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Chapter 1131: This... How is this possible...

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Hou Yuanwei slowly raised his hand and pointed towards the world emitting an orange glow, a light-year away from Tianchen World.

Lu Chen looked at the world Hou Yuanwei was pointing to and smiled faintly, not expecting that before he had even visited that world for intelligence, they had already sent people to his doorstep.

However, thinking about it, this did save him a lot of time gathering intelligence. Lu Chen then continued to ask, "How many major forces are in Lieyan World? How many Huashen Realm Cultivators are there? Is there anyone with a cultivation state above the Huashen Realm?"

Hou Yuanwei replied expressionlessly, "Lieyan World is under the rule of the Lieyan Dynasty, with six Cultivators in the Huashen Realm, and no one above that realm exists."

Hearing Hou Yuanwei's answer, Lu Chen thought to himself that since there were no Returning Ruin Realm experts, there was nothing to worry about.

Now that the Nangong Sisters had broken through to the Huashen Realm, wearing the Shenghui Armor, they possessed the strength of the Returning Ruin Realm. The Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators of Tianchen World also attained the strength of the Huashen Realm when they donned the Shenghui Armor.

With this combined force, the Lieyan Dynasty stood no chance.

Lieyan World was a medium-sized world that possessed far more cultivation resources than Tianchen World, even possibly more than the combined resources of Tianchen and Ziyang Worlds.

Lu Chen then asked, "Does Lieyan World have any Magic Treasures or Formations that could counter a Returning Ruin Realm expert?"

Hou Yuanwei answered, "I don't know."

Although Hou Yuanwei was a Myriad Laws Realm Cultivator, he was not an important figure in the Lieyan Dynasty, so naturally, he wouldn't know what trump cards the Dynasty held.

Lu Chen thought for a moment, feeling like that was about all he could glean from Hou Yuanwei. Asking more would be a waste of time; he just needed to know that the overall strength of the Lieyan Dynasty was inferior to Tianchen World.

With this in mind, Lu Chen was about to dispose of Hou Yuanwei, but at that moment, a golden light flew toward them from the distant void.

Lu Chen raised his hand, blocking the unknown assailant's sneak attack. Instantly, a burst of Spiritual Power exploded, surrounding Lu Chen with a thick cloud of smoke.

With a wave of his hand, Lu Chen dispersed the cloud with his body's Spiritual Power. As the smoke cleared, a Cultivator radiating golden light appeared before Lu Chen.

The Cultivator spoke loudly, "Release the person in your hands immediately, or don't blame this old man for being impolite!"

Hearing the Cultivator's threat, Lu Chen smiled faintly, somewhat surprised that the Lieyan Dynasty did indeed send someone.

Lu Chen then used his system to identify the newcomer.

[Name: Shao Liangji]

[Identity: Qi Prince's Incarnation from the Lieyan Dynasty]

[Strength: First Layer of the God Transformation Realm]

[Loyalty: 0]

After reviewing the data, Lu Chen casually said, "So, an incarnation presumes to take someone from Us, the Lieyan Dynasty truly does not regard Us with any respect."

Hearing Lu Chen referring to himself as 'We', Shao Liangji's expression darkened, as he realized that this man was the very Sum Emperor mentioned in Zheng Chengye's Divine Sense Transmission.

Shao Liangji then said, "Sum Emperor, I advise you not to delude yourself. Hand over our man nicely, and leave Tianchen World—that's your only choice, or you will face certain death."

Lu Chen, smiling, replied, "A dead end? I am curious to see who gave you such confidence."

No sooner had the words left his mouth than the Hou Yuanwei in front of Lu Chen instantly turned into a cloud of blood mist. Seeing Lu Chen kill Hou Yuanwei right before his eyes, Shao Liangji was instantly enraged; this ant from an inferior world had dared to kill someone in front of him, showing utter disregard.

Without wasting another word, Shao Liangji attacked Lu Chen directly.

Lieyan Phoenix Dharma Idol!!!

In the next instant, a massive phoenix appeared above Shao Liangji's head. As the Law Manifestation emerged, Lu Chen immediately sensed the surrounding space turning incredibly hot, so much so that even his Spiritual Power Shield could not withstand it.

Shao Liangji immediately swung his large hand, and the phoenix let out a sharp cry, followed by a jet of flame spraying from its mouth, heading straight for Lu Chen.

Lu Chen then clenched the Godslayer Sword in his hand and swung it out directly.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

Eight streams of sword light passed by the avatar of Shao Liangji, followed by his body shattering into several pieces like glass, and Shao Liangji's eyes instantly revealed an incredulous expression.

In one move, he had actually been defeated in a single move!

How was this possible!

At the same time.

In the Lieyan Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

Within the Imperial Study Room, Shao Liangji's physical body was saying something to Lie Haoyan.

"Your Majesty, please rest assured, this old subject will definitely slay that Sum Emperor."

Lie Haoyan said, "I naturally trust the actions of Qi Prince. However, you must not be careless. That Sum Emperor was able to break through to the Divinity Transformation Realm in the Tianchen World, a world of lower grade. He must have obtained some fortuitous opportunity."

As soon as Lie Haoyan's voice fell, Shao Liangji laughed and said, "Even if he has had a stroke of fortune, his strength cannot be too formidable in a place like the Tianchen World where Spiritual Energy is scarce."

Long-term cultivation in a place where Spiritual Power is not abundant, even if one's Cultivation State has broken through, it is difficult to match the strength of practitioners from the same Realm who have cultivated in places with abundant Spiritual Power.

In Shao Liangji's view, it was far too easy for his avatar to kill a cultivator from a lower world, but just as he thought this, a sudden pang of pain struck his heart.

The next moment, Shao Liangji spurted out a mouthful of fresh blood, and immediately his face showed the same expression as his avatar just before its demise.

"How... how is this possible..."

Seeing Shao Liangji spewing blood, Lie Haoyan's brows furrowed. Even before Shao Liangji had said anything, he had already guessed the outcome.

Then he said, "It seems that we should indeed not underestimate the strength of this Sum Emperor."

After recovering, Shao Liangji hastily said, "It is the incompetence of your servant."

Lie Haoyan said indifferently, "It has nothing to do with you. The Sum Emperor's ability to grow in such a lowly world proves that the opportunities he has obtained are certainly extraordinary."

"The stronger his ability, the more it proves that the Tianchen World must contain a great amount of treasures. No wonder there are powerful beings who have set prohibitions outside the Tianchen World and Ziyang World."

Shao Liangji asked, "May I know what Your Majesty plans to do next?"

Lie Haoyan said, "Since the Tianchen World has only one Divinity Transformation Realm Cultivator, the Sum Emperor, there is no need for us to waste time probing any further. Even if the Sum Emperor is strong, he can't possibly be the opponent of six Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators."

Saying this, Lie Haoyan immediately transmitted a message, "All cultivators in the Divinity Transformation Realm end your closed-door cultivation and come to the Hall of Political Affairs for a meeting."

Lie Haoyan's voice echoed across the skies of Lieyan World. Hearing his voice, the Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators of Lieyan World were very puzzled.

In the history of the Lieyan Dynasty, apart from the time when Emperor Lie united the Lieyan World and convened the Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators, it seemed that the Emperor had never summoned them after that.

Why did Emperor Lie suddenly decide to summon them today?

Very soon, the remaining Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators of the Lieyan World appeared in the Hall of Political Affairs. As the Realm Master of the Lieyan World, none dared disobey Lie Haoyan's words.

After all the Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators arrived, Lie Haoyan stood on the Dragon Platform and looked down at them from above, before saying, "I have convened you all here to share some good news."

"Not far from the Lieyan World, there are two lower worlds. These two worlds were hidden by a powerful being using some sort of prohibition, which is why our ancestors never discovered the existence of life in those two worlds."

#### Chapter 1132: The Great Conference of Cultivators from Two Realms

Upon hearing Lie Haoyan's words, the Huashen Realm Cultivators in the hall looked at one another, their eyes displaying shock, and a hint of excitement as well.

They were well aware that a force capable of concealing two lower worlds with restrictions would undoubtedly be immensely powerful—likely the work of a Saint, or possibly even a Great Emperor.

Such a powerful being wouldn't set restrictions in a minor corner of the universe like the Chaotic Star Sea without a reason, unless the Tianchen World and Ziyang World contained some treasures.

Or perhaps there was a Great Emperor's Tomb in that location.

The mere thought of a possible Great Emperor's Tomb in the Tianchen World caused a fervent glow to emanate from everyone's eyes in the hall.

If there truly was a Great Emperor's Tomb, the treasures and opportunities within it could potentially allow them to break through to the Returning Ruin Realm.

Whether in a mid-level world, a high-level world, or some powerful Holy Lands, if Cultivators with lesser talent and aptitude lacked sufficient cultivation resources or certain opportunities, the Huashen Realm would usually be their terminal stage.

The Lieyan Dynasty's Huashen Realm Cultivators, including Emperor Lie Haoyan himself, were not particularly blessed with talent or aptitude, otherwise, they wouldn't have remained hidden in this corner of the universe.

Now that they saw a glimmer of hope to break their shackles, they were naturally overjoyed.

