She had even prepared herself to lose her virginity tonight, and now Lu Chen was telling her this was just a puppet body?

How could this be?

Could a puppet body really be this powerful?

Ji Qiuyu then said, "I don't believe it. How could your puppet be so strong!"

As she spoke, Ji Qiuyu's jade-like hand moved down to Lu Chen's belly, and kept going lower.

Lu Chen was somewhat speechless. It seemed this was the first time he had encountered such an initiative woman without having taken advantage of her first.

How could Ji Qiuyu be more proactive than him?

Actually, this couldn't be blamed on Ji Qiuyu. After all, they had already been in an affirmed relationship for so long, and the two of them often cuddled together. Although it was just his puppet that she cuddled, he always subconsciously controlled the puppet to frivolously touch Ji Qiuyu, who could no longer bear it.

So, when Ji Qiuyu discovered Lu Chen might actually be here in person, her heart couldn't help but feel an inexplicable excitement.

At this moment, Lu Chen, controlling the puppet, caught Ji Qiuyu's jade hand, stopping her from continuing her actions. He then turned his head to gaze at Ji Qiuyu's blushing face and went on to say, "Qiuyu, I desire to be with you even more than you do. It's just a pity that I'm indeed not my real self right now, my actual body is still cultivating and can't make it to Black Moon City just yet."

Gazing into Lu Chen's pupils, Ji Qiuyu paused in slight confusion. The look in Lu Chen's eyes didn't seem like he was lying.

Ji Qiuyu instantly felt an immense sense of loss. She had thought that today, she would finally become Lu Chen's true Daoist couple, only to find out that it still wasn't his real body that had come.

Ji Qiuyu said, "Your puppet has the strength of the Yin-Yang Realm; doesn't that make your real body even more powerful? Are you a Cultivator of the Divinity Transformation Realm?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "It's not quite that extreme. Up until now, the Ziyang World has yet to have a Cultivator of the Divinity Transformation Realm."

Thinking about it, Ji Qiuyu realized that made sense. If a Cultivator of the Divinity Transformation Realm had appeared in the Ziyang World, Tianji Pavilion would probably have discovered them right away.

But then again, could it be that Tianji Pavilion had Cultivators of the Divinity Transformation Realm?

Ji Qiuyu glanced at Lu Chen, then once more dismissed the thought from her mind. Lu Chen didn't look like those old fogeys from Tianji Pavilion. Lu Chen's actual self wasn't here, yet he still used the puppet to touch her body improperly. Those old fogeys from Tianji Pavilion had no interest in women; surely, they wouldn't stoop to such things.

At this time, Lu Chen took Ji Qiuyu's hand and then turned around to embrace her, walking towards the soft couch in the room.

After reaching the soft couch, Lu Chen sat down first, then he set Ji Qiuyu on his lap to sit.

Following that, he whispered into Ji Qiuyu's ear, "Qiuyu, I've just calculated a bit, and I should be able to come to Black Moon City within three years."

Hearing this, Ji Qiuyu was stunned for a moment. Three years?

For her, as a Cultivator, three years was very short; some Cultivators spend a decade in closed-door cultivation—three years passed in the blink of an eye.

Ji Qiuyu turned her head slightly, staring into the eyes of the puppet Lu Chen, and asked in disbelief, "Are you serious?"

Lu Chen said, "If nothing unexpected happens, within three years, my real body will certainly come to Black Moon City."

Now that the true Palace Master of Mysterious Moon Palace had come to Tianchen World, Lu Chen believed that, after some time, he would be able to win over Yun Qingshu. Even if he couldn't make Yun Qingshu his woman, he could at least make her look favorably upon him.

Once he dealt with the matters of Mysterious Moon Palace, he would immediately take the disciples of Black Dragon Holy Land into the Ziyang World. Then, he would handle that Heavenly Demon sealed in the Sealing Holy Land along the way.

Lu Chen thought about it—it probably wouldn't take up to three years.

After hearing Lu Chen's response, Ji Qiuyu felt a slight thrill within her.

Three years... Just three more years...

In just three years, she could become Lu Chen's true Daoist couple!

As Ji Qiuyu's mind wandered, Lu Chen suddenly said, "By the way, I'll pass on two Cultivation Techniques to you."

Ji Qiuyu asked curiously, "What Cultivation Techniques?"

As soon as Ji Qiuyu's words fell, a golden light shot out from the puppet Lu Chen's forehead, and the contents of the Evergreen Longevity Technique and Demon Burying Spell Cultivation Techniques appeared within Ji Qiuyu's mind.

When Ji Qiuyu saw these two cultivation techniques, she froze in Lu Chen's embrace.

Her small mouth hung open, her pupils contracted, displaying total shock on her face.

One technique could suppress demon cultivators, and the other was a saint-grade technique capable of bringing the dead back to life when perfected!!!

How...

How could this be possible...

When did such powerful techniques appear in the Ziyang World? Especially the Evergreen Longevity Technique—that she had never even heard of it. Tianji Pavilion didn't have such defiant techniques, did they?

After who knows how long, Ji Qiuyu finally came back to her senses, focusing her attention on the Demon Burying Spell.

