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Chapter 1251: Liu Qingyun Departs

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingyun did not respond. A hint of seductive red surfaced on her icy cheeks, and her eyes were fixated on Lu Chen as she continued busily with her own tasks.

Seeing that Liu Qingyun did not answer, Lu Chen simply transferred the Mysterious Female Technique directly to her.

A sphere of light flew out from Lu Chen's forehead and burrowed into Liu Qingyun's brain. When Liu Qingyun assimilated the information from the sphere of light, she clearly paused for a moment.

Mysterious Female Technique?

For some reason, she felt this cultivation technique seemed familiar, as if she had practiced it before, but there were no memories of this technique in her mind.

Liu Qingyun did not think too much about it and began to practice the Mysterious Female Technique immediately. She also realized the extraordinariness of the technique. With such a Dual Cultivation Technique, her speed of increasing her Cultivation State would inevitably accelerate, and she could ascend to Emperor faster to leave this damned place.

As she practiced the Mysterious Female Technique, Liu Qingyun instantly sensed something was amiss—this Mysterious Female Technique was actually...

Liu Qingyun's face suddenly showed a trace of anger. Indeed, the Mysterious Female Technique was an impressive Dual Cultivation Technique, but there was an additional effect —it made men enjoy themselves even more.

For Lu Chen to impart this technique to her, his motives were self-evident.

Over the years in the Red Flower Sedan, she had long realized that her divine soul was in a connected state with Lu Chen's. As long as Lu Chen enjoyed himself, she would be affected in the same way.

If she cultivated the Mysterious Female Technique, allowing Lu Chen to relish, wouldn't she suffer as well? If she indulged in such affairs, how could she continue her cultivation?

Although she felt a bit of anger inside, Liu Qingyun soon discovered that the Mysterious Female Technique could accelerate the absorption of the Spiritual Power in Lu Chen's body, speeding up the circulation of Spiritual Power between them. This was much faster than the rate at which she had previously improved her Cultivation State.

After hesitating for a moment, Liu Qingyun still chose to accept the technique. She needed to become an Emperor as soon as possible and could not afford to worry about the side effects the technique brought at this time.

Feeling Liu Qingyun operating the Mysterious Female Technique, Lu Chen smiled slightly, "Truly comfortable!"

Liu Qingyun gave Lu Chen a cold look, ignoring his words.

Seeing the cold beauty engage in that sort of activity while looking at him with an unwilling and humiliated expression made Lu Chen even more excited. Liu Qingyun instantly felt Lu Chen's thoughts and became even more annoyed.

Thus, Liu Qingyun and Lu Chen continued to cultivate together for countless years, until one day, Liu Qingyun's realm began to loosen.

As streams of Spiritual Power were released from Liu Qingyun's body, the entire bridal chamber transformed, its decorations gradually dissipating, turning into a sea of flowers.

Witnessing this sea of flowers, Lu Chen was stunned; wasn't this the very sea of flowers he encountered when he was recovering his memories?

It seemed the Red Flower Sedan was indeed related to him, but all of this would have to wait until he recovered his previous life's memories to be understood.

Liu Qingyun, seeing this sea of flowers, forgot for a moment that she was still in an intimate state with Lu Chen. She felt a refreshing power surge into her body, her divine soul becoming stronger and all her meridians being tempered.

Liu Qingyun couldn't help feeling a bit elated. She had broken through a realm so quickly; if she continued cultivating at this pace, perhaps it would not take a thousand years for her to ascend to Emperor. As a Saint, cultivating non-stop for a thousand years without food or drink was not an issue.

But just at that moment, a vast surge of memories flooded into Liu Qingyun's mind.

In those memories, she was the daughter of a Super Force, who had fallen in love with a man that looked very much like Lu Chen. Defying everything, she married that man and eventually chose to leave her homeland with him, wandering between various universes.

After a brief stupor, Liu Qingyun suddenly snapped back to reality, her pupils contracting, unable to believe those memories were her own.

"Impossible... Absolutely impossible..." Liu Qingyun murmured to herself.

Seeing the shocked look on Liu Qingyun beneath him, Lu Chen curiously asked, "What's wrong with you?"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingyun came back to her senses. Her gaze fell upon Lu Chen's face; the more she looked at him, the more profound those memories became.

Now, the murder intent on Liu Qingyun's face had vanished, replaced only by confusion.

Her soul told her that those memories were indeed her own, but she found them hard to believe.

In her memories, when she married that man, she was indeed borne in the red bridal palanquin she encountered in the stars.

Liu Qingyun did not speak, silently watching Lu Chen. Time passed, the flowers surrounding them gradually disappeared, and their bodies involuntarily separated.

As Lu Chen withdrew, Liu Qingyun immediately felt an endless emptiness, a spiritual hollowness and solitude as if enduring countless years of isolation.

When all of this dissipated, the two left the space inside the red bridal palanquin and returned to the real world.

Upon returning to reality, the entire Chaotic Star Sea seemed as if it had been unsealed. Seeing Lu Chen and Liu Qingyun in front of the red bridal palanquin and very close to each other, Mu Qinglan was incredibly tense.

Without the slightest hesitation, Mu Qinglan rushed to Lu Chen's side, "Your Majesty, be careful!"

After regaining her senses, Liu Qingyun observed her surroundings; what just occurred felt like a dream. Yet, she was very clear that it couldn't possibly be a dream; her chastity had indeed been taken, and her realm had indeed been elevated to the Saint Realm Third Stage.

Lu Chen's gaze fixed on Liu Qingyun, ready to dodge if she attacked him the moment she did.

However, judging by Liu Qingyun's expression, the emotions in her eyes seemed complex and not indicative of an intent to attack.

As Mu Qinglan reached Lu Chen's side, Liu Qingyun suddenly turned and left, quickly returning to her palace.

Shortly after, Liu Qingqiu also regained consciousness. Seeing that Liu Qingyun did not strike at Lu Chen, everyone present, except for Lu Chen, was baffled.

Considering how close the two were, had Liu Qingyun struck, it was very likely Lu Chen wouldn't have been able to withstand it. Why didn't she make a move?