At this moment, a Huashen Realm Cultivator impatiently asked, "Your Majesty, when do you plan to launch an attack on the Tianchen World? I will gather the Sect Disciples immediately!"

Seeing the eager expressions of the few people present, Lie Haoyan wasted no further words and directly said, "I plan to head to the Tianchen World five days from now."

Although Lie Haoyan did not take Lu Chen seriously, finding the treasures in the Tianchen World still required manpower.

In Lie Haoyan's view, if the Sum Emperor were to flee, and the potential Great Emperor's Tomb location was known only to him, then finding that place would consume a lot of time.

The more people involved, the easier the search would be.

Moreover, with this invasion of the Tianchen World, Lie Haoyan also planned to bring both the Tianchen World and Ziyang World under the rule of the Lieyan Dynasty.

Life-bearing worlds were too scarce in the Chaotic Star Sea, and the Lieyan World already had a sufficient population, stretching its resources thin. Even though those two worlds were just lower worlds, they could still alleviate some population pressure for the Lieyan Dynasty.

Upon hearing Lie Haoyan's words, the excitement in the hearts of those present intensified again, with some even contemplating heading to the Tianchen World in advance.

However, just then, Lie Haoyan cautioned, "Although that Sum Emperor is not to be feared, he is potentially someone who has received a Great Emperor's legacy. His strength is not weak, and previously a clone of the Qi Prince fell into his hands."

Hearing this, everyone paused, realizing that Emperor Lie was warning them against taking rash actions.

Seeing the silent group, Lie Haoyan continued, "Alright, you all go back and prepare."

As Lie Haoyan finished speaking, everyone bowed simultaneously, saying in unison, "Yes, Your Majesty."

They then turned and left.

After those few Huashen Realm Cultivators had departed, Lie Haoyan issued a sacred decree to start gathering the troops.

News of the Tianchen World quickly spread throughout the entire Lieyan World. After all, the Lieyan World had been peaceful for too long. With a Huashen Realm Cultivator like Emperor Lie stationed there, the Lieyan World had hardly engaged in any battles. The sudden mobilization of troops clearly indicated that something significant was about to happen, and news concerning the Tianchen World could not be concealed.

Of course, Lie Haoyan did not intend to hide this information, especially since some people were unwilling to stay in the mid-level Cultivation World.

People knew that lower Cultivation Worlds existed, so there would definitely be many migrating to Tianchen World and Ziyang World, which would greatly relieve the population pressure of Lieyan World.

At this moment, Lu Chen had also returned to Tianchen World and he directly used his puppet clone to inform his wives about the affairs of the Lieyan Dynasty.

He then immediately convened a conference for cultivators from both worlds.

The next morning, countless flying boats from Ziyang World entered Tianchen World through the crack between the worlds.

When the upper echelons of the various super forces in Ziyang World saw the state of spiritual energy in Tianchen World, they were all extremely shocked. They had originally thought that the spiritual energy in Tianchen World would be more abundant than in Ziyang World, otherwise, a powerful figure like the Sum Emperor could not have emerged.

It turned out that the spiritual energy in Tianchen World was even more scarce than in Ziyang World.

How could such scarce spiritual energy give birth to a Divinity Transformation Realm powerhouse?

Could it be that the Sum Emperor was not a native of Tianchen World, but had come from another world?

Nangong Qingya and Nangong Yuehua, standing at the bow of the flying boat, shared the same thoughts as most cultivators—in such a low-level world with such scarce spiritual energy, the Sum Emperor had managed to break through to the Divinity Transformation Realm, either because he possessed extraordinary talents, or he was not originally from this world.

It was not impossible for cultivators from a high-level world to come to a lower world to gain experience.

At that moment, Nangong Yuehua and Nangong Qingya thought of the Cultivation Technique that Lu Chen had revealed, a person who could produce a Saint-grade Cultivation Technique must have the backing of a super force, and could not possibly be a person from this world.

It seemed very likely that Lu Chen was the scion of some super force, coming to Tianchen World simply to gain experience.

Thinking about Lu Chen's possible identity, Nangong Yuehua and Nangong Qingya both harbored a rather pragmatic thought.

They had sided with the right person.

Of course, even if Lu Chen was not the scion of a super force, they would not regret it internally as they were very clear that, by now, they could no longer escape from Lu Chen's control.

Soon, the flying boats of various super forces from Ziyang World arrived over Black Dragon City, Lu Chen had chosen Black Dragon City over Yan County mainly because he did not quite trust those forces from Ziyang World.

His wives and children were mostly in Yan County, and his wives there were relatively weaker. If people with ulterior motives were allowed into Yan County, it could potentially bring trouble to his family.

Black Dragon City was different; the wives there were relatively stronger, and even if some people from Ziyang World wanted to harm them, they might not necessarily be able to match them.

Lu Chen's thoughts were not wrong. When some cultivators from Ziyang World saw that the spiritual energy in Tianchen World was even scarcer than in Ziyang World, they indeed harbored some disdain towards the Daxia Dynasty, towards Lu Chen.

However, they were soon intimidated by the strong beings of the Black Dragon Holy Land.

When the flying boats from the super forces of Ziyang World arrived outside Black Dragon City, they sensed dozens of powerful presences, far exceeding the might a Myriad Laws Realm Cultivator could release.

The cultivators from Ziyang World were frightened to paleness.

Good heavens! Tianchen World actually had so many Divinity Transformation Realm powerhouses?

Was this really just a lower-level world?

How could so many Divinity Transformation Realm powerhouses arise in such a low-level world with such scarce spiritual energy?

The Sum Emperor was definitely not a cultivator from this world, he must be the scion of some super force!

Chapter 1133: With the Sum Emperor present, what preparations do they need to make?

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In fact, Lu Chen did not have that many Divinity Transformation Realm warriors by his side, but when those Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators from the Black Dragon Holy Land donned the Shenghui Armor, each one of them carried an aura just like that of the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Lu Chen purposefully had his men release their auras to intimidate those from the Ziyang World with ulterior motives.

This tactic indeed proved very effective. As those Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators clad in Shenghui Armor released their auras, the Cultivators from the Ziyang World dared not even breathe loudly when they entered Black Dragon City, maintaining an utmost silence.

They were now utterly convinced that the Sum Emperor was the son of some Super Force. Even if Tianchen World was a lower-ranked world, with the Sum Emperor present, it was not an ordinary lower-ranked world.

Underestimating Tianchen World was one thing, but they absolutely must not underestimate the Daxia Dynasty founded by the Sum Emperor, and even less so the Sum Emperor himself.

Lu Chen swept over the expressions of those Cultivators from the Ziyang World with his Divine Sense, and seeing their solemn faces, he knew his intimidation had taken effect.

He then transmitted a message to those from the Black Dragon Holy Land to retract their auras.

Once the people from the Ziyang World felt the terrifying auras dissipate, they broke out into a sweat. They instantly understood that this was a warning from the Sum Emperor, instructing them not to harbor other thoughts, or else he could easily crush them to death.

After this incident, the various forces of the Ziyang World truly submitted.

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In Black Dragon City, the Hall of Political Affairs.

Lu Chen, adorned in a Black Gold Dragon Robe, sat atop a Dragon Throne cast from pure gold, and he surveyed the high-ranking members of the various forces in the grand hall.

Cultivators from the Ziyang World and Tianchen World each sat on one side, all waiting for Lu Chen to speak.

After a long moment, Lu Chen finally said, "This time, I have summoned a grand assembly of Cultivators from both worlds because there is an important matter I need to tell you all."

Hearing this, the crowd grew curious. An important matter? What could it be?

Lu Chen continued, "Not far from the Tianchen World lies a medium-ranked Cultivation World, and that world has already discovered the Tianchen and Ziyang Worlds. They will soon send forces to attack the Tianchen World."

At these words, there was an uproar in the hall.

A medium-ranked Cultivation World?

A medium-ranked Cultivation World exists within their Star Domain?

Wouldn't the Cultivators from that medium-ranked Cultivation World all be incredibly powerful?

From birth, they have more abundant Spiritual Energy than lower-ranked worlds, and they also have many more cultivation resources, allowing them to cultivate faster than Cultivators from lower-ranked worlds. Most importantly, their upper limit of cultivation is much higher.

Perhaps they already have warriors from the Returning Ruin Realm among them.

For a time, the hall was filled with buzzing discussions.

"The Cultivators from the medium-ranked Cultivation World must be very powerful. What are we to do?"

"Alas, I never thought we'd face a great battle so soon."

"Don't worry, His Majesty is no ordinary person. He surely has a way to deal with the Cultivators from that world."

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Lu Chen did not interrupt the discussions within the hall, and after a while, the Cultivators gathered there noticed him sitting casually on the Dragon Throne, looking at them, and one by one, they realized something.

The Sum Emperor appeared so calm and, coupled with his strength to vanquish a Heavenly Demon instantly, dealing with a medium-ranked Cultivation World might not be too much of a problem, right?

With this thought, the Cultivators in the great hall gradually quieted down, all eyes turning towards Lu Chen seated on the Dragon Throne.