Initially, she had chosen Lu Chen as her Daoist couple because she wanted a swordsmanship that could suppress demonic Qi, but now it seemed that Lu Chen's suppression of demonic Qi didn't rely on any Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique but instead on this technique called the Demon Burying Spell.

Ever since Lu Chen told Nangong Qingya that he could suppress demonic Qi due to his special constitution, she actually stopped thinking about Lu Chen's Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique. She even believed what Lu Chen had said, but now, here he was, actually producing a technique capable of suppressing demonic Qi.

If she cultivated the Demon Burying Spell, she could even contend against a Demon Envoy who wielded the Heavenly Demon's Power in the future.

At this moment, Ji Qiuyu looked at Lu Chen's face, "Lu... Lu Chen, where did you get such precious techniques from?"

Lu Chen being capable of saint-grade techniques, and moreover one she never heard of, meant that Lu Chen's identity was more complicated than she had thought.

Suddenly filled with worry, Ji Qiuyu wondered if someone as formidable as Lu Chen, whose puppet's strength exceeded her own, would truly fancy her?

And truly consider her his Daoist couple?

Initially, she thought Lu Chen might be a prince from a dynasty or the chosen one of some power, so he dared not reveal his true identity for fear of being targeted.

Now, it seemed her guess was too conservative.

Seeing Ji Qiuyu's cautious appearance, Lu Chen said with a smile, "There are some things I cannot yet tell you, but what I can tell you is that I have many subordinates at the All Law Realm."

To have subordinates at the All Law Realm...

Ji Qiuyu felt her brain wasn't working properly. If beings of the All Law Realm were merely subordinates to Lu Chen, then just what was Lu Chen's real identity...

Could Lu Chen be the Pavilion Master of the Tianji Pavilion?

Ji Qiuyu asked bluntly, "You... you're not the Pavilion Master of the Tianji Pavilion, are you?"

Lu Chen laughed suddenly, then said, "Don't speculate wildly; I'm not that old. And who knows, I might even be younger than you."

Ji Qiuyu looked at Lu Chen skeptically; she couldn't believe that someone as strong as Lu Chen was possibly younger than her.

After her initial shock, Ji Qiuyu took a deep breath. She had intended only to coax the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique from Lu Chen but never expected to encounter such a strong being. She had landed in quite a situation.

She couldn't believe that a man as powerful and with such a profound background as Lu Chen would not have a Daoist couple.

That meant it was very likely she wasn't Lu Chen's first Daoist couple, nor would she be the last.

But now that she had established a relationship with Lu Chen and he had gifted her a saint-grade technique as incredible as this, she would probably be completely bound to him from this point forward.

Even if Lu Chen had other Daoist couples, she could only accept it.

With this thought, Ji Qiuyu felt somewhat sad, but she quickly adjusted her mindset. If Lu Chen had other Daoist couples, then so be it. As an ordinary cultivator, being able to become the Daoist couple of someone like Lu Chen was already quite remarkable, and she had no right to demand more.

Seeing Ji Qiuyu fall into a long silence without speaking, Lu Chen asked, "What's wrong?"

Ji Qiuyu asked, "Lu Chen, tell me the truth—are your Daoist couples numerous?"

Lu Chen was taken aback by this question. Seeing Lu Chen's reaction, Ji Qiuyu sighed again; just as she thought, she definitely wasn't Lu Chen's first Daoist couple, nor would she be the last.

Lu Chen didn't answer Ji Qiuyu's question directly, instead, he said, "Qiuyu, I truly like you. If I had no feelings for you, do you think I would impart to you a saint-grade technique and the Demon Burying Spell?"

Ji Qiuyu, looking into Lu Chen's eyes, said, "I don't care how many Daoist couples you have, but since we are now Daoist couples, you have to be responsible for me."

Lu Chen understood immediately what Ji Qiuyu meant—she was accepting the fact that he may have other women. Immediately, Lu Chen replied with a smile, "Naturally, not only will I be responsible for you, but even if you want to leave me in the future, I won't let you go. You will be my Daoist couple for life."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Ji Qiuyu felt much better inside. Although she also felt what Lu Chen said was suave, she wanted to believe in his words.

At the same time, she comforted herself—if Lu Chen really abandoned her one day, she wouldn't be at a loss, after all, because she had acquired both the saint-grade technique and the Demon Burying Spell, and either of them, if brought out, could change the world of the Ziyang World.

Chapter 1078: Attitudes of All Parties

The events that had unfolded in Black Moon City swiftly spread throughout Ziyang World, as there were simply too many eyewitnesses to Lu Chen's effortless leap in killing the Demon Envoy, making it an impossible secret to keep.

Furthermore, with numerous powers having heard of Lu Chen possessing the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique, they had sent quite a few spies to Black Moon City to gather information. These spies also witnessed the occurrence and even before the next day dawned, they relayed the news back to their respective factions.

Great Chu Dynasty.

In the Hall of Political Affairs.

The Chu Emperor sat on the Dragon Throne, his complexion pale, void of any trace of color in his visage.