After Liu Qingyun returned to her palace, with a flick of her wrist, Liu Qingqiu's body uncontrollably flew towards Lu Chen.

This...

Liu Qingqiu was completely dumbfounded; she couldn't comprehend what her main body was trying to do.

She had been aggressive and confrontational just before, but suddenly it was as if she changed into a different person, and now she had sent herself to be beside Lu Chen. Wasn't she supposed to take her away?

Liu Qingyun then spoke to Lu Chen: "From now on, this secondary body of mine is yours to do with as you please."

Liu Qingqiu was even more baffled; her divine soul was a separate part of her main body. Without her, the soul of the secondary body, it would be very difficult for Liu Qingyun's main body to ascend and become an emperor. Why then would her main body give her to Lu Chen?

What exactly happened just now?

Lu Chen was also puzzled. From the information he saw about Liu Qingyun, her favorability towards him was only sixty. Although it was much higher than the initial zero, sixty points of favorability wouldn't warrant such a willing surrender of her secondary body to him, would it?

Moreover, Liu Qingyun even added that he could play with it however he wanted. Did she even regard Liu Qingqiu as her secondary body anymore?

Lu Chen asked, "What do you mean by this?"

Liu Qingyun no longer paid any attention to Lu Chen, directly controlling her palace. The next moment, her palace turned into a stream of light and left the Chaotic Star Sea.

Chapter 1252: Emperor Summoning Card

Seeing Liu Qingyun leave directly, everyone except Lu Chen was utterly confused. From their perspective, they had only been in a trance for a moment, and then Liu Qingyun seemed to have become a different person, followed by an abrupt end to everything.

After Liu Qingyun left, Liu Qingqiu turned to Lu Chen with a puzzled face and asked, "Your Majesty, what just happened?"

Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, "I pulled her into a small world and spoke some sense into her, convincing her."

Liu Qingqiu and Mu Qinglan looked at Lu Chen with skepticism. Convinced her? Was it really a proper convincing?

However, they didn't think too much about it. Now that they were temporarily rid of the strong enemy, Liu Qingyun, they could breathe a sigh of relief.

Meanwhile.

In the void, a palace was rapidly flying towards the distance.

Liu Qingyun sat on the throne within the palace, her mind replaying the events that had occurred in the inner space of the Red Flower Sedan with Lu Chen over and over.

Liu Qingyun clenched her teeth, wanting to rage but unable to summon any anger whatsoever.

Especially after receiving that strange segment of memories, her inability to get angry at Lu Chen increased even further.

If those memories were true, it would mean she had a past life before her past life, and in her prior past life, she was Lu Chen's woman.

In that segment of her memories, she was the one who crafted the Red Flower Sedan. The purpose of that Red Flower Sedan was to find her when she lost her memories and forcibly

confine her with Lu Chen — that's why the rules inside the Red Flower Sedan dictated that they must do that kind of thing.

If the memories were true, it would be equivalent to her former former life betraying herself.

Liu Qingyun was still finding it hard to believe; perhaps because it was a lifetime apart, she wasn't very receptive to those memories from her former former life.

But deep within Liu Qingyun's soul, she sensed that those memories were very familiar, which likely meant they were indeed true.

Liu Qingyun was caught in a struggle. Her Divine Soul accepted those memories, but she still hesitated to believe them.

She glanced at the marriage line wrapped around her body. Lu Chen's marriage line had completely enshrouded her body — fearing that in this life she would become Emperor, she would no longer be able to escape from Lu Chen.

According to her memories, the Red Flower Sedan was a rules-based Spiritual Artifact. As long as she and Lu Chen were in proximity and she harbored any aversion towards him, the Red Flower Sedan would activate, ignoring her strength and forcibly pulling them both into the space within the Red Flower Sedan.

Because that Red Flower Sedan was crafted by herself, harnessing the power of vows, no matter what she did, she couldn't destroy the Red Flower Sedan or resist its power.

Even if she avoided Lu Chen in the future, the Red Flower Sedan would likely find her and bring her to Lu Chen's side.

Liu Qingyun felt a sense of helplessness in her heart: why on earth did her former former life do such a thing, to love a man so dearly as to create such a horrifying Spiritual Artifact?

The reason she chose to leave Liu Qingqiu by Lu Chen's side was to evade the power of the Red Flower Sedan's rules; the Red Flower Sedan would automatically find her and bring her to Lu Chen. She thought that, if her secondary body served by Lu Chen's side, perhaps the Red Flower Sedan would not seek her out again.

At that moment, Liu Qingyun suddenly had another thought. It seemed that the Red Flower Sedan not only brought her to the Chaotic Star Sea, but also led many of Lu Chen's other women there. Could it be that in their past lives, or even in their past past lives, they too were Lu Chen's women?

But that seemed to have little to do with her...

She appeared quite bewildered at the moment, unsure of what to do next. With the Red Flower Sedan as a Spiritual Artifact, she would be bound to Lu Chen for eternity, and a voice deep within her soul was tempting her, urging her not to resist and to accept Lu Chen.

At this time, Liu Qingyun closed her eyes.

Simultaneously, an imperceptible light flashed in the eyes of Liu Qingqiu by Lu Chen's side.

Liu Qingyun discovered that her Divine Sense could perfectly connect with her secondary body, without any obstacles. That meant, in the future, when Lu Chen and Liu Qingqiu were intimate, her Divine Sense would link with Liu Qingqiu's, making it no different from being intimate with Lu Chen herself.

If that was the case, wouldn't it be equivalent to her being together with Lu Chen?

If this method works, my primary body won't have to stay by Lu Chen's side all the time.

Liu Qingqiu also clearly felt the Divine Sense of her primary body and asked directly in the Sea of Consciousness, "What are you thinking? What happened before?"

Liu Qingyun's indifferent response was, "You don't need to know."

As the primary body, as long as she doesn't transfer the memories to Liu Qingqiu, Liu Qingqiu will not know what happened before.

Liu Qingqiu continued to say, "You can now control my body, are you planning to have me lie in wait by Lu Chen's side, then find an opportunity to kill him?"

"If that's the case, I'll self-destruct my Dantian immediately and will not let your plan succeed!"