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After a while, the hall finally quieted down, and Lu Chen then spoke, "That world is called the Lieyan World, controlled by the Lieyan Dynasty. According to the intelligence I've gathered, it seems they have only about six Huashen Realm Cultivators."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the cultivators in the hall were momentarily stunned, not because they were shocked that the Lieyan World had six Huashen Realm Cultivators—after all, as a medium-level Cultivation World, it was normal for the Lieyan World to have six Huashen Realm Cultivators.

What astonished those present was the use of the word "only" in the Sum Emperor's statement.

Only six Huashen Realm Cultivators?

Did that mean that the Sum Emperor didn't take the Lieyan World seriously at all?

If that was the case, then they had nothing to worry about.

If the Sum Emperor really was the son of some super force who had come to the Tianchen World for experience, then indeed, the cultivators of a medium-level world wouldn't account for much.

All they needed to do was cling to the Sum Emperor's coattails.

Just then, Lu Chen continued, "Crisis can sometimes also be opportunity. The Lieyan World is a medium-level Cultivation World, rich in Spiritual Energy and with more cultivation resources than both the Tianchen World and Ziyang World. If you can defeat the Lieyan Dynasty, you can go to the Lieyan World to cultivate in the future. With the Spiritual Energy and cultivation resources of a medium-level Cultivation World, everyone here can break through the shackles of their Cultivation State and advance even further."

Upon hearing this, the cultivators in attendance were again stirred up, some of them having been stuck at the Myriad Laws Realm for more years than they could remember, even approaching the end of their lifespans.

If things were as the Sum Emperor said, and they truly had the opportunity to cultivate in a medium-level Cultivation World, then perhaps they could indeed break through their limitations and take their cultivation to the next level.

At this moment, a Myriad Laws Realm Cultivator stood up and said, "Our Heavenly Universe Sect will follow Your Majesty's arrangements."

Hearing this, other leaders of forces could not sit still either, standing up one by one.

"Our Featherwing Sect also entrusts all to Your Majesty's arrangements!"

"Our Forget-Heaven Tower also entrusts all to Your Majesty's arrangements!"

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Seeing the major forces express their support one after another, Lu Chen looked toward Shao Yuanjia, seated in the front row on the right side of the hall, and then asked, "As for when the Lieyan Dynasty will attack the Tianchen World, that will trouble Minister Shao's Imperial Astronomical Bureau."

Lu Chen believed that, even if the Tianji Pavilion was not up to par, they should at least be able to calculate this.

Shao Yuanjia quickly stood up and said, "Yes, Your Majesty, I will start the calculation immediately."

Shao Yuanjia felt a wave of excitement; this was the first time since the Tianji Pavilion swore allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty that it would play a role. No matter what, he must accurately calculate the Lieyan Dynasty's attack timing.

As soon as Shao Yuanjia's voice fell, he began to calculate the timing of the Lieyan Dynasty's invasion of the Tianchen World. While Shao Yuanjia worked out their invasion timing, Lu Chen made other preparations.

Although they didn't yet know when exactly the Lieyan Dynasty would attack the Tianchen World, they were certain the attack would happen, so Lu Chen planned to send people to patrol the areas surrounding the Tianchen World.

Like any gathering between two Cultivation Worlds and general Cultivation World conferences, it was primarily Lu Chen speaking from the Dragon Platform above, with the high-ranking members of the major forces listening below.

After all, with absolute strength, for them, Lu Chen's words were akin to commands, leaving no room for negotiation.

After a while, Shao Yuanjia suddenly spoke up, "Your Majesty, I have calculated when the Lieyan Dynasty will attack the Tianchen World!"

Hearing this, Lu Chen asked, "When?"

Shao Yuanjia hurriedly replied, "If there are no unforeseen circumstances, the Lieyan World will attack the Tianchen World in four days!"

At these words, the hall instantly fell silent.

Four days?

They only had four days left to prepare?

Soon people came to their senses, realizing that with a formidable figure like the Sum Emperor, what preparations did they need to make at all?

#### Chapter 1134: There Seems to Be Someone Outside Those Two Worlds

Because the Lieyan World had only four days left before it attacked the Tianchen World, the first grand assembly of cultivators from both worlds quickly drew to a close, and Lu Chen had the major forces of both worlds go back to prepare.

He instructed them to prepare, not to defend against the invasion of cultivators from the Lieyan World, but to have them ready to take over the Lieyan World when the time came.

The Lieyan World was a mid-level cultivation world, and even for the Daxia Dynasty, it would be quite difficult to manage three worlds simultaneously.

In the blink of an eye, four days had passed, and Lu Chen personally led cultivators from both worlds aboard the Immortal Boat into cosmic space, anticipating the arrival of the Lieyan World.

The Tianchen World was merely a low-level world, incapable of withstanding the assault of Huashen Realm Cultivators, so the battlefield had to be set in the void of space.

Once the Immortal Boat entered the cosmos, cultivators from both worlds were stunned by the resplendent starry sky, many of them All Law Realm cultivators, yet it was their first time venturing into cosmic space.

At the same time.

Lie Haoyan had also gathered the Sect Masters and Elders from the major forces of the Lieyan Dynasty, taking along more than a dozen Immortal Boats toward the Tianchen World.

While there were only more than a dozen Immortal Boats, the Lieyan Dynasty had exhausted more than half of its national power to construct these boats.

After all, the Lieyan Dynasty was only a mid-level world, and if not for the fact that the Lieyan World happened to have the materials to build Immortal Boats, it wouldn't be able to produce so many of them.

As the Immortal Boats gradually approached the Tianchen World, tension rose among those on board.

From a distance, the Tianchen World seemed like a lifeless world devoid of Spiritual Energy.

Was it really as Emperor Lie claimed, that world had restrictions in place?

Fortunately, the speed of the Immortal Boats was very fast, and it wouldn't be long before they could verify if everything was true.

If there really were restrictions, it would indicate that the Tianchen World undoubtedly contained treasures, making their journey worthwhile, as they had spent a considerable amount of Spirit Stones to use the Immortal Boats.

The Immortal Boats belonged to the Lieyan Dynasty, and those forces within its territory wishing to use the boats had to spend Spirit Stones; not only renting the Immortal Boats cost Spirit Stones, but activating them also required a significant consumption of Spirit Stones.

A contraption like the Immortal Boat, capable of flying in cosmic space, consumed a considerable amount of Spirit Stones. If the Tianchen World contained no treasures, then those forces following the Lieyan World to the Tianchen World would suffer great losses.

Just as the cultivators of the Lieyan World were nervously watching the Tianchen World, suddenly, their Immortal Boats seemed to hit something and started to shake.

However, this didn't cause panic among the people; on the contrary, they became incredibly excited.

The restriction was actually real!

This meant that Emperor Lie hadn't lied to them; the Tianchen World might truly contain treasures, or even the tomb of some powerful being.

If they found the tomb of a powerful being, they would undoubtedly gain something from this journey, making it worth their while.

After feeling the Immortal Boat shaking, Lie Haoyan calmly gave the order, "Stabilize the Immortal Boat, and continue moving forward."

As Lie Haoyan's words fell, those who were operating the Immortal Boats immediately infused them with Spiritual Power, striving to make their advance steadier.

After some time, the shaking of the Immortal Boats finally subsided, and that was when someone loudly exclaimed, "Look, everyone!"

The people on the Immortal Boat immediately looked ahead, only to see a blue world and a purple hue appearing not far from the Immortal Boat.

This sight further excited the cultivators on board.

"It's real, the Chaotic Star Sea truly harbors other Life Worlds!"

"Only a powerful being could set up such restrictions, and this Tianchen World surely must have the tomb of a mighty one!"

"We're going to strike it rich, this trip was indeed not in vain!"

"Hahaha, the tomb of a powerful being, who knows how many treasures there are inside!"

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However, just as people were riding high on excitement, someone suddenly shouted loudly, "Quick, look, there seem to be people outside those two worlds!"

At this moment, the people on the Immortal Boat snapped back to reality and focused intently in the direction of Tianchen World. When they looked, everyone was momentarily stunned.

Although the distance was significant, and the view not very clear, they could still vaguely make out a dozen or so small dots outside the Tianchen World.

Seeing those dots, Lie Haoyan's brows immediately knitted together. As a Huashen Realm Cultivator, his sensory abilities were far stronger, and he could see very clearly that those small dots were indeed Immortal Boats.

How could a low-level world like Tianchen World possess over a dozen Immortal Boats?

Could it be that the materials to construct the Immortal Boats were also left by the same powerful being who set up the restrictions?

Or perhaps some other world discovered Tianchen World first and arrived before them?

If cultivators from other worlds had discovered Tianchen World, that would be troublesome because they didn't know the strength of the incoming people. If they were from a High-Level Cultivation World, then the treasures of Tianchen World may be out of reach for them.

At this time, other Huashen Realm Cultivators from the Lieyan World also saw the Immortal Boats clearly, especially the one at the forefront of all the boats.

That Immortal Boat was extremely luxurious, resembling a palace, making it obvious that its owner was not an ordinary person.

At this point, Qi Prince Shao Liangji transmitted a message to Lie Haoyan, "Your Majesty, what should we do now? Should we continue to approach?"

Those people had stopped their Immortal Boats outside the Tianchen World, clearly knowing that someone was coming, so they waited outside to prevent others from entering Tianchen World.