At that moment, the ministers in the great hall did not dare utter a word. They had always thought the Chu Emperor was a useless ruler unable to even maintain the territorial integrity of the Great Chu Dynasty.

However, once the incident in Black Moon City came to light, the ministers realized they had underestimated the Chu Emperor. At his side, the State Preceptor was in fact a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy, and not even the master of Blood Rainbow Pavilion could stand against him.

Had it not been for the more formidable figure of Lu Chen, it is likely that the Chu Emperor would have been able to cleanse those who opposed him within a short time.

Unfortunately, such an unforeseen event had occurred, which to the ministers of the Great Chu Dynasty was a blessing, but they did not cheer or leap for joy, realizing that the Chu Emperor had been concealing his true abilities.

A Demon Envoy had always been by the Chu Emperor's side, so what kind of person could the Chu Emperor be?

Could the Chu Emperor have also become a Demon Cultivator, or even a Demon Envoy?

Without external forces seeking to conquer the Chu Emperor, those ministers of the Great Chu Dynasty and the powers that be that were fragmented and separatist suddenly became submissive.

The Chu Emperor scanned the ministers in the hall and then, grinding his teeth, said, "Deputy City Lord Lu eliminated a demon for the Great Chu, preventing a calamity for the people. What do you think I should reward him with?"

The Chu Emperor's tone was clearly filled with resentment. Although he had always wanted to break free from the control of that old demon Xiao Chenghua, he had not expected Xiao Chenghua to be eliminated so swiftly, especially not the revelation that he was the State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty.

Now, likely all the major powers of Ziyang World knew that Xiao Chenghua, the State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty, was a Demon Envoy. Perhaps soon, there would be powers attacking the Great Chu Dynasty under the guise of exterminating Demon Cultivators.

At this moment, the Chu Emperor wished he could personally destroy Lu Chen, but he was well aware of his own limitations. Not even Xiao Chenghua could match Lu Chen, and most likely, he himself would only face death if confronting Lu Chen.

He now strongly suspected that Lu Chen had come from the Zixiao Dynasty, which, although was in the midst of internal strife, had always been particularly concerned about the state of the Sealing Grounds. Perhaps it was the disturbances there that captured the attention of the Zixiao Dynasty, prompting them to specifically send Lu Chen.

After the Chu Emperor finished speaking, the ministers above the hall still did not speak out. The great hall was extremely oppressive, so silent that even the sound of breathing could be heard as beads of sweat rolled from foreheads to necks.

Only after what seemed an eternity did a minister finally stand up, his voice trembling as he spoke, "This old minister believes that Deputy City Lord Lu, with such formidable strength and having accomplished such a great feat, has eradicated a significant threat for the Great Chu Dynasty and made a major contribution to the entire Ziyang World, and thus, should be rightfully bestowed with kingship."

Upon hearing the words "bestowed with kingship", all ministers' eyes were riveted on this one. They couldn't help but think, this old fellow is truly bold.

Bestowed with kingship?

Did they not see that the Chu Emperor was furious, clearly wishing nothing more than to end Lu Chen, and yet he dared suggest that Lu Chen be bestowed with kingship?

Just when nearly all the ministers thought the one who had proposed kingship would be in trouble, the Chu Emperor interrupted, "Minister Zheng speaks wisely. Deputy City Lord Lu has indeed accomplished a great feat and is truly qualified to be bestowed with kingship."

With these words, the Chu Emperor directed the eunuch below the Dragon Platform, "Draft the decree, Lu Chen is mighty..."

Seeing the Chu Emperor actually bestowing kingship to Lu Chen, the ministers were dumbstruck.

But they quickly realized that the Chu Emperor did not truly intend to reward Lu Chen, but rather, he had no choice but to reward him, as a show for other dynasties and powers.

Now that the State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty was revealed to be a Demon Envoy, the people of the world would definitely suspect whether the Chu Emperor had any connection to the Demon Cultivators.

Since Lu Chen had emerged as the hero who had eliminated the Demon Envoy, the Great Chu Dynasty was obliged to reward him. Otherwise, would it not confirm a relationship between the Royal Family of the Great Chu Dynasty and Demon Cultivators?

The reward for Lu Chen was merely a statement to the other dynasties and powers.

At the same time.

In the Zixiao Dynasty, Hall of Political Affairs.

Dressed in a bright red Phoenix Robe with a Phoenix Crown atop her head, Nangong Yuehua sat upon the massive Phoenix Chair, sweeping her gaze over the silent ministers in the hall.

After a moment, Nangong Yuehua began to speak, "I believe all my loyal subjects have heard of the events that transpired in Black Moon City."

"As for what happened in Black Moon City, what do my subjects believe the Zixiao Dynasty should do?"

As soon as her words fell, a minister stood up and said, "Now that the State Preceptor of the Great Chu Dynasty is a Demon Envoy, it's very likely that the Royal Family of the Great Chu Dynasty has intricate connections with Demon Cultivators. This subject believes that we should immediately deploy troops to attack the Great Chu Dynasty, eradicate those Demon Cultivators, and prevent them from bringing greater chaos to this world."