Liu Qingyun said indifferently, "Lu Chen and I have a connection from a past life, you can't kill him, and neither can I."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu was slightly startled. Connection? What connection? How come she was not aware of it?

Liu Qingyun did not explain much, instead, she said, "From now on, just stay by his side and serve him. Whatever he wants to do with your body, do not refuse."

This...

Liu Qingqiu then said, "I am already his woman, don't use such crude words like 'toy with.'

What 'toy with,' she actually quite enjoyed Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen. How could doing that sort of thing with him be considered being toyed with? It's as if she were Lu Chen's Female Slave.

At that moment, Lu Chen also noticed something off about Liu Qingqiu.

Lu Chen asked, "Qingqiu, what's wrong?"

Hearing Lu Chen's call, Liu Qingqiu came back to her senses and quickly said, "No, nothing's wrong."

Lu Chen smiled faintly at the corner of his mouth and did not press further, but he already guessed that Liu Qingqiu was just now communicating with her primary body, Liu Qingyun.

Mu Qinglan then said, "Your Majesty, look at that Red Flower Sedan!"

Hearing Mu Qinglan's reminder, Lu Chen's gaze immediately fell on the Red Flower Sedan. At that moment, a space vortex appeared in front of the Red Flower Sedan, which entered directly into the vortex and then disappeared without a trace.

Lu Chen's eyebrows furrowed slightly. This Red Flower Sedan clearly possessed autonomous consciousness, and it could even travel through space.

The purpose of the Red Flower Sedan is probably to bring some women to his side, to be together with him.

Now that the Red Flower Sedan has left, could it be that after some time it will bring women to his side again?

Lu Chen didn't think further; at this moment, he opened the system interface, his gaze landing on the rewards section.

[Congratulations Host for obtaining a wife, awarded three Emperor Summoning Cards.]

Seeing this system reward, Lu Chen was stunned on the spot.

Emperor Summoning Card?

After coming to his senses, he quickly clicked to view the introduction.

[Emperor Summoning Card: Use to summon an Emperor who will obey the Host for a duration of two hours.]

Uh, this...

So there's a time limit.

Chapter 1253: A New Crisis

Lu Chen suddenly felt as if a bucket of cold water had been poured on him. He originally thought that the Great Emperors summoned by the Emperor Summoning Card would be permanent. If that were the case, having three Great Emperors by his side would allow him to expand wildly.

However, on second thought, with these three Emperor Summoning Cards, he himself wouldn't be in any danger for the time being.

The duration of two hours should be sufficient to deal with that Quasi-Emperor from the Imperial Mountain Star Region. Once the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor is dealt with, he can use the summoned Great Emperors to intimidate the other forces of the Imperial Mountain Star Region and then directly bring the region under the rule of the Daxia Dynasty.

Once the Imperial Mountain Star Region is taken, the combined Qi Fortune of all its Life Worlds will be enough for all of his wives and concubines to conceive child worlds.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen felt somewhat excited inside, but he was also aware that to capture the Imperial Mountain Star Region, he needed to proceed step by step. It would be troublesome if the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor heard about it and ran away, only to come back after advancing to Great Emperor.

First of all, it's important to eliminate the immediate crisis. The Dragon-Riding Sect most likely already knows about the news from the Chaotic Star Sea and is probably on the way. Once the Dragon-Riding Sect, the biggest power subordinate to the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, is taken care of, the Quasi-Emperor is likely to show up voluntarily.

Having collected his thoughts, Lu Chen said to everyone, "The crisis has been temporarily resolved, let's go back."

After finishing speaking, Lu Chen led the way back to the Tianchen World.

He had spent countless years in the Red Flower Sedan with Liu Qingyun for dual cultivation and had reached a bottleneck in his realm breakthrough. Next, he needs to rest for a while to stabilize his cultivation state.

After returning to Tianchen World, Lu Chen began closed-door cultivation. Unlike the last time, he was not so concerned about improving his realm this time around. He just wanted

to stabilize the realm he achieved after dual cultivation and prevent it from being too unstable.

What Lu Chen didn't expect was that this period of seclusion would last a year, and he was completely unaware that a year had passed, almost as if he had been asleep the whole time.

When Lu Chen opened his eyes again, his minor world was expanding wildly, and his body was frantically absorbing the surrounding Spiritual Energy. The Spiritual Energy of the entire Black Dragon City was drained in an instant, creating a vacuum of Spiritual Energy in the Black Dragon County.

Feeling the Spiritual Energy around them being frenetically drawn into the Imperial Palace, all the cultivators turned their gaze towards it. Without guessing, it was clear that some powerful individual had made a breakthrough. Only a Heavenly Emperor or one of the Protectors by the emperor's side could cause such a disturbance.

At this moment, Lu Chen was somewhat surprised; he had only intended to stabilize his cultivation state and had not expected to break through to the second layer of the Saint Realm in one fell swoop.

This gave him the feeling that despite trying to cultivate flowers that wouldn't bloom, unintentionally planting willows led to the creation of shade.

Last time he aimed for a breakthrough, not only did he not succeed in half a year, but his cultivation state even declined slightly. Although the system claimed that he had stabilized his cultivation state over that half-year, which wasn't a waste of time, for Lu Chen, not improving his cultivation state felt nearly the same as wasting time.

If not for reaching a bottleneck in dual cultivation to a certain extent, he would not have chosen to go into closed-door cultivation. Unexpectedly, not only did this seclusion stabilize his cultivation state, but it also helped him achieve a breakthrough.

Lu Chen stabilized his internal Spiritual Power, then left the chamber without delay. Curiously, he asked the maid guarding the chamber, "How long have I been in closed-door cultivation?"

He felt as if he had been in closed-door cultivation for at most a month, but cultivators lack a sense of time during such periods, so Lu Chen still needed to ask someone else.

The maid replied, "Your Majesty, you have been in closed-door cultivation for a year."

Hearing the maid's answer, Lu Chen was stunned for a moment. He thought he had only been in seclusion for a month, but in a blink of an eye, a year had passed.

However, when considering it, advancing one realm in a year while in the Saint Realm isn't too bad. For an ordinary Saint Cultivator, let alone a year, it might not be possible to advance even a minor realm in a thousand years.