If they continued to move forward, they would likely clash with the owners of those Immortal Boats.

But having come all this way and with the treasure almost within sight, could they really just turn back now?

Lie Haoyan then said, "Continue forward!"

Even guessing that the owners of those Immortal Boats might be particularly formidable beings, for the sake of the opportunity, Lie Haoyan decided to take the risk.

Besides, until they got closer to those Immortal Boats, it was impossible to say for sure whether the owners were really stronger than them.

Perhaps those Immortal Boat owners were from a mid-level Cultivation World too? Not only did the Lieyan World possess the materials for constructing Immortal Boats, but other mid-level Cultivation Worlds might have them as well.

Moreover, those Immortal Boats could even be relics left in Tianchen World by a powerful being, with Tianchen World's cultivators possibly controlling them.

Lie Haoyan was betting that the people on those Immortal Boats were cultivators from Tianchen World.

Without a doubt, Lie Haoyan guessed right, but he also miscalculated; if the others truly were cultivators from Tianchen World, it further proved that Tianchen World had treasures that could help him break through his limitations.

As the Immortal Boat from Lieyan World drew closer, its passengers gradually realized that those small dots were actually Immortal Boats.

The originally excited cultivators also began to sense a trace of danger.

As they were about to approach the Immortal Boat, Lie Haoyan immediately ordered, "Stop advancing!"

Then he said to Shao Liangji, "Go and inquire about the situation."

"Yes, Your Majesty!" As Shao Liangji finished speaking, he directly left the Immortal Boat and flew to the front of the Feihong Immortal Boat.

"We are cultivators from Lieyan World, who are you, and why are you waiting here again!"

Chapter 1135: Lie Haoyan: This one is not the Sum Emperor either?

Upon hearing Shao Liangji's question, Lu Chen, who stood on the deck of the Immortal Boat, could not help but laugh. Then he said, "You really have a short memory, Your Majesty. Just a few days ago, I had one of your avatars beheaded, and now you've forgotten who I am."

As soon as Lu Chen uttered these words, Shao Liangji suddenly froze in midair.

However, he quickly recovered and burst out laughing. Initially, they thought the owners of these Immortal Boats came from another world, but surprisingly, the ones controlling these boats turned out to be from Tianchen World.

Immediately, Shao Liangji said, "Ants don't know to flee, and yet they dare bring people to the void to wait for us. They are truly seeking death!"

As his words fell, Shao Liangji instantly transmitted a message to Lie Haoyan. "Your Majesty, the one controlling the Immortal Boats is the Sum Emperor. It seems these boats are relics left by some great power."

Once this was said, the corners of Lie Haoyan's mouth slightly curled. They were indeed the natives of Tianchen World; he initially thought they were Immortal Boats from some high-level cultivation world.

It seemed he had gambled correctly.

The Sum Emperor had placed these Immortal Boats outside the Tianchen World, clearly a "trojan horse tactic." He wanted to use them to intimidate people from other worlds into thinking that Tianchen World had been occupied by a high-level cultivation world.

What a pity! The Sum Emperor met him. If it had been someone else, they might have truly been frightened away. Thinking this, Lie Haoyan immediately transmitted a message to those on the Immortal Boats, saying, "Those Immortal Boats are from Tianchen World. Attack!"

Upon hearing Lie Haoyan's words, the cultivators from Lieyan World instantly relaxed, then became more excited, their eyes filled with greed.

Tianchen World, a lower-level world, possessing so many Immortal Boats, especially the one in front that was so luxurious; this must mean there truly were treasures left behind by a great power in Tianchen World.

If they could occupy Tianchen World, all these treasures would belong to Lieyan World.

Even if they could only have a share, they too would have made a fortune.

After Lie Haoyan finished speaking, the Immortal Boats from Lieyan World immediately continued moving toward Tianchen World.

In the void where the battle was unfolding, the ordinary weapons of Tianchen World were temporarily useless, and only cultivators above the Eightfold Realm of Ten Thousand Laws had the ability to remain in the void.

Thus, most people on both sides' Immortal Boats were merely spectators; they couldn't offer any help.

The Immortal Boats were fast, and it didn't take long for Lieyan World's boats to reach the periphery of Tianchen World. However, at this time, the Immortal Boats from Lieyan World didn't continue to advance.

A battle among the Divinity Transformation Realm's mighty cultivators was approaching. If they got too close, the cultivators on the boats might suffer the consequences.

As the Immortal Boats slowly decelerated, the cultivators from the Myriad Laws Realm above the Eighth Layer from Lieyan World could hardly wait to fly out of the boats, heading straight into the void.

Meanwhile, the people on Lu Chen's side had not yet made any moves; they stood on the deck of the Immortal Boat, quietly watching those Myriad Laws Realm cultivators in the void.

Seeing that no cultivators from Tianchen World emerged from the Immortal Boat, the cultivators from Lieyan World each displayed contempt.

The enemy was already near, yet the cultivators from Tianchen World were still cooped up inside their boats.

Why don't they come out? Is it because their physical bodies cannot withstand the pressure of the void?

The cultivators from Tianchen World were too weak.

Thinking that Tianchen World was already within their grasp, the cultivators from Lieyan World were incredibly excited.

At that moment, Lie Haoyan also flew into the void, looking down from above at the magnificent golden Immortal Boat below, and then transmitted a message saying, "Ants of Tianchen World, I give you a choice — submit to me, or die!"

Lie Haoyan hadn't planned to start a massacre right away; after all, he still needed the people of Tianchen World to help him find the treasures of Tianchen World.

In his view, with so many powerful cultivators above the Myriad Laws Realm from Lieyan World, and with six Huashen Realm cultivators, just a word from him would make those cultivators from Tianchen World betray Lu Chen and defect to Lieyan World.

However, when Lie Haoyan's words went out, he did not see any of the cultivators on those Immortal Boats betraying Lu Chen.

Lie Haoyan frowned. What was going on?

Do these low-level world ants really think the Sum Emperor is a match for the Lieyan World?

Ridiculous!

But ants, after all, are ants; it's normal for them to be shortsighted.

Since these people are unwilling to betray us, there's nothing more to say; we just need to wait. After killing the Sum Emperor, those people would naturally choose to surrender.

Thinking this, Lie Haoyan immediately raised his hand and waved it forward. Seeing Lie Haoyan's gesture, the Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators behind him did not hesitate and charged directly towards the Tianchen World's Immortal Boat.

However, just at that moment, a figure suddenly flew out from the Immortal Boat of the Tianchen World.

After this figure emerged, the cultivators from the Lieyan World felt a significant pressure in the void.

Seeing that the newcomer was a Huashen Realm Cultivator, Lie Haoyan chuckled and said, "Are you the Sum Emperor?"

At this point, Shao Liangji furrowed his brows slightly, knowing that this man was not the Sum Emperor. Now with another Huashen Realm Cultivator appearing, it meant that the Tianchen World possessed two Huashen Realm Cultivators.

Yin Zhengye didn't answer Lie Haoyan's question. Instead, he swept his gaze emotionlessly over the people in the void, his eyes seemingly filled with disdain.

Shao Liangji immediately communicated telepathically to Yin Zhengye, "Your Majesty, this person is not the Sum Emperor."

Hearing this, Lie Haoyan was momentarily stunned. He had thought that the Sum Emperor was the only Huashen Realm Cultivator in the Tianchen World. Since this cultivator was of Huashen level, he had assumed this person must be the Sum Emperor, but it turned out he was not.

Does that mean, Tianchen World has two Huashen Realm Cultivators?

Just two, nothing much to fret about. Their side possessed six, and their powers had nearly all reached the Fifth Level of God Transformation Realm. Handling two Huashen Realm Cultivators from a low-level world should be easy.

While everyone was thinking this, another figure descended from one of the Tianchen World's Immortal Boats, also emanating the oppressive aura of a Huashen Realm.

Lie Haoyan's brows creased slightly. Another Huashen Realm Cultivator?

Could this be the Sum Emperor?

As Lie Haoyan thought this, Shao Liangji communicated again, "Your Majesty, this one is also not the Sum Emperor."

This...

Does the low-level Tianchen World really have three Huashen Realm Cultivators?

It seems that the Tianchen World indeed contains treasures; otherwise, how could it support three Huashen Realm Cultivators?

But this must surely be the limit for the Tianchen World, he thought. Just as this idea formed in Lie Haoyan's mind, another Tianchen World cultivator descended from the Immortal Boat, also radiating the Huashen Realm's oppressive might.

Lie Haoyan pondered that the Sum Emperor must have finally appeared, but at that moment, Shao Liangji's brow tightened, and he communicated once more, "Your Majesty, this person is also not the Sum Emperor."

Lie Haoyan was taken aback.

Four Huashen Realm Cultivators???

Before Lie Haoyan could recover, another Huashen Realm Cultivator from the Tianchen World appeared.

This time, without waiting for Shao Liangji to speak, Lie Haoyan directly asked, "Is this one also not the Sum Emperor?"

Lie Haoyan's expression darkened; Shao Liangji hesitated since the newcomer was a female cultivator and obviously could not be the Sum Emperor...