"I also agree with General Qin's words. Before the Demon Cultivators bring greater trouble to this world, we should deploy troops sooner rather than later. Besides, the Great Chu Dynasty borders the Demon-Sealing Lands. If we do nothing, and the Great Chu Dynasty colludes with the Heavenly Demon, it will only be a matter of time before they release the Heavenly Demon. By then, it will be too late to deploy troops to annihilate the Demon Cultivators."

Many other ministers then stood out, one after another, expressing their support for deploying troops to attack the Great Chu Dynasty. However, Nangong Yuehua did not immediately say anything.

Her red eyes surveyed the ministers in the hall, as if pondering something.

When she received the message from Black Moon City, she was as shocked as most people at first.

She was aware of Lu Chen's ability to suppress Demonic Qi, but she had never anticipated that Lu Chen could, relying on his own individual strength, slay a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy endowed with Heavenly Demon Power.

She remembered her last visit to Black Moon City, seeing Lu Chen at the mere beginning stage of Genesis Realm, how could he have broken through to the Yin-Yang Realm in such a short period?

Moreover, a cultivator of the Yin-Yang Realm was able to kill a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy – such a feat of slaying enemies far above one's level was too excessive.

Was this person really just because his physique was rather unique?

According to witnesses, not even the master of Blood Rainbow Pavilion, Xiao Chenghua, could defeat Lu Chen, let alone her sister. Yet Lu Chen managed to crush Xiao Chenghua with ease.

Had Lu Chen's suppression of Demonic Qi truly reached such a horrifying level?

And if Lu Chen were to confront the Heavenly Demon, would the effect be just as clear?

At this moment, the Hall remained abuzz with discussions about deploying troops to the Great Chu Dynasty. After Nangong Yuehua came back to her senses, she spoke, "This Lu Chen has eradicated a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy. Although he is not from our Zixiao Dynasty, he did indirectly contribute to our cause. What do my ministers think should be the appropriate reward for him?"

Hearing Nangong Yuehua's words, the ministers looked at one another, unsure. The discussion of deploying troops hadn't resulted in a decision, yet the Empress had suddenly proposed rewarding a Loose Cultivator not of the Zixiao Dynasty.

What was there to reward? Although this Loose Cultivator did indeed contribute to the Ziyang World, it was also for his own benefit, and besides, Black Moon City wasn't under the jurisdiction of the Zixiao Dynasty.

At that moment, a minister stood up and said, "Your Majesty, this subject has heard that Lu Chen possesses the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique. He managed to slay a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy with his Yin-Yang Realm cultivation, presumably relying on this sword technique."

"Now that the seal of the Demon-Sealing Lands has begun to loosen, the Heavenly Demon could break through at any moment. Lu Chen's Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique is vital to us. To re-seal the Heavenly Demon, we must possess this sword technique. This subject believes someone should be sent to invite Lu Chen to the Zixiao Dynasty and compel him to relinquish the sword technique."

Nangong Yuehua cast a cold glance over the minister who suggested taking the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique from Lu Chen, then spoke in a frosty tone, "I am asking for a discussion on how to reward him, yet you wish me to forcibly bring him to the Zixiao Dynasty and coerce him into surrendering the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique. You wish for me to pressure a hero who has just slain a Demon Envoy. What will the people of the world think of me? You seek to trap me in dishonor!"

With the falling of her words, Nangong Yuehua's aura of authority was released in an instant, causing the minister to fall to his knees, "Your Majesty, I beg for mercy! Your Majesty, please spare my life! This subject's intentions were solely for the Zixiao Dynasty and nothing else!"

Nangong Yuehua snorted coldly and was about to say more when suddenly, a maid, enduring Nangong Yuehua's oppressive aura, approached the Phoenix Platform and whispered something into her ear.

Nangong Yuehua then retracted her oppressive presence and spoke, "I have other matters to attend to today. You all write a memorial regarding the reward and submit it to me later. The Zixiao Dynasty has always been the leading force among all cultivators against the Heavenly Demon. Do not let the people of the world lose heart."

After these words, Nangong Yuehua stood up, her steps measured as she left the Hall of Political Affairs, her red Phoenix Robe trailing behind her.

It was only after Nangong Yuehua departed that the ministers in the hall let out a sigh of relief. Nevertheless, they remained greatly dissatisfied with Nangong Yuehua.

"Reward? What is there to reward? It's just a Loose Cultivator."

"Indeed, he's nothing but a man of good fortune, in possession of a Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique. If our soldiers of the Zixiao Dynasty also had the Demon-Exorcising Sword Technique, perhaps they too could slay a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy."

"Such misplaced compassion! The Zixiao Dynasty is already the premier dynasty; why should we care what the world thinks? I said from the beginning that a woman in power wasn't fitting."

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These ministers completely disregarded Nangong Yuehua, openly discussing her in the hall.

Meanwhile, Nangong Yuehua had made her way to the Royal Garden. In a pavilion within the garden, an old man sat, gently sipping his tea.

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Upon seeing the elderly man, Nangong Yuehua instantly moved into the pavilion and then directly said, "Gongye Hall Master, what brings you to the Zixiao Dynasty?"