At this time, Lu Chen was in an excellent mood. Immediately, he used Shadow Shifting and returned to the Yancheng Imperial Palace. He hadn't seen his wives and concubines for a year, so he needed to go back and help alleviate their longing.

Over the next two months, Lu Chen shifted between his various wives and concubines.

Meanwhile.

At the Dragon-Riding Sect.

Wu Peng was sitting on the throne, listening to the report from the Elder below.

"So, does that mean there is indeed a Life Star Domain near the Imperial Mountain Star Region?"

After receiving news of the Chaotic Star Sea, Wu Peng had immediately ordered people to investigate and track down its location.

Soon, individuals from the Dragon-Riding Sect, following the faint clues left by the Canghai Sect, located the position of the Chaotic Star Sea and even sent people to its edges to explore.

The Elder in the hall replied, "Yes, Sect Hierarch, to reach the Chaotic Star Sea one has to cross an area similar to the Dark Zone. Perhaps that's why so few know of its existence."

After some thought, Wu Peng said, "I'm afraid that's not the only reason. It's highly likely that a powerful entity used some kind of forbidden magic to conceal the entire star domain, and because so much time has passed, the spell has worn off, allowing the Canghai Sect to discover it."

"Alright, now that we have confirmed the exact location of the Chaotic Star Sea, there's no need to waste any more time. Have them proceed directly to the Chaotic Star Sea."

Upon hearing this, the Elder asked, "Do we need to say anything to the Canghai Sect? They've sent people over in the past few days, asking when we will gather other forces to go to the Chaotic Star Sea together."

Wu Peng chuckled lightly and said, "They are indeed very anxious."

"There's no need to pay attention to the Canghai Sect; I've already sent someone to handle it."

Hearing Wu Peng's words, the Elder quickly understood and then said, "I understand."

With those words, he turned and left.

Half a month later, in Tianchen World.

In Liu Qingqiu's room, she was in front of the dressing table, quietly looking at herself in the mirror, her eyes emitting a brief flash of brightness.

Liu Qingqiu murmured to herself, "If you miss him so much, why not just stay behind yourself."

Lately, Liu Qingyun would occasionally control this secondary body of hers to inquire about Lu Chen's situation, which puzzled Liu Qingqiu greatly.

Didn't her primary body always want to kill Lu Chen? Why does it now seem to be concerned about him?

Liu Qingqiu didn't mind the primary body using Divine Sense to control this secondary body. Unlike Yun Xianxian, who also had a secondary body but with a strong independent consciousness, Liu Qingqiu didn't care whether or not she was controlled by the primary body, as long as it did not harm Lu Chen.

However, she was curious about what exactly happened between the primary body and Lu Chen that made the primary body still think of Lu Chen after leaving the Chaotic Star Sea.

If the primary body missed Lu Chen that much, why not merge with her and then stay by Lu Chen's side?

Liu Qingyun ignored Liu Qingqiu's question. Seeing that Liu Qingyun remained silent, Liu Qingqiu did not say anything further.

Just then, a figure suddenly appeared behind Liu Qingqiu, "Did you know I was coming, so you dressed up specially for me?"

Chapter 1254: Do You Really Think I Don't Know It's You?

Hearing Lu Chen's voice, Liu Qingqiu didn't turn around. She continued looking at her own reflection in the mirror and said, "The desire for beauty is universal; I may not have dressed up solely for Your Majesty."

Lu Chen gave a slight smile, then placed his hands on Liu Qingqiu's shoulders and bent down to look at her reflection in the mirror.

The Liu Qingqiu in the mirror was gentle and refined, her hair was done up high with a lock of black hair draped over her shoulder, exuding charm.

Lu Chen asked, "Has your true self sought you out?"

A few days ago, Lu Chen had also visited Liu Qingqiu, but at that time he was there to fulfill his grain tribute task, coming in to cultivate with Liu Qingqiu and hardly speaking.

Now that Lu Chen had completed his task, he took the time to have a heart-to-heart with his wives and concubines.

Liu Qingqiu didn't hide anything and said directly, "She sought me out a few days ago."

Curious, Lu Chen inquired, "What did she want?"

Liu Qingqiu replied, "She wanted to know if the Red Flower Sedan has visited the Tianchen World again."

Ever since Liu Qingyun regained the memories of her past lives, she has been preoccupied with the Red Flower Sedan, worried it would come again to take her before Lu Chen.

In her memory, the main purpose of the Red Flower Sedan was to bring her to Lu Chen, no matter where she was, the sedan would be able to find her.

Lu Chen said with a laugh, "It seems that the Red Flower Sedan indeed left a deep impression on her."

As he spoke, Lu Chen buried his head in Liu Qingqiu's neck, deeply inhaling her feminine scent.

Being so close to Lu Chen, Liu Qingqiu's body began to feel warm. Having been with Lu Chen for so long, Liu Qingqiu naturally knew what would happen next.

She slowly stood up and said, "Your Majesty, you only visited a few days ago, and now you are here again. Aren't you worried that the other wives and concubines will be dissatisfied?"

Lu Chen chuckled, "I have already completed my first round of tasks, and now it's the second round."

After standing up, Liu Qingqiu turned to gaze at Lu Chen, who was dressed in a white robe with golden edges and had his hair tied up, looking handsome and dashing.

Lu Chen extended his hand and without hesitation embraced Liu Qingqiu's voluptuous body into his arms, their bodies pressing tightly against each other.

Looking at the stunningly beautiful face before him, Lu Chen was reminded of the things he did with Liu Qingyun in the Red Flower Sedan, and once again, he felt his interest piqued.

Every time he thought of Liu Qingyun, his desire ignited fiercely. Even though they had faced off in the Red Flower Sedan for who knows how many years, Lu Chen never tired of it.

At this moment, Lu Chen no longer hesitated and leaned down to seal Liu Qingqiu's lips with a kiss. As soon as their lips met, a glint flashed in her eyes.

Unaware that Liu Qingqiu's body had been taken over by a different consciousness, Lu Chen, feeling the moment was right, pushed her towards the soft couch to begin the work of the day.

Soon, Lu Chen felt something was amiss. If it were the Liu Qingqiu of the past, she would have already screamed out loud, but today she was exceptionally quiet.