Thus, the number of Huashen Realm Cultivators in the Tianchen World had matched that of the Lieyan World.

Lie Haoyan then thought, no matter, even if the Tianchen World possesses six Huashen Realm Cultivators, their strength can't match that of the Lieyan World; cultivators who practiced in a world with such sparse Spiritual Energy are bound to be weak.

#### Chapter 1136: Sometimes Impulsiveness Comes at a Great Cost

Lie Haoyan quickly regained his composure, although handling the six Huashen Realm cultivators in the Tianchen World might be challenging, they had to conquer it for its treasures and the chance to break through their limits.

The mere Huashen Realm cultivators of a low-level world were still not worth fearing; the advantage was his.

However, just then, another female cultivator, exuding the aura of the Huashen Realm, entered the void, and seeing yet another woman, Lie Haoyan's expression turned utterly dark.

This woman couldn't be the Sum Emperor, which meant the Sum Emperor was still on the Immortal Boat, and Tianchen World actually had seven Huashen Realm cultivators.

At this point, the cultivators from the Lieyan World were stunned, with some already contemplating a retreat back to the Lieyan World.

Before people could react, several more individuals disembarked from the Tianchen World's Immortal Boat, and suddenly, the auras of over a dozen Huashen Realm cultivators were released from them.

Feeling the presence of these dozen Huashen Realm cultivators, the cultivators from Lieyan World were instantly dumbfounded.

How could a low-level world have so many Huashen Realm cultivators!

What was going on?

Hadn't Emperor Lie said there was only one Huashen Realm cultivator, the Sum Emperor?

Lie Haoyan himself was also bewildered, as the intelligence their scouts had relayed indeed mentioned only the Sum Emperor as a Huashen Realm cultivator, and Tianchen World was just a low-level world; how could it have birthed so many Huashen cultivators?

What kind of Cultivation resources had that powerful being who set the prohibitions in the Tianchen World left behind!

Shao Liangji cautiously asked, "Your Majesty, what should we do now?"

Lie Haoyan didn't answer immediately. He scanned those Huashen Realm cultivators, and he could tell right away that although they emitted an aura somewhat resembling that of the Huashen Realm, their actual essence was quite hollow—it wasn't true Huashen Realm.

Or rather, those people weren't genuinely at the Huashen Realm.

Lie Haoyan's guess was spot on, as most cultivators from Tianchen World indeed didn't possess the cultivation state of the Huashen Realm, but they could emit the aura of the Huashen Realm primarily because they wore Shenghui Armor.

Empowered by the Shenghui Armor, they could manifest the strength of the Huashen Realm, thus emitting such an aura.

At this moment, Lie Haoyan thought he had seen through those from the Tianchen World and transmitted a message to the people behind him. "The Huashen Realm cultivators of the Tianchen World are not genuine Huashen Realm cultivators; they are using treasures that enhance their aura."

Hearing Lie Haoyan's words, everyone was startled and then scrutinized the cultivators from Tianchen World seriously. It seemed Lie Haoyan was right; their aura appeared somewhat fluttering and unstable.

Realizing that these people weren't true Huashen Realm cultivators relieved the cultivators from the Lieyan World, having genuinely feared facing over a dozen Huashen Realm powerhouses.

They hadn't expected these to be counterfeit Huashen Realms.

If they weren't real Huashen Realms, there was nothing to fear.

The next moment, the Myriad Laws Realm cultivators from the Lieyan World launched an attack on Yin Zhengye and his companions.

Yin Zhengye and the others didn't rush. Just as the Cultivation Techniques were about to hit them, Yin Zhengye suddenly unleashed a powerful spiritual energy from his body, and the next moment, an immense oppressive force instantly shrouded the void around them.

The cultivators from the Lieyan World's faces turned pale in an instant.

"Returning Ruin Realm!!!"

"It's the Returning Ruin Realm!!!"

"How could a low-level world like Tianchen World possibly have a powerhouse from the Returning Ruin Realm!!!"

"It's fake, it must be fake; he must have a magic treasure that boosts his aura!"

"Yes, yes, yes, since they could enhance their aura to the Huashen Realm, naturally, they could boost it to the Returning Ruin Realm too. We mustn't be fooled!!!"

"Everyone attack together!!!"

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Yin Zhengye released the aura of the Returning Ruin Realm, but he didn't prevent the cultivators of the Lieyan World from launching their attacks; they had already made their moves and couldn't stop, so they could only comfort themselves by thinking that the aura of the cultivators from Tianchen World was enhanced by some kind of treasure.

Yin Zhengye saw the cultivators coming towards them and snorted coldly.

Black Dragon Law Idol!!!

The next moment, a huge black dragon coiled above his head.

Before the Myriad Laws Realm cultivators from the Lieyan World could react, the black dragon spat out a huge ball of black flames. In an instant, all the approaching Myriad Laws Realm cultivators were burned to ashes, their souls included.

Seeing this, the cultivators of the Lieyan World finally came to their senses. This wasn't a treasure that enhanced aura; this person genuinely possessed the power of the Returning Ruin Realm.

Their Emperor Lie probably couldn't eliminate so many Eightfold Realm of Ten Thousand Laws cultivators at once, yet this person did it effortlessly.

Lie Haoyan finally reacted as well. They had kicked an iron plate.

Lie Haoyan then said, "Senior, we meant no offense. We just heard that the Tianchen World also harbored life, and wanted to explore a bit."

Hearing this, Yin Zhengye just sneered and did not speak.

Lie Haoyan continued, "Senior, we will leave now."

Lie Haoyan guessed in his heart that the Tianchen World had indeed been discovered by other forces, and that the Sum Emperor had probably joined them.

Although the treasures of the Tianchen World were tempting, their lives were more important.

Just as Lie Haoyan was about to flee, a young man wearing a white gold dragon robe flew out from the dazzling Immortal Boat.

Shao Liangji quickly warned Lie Haoyan, "Your Majesty, that is the Sum Emperor!"

Hearing this, Lie Haoyan's brows furrowed again. Talking about this now was useless; the Sum Emperor had already allied with a power of the Returning Ruin Realm, and they had no way of dealing with the Tianchen World now.

At that moment, Lu Chen glanced at Lie Haoyan.

[Name: Lie Haoyan]

[Identity: Emperor of the Lieyan Dynasty from the Lieyan World.]

[Cultivation State: Nascent Soul Realm Eightfold]

[Loyalty: -35]

Seeing Lie Haoyan's loyalty, Lu Chen chuckled to himself and listed him on the must-kill list.

At this time, Yin Zhengye respectfully said to Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, how shall we deal with these people?"

Seeing the powerhouse of the Returning Ruin Realm treat Lu Chen with such respect, everyone present felt a sudden shock.

They all thought the Sum Emperor had joined some great force or a high-level cultivation world, but it seemed they were mistaken.

At that moment, Emperor Lie spoke, "The Sum Emperor hides deep indeed, having such a powerful Protector by his side."

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Emperor Lie speaks as if he knows me well."

"To dare attack the Tianchen World without understanding its strength, Emperor Lie is truly impulsive."

"Sometimes, impulsiveness can have a great cost. I wonder if Emperor Lie is prepared for that."

Lie Haoyan, with a dark expression, asked, "What does the Sum Emperor plan to do?"

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Chapter 1137: If You Want the Lieyan World, Come and Get It Yourself!

At that moment, Lie Haoyan, despite the resentment in his heart, had no choice but to yield temporarily in the face of a Returning Ruin Realm powerhouse and the fact that Lu Chen had more Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators on his side.

However, Lie Haoyan had no intention of letting the matter rest. Indeed, he might not be a match for a Returning Ruin Realm powerhouse, but he had the option to leave the Chaotic Star Sea and seek refuge with other High-Level Cultivation Worlds or Empires.

The ability to set restrictions and hide two worlds was a feat not just of Saints but also Great Emperors, and he believed that many would be interested in the tombs of Saints and Great Emperors.

Just as Lu Chen was about to speak, he noticed Lie Haoyan's Loyalty suddenly dropped to -100. Lu Chen's brows furrowed slightly.

If it wasn't someone summoned by the system, then Loyalty was equivalent to Favorability. Lie Haoyan's Favorability towards him was astonishingly low; a negative Loyalty was essentially a measure of hatred – the more negative, the higher the hatred.

Once Lie Haoyan returned, he would certainly not give up; such a person must not be overlooked.

Seeing that Lu Chen remained silent, Lie Haoyan continued, "If the Sum Emperor desires something, he may state it directly, and I shall offer an apology."

To retreat one step is to gain a vast and boundless future. The immediate priority was to leave this dangerous place and then find a High-Level World to rely on.

At this time, Lu Chen asked, "I am curious, the Tianchen World is but a low-tier world, lacking resources and with sparse Spiritual Energy. It is of no use to a mid-level world. Why then, did you come to attack the Tianchen World?"

Hearing this, Lie Haoyan immediately responded, "The Chaotic Star Sea is a death zone with very few worlds sustaining life. Thus, even if the Tianchen World is a low-tier world, it is still of use to the Lieyan Dynasty."

Lie Haoyan did not reveal their true intentions. Although worlds sustaining life were indeed important to the Lieyan Dynasty, what truly concerned Lie Haoyan and his cohort was the potential existence of treasures.