The elderly man in the pavilion was indeed Gongye Liangpeng, the Pavilion Master of the Tianji Pavilion, also known as Tianji Tower. Their main practice was to divine the secrets of the Heavenly Dao.

In terms of overall strength, Tianji Pavilion was undeniably the greatest force in this world.

Of course, Tianji Pavilion seldom involved itself in mundane affairs and was considered a relatively neutral power.

Only in times of great catastrophe in the Ziyang World would the Tianji Pavilion fully intervene.

As the Pavilion Master of the Tianji Pavilion, Gongye Liangpeng's personal visit to meet the emperor of the foremost secular dynasty surely meant there was important matter to discuss.

Gongye Liangpeng set down his teacup, then looked up at Nangong Yuehua and said, "Your Majesty, are you aware that a calamitous disaster is about to befall the Ziyang World?"

Hearing this, Nangong Yuehua's brows furrowed slightly.

A calamitous disaster?

Could it be that the Heavenly Demon in the Sealed Demon Grounds was about to break its seal?

Nangong Yuehua had considerable trust in the Tianji Pavilion's ability to divine the Heavenly Dao. Gongye Liangpeng, as the Pavilion Master, would not come in person to deceive her without reason.

Since he had mentioned a calamitous disaster, it virtually confirmed that something dire was indeed about to happen in the Ziyang World.

Regaining her composure, Nangong Yuehua directly asked, "Could it be that the Heavenly Demon is about to break its seal?"

Gongye Liangpeng gave a faint smile and then answered, "According to my calculations, the enemy of the Ziyang World might even be more powerful than the Heavenly Demon in the Sealed Demon Grounds."

Nangong Yuehua's brows furrowed again; she had thought it was the Heavenly Demon breaking its seal which would bring disaster to their world.

It's not the Heavenly Demon?

And even more powerful than the Heavenly Demon?

How could that be?

Could it be...

Nangong Yuehua immediately thought of something.

The Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators, who were capable of opening channels to other worlds, knew very well about the existence of worlds beyond the Ziyang World.

Furthermore, Nangong Yuehua had already sensed a collision between the Ziyang World and another world, though the collision site was located at the Sealed Demon Grounds, so the cultivators of the Ziyang World's Myriad Laws Realm had continuously ignored it.

Even though they were Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators, they couldn't possibly venture into the Sealed Demon Grounds to investigate. Even though the Heavenly Demon was sealed, it still possessed various means to influence cultivators.

Should they recklessly enter the Sealed Demon Grounds, they might be influenced by the Heavenly Demon. If they were lucky, at worst their cultivation could become susceptible to demonic influences. But if they were unlucky, they might end up controlled by the Heavenly Demon and become its puppets.

Nangong Yuehua then asked, "Was the world that collided with the Ziyang World a High-Level Cultivation Realm?"

Only a high-level cultivation world could potentially harbor entities stronger than the Heavenly Demon.

Gongye Liangpeng said, "My calculations show that the powerful entity is not from the neighboring world, but from a much further place."

Nangong Yuehua was slightly taken aback.

Not from the neighboring world?

From a more distant place?

Although she wasn't clear about the Ziyang World's positioning in the universe, she knew that it was just a minor low-level cultivation realm compared to the entire universe.

There had been people from their world who had left, and outsiders who had entered their world, bringing information about other worlds.

It was said that even the Emperor who founded the Zixiao Dynasty was from another world, so even though Nangong Yuehua had never left the Ziyang World, she knew that to those powerful entities, their world held little value.

A cultivation world with little value, why would it attract such a formidable entity?

Nangong Yuehua fell into silence, then Gongye Liangpeng continued, "Your Majesty must have heard about the Yin-Yang Realm Cultivator easily killing a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy in Black Moon City."

Nangong Yuehua asked, "Yes, Hall Master Gongye, are you suggesting that Lu Chen is connected to that powerful entity?"

Gongye Liangpeng explained, "The Tianji Pavilion has been aware of Lu Chen for quite some time and knew of his ability to suppress Demonic Qi. Therefore, we sent people to monitor him in Black Moon City right away, and I have personally calculated his origins."

"However,"

Gongye Liangpeng paused for a moment, then continued, "every time I try to divine his origins, I am counteracted by the Heavenly Dao, and everything about him is impossible to predict, as if something is protecting him."

"Moreover, he can restrain the Demonic Qi. Since he can do that, the person behind him probably has a means to restrain the Demonic Qi as well; therefore, I deduce that he is not likely a person from the Ziyang World but someone from another world."

"Perhaps he was sent by some powerful figure to spy on the Ziyang World."

After hearing Gongye Liangpeng's words, Nangong Yuehua frowned again, her face filled with worry; she had been curious initially about why someone could restrain the Demonic Qi.

Especially after she had personally met Lu Chen, she felt that Lu Chen was incredibly mysterious; firstly, he had no heartbeat, and his body seemed fine, but most importantly, when Lu Chen met her, there was no fear in him whatsoever.