Lu Chen could not recall when Liu Qingqiu had last been this quiet. He then tried to increase the intensity, only to find that she continued to endure.

Even though she was enduring, she was also cultivating with him using the Mysterious Female Technique, and logically, under the enhancement of the Mysterious Female Technique and the Hundred Birds Paying Homage to the Phoenix Technique, she shouldn't have been able to remain this quiet.

This made Lu Chen think back again to the times of dual cultivation with Liu Qingyun in the Red Flower Sedan. Among all his women, if he were to say who could endure the most, it would undoubtedly be Liu Qingyun.

Liu Qingyun initially felt no favorability towards him, and even after her chastity was taken, she still endured.

After staying in the Red Flower Sedan for a few years, she barely made some noises, but unlike Lu Chen's other wives and concubines, she would still forcibly suppress her own vocalizations, because in her view, it was a humiliation. Lu Chen instantly realized that it wasn't Liu Qingqiu he was pressing down on, but instead, Liu Qingyun.

Just thinking of Liu Qingyun, a flame erupted within Lu Chen's heart, as he channeled his Spiritual Power throughout his whole body and fully operated the Hundred Birds Paying Homage to the Phoenix Technique together with the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill.

Under the strain of three Cultivation Techniques, Liu Qingyun couldn't hold on any longer, but she did not beg for mercy, which further confirmed Lu Chen's suspicion; only a woman like Liu Qingyun wouldn't beg for mercy so easily.

If it was Liu Qingqiu, she would have already asked him to let her go.

Thinking of Liu Qingyun presenting herself to him, Lu Chen's inner emotions grew even more violent.

Soon, Liu Qingyun sensed Lu Chen's abnormality, and by the time she realized what was happening, Lu Chen had flipped her over, making her lie prone on the soft couch.

The action of flipping her over immediately reminded Liu Qingyun of the moment in the Red Flower Sedan, she violently turned her head, glaring fiercely at Lu Chen, "You... What are you doing!"

Hearing this voice, the corner of Lu Chen's mouth lifted slightly, her true nature was finally exposed; Liu Qingqiu had long accepted his unorthodox methods, whereas Liu Qingyun obviously found them more repellent.

However, at this moment, Lu Chen didn't care about her at all, as he leaned down, Liu Qingyun clenched her teeth, wanting to say something, but Lu Chen was lying on her shoulder, then he whispered into her ear: "No wonder you wanted to leave Qingqiu behind to attend to me, so this was your plan all along."

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun's spirit trembled.

She was discovered...

How could this be...

Liu Qingyun quickly steadied her spirit, "You... huh... what are you talking about?"

Liu Qingyun thought to herself, Lu Chen was certainly bluffing her, otherwise how could he know she was controlling Liu Qingqiu's body.

Lu Chen, hugging Liu Qingqiu's body, continued whispering in Liu Qingyun's ear: "Yun'er, you're so charming..."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu was about to offer some sly retort, but she felt the more she argued, the more likely Lu Chen would be convinced it was her, so she might as well not say anything at all.

Perhaps Lu Chen was treating her as if she was the main body, Liu Qingyun had accepted all of Liu Qingqiu's memories and knew that Lu Chen was someone who liked role-playing.

Thinking this, Liu Qingyun breathed a sigh of relief.

It was good that she hadn't continued to argue, otherwise she would have truly been discovered by Lu Chen, Liu Qingyun still believed that she hadn't exposed herself, but to her surprise, Lu Chen became more and more ferocious.

In order to prevent Lu Chen from noticing anything awry, Liu Qingyun had no choice but to endure.

Several days later, the flames in Lu Chen's heart had significantly diminished. Seeing Liu Qingyun had been controlling Liu Qingqiu's body these days, regardless of how harshly he treated her, she was unwilling to leave, which left Lu Chen deeply puzzled.

Liu Qingyun had never drunk the Dragon and Phoenix Tea, and also, when Liu Qingyun left the Chaotic Star Sea, her Favorability towards him wasn't one hundred percent, so why would Liu Qingyun take the initiative to control Liu Qingqiu's body and engage in Dual Cultivation with him? At this moment, seeing that Lu Chen finally slowed down, Liu Qingyun breathed a deep sigh of relief, thinking this damn man was finally going to stop.

Just as Liu Qingyun was thinking about severing the Divine Sense connection, suddenly, Lu Chen turned her over and looked down at her with a commanding gaze.

Being stared at so directly by Lu Chen made Liu Qingyun feel somewhat guilty, and her gaze involuntarily began to flicker.

Lu Chen bluntly asked: "Qingyun, do you really think I don't know it's you?"

At those words, Liu Qingyun's mind stalled for a moment, but she quickly replied, "Your Majesty, do you like my main body that much?"

Chapter 1255: The Stubborn Liu Qingyun

Seeing that Liu Qingyun still refused to admit it, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Although you have all of Qing Qiu's memories, you are still yourself after all. There are some reactions Qing Qiu cannot fake."

Liu Qingyun stubbornly retorted, "Your Majesty, my primary body would never control my body at such a time."

As soon as Liu Qingyun finished speaking, Lu Chen leaned forward slightly and whispered in her ear, "Since you've accepted all of Qing Qiu's memories, then you should know that Qing Qiu would not have any excessive reactions when I'm up to no good."

"Only you, the Saintess of Yunhua Palace, would find such a thing humiliating."

Upon hearing this, Liu Qingyun was stunned. She remembered that her reaction had indeed been somewhat extreme, and she hadn't expected that such a faint reaction would give her away.

Although she indeed actively took control of Liu Qing Qiu's body, wishing to be intimate with Lu Chen, she did not want this scoundrel Lu Chen to know about it. If Lu Chen found out, wouldn't she be a shameless woman?

Her virginity had been taken by this scoundrel, yet she had still offered herself up willingly. Wasn't that just degrading? If Lu Chen knew, he would surely humiliate her.

For her, Lu Chen exposing her now was already humiliating her.

Liu Qingyun's previously hazy eyes suddenly became clear, her cheeks flushed with seductive red, but she looked at Lu Chen with a cold gaze.