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Is that really so? You didn't come earlier, nor later; why the sudden interest now?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Lie Haoyan suddenly remembered something, and he raised his hand. In the next moment, a figure flew towards Lie Haoyan's hand from afar.

Gongye Liangpeng's face instantly turned pale. He thought he could use Lie Haoyan's help to destroy the Tianchen World, but he didn't expect that as soon as Lie Haoyan and his forces arrived in the Tianchen World, they would be deterred.

Lie Haoyan grabbed Gongye Liangpeng by the throat and said to Lu Chen, "Sum Emperor, this incident is entirely due to this man's instigation and mischief. As the mastermind behind this event, I hand him over to you to deal with as you see fit."

Gongye Liangpeng struggled frantically, and while doing so, he exclaimed, "I am a member of the Tianji Pavilion, you can't kill me!!!"

"Whoever dares to offend the Tianji Pavilion will ultimately meet a terrible end!!!"

Lie Haoyan ignored Gongye Liangpeng's words and threw him towards Lu Chen. As Gongye Liangpeng noticed himself drawing closer to Lu Chen, panic overtook him, and he hurriedly attempted to escape.

However, at that moment, a magnificent influx of Spiritual Power surged from Lu Chen's body, instantaneously enveloping everyone and the Immortal Boat in the void with an invisible pressure.

Feeling this pressure, Lie Haoyan's face turned a shade paler.

Returning Ruin Realm!!!

The Sum Emperor was also a Returning Ruin Realm cultivator!!!

How could this be possible...

How could those who were supposed to gather intelligence be so incompetent?

Even the fact that the Sum Emperor was from the Returning Ruin Realm escaped them!

Just now, Lie Haoyan and his people thought that Lu Chen had sided with some Super Force, but now it seems that the Sum Emperor is very likely a member of that Super Force himself.

As Gongye Liangpeng was about to fly toward Lu Chen, Lu Chen unsheathed his sword and slashed, releasing a blade of Sword Qi filled with the power of destruction. In the next moment, Gongye Liangpeng's body instantly turned into a mist of blood.

Having dealt with Gongye Liangpeng, Lu Chen's gaze once again fell on Lie Haoyan. At this time, Lie Haoyan felt a vague unease. Currently, he did not have the strength to confront someone from the Returning Ruin Realm, let alone two.

Lie Haoyan immediately said, "Since the Sum Emperor has taken care of the mastermind behind the chaos, I shall not delay the Sum Emperor's time any further."

Having said this, Lie Haoyan then turned and commanded, "Let us leave!"

Seeing that Lie Haoyan wanted to flee, Lu Chen said indifferently, "Emperor Lie seems destined to stay here today."

"I share the same thoughts as Emperor Lie, you yearn for the Tianchen World, and I also covet the Lieyan World. I wonder if Emperor Lie is willing to cede the Lieyan World to me?"

Upon hearing this, Lie Haoyan and the Cultivators of the Lieyan Dynasty went pale. It seemed they had been fooled.

Certainly, the Sum Emperor must have lured them here intentionally, then seized the opportunity to eliminate them.

The Lieyan World was a mid-level world. If the battlefield were in the Lieyan World, these Huashen Realm and Myriad Laws Realm Cultivators could put up a fight against the Returning Ruin Realm powerhouses with the help of some formations.

But here in the void, Cultivators above the Huashen Realm could exert their full strength without the suppression of the Heavenly Dao.

Most importantly, this was not Lie Haoyan's home ground. The formations they had set up in the Lieyan World were useless here.

Now, with only a few Huashen Realm Cultivators, defending against an attack from the Returning Ruin Realm powerhouses was no more than a fool's dream.

However, even knowing they might be no match for Lu Chen, Lie Haoyan still said coldly, "The Sum Emperor has quite the ambition! If you want the Lieyan World, come and take it yourself."

As he spoke, a burst of energy was released from Lie Haoyan's body, and a colossal golden figure appeared above his head.

After Lie Haoyan made his move, the Huashen Realm Cultivators beside him exchanged glances but did not immediately attack. They knew very well they were no match for the two powerhouses from the Returning Ruin Realm.

If they hailed from a High-Level Cultivation World with abundant resources or Spiritual Artifacts, they might have a chance to defeat a stronger enemy. But they were merely Cultivators from the Chaotic Star Sea, a deathly realm with neither great strength nor powerful Spiritual Artifacts. How could they stand a chance against the Returning Ruin Realm?

Yet...

To betray the Lieyan World like this still caused turmoil in their hearts. If they turned traitor outright, what if Lie Haoyan sent a Divine Sense message back to the Crown Prince currently presiding over the Lieyan World? If the members of the Royal Family acted, their descendants would likely be purged in no time.

Seeing that the Huashen Realm Cultivators beside him did not make a move, Shao Liangji reminded them, "Gentlemen, are you planning to just watch idly by? The futures of your descendants in the Lieyan World are at stake. If the Sum Emperor gains control of the Lieyan World, will your offspring have any chance of survival?"

Hearing this, the expressions of the four Huashen Realm Cultivators darkened instantly. Shao Liangji's words were clearly a threat.

On the surface, he framed it as the Sum Emperor would not allow their descendants to live, but in truth, it was a warning—if they chose to betray at this moment, the Lieyan Dynasty would swiftly purge all their descendants.

Chapter 1138: That Sword is Definitely a Sky-grade Spirit Sword!

Under the threat of Shao Liangji, the other four Huashen Realm Cultivators of the Lieyan World had no choice but to release their Law Manifestations as well.

At this moment, Lie Haoyan thought to himself that although the power of the Returning Ruin Realm was formidable, the aura of Empress Xia and her Protector was unstable, suggesting that even if they had broken through to the Returning Ruin Realm, it was very likely they had done so recently or had sustained severe injuries and had not yet recovered.

If he could have his five Huashen Realm allies stall for him, plus the two Earth Rank treasures he accidentally acquired before, perhaps he could escape.

After escaping, he would seek asylum in some Super Force from another High-level World and then reveal to that Super Force the news of treasures in the Tianchen World.

As long as he remained alive, the Lieyan Dynasty would once again be his. As for what would happen to his descendants, that was of no concern to him. As long as he wasn't dead, the Lieyan Dynasty still existed, and the death of his descendants was of little consequence.

Once his descendants perished, he could simply produce new offspring. For him, survival was paramount, and anything could be sacrificed to achieve that end.

Seeing Lie Haoyan and the others prepared for a desperate fight, Yin Zhengye immediately said to Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, allow this subordinate to annihilate them!"

Lu Chen indifferently uttered a single word, "Good," and upon hearing Lu Chen's reply, Yin Zhengye did not hesitate for a moment and once again summoned the Black Dragon Law Idol.

The instant the Black Dragon Law Idol appeared, the nearby cultivators in the void felt an immense pressure.

The next moment, the Black Dragon Law Idol flew out from above Yin Zhengye, heading straight for Lie Haoyan and the others. Seeing this, before Lie Haoyan could say anything, Shao Liangji immediately shouted, "Everyone, attack together!"

As soon as his voice fell, everyone unleashed their own Law Manifestation Power.

However, when the Black Dragon Law Idol collided with their Law Manifestations, it instantly shattered them, and the few Huashen Realm Cultivators immediately spat out a mouthful of fresh blood.

Their faces were filled with terror. Was this the power of the Returning Ruin Realm?

They were completely unable to defend against it. What should they do now? Were they all destined to die here?

As the Black Dragon Law Idol drew nearer, Lie Haoyan suddenly took out a small pagoda from his Space Ring, which instantly grew to an immense size.

When the Black Dragon Law Idol collided with the tip of the pagoda, it could no longer advance. Witnessing this, the Huashen Realm Cultivators next to Lie Haoyan were ecstatic, never expecting Emperor Lie to possess such a treasure.

To think that the pagoda could withstand the attack of a Returning Ruin Realm powerhouse.

Seeing that Lie Haoyan had blocked his attack, Yin Zhengye frowned and then gathered his Spiritual Power to once again drive the Black Dragon Law Idol, which looked straight up and spewed a breath of black flame toward the Golden Tower in front of Lie Haoyan.

Yet this still did not injure Lie Haoyan.

Lu Chen evaluated the Golden Tower above Lie Haoyan's head and then asked in his mind, "System, what rank is that pagoda?"

In fact, Lu Chen had almost determined the rank of that Spiritual Artifact, but he wasn't yet entirely sure.

At this moment, the system answered, "Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument."

This...

He had guessed it was an upper Earth Rank Spiritual Artifact, but was there really such a thing as a Pseudo Heaven-Rank?

The system continued, "A Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument possesses power close to that of a lower Heaven-Rank, but it doesn't match up to a true Heaven Grade Spiritual Weapon."

Lu Chen thought to himself that he didn't need reminding, as anything with "Pseudo" in its name naturally didn't stack up to the real thing.

But then again, to encounter a Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument in a mid-level Cultivation World?

Would Heaven Grade Spiritual Weapons be commonplace in High-level Cultivation Worlds?