It was strange that, when she met Lu Chen, with only the cultivation state of the Genesis Realm, he was not afraid of her at all.

Even if Lu Chen was backed by Tianji Pavilion, disciples from the Genesis Realm of Tianji Pavilion should still have shown some trepidation before her as the Emperor of the Zixiao Dynasty.

Thinking about it now, it seemed likely that Lu Chen's backing was even more formidable, which is why he was not afraid of her at all and did not take her seriously.

At this moment, the pavilion sank into immense silence; Gongye Liangpeng did not continue, and Nangong Yuehua also fell into silence.

With the issue of the Heavenly Demon unresolved and the seal at the Forbidden Sealing Grounds about to break, and now an invader from another world appearing, the most crucial part was that this invader might be even more powerful than the Heavenly Demon.

It was already extremely difficult for the Ziyang World to cope with the Heavenly Demon, and now another existence more powerful than the Heavenly Demon had come; it seemed that even if all forces united, they might not be a match for this powerful invader.

As time ticked away, Nangong Yuehua spoke after a long silence, "What does Gongye Hall Master intend to do?"

"With the strength of Gongye Hall Master, it seems not impossible to take the whole Tianji Pavilion and leave the Ziyang World."

Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators can directly construct a world passage, leaving their world, and with some special arrays owned by Tianji Pavilion, constructing a stable transport channel to leave this world would be relatively easy.

Also, Nangong Yuehua had always felt that Tianji Pavilion was out of place in the Ziyang World; they did not seem like a power from this world. She had long suspected that Tianji Pavilion might have also come from another High-Level Cultivation Realm. A presence like Tianji Pavilion could flee anytime, so there was no need for them to care about the lives and deaths of other forces in the Ziyang World.

Hearing Nangong Yuehua's words, Gongye Liangpeng gave a faint smile, then said, "Your Majesty worries too much, our Tianji Pavilion has no intention of abandoning the Ziyang World; in this crisis, our Tianji Pavilion will face it together with the other powers of the Ziyang World."

Nangong Yuehua said, "Back then, to seal the Heavenly Demon, all the Huashen Realm Cultivators of the Ziyang World perished, and now the Heavenly Demon is about to break the seal, and there has also appeared an existence even more powerful than the Heavenly

Demon, while Ziyang World has yet no one who has broken through to the Huashen Realm, making this crisis difficult to overcome."

Gongye Liangpeng said, "Indeed, it is not easy, but if the Heavenly Demon and that powerful figure were to clash directly, we are not entirely hopeless about sealing them both."

Upon hearing this, Nangong Yuehua was momentarily stunned.

That was indeed the case; although the powerful figure divined by Tianji Pavilion was more formidable than the Heavenly Demon, the Heavenly Demon was still the Heavenly Demon, inherently restraining Cultivators.

If the two of them clashed directly, it was very likely they would both suffer severe injuries, at which point the other powers of the Ziyang World could take advantage of their weakened states to seal them both.

Killing an existence more powerful than the Heavenly Demon was indeed not easy, but if it were only about sealing, then they might be able to do so, giving them a chance to overcome this crisis.

However...

Nangong Yuehua said, "If we are to cause the Heavenly Demon and that powerful figure to clash, we would have to release the Heavenly Demon, but what if the Heavenly Demon not only does not oppose that powerful figure but instead turns around to attack the Ziyang World, wouldn't we then face two formidable enemies?"

Gongye Liangpeng said, "That Lu Chen can restrain the Heavenly Demon Power; if the person behind Lu Chen also has such power, do you think the Heavenly Demon would still stand on their side?"

Nangong Yuehua thought for a moment and saw some reason in that; inherently arrogant, the Heavenly Demons wouldn't likely ally with those who restrain their powers; they fear threats and would certainly try to eliminate anyone who poses a threat to them.

Gongye Liangpeng continued, "I have already had people monitor Lu Chen closely; it won't be many years before that powerful figure behind Lu Chen will appear. When the time comes, I hope Your Majesty can support Tianji Pavilion to actively break the seal at the Forbidden Sealing Grounds and release the Heavenly Demon."

Nangong Yuehua did not immediately respond to Gongye Liangpeng's words; she was deep in thought; if there really existed an enemy stronger than the Heavenly Demon, perhaps this was the only way left.

Using the Heavenly Demon to deal with the invaders was such a crazy idea.

They had always feared the Heavenly Demon breaking the seal; now they actually planned to actively release the Heavenly Demon themselves.

If the Heavenly Demon were to turn coat, it would definitely spell a more significant disaster for this world.

Nangong Yuehua confirmed, "Is everything Gongye Hall Master said today true?"

Gongye Liangpeng knew Nangong Yuehua would not easily believe this, so he said, "I know Your Majesty won't easily believe this; however, based on my calculations, within five years, that powerful figure will appear in the Ziyang World, and when that powerful figure arrives, Your Majesty will understand whether what I have said is true."

"By then, it will not be too late for Your Majesty to decide whether or not to cooperate with Tianji Pavilion in lifting the Heavenly Demon's seal."

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Chapter 1080: No matter what you're thinking, it must end tomorrow!