Since she had been discovered, there was no point in pretending anymore. Hence, Liu Qingyun said coldly, "I came here just to find out the whereabouts of the Red Flower Sedan."

Lu Chen asked with a smile, "Does it take you this long to inquire about a piece of news?"

Liu Qingyun replied coldly, "That is none of your concern."

"Sooner or later, I will kill you with my own hands."

As she finished speaking, Liu Qingyun directly cut off the Divine Sense connection. The next moment, Liu Qing Qiu's eyes flashed with brightness, and seeing this subtle change, Lu Chen knew that Liu Qing Qiu must have regained control of her body.

Although Liu Qingyun had taken control of Liu Qing Qiu's body, Liu Qing Qiu was aware of everything that had happened. After regaining control, she looked at Lu Chen and asked, "The last time my primary body came to the Chaotic Star Sea, did you do such a thing with her?"

Although at that time outside the Thousand Ren World, it seemed like a blink of an eye before her primary body was in front of Lu Chen, but when her primary body left, she distinctly sensed a complex emotion in her primary body's gaze towards Lu Chen.

This indicated that in that instant, something must have happened between Lu Chen and her primary body, and Lu Chen had also mentioned that he and her primary body went to a certain space.

Liu Qing Qiu also knew that for some minor worlds or spaces, the speed of time was different from the real universe. What she perceived as a moment could be several days in some space where Lu Chen and her primary body were together.

Liu Qing Qiu suspected that Lu Chen and her primary body might have done some indecent things in some space for several days.

Liu Qing Qiu's guess was correct; Lu Chen and her primary body had indeed engaged in Dual Cultivation, but contrary to her belief of several days, it was actually many years.

Seeing that Liu Qing Qiu had regained her clarity, Lu Chen, while caressing her jade cheek, asked, "What is it that you are referring to?"

Liu Qing Qiu indifferently said, "She has already enjoyed the use of my body. Do you think I would believe that nothing happened between you two?"

Liu Qing Qiu was all too familiar with the look her primary body gave Lu Chen when leaving the Chaotic Star Sea, she had the same look when she was first rebutted by Lu Chen.

Seeing that Liu Qing Qiu had already figured it out, Lu Chen simply said, "You guessed right, she and I have indeed consummated our marriage."

Hearing Lu Chen's answer, Liu Qing Qiu thought to herself, just as she had suspected.

No wonder her main body has been using the excuse of looking for news about the Red Flower Sedan over the past year to inquire about Lu Chen. It turns out her main body has also been afflicted by that bastard Lu Chen.

At this time, Lu Chen said: "However, it's quite strange. She has never drunk the Dragon and Phoenix Tea, and we haven't spent much time together; we made love just once. Logically, she shouldn't have become infatuated with me."

Favorability is just favorability. It doesn't mean Liu Qingyun has fallen in love with Lu Chen. Besides, when Liu Qingyun left the Chaotic Star Sea, her favorability was only sixty. Lu Chen also really didn't understand why Liu Qingyun would enjoy such matters by using Liu Qingqiu's body. Logically, cultivators aren't supposed to be interested in carnal pleasures. Moreover, Liu Qingyun hasn't even drunk the Dragon and Phoenix Tea, so she couldn't have been influenced by it.

Liu Qingyun's actions are entirely of her own volition.

Liu Qingqiu was gazing at Lu Chen with a faint look, "At least you have some self-awareness."

"Even though she hasn't drunk the Dragon and Phoenix Tea, she has after all received my consciousness. I am a secondary body created from a spirit separated from her. Since she's accepted my consciousness, naturally, she would be influenced by me."

Hearing Liu Qingyun's words, Lu Chen was stunned for a moment. Right, how could he have forgotten about that connection?

When the main body is connected to the secondary body through Divine Sense, it will certainly be affected by the secondary body.

So to say, Liu Qingyun began to have feelings for him after being influenced by Liu Qingqiu's memories, and that's why she wanted to be intimate with him?

Thinking of this, Lu Chen's mouth curved slightly upwards. If that were the case, maybe one day Liu Qingyun would return to his side.

Seeing Lu Chen with a smug smile, Liu Qingqiu gave him a disdainful glare, knowing all too well what this guy was thinking at the moment.

"Let's not talk about her for now. When do you plan to create a duplicate?"

Hearing this question, Lu Chen was slightly taken aback.

He had been capable of creating duplicates for a while now, but up to this point, he had not created his first duplicate.

In the Cultivation World, as long as one reaches the Saint Realm, even the most ordinary Saint has two duplicates; after all, as long as one duplicate is alive, they are not considered dead.

With Lu Chen's current strength, coupled with his practice of the Evergreen Longevity Technique, creating a duplicate would be very easy. He wouldn't even need half an hour to create one.

But Lu Chen was somewhat wary of creating duplicates.

He was constantly considering one issue: If his soul were to possess another body and develop its own independent consciousness, would that duplicate still be him?

Especially after seeing how Yun Xianxian and Liu Qingqiu treated their main bodies, Lu Chen became even more cautious about duplicates. What if a duplicate he created later opposed his main body like Yun Xianxian and Liu Qingqiu?

What made Lu Chen even more uncomfortable was the thought that if he had duplicates, would it be considered adultery if his wives and duplicates engaged in carnal pleasures?

However, on the other hand, if he didn't have a duplicate, then he would always be exposed to danger in whatever he did in the future.

Lu Chen's heart was still in a bit of turmoil.

After thinking for a while, Lu Chen said: "There's no rush for that."

Now that Lu Chen has mastered Saint-level Puppetry, the Saint-level Puppets he creates can inherit most of his strength, so he isn't too interested in creating duplicates.

Chapter 1256: Creating a Physical Puppet

In the void, a grand and spectacular palace slowly traversed amidst countless fragmented worlds.

At this moment, inside the palace, a woman dressed in blue robes slumped over the throne. Her face flushed red, a hint of seductiveness appearing on her face, as if she had just done something scandalous.

At this point, Liu Qingyun took a deep breath and muttered to herself, "This way, the Red Flower Sedan should no longer forcefully take me away."