A single Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument could resist the Law Manifestation Power of a Returning Ruin Realm powerhouse, then if a true Heaven Grade Spiritual Weapon were in the hands of a Huashen Realm Cultivator, they would indeed be quite difficult to handle.

Lu Chen thought no further and directly took out the Godslayer Sword, then said to Yin Zhengye, "Stand down."

Upon hearing this, Yin Zhengye was stunned. In front of Lu Chen, even after donning the Shenghui Armor, he couldn't kill a Huashen Realm cultivator. He felt utterly useless. Yin Zhengye quickly said, "Your Majesty, it's my incompetence!"

Lu Chen spoke indifferently, "It has nothing to do with you. That is a Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Weapon, not so easily dealt with."

As soon as his words fell, Lu Chen took steps toward Lie Haoyan and his group through the void. Seeing Lu Chen approaching, a cold smile appeared on the corner of Lie Haoyan's mouth. If even Empress Xia's Protector couldn't harm him, how could Empress Xia possibly hurt him?

It seemed that escaping wouldn't be too difficult.

With this thought, Lie Haoyan spurred the Mountain Shaking Pagoda again.

"Suppress!"

As the word "suppress" left Lie Haoyan's mouth, the Mountain Shaking Pagoda instantly unleashed a tremendous oppressive force. The people beside Lie Haoyan couldn't withstand it, each of them coughing up blood.

However, to everyone's surprise, the Mountain Shaking Pagoda seemed to have no effect on Empress Xia, who kept walking toward them.

Empress Xia was wearing the Shenghui Armor and, furthermore, was protected by Origin Power inside her body; such pressures meant nothing to her.

At that moment, Lu Chen raised the Godslayer Sword in his hand. Seeing this sword, Shao Liangji panicked - his clone was slain by this very sword.

Shao Liangji quickly warned, "Your Majesty, be careful!"

No sooner had Shao Liangji finished speaking than Lu Chen swung his Longsword.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

Eight streaks of cold light passed through the Golden Tower, and in the next instant, the Golden Tower was cleaved into several large pieces.

Upon witnessing this scene, Lie Haoyan was completely dumbfounded. In his hand was an Earth Rank top-quality Spiritual Artifact! Even some called this Spiritual Artifact a Pseudo Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument, which had just now withstood the Law Manifestation Power of a Returning Ruin Realm expert, and yet couldn't withstand a single sword strike!

How could this be!

Empress Xia is so powerful?

No, it's the sword in Empress Xia's hand!

That sword is definitely a Heaven-Rank Spirit Sword!

This time, Lie Haoyan was utterly panicked. Empress Xia was already a Returning Ruin Realm power, and now she was wielding a Heaven-Rank Spiritual Instrument. How could he stand against her?

No, he shouldn't resist any longer; he must escape as soon as possible.

Immediately turning around, he planned to have Shao Liangji and the others stay to buy time while he escaped alone; however, the next moment, a Spirit Sword suddenly pierced through Lie Haoyan's chest.

Lie Haoyan looked at the person in front of him in disbelief, "Shao Liangji, you!"

After all, Lie Haoyan was a Huashen Realm cultivator. Just one sword strike couldn't kill him. Regaining his composure, Lie Haoyan slapped Shao Liangji, sending him flying backward.

Seeing this, Lu Chen couldn't help but laugh, then said, "What a spectacle of dog-eat-dog strife."

From a distance, Shao Liangji spoke, "Empress Xia, all of this was Lie Haoyan's plan. We were also forced to follow him to Tianchen World. We are willing to pledge our loyalty to you!"

Lie Haoyan burst out laughing and then said, "Shao Liangji, I treated you as a brother, yet you betray me at this moment!"

Shao Liangji said, "You have a clone, but I no longer have one. I absolutely cannot die here."

Huashen Realm cultivators generally have clones, and since Shao Liangji's clone had been slain by Lu Chen, if he died now, that would truly be the end.

But Lie Haoyan was different. Even if Lie Haoyan were to be slain, it would only be one of his clones.

Chapter 1139: We are Willing to Surrender to the Daxia Dynasty!

Lie Haoyan sneered coldly, the figure present here was indeed just a clone of himself.

However, his clone was different from ordinary clones, as he didn't distinguish between a primary body and a secondary one. He had adopted a special soul-splitting technique, dividing his soul into only two parts to create a new body.

If this clone died, he would be greatly weakened and severely injured.

Lie Haoyan continued, "You think you can kill me with your power? How ridiculous!"

Although he genuinely couldn't defeat a cultivator from the Returning Ruin Realm, especially since the Sum Emperor possessed a Sky-grade Spirit Sword, handling a few cultivators from the Divinity Transformation Realm was not a problem.

The thing he hated most in his life was those who betrayed him. Even if this clone perished, he was determined to kill Shao Liangji, the traitor.

At that moment, Lie Haoyan suddenly produced an artifact resembling a Jade Seal.

"Jade-Gold Seal!!!"

The next moment, the artifact grew enormously and rolled directly towards Shao Liangji. Witnessing this scene, Shao Liangji was completely dumbfounded.

What was happening? Lie Haoyan had already been seriously injured by him, so how could Lie Haoyan still activate the Jade-Gold Seal?

They were in the void, which lacked any land; theoretically, Shao Liangji could have escaped directly downwards into the void. However, at that moment, his body seemed to be restrained, completely immobilizing him.

As the massive gold seal drew closer, Shao Liangji urgently looked in Lu Chen's direction, "Sum Emperor, save me!"

However, Lu Chen made no move; from the top of Shao Liangji's head, he had seen that Shao Liangji's loyalty was negative. After all, Shao Liangji had killed one of his own clones; how could he possibly hold any fondness for Lu Chen? Such a person would eventually betray him, so it was better to let Lie Haoyan kill him.

Seeing that Lu Chen was unmoved, Lie Haoyan burst into a loud laughter, "Shao Liangji, you didn't expect this, did you? You want to pledge allegiance to a new master, but unfortunately, he doesn't care about you at all!"

With that, Lie Haoyan bellowed,

"Die!"

The next moment, the Jade-Gold Seal smashed down from the void directly onto Shao Liangji. Shao Liangji immediately ignited his divine soul in an attempt to block the Jade-Gold Seal. However, having recently lost one of his split souls, his strength had diminished too severely to withstand Lie Haoyan's full-powered strike.

The Jade-Gold Seal quickly shattered the protective Spiritual Power Shield and smashed directly onto Shao Liangji's body. Beneath Shao Liangji's feet, it was as if a patch of land appeared to block his retreat.

Soon, Shao Liangji was smashed into a pulp by the Jade-Gold Seal.

However, a Huashen Realm Cultivator isn't so easily killed; even if the physical body is destroyed, the divine soul can still exist. As long as the divine soul doesn't die, it doesn't count as true death.

After his physical body was crushed, Shao Liangji's divine soul immediately fled towards the distance. Seeing Shao Liangji attempting to escape, Lie Haoyan activated the Jade-Gold Seal again, and immediately a colossal "Seal" character flew out, instantly crushing Shao Liangji's divine soul.

After eliminating Shao Liangji, Lie Haoyan spat out another mouthful of blood. The other Huashen Realm Cultivators looked at one another, unsure of what to do.

If they betrayed Lie Haoyan now, they feared they would meet the same fate as Shao Liangji. Additionally, it was likely that their descendants would also be massacred.

But even if they steadfastly stood by Lie Haoyan at this moment, Lie Haoyan was at his last gasp and his fall was only a matter of time.

Once they were defeated, it was very likely that their descendants would also be killed by the Sum Emperor.

At that moment, they looked at each other once again. They had already notified their descendants of the unexpected turn of events by Divine Sense Transmission, advising them to be cautious of the Lieyan Dynasty and to find a place to hide as soon as possible.

They didn't know if there was still enough time.

At that moment, Lie Haoyan coughed up another mouthful of blood, then looked up at Lu Chen in the distance and said, "Even if I am to die, I won't let you have an easy time!"

Upon saying this, Lie Haoyan once again activated the Jade-Gold Seal. Lu Chen glanced at the massive seal and asked the system again, what kind of Spiritual Artifact is this?

The system answered, "This is a life-bound Spiritual Artifact nurtured by a Cultivator's vital blood, possessing the power of an Earth Grade Spiritual Artifact."

Lu Chen thought to himself that since it was only an Earth Grade Spiritual Artifact, it likely couldn't block a single strike from his sword, so he might as well finish this.

Immediately, Lu Chen circulated the Spiritual Power throughout his body, activating the Godslayer Sword, and in the next moment, numerous gigantic sun apparitions appeared behind him.

Star Shifting Thousand Swords Technique!!!

Following that, countless golden tremendous swords struck towards Lie Haoyan. Lie Haoyan hastily urged the Jade-Gold Seal, attempting to use it to block Lu Chen's attack.

However, when those golden tremendous swords came into contact with the Jade-Gold Seal, they instantly penetrated it, shattering the Jade-Gold Seal into countless pieces, and at that

moment, Lie Haoyan was directly pierced by those golden swords, even his Divine Soul was destroyed.

Seeing this scene, the remaining four Huashen Realm Cultivators were utterly stunned in the void.

It was too powerful!