Gongye Liangpeng left, and Nangong Yuehua remained seated on the stone bench in the pavilion, deep in thought.

If everything was truly as Gongye Liangpeng said, should they really take the initiative to break the seal on the Heavenly Demon?

That was far too risky!

Why would a powerful being invade the Ziyang World, this lesser cultivation realm?

After much consideration, Nangong Yuehua eventually decided to first send some people to monitor Lu Chen in Black Moon City, to see if he had any unusual actions.

Gongye Liangpeng also mentioned that once the powerful being arrived in Ziyang World, it wouldn't be too late for them to break the Heavenly Demon's seal together. So they would wait until the strong one came to Ziyang World.

With this in mind, Nangong Yuehua began to draft the imperial edict.

A few days later.

In Black Moon City.

Lu Chen was patrolling on top of the city wall when suddenly, a soldier ran up to him and said, "Deputy City Lord, there is an imperial edict!"

Lu Chen replied briskly to the soldier, "Lead the way."

Soon after following the soldier, Lu Chen arrived at the City Lord's Mansion, where the eunuch responsible for delivering the edict was already waiting respectfully for his arrival.

This time, the eunuch delivering the edict did not simply toss down the decree and run off like the last one did, after all, Lu Chen was someone capable of killing a Myriad Law Realm Demon Envoy, a person whom the eunuchs delivering edicts would not dare to offend.

Once he approached the eunuch, Lu Chen directly asked, "I hear His Majesty has a decree?"

The eunuch hastily replied with a smile, "Indeed, Deputy City Lord Lu."

Saying this, the eunuch took a careful look at Lu Chen and noticed that he was still standing upright, apparently with no intention of kneeling to receive the decree.

The eunuch instantly remembered Lu Chen's strength and didn't fuss over whether Lu Chen was standing or kneeling. He simply unfolded the imperial edict and began to read it aloud.

"By the Mandate of Heaven, so the Emperor decrees, Lu Chen possesses great strength... Be conferred the title of Northern Town King!"

After reading the decree, the eunuch presented the scroll with both hands to Lu Chen, "Northern Town King, congratulations!"

Lu Chen accepted the imperial edict with a smile, not expecting to be conferred a kingship in this world so quickly—indeed, this promotion was exceptionally swift.

At that moment, the eunuch said, "Northern Town King, if there are no other matters, this humble servant will take his leave."

Lu Chen responded, "Very well, eunuch, go safely."

As Lu Chen's words ended, the elderly eunuch immediately returned with the other decree-bearing eunuchs to the Flying Boat and swiftly departed from Black Moon City.

After the imperial edict bearer had left, Ji Qiuyu approached Lu Chen, "Lu Chen, your status now exceeds even my own."

Lu Chen turned to look into Ji Qiuyu's eyes and smiled faintly, "Such a kingship is of little consequence to me."

He was already an emperor, the ruler of the Tianchen World, and had no care for such a title of kingship.

Seeing that Lu Chen was indifferent to the royal title granted by the Great Chu Dynasty, Ji Qiuyu thought to herself that it was just as she expected. Lu Chen didn't even regard the Zixiao Dynasty's Emperor highly, so naturally, he wouldn't value this kingship either.

Then suddenly, Lu Chen said, "Qiuyu, I am about to make a breakthrough. I'm heading back now."

As the words fell, the puppet Lu Chen headed straight back to his room. Ji Qiuyu understood that when Lu Chen mentioned breaking through, he was referring to his true body. When his main body was breaking through, the control over his puppet weakened, which was why Lu Chen had his puppet return to his room in advance.

However...

Watching the departing silhouette of the puppet Lu Chen, Ji Qiuyu felt curious. Were Lu Chen's breakthroughs happening so frequently? She remembered that Lu Chen seemed to have made a breakthrough just yesterday; how could he be on the brink of another breakthrough already?

Could his true body's cultivation level really be advancing this rapidly?

Upon further thought, Ji Qiuyu realized that someone capable of offering a Saint-grade Cultivation Technique must have cultivation resources beyond what she could imagine—frequent breakthroughs might not be impossible for him after all.

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Meanwhile.

As Lu Chen directed his puppet back to his room, his focus returned to his true body.

At that time, a maid reported from outside Yun Xianxian's bedroom: "Your Majesty, the Immortal Boats from Mysterious Moon Palace have started arriving in the Tianchen World in succession!"

Lu Chen asked, "Are those Immortal Boats making any moves?"

The maid replied, "No, the Immortal Boats are only stationed opposite the Immortal Boats at Black Dragon Holy Land, making no movements."

Lu Chen thought to himself that Yun Qingshu probably wouldn't continue troubling him and wondered why she hadn't left yet.

At that moment, Lu Chen raised his arms, pressing down on Yun Xianxian's buttocks to prevent her from continuing to wriggle. Yun Xianxian slowly lifted her upper body, gazing down at Lu Chen with a teasing glint in her eyes that seemed to be filled with confusion.

Lu Chen then said, "Honored Master, why do I get the feeling that Ancestral Master still hasn't given up and is thinking about snatching you back?"