In the more than a year since leaving the Chaotic Star Sea, Liu Qingyun had thought a lot. The memories she inherited in the space inside the Red Flower Sedan had almost completely merged with her consciousness.

According to her memories, if she stayed separated from Lu Chen for a long time without engaging in Dual Cultivation with him, the Red Flower Sedan would actively seek him out —this was her own vow from the past.

She did not understand why her past self had fused such a vow's power into the Red Flower Sedan, crucially, that Red Flower Sedan was a being beyond Holy Artifacts, and she couldn't destroy it.

That is to say, as long as she did not adhere to the vow, the Red Flower Sedan would actively assist her in fulfilling the vow.

Therefore, Liu Qingyun thought of leveraging Liu Qingqiu to accomplish the task; after all, Liu Qingqiu's body was also created from her own flesh and blood. Moreover, while controlling Liu Qingqiu's body to engage in Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen, it was equivalent to her personally undergoing Dual Cultivation with him.

Of course, there were other reasons behind her actions. Liu Qingqiu's memories and those of her past life truly affected her. Ever since leaving the Chaotic Star Sea, the image of Lu Chen always surfaced in her mind.

Sometimes, while cultivating, she couldn't help but recall the scenes of herself and Lu Chen cultivating together in the space inside the Red Flower Sedan, which was quickly becoming her Heart Demon.

Since she thought so much about him, Liu Qingyun decided to directly confront her Heart Demon. She was aware that she currently couldn't sever the marriage line on her body, nor the karmic ties with Lu Chen. Thus, the more she resisted, the more it would affect her Cultivation State.

Given this, she decided to proactively engage in Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen, as long as she could suppress the restlessness within her, it wouldn't affect her cultivation.

Liu Qingqiu, this secondary body, had already accumulated a considerable amount of experience for her. Cultivating with Lu Chen just once would calm her emotions for a long time.

This way, it wouldn't just not affect her Cultivation State; in fact, it could even aid in enhancing it.

Nevertheless, she was somewhat reluctant to let Lu Chen know about this, as she saw it as a humiliation in her heart.

Being discovered by Lu Chen this time made her heart deeply uncomfortable.

Liu Qingyun thought to herself that being discovered was entirely because she wasn't cooperative—this secondary body, Liu Qingqiu, had followed Lu Chen for so many years, having been accustomed to him, so it exhibited no resistance.

Next time when she controlled Liu Qingqiu's body using her Divine Sense, she would absolutely not make any resistant movements again.

With this in mind, Liu Qingyun sat upright, crossed her legs on the throne, and began her meditative practice.

She discovered that even using the secondary body to practice Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen, while linked through Divine Sense, her primary body's Cultivation State still improved.

With this method of cultivation, her aspiration to attain Emperor status might even happen in fewer than five thousand years. At this moment, Lu Chen was still discussing the matter of constructing a secondary body with Liu Qingqiu. Liu Qingqiu said, "You might as well create a secondary body sooner; if you encounter any danger in the future, abandoning a secondary body won't harm you."

"If you only have the primary body, once you die, you truly die."

"Moreover, with so many wives and concubines, don't you want to create a clone to share the burden?"

At this point, Liu Qingqiu looked at Lu Chen meaningfully.

Lu Chen chuckled, then began to demonstrate the technique seriously to Liu Qingqiu, saying as he moved, "It's better if I do such things personally."

One reason Lu Chen did not want to create a clone was his fear that the clone might develop its own consciousness and then betray him; how could he choose to create a clone considering this.

Such things must be done personally, no matter how tough or tiring, he would not create a clone to help.

Lu Chen said, "However, you do make some sense."

With that thought, Lu Chen had an idea in his mind; why couldn't he use a puppet instead of a clone?

A puppet and a clone are quite different. A clone has a soul fragment in it, while a puppet is always linked to the master's divine sense, a physical extension of the master soul.

Lu Chen thought to himself, now that he was able to create a physical body using the Evergreen Longevity Technique, couldn't he use this technique to create a physical body and then refine it into his puppet using Saint-level Puppetry?

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In this way, he would have an additional physical body, and crucially, the main soul of this body would still be himself. This way, he wouldn't have to worry about his soul fragment developing its own consciousness and acting against his wishes.

Moreover, the physical body created with the Evergreen Longevity Technique would have all its bodily functions intact.

Lu Chen paused for a moment, then sat up and sat on the couch, allowing Liu Qingqiu to sit on his legs.

Next, he raised his palm, and the next moment, a drop of blood flew out from his finger. Once the blood reached the middle of the hall, Lu Chen began to operate the Evergreen Longevity Technique.

Feeling that Lu Chen was activating the technique, Liu Qingqiu promptly stopped practicing the Mysterious Female Technique, maintaining their intimate posture; if she distracted Lu Chen now, it would disrupt the technique's operation.

This was the first time Lu Chen tried to refine a puppet using a physical body, he did not know if it would be successful. After a while, his other physical body materialized, standing upright in the middle of the hall, naked, identical to Lu Chen's original body.

Looking directly at Lu Chen's body, while also being held by Lu Chen from behind, Liu Qingqiu felt a bizarre sensation, thinking what if the other body of Lu Chen also pounced over...

Liu Qingqiu dared not think further, her heart suddenly tightened, knowing Lu Chen well enough, he was quite likely to actually do something like this.

Lu Chen, unaware of Liu Qingqiu's thoughts, raised his hand and again operated the Saintlevel Puppetry, trying to refine the body in the hall into a puppet.

Lu Chen thought deeply, it must succeed, if it did, his original body might never need to leave Tianchen World again.

While Lu Chen was thinking this, the body in the hall started to emit a greenish glow and began to breath faintly. Seeing this, Lu Chen grew nervous, it was just one last step, if successful, he would own a physical puppet!

Time ticked by, and finally, at a certain moment, the puppet clone opened its eyes, and immediately, the aura from the puppet's body burst forth.

Feeling the Saint aura released from the puppet clone, Lu Chen was slightly stunned.

He had actually created a Saint Puppet!

Chapter 1257: Why Can't I Understand What Your Majesty Is Saying

Feeling the aura of Lu Chen's puppet, Liu Qingqiu was also stunned. It was her first time hearing about a cultivator creating a doppelgänger whose strength was almost indistinguishable from the original body.