Even relying on an Earth Grade Spiritual Artifact, Lie Haoyan was no match for their opponent. If they couldn't even match Lie Haoyan, how could they possibly stand up to the Sum Emperor?

The few of them looked at each other once more. They found themselves in a difficult position; if they didn't surrender, they would certainly die. If they surrendered, their descendants might already have been slaughtered by the time they returned to the Lieyan Dynasty.

Lu Chen glanced at the Loyalty above the heads of those Huashen Realm Cultivators. Their Loyalty had already reached seventy, indicating that they had already lost their will to fight.

Lu Chen then said, "I am not a man who revels in slaughter. I can give you a chance to live, as long as you are willing to submit. I will spare you and your descendants."

The few understood that if the Sum Emperor wanted to kill them, it would be easy. But if they really surrendered, their descendants might face a disaster abruptly.

While they were thinking this, Lu Chen lightly said, "If you surrender earlier, perhaps you can arrive in the Lieyan World before Emperor Lie's duplicate cleans up your respective forces."

Hearing this, the people were startled and then quickly responded by saying in unison, "We are willing to submit to the Daxia Dynasty, never to betray in this life!"

Hearing this, Lu Chen immediately said, "Your Immortal Boats are too slow. Come onto the Great Sum's Immortal Boat."

Seeing that Lu Chen had spoken, the people thought no further and most of the Cultivators from the Lieyan World boarded the Tianchen World's Immortal Boat.

The Tianchen World's Immortal Boat, brought from the Black Dragon Holy Land by Yin Zhengye, was naturally incomparable to those made in the Lieyan World.

The most apparent feature was the speed; in just the blink of an eye, the Feihong Immortal Boat led the other Immortal Boats to the outside of the Lieyan World.

Meanwhile,

Lieyan Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

In a chamber beneath the Imperial Palace, a young man suddenly opened his eyes wide, then spat out a mouthful of blood.

A fierce look flashed across his eyes and he then said, "Someone come!"

Shortly after, a soldier entered the room and saluted the man, saying, "Your Highness, the Crown Prince!"

Lie Haoyan said, "Issue my order, Shao Liangji has betrayed the Lieyan World, exterminate the Shao Family immediately!"

The Crown Prince of the Lieyan Dynasty, who was also Lie Haoyan's duplicate, had employed this tactic to keep a firm grip on power. He had often stated that as long as he was not around, the orders of the Crown Prince were his commands.

Chapter 1140: It Seems I Have to Leave This Star Domain...

Upon hearing the command of Lie Haoyan, the soldier was completely stunned, standing still. He knew that Shao Liangji had the best relationship with His Majesty among the non-kinsmen kings.

Crown Prince actually commanded the annihilation of the whole Qi Prince's clan?

Seeing the soldier frozen in place, Lie Haoyan coldly said, "Do you not understand what I am saying?"

After snapping back to his senses, the soldier hurriedly replied, "Your Highness, please calm your anger. I will go at once."

The Emperor had said countless times that when he was not present, the Crown Prince's commands were his own.

Since the Crown Prince had already issued the command, those below could only follow what he had said.

After the soldier left, Lie Haoyan spat out another mouthful of fresh blood, his head feeling as if it were splitting, losing half of his divine soul, not only causing his strength to plummet but also bringing him immense pain.

Lie Haoyan managed to say with a growl, "If this vengeance is not avenged, I swear I am not a human!"

Although he longed for revenge, Lie Haoyan also understood that with his current strength, he was no match for the Returning Ruin Realm. To seek revenge, he would need to find a backer in other High-Level Cultivation Realms.

Thinking this, Lie Haoyan clenched his fist. He had never left the Chaotic Star Sea, even as his end drew near; he had always stayed in the Chaotic Star Sea.

It was not that he couldn't leave this place, but rather because he feared losing everything he currently possessed. In the Lieyan World he was an Emperor, but in the High-Level Cultivation World, he would be among countless Semi-Saints, and Returning Ruins less than dogs.

He was the sort who would rather be a big fish in a small pond than a small fish in a big pond. Being an Emperor in the Lieyan World, why would he go and be a dog for others?

But now it seemed he might indeed have to become someone else's dog if he wanted his revenge.

At this time, Lie Haoyan headed towards the door; the priority was to hastily leave the Lieyan World, as the Sum Emperor might already be on his way there.

Soon, Lie Haoyan had left the Lieyan World; whether his soldiers had carried out his recent command was no longer his concern.

When he returned one day, if the descendants of Shao Liangji were still alive, he could still annihilate them all then; there was no rush at the moment.

Escaping was what mattered most.

Deep inside the Imperial Palace, in a secluded palace, a woman in a red dress was cultivating when suddenly she opened her eyes.

She then stood up and walked to the door, looking up at the sky.

Her palace was extremely deserted, with only one or two palace maids.

Seeing the woman in white come out, the two maids hurried over and asked, "Your Highness, Princess, do you need anything?"

The woman glanced at the sky and then indifferently said, "It's nothing."

Hearing this, the two maids returned to their original positions.

Moments later, the woman in red muttered to herself, "It seems I need to leave this star domain..."

Not long after, the entire Lieyan Dynasty fell into chaos; it was evident that practically all the forces had received the divine sense transmissions from their ancestors.

Members of the royal family, upon learning of the defeat in the Lieyan World, hurriedly searched for the Crown Prince to discuss their plans. However, people searched throughout

the entire Capital city and could not find any trace of the Crown Prince; it was as though he had vanished.

With no Crown Prince, the entire Capital city also descended into chaos; but despite the chaos, people could not escape.

Their Immortal Boats had already been dispatched, and without Immortal Boats, ordinary cultivators found it impossible to linger in the void. However, cultivators of the All Law Realm could attempt to construct world passages and then leave this world.

At that time, none of the major forces in the Lieyan World wished to resist, because in their view, since the Divinity Transformation Realm experts of Lieyan World had been defeated, those remaining in the Lieyan World were even less likely to be opponents for the Tianchen World.

Though the Lieyan World possessed numerous formations, the people of Lieyan World had by then lost their will to fight; such was the nature of a world that overly emphasized the survival of the fittest. Once the powerful were vanquished, the weaker ones would immediately follow the new power.

For the majority of people, it mattered little who ruled; it was all the same to them.

It wasn't long before the boundary of the Lieyan World began to stir, and Immortal Boats pierced the boundary, stirring ripples.

Seeing the Immortal Boats in the sky, the people of the Lieyan World showed expressions of horror on their faces. Although it did not matter who ruled, nobody could be sure whether the new ruler would be a tyrant or not.

Even though Emperor Lie had also exploited the common people, they were still able to barely survive, with only the lower-level cultivators lacking cultivation resources.

The Feihong Immortal Boat effortlessly arrived above the Capital City of the Lieyan Dynasty without encountering any hindrance or resistance.

The Immortal Boat bore the elders and ancestors of various forces from the Lieyan World, naturally preventing the people of that world from acting rashly.

At that point, Yin Zhengye spoke, "The Lieyan Dynasty invaded the Daxia Dynasty, and now Emperor Lie is dead, and all the major forces' elders and ancestors have surrendered."

With these words, the entire Capital City fell silent. Since the unification of the Lieyan Dynasty, there had not been any major internal strife, nor an event such as this.

It was unforeseen that the Lieyan Dynasty, when first facing a foreign enemy, would be annihilated. Before departing, hadn't Emperor Lie said they had only found a low-level world? How could a low-level world be so powerful!

At that moment, Yin Zhengye said to Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, how should we deal with the members of the royal family from the Lieyan Dynasty?"

Yin Zhengye was uncertain about Lu Chen's thoughts. Were it up to him, he would not hesitate to kill them all, but Lu Chen was different; Lu Chen was not a man given to slaughter.

Lu Chen said calmly, "First, imprison them all."

Yin Zhengye responded, "Yes, Your Majesty."

Immediately after, Yin Zhengye led the War Dragon Army into the Capital City of the Lieyan Dynasty. Before long, the palace echoed with the sounds of booming.

At that moment, Lu Chen paid no attention to the disturbances within the Imperial Palace; he circulated his Spiritual Power, feeling the suppression exerted by the heavens and the earth around him.

From the moment he entered the Lieyan World, he felt an invisible force suppressing the power inside his body. Had he been in the void, he could have exhibited the strength of the Returning Ruin Realm; however, in the Lieyan World, at most he could only manifest the strength of the first or second layer of the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Lu Chen thought to himself, "So this is the complete suppression imposed by the Heavenly Dao Laws on cultivators."

Then, Lu Chen asked the system, "System, is it true that the higher level the cultivation world, the more severe the suppression of a cultivator's strength?"

The system answered, "Yes."

The Heavenly Dao of each world, to prevent powerful beings from destroying the world, greatly suppresses the strength of cultivators, especially in those worlds with more complete Laws.

Tianchen World and Ziyang World are only low-level worlds and lack complete laws, thus they cannot suppress the strength of cultivators; internally, they cannot withstand the mighty blows of Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators.

But it's different in the Lieyan World. Divinity Transformation Realm cultivators can easily exert force in the Lieyan World.

As for this kind of suppression, Lu Chen was not overly concerned. After all, once inside that world,

the strength of all cultivators would be suppressed, and the strong would naturally remain strong.