Yun Xianxian spoke in a weak and breathless voice, "Snatch me back? My Immortal Spirit Body has been broken by you, and you've played with me in every way. What use would it be for her to snatch me back now?"

Whether she was regarded as a daughter or as an avatar, she seemed to be of little value to Yun Qingshu.

If considered as a daughter, Yun Xianxian already had someone in her heart, and even if she were to be snatched back, her heart would not be at the Mysterious Moon Palace.

If considered as an avatar, then she was even less valuable. On one hand, her Immortal Spirit Body had been broken, and on the other, she had lost her chastity. If they were to merge into one body, wouldn't that mean Yun Qingshu had also lost her virtue? It seemed unlikely that Yun Qingshu would do such a thing.

Lu Chen said, "If she had no plan to snatch you back, then why hasn't she left the Tianchen World yet?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's question, Yun Xianxian said in a sarcastic tone, "Doesn't that just fit perfectly with what you're thinking in your heart?"

Lu Chen watched Yun Xianxian's cold yet stunning face and chuckled, "Xian'er is getting jealous again."

Yun Xianxian replied coldly, "What are you thinking, as if I don't know."

"It just so happens to be a pity, she possesses the cultivation of the Divinity Transformation Realm, and you're probably not going to get your way."

Lu Chen said, "That's not necessarily true."

As soon as Lu Chen had spoken, he realized he had said something wrong. Just as he was about to present a shrewd defense, he noticed a chill emanating from Yun Xianxian's body, "I knew this is what you were thinking!"

"I look so similar to her, do you really have to add another woman like me?"

Lu Chen replied with a smile, "Didn't you say that you are you, and she is she?"

Yun Xianxian said in a cold voice, "You're such a scoundrel."

Just as Lu Chen was about to soothe Yun Xianxian, she started to move again and then commanded, "Release your hands!"

Lu Chen smiled faintly, said no more, and simply let go of his grasp on Yun Xianxian's buttocks, allowing her to do as she pleased.

Yun Xianxian bent over once again, covering Lu Chen's mouth, while simultaneously circulating the Mysterious Female Technique and kissing him.

At this point, the master-disciple relationship between the two had been utterly torn asunder, and Yun Xianxian became one of those she had referred to as shameless men and women in the past.

Yun Xianxian used to despise the way Lu Chen's women indulged him, feeling that they only knew how to engage in certain activities with him, no different from beasts.

Now, Yun Xianxian had become the most proactive of all. For the following few months, she hardly let go of Lu Chen.

Both of their cultivations had reached the All Law Realm, they could go without food or drink for decades without issue, and secluded cultivation for over a hundred years was the norm. The two of them being together for months wouldn't cause any discomfort, as after all, this too was a form of cultivation.

However, this had angered Yun Qingshu. Originally, she had wanted to find an opportunity to lean over Yun Xianxian's body and probe Lu Chen's affairs. But to get revenge on her, Yun Xianxian decided to collude with Lu Chen and engage in an act of debauchery.

Though she constantly restrained herself, trying not to let this avatar affect her, she couldn't help but feel some strange sensations from time to time, clearly aware of what these feelings entailed.

Her own avatar had gone mad, and in order to take revenge on her, she was willing to become Lu Chen's vessel, becoming his plaything.

Yun Qingshu was no longer willing to drag things out and prepared to have a proper discussion with Lu Chen.

Since Lu Chen was also a person from the Ancient Era, there was no need for them to be enemies. Although he had deflowered her avatar, that avatar was originally intended to be nurtured as a daughter, not exactly her true self.

She would consider that she had married her daughter off to Lu Chen.

As survivors of the Ancient Era, they should consider how to survive the cosmic calamity again. She had awakened too late; more than half the current era had already passed, and the calamity would soon come again. They must find a way to overcome it.

Since Lu Chen had also experienced the calamity, he must have extensive experience, and the two of them could exchange their respective knowledge.

At this moment, Yun Xianxian straddled atop Lu Chen, looking down haughtily at him, still not allowing him to rise.

After experiencing the feeling of controlling Lu Chen, Yun Xianxian had become enamored with it. She felt that this man was completely conquered by her, but of course, that was just her illusion.

Just then, Yun Xianxian's mind suddenly went blank, and her originally purple pupils instantly turned red.

Lu Chen was about to raise his hand to touch Yun Xianxian's body when he immediately noticed her eyes had turned red and understood what was happening.

Lu Chen's hand paused mid-air, and as it moved toward Yun Xianxian's body, Yun Qingshu said coldly, "You're forcing I to destroy this avatar!"

Lu Chen quickly said, "Ancestral Master, this isn't my fault. Xian'er herself insists on doing this. Look, she's pinning me down, not letting me get up. There's nothing I can do."

Yun Qingshu looked at Lu Chen expressionlessly and said, "With your strength, you could easily push her away."

Lu Chen responded, "Xian'er is my wife. If she wants to enjoy this, as her husband, how could I refuse her?"

"If I were to refuse her, wouldn't I be hurting her heart?"

Yun Qingshu commanded in an authoritative tone, "I don't care what you two are thinking, but it must end by tomorrow!"