At this moment, Liu Qingqiu did not know that this was just one of Lu Chen's puppets; she mistakenly thought that Lu Chen had created a secondary body just like hers.

After creating the puppet doppelgänger, Lu Chen immediately felt dizzy and weak, as if all his strength had been drained away.

Lu Chen quickly used the Evergreen Longevity Technique to recover, only to find that even with the technique, he couldn't fully restore his energy.

Lu Chen thought of something instantly, so he withdrew his Divine Sense from the puppet's body, and the next moment, felt much better.

Lu Chen thought to himself that controlling a Physical Puppet consumes more of his own spiritual power; before his Divine Soul and spiritual power becomes strong enough, he can only control one Physical Puppet at most.

When Lu Chen saw that he had created a Saint Puppet, he wondered whether he could create even more Saint Puppets.

Just imagine, him controlling dozens or even hundreds of Saint Puppets to fight against his enemies. How spectacular that scene would be. However, it now seems that if he wanted to control dozens of Physical Puppets at the same time, he would need to continue improving his Cultivation State and make his Divine Soul stronger.

However, for now, one Physical Puppet was enough. With this Physical Puppet, he wouldn't have to risk his life leaving the Chaotic Star Sea anymore.

With this thought, Lu Chen once again used his Divine Sense to connect to the Physical Puppet. The moment the Divine Sense connected to the Physical Puppet, Lu Chen's mind gained an additional perspective, in which he saw Liu Qingqiu sitting between his legs, with his arms embracing Liu Qingqiu's waist.

Lu Chen tried to control the Physical Puppet, and the next moment, he realized it wasn't just the sharing of vision; all the senses of the Physical Puppet were also transmitted to his Divine Soul.

Seeing his main body in such an intimate state with Liu Qingqiu, the Physical Puppet also began to feel the same.

Seeing that Lu Chen's puppet doppelgänger harbored such thoughts, Liu Qingqiu's body shivered uncontrollably. This bastard wasn't really planning to do that unspeakable thing to her, was he?

The next moment, Liu Qingqiu's mind couldn't help but conjure a scene of being attacked from both sides, and the thought of this caused immense panic within her.

At this time, Lu Chen discovered that although he could control the Physical Puppet, it was still troublesome to multitask. Unless he focused all his attention on the Physical Puppet.

Since the Physical Puppet was still a Saint's body, it was normal for it to take some effort to control. Lu Chen actually wanted to test the capabilities of the Physical Puppet in certain aspects, but after thinking it over, he decided against it.

Lu Chen then retracted the Physical Puppet into the small world within his body. Now that Lu Chen was a Saint, his small world could store living beings. Although the Physical Puppet had no consciousness of its own, it was still considered a life form.

Seeing Lu Chen retract the puppet doppelgänger back, Liu Qingqiu finally breathed a sigh of relief. Thankfully, he didn't do that thing, otherwise she might have really been in trouble today.

At this moment, Lu Chen whispered into Liu Qingqiu's ear: "Qing Qiu, you seem quite eager?"

Hearing this question, Liu Qingqiu was taken aback for a moment, then spoke coldly: "Eager? Eager for what?"

"I don't understand what Your Majesty is saying."

Lu Chen said gently into her ear with a smile, "You got very nervous, very excited when you saw that doppelgänger react. Could it be that you want it to serve you alongside me?"

Liu Qingqiu's mind went blank, and she quickly said: "I don't have such thoughts, Your Majesty need not test me. I would definitely not agree to such a thing."

In Liu Qingqiu's view, Lu Chen's direct approach in clarifying his intentions was clearly a test to gauge her level of acceptance. If she showed the slightest relaxation or indicated she did not mind, that despicable creature would definitely bring out that clone and then conspire against her together.

She had to stand firm on her bottom line; otherwise, it would be just like Lu Chen's crooked ways. Once Lu Chen broke through her bottom line, he would become utterly unbridled. At first, he would ask for permission, but later on, he wouldn't even bother.

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something else, Bai Qingqing's voice suddenly came from outside the door, "Your Majesty, there is intelligence from the Skyfire World."

Lu Chen immediately said, "Wait a moment."

At this point, Lu Chen carried Liu Qingqiu to the couch, pressed her beneath him, and after a moment of shared spiritual connection, he then got up and headed to the Imperial Study Room.

Upon entering the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen took the intelligence report delivered by the Brocade Guard and scanned through its contents.

Seeing that the Dragon-Riding Sect planned to send people to the Chaotic Star Sea, Lu Chen was not the slightest bit worried this time. If it had been a year ago, he would have felt some anxiety, but now he had three Emperor Summoning Cards, enough to cope with this crisis.

However...

If only the Dragon-Riding Sect was coming to the Chaotic Star Sea and he used one of the Emperor Summoning Cards right away, wouldn't that be a huge loss?

He was still hoping to solve the problems of the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region with just one Emperor Summoning Card. With only three cards available, using one meant one less remaining; it was best to fully exploit the value of one Emperor Summoning Card.

After some thought, Lu Chen immediately used the Space-Time Mirror to contact Mu Zhengqing from the Skyfire World.

Unlike Lu Chen, the high ranks of the Skyfire Imperial Family were at this moment extremely anxious about the Dragon-Riding Sect's actions.

In their opinion, the Heavenly Emperor's side currently only had three Saints and was simply no match for the Dragon-Riding Sect; moreover, no one knew whether the Dragon-Riding Sect had secretly contacted other forces and summoned even more Saint experts to the Chaotic Star Sea.

If the Dragon-Riding Sect assembled more Saint experts, it would be difficult for the Heavenly Emperor to resist their attack with his current strength.

At this time, inside the Meeting Hall of the Skyfire Imperial Family, the faces of the Elders all showed a grave expression, and Mu Zhengqing, who sat in the main seat, was also solemn. He, too, couldn't figure out how to protect the Chaotic Star Sea this time. Then, an Elder asked, "Your Majesty, have you already informed the Heavenly Emperor about this matter?"

Mu Zhengqing replied, "Someone has already been sent with the message; I'm sure the Heavenly Emperor has already received the news by now."

As his voice faded, the hall once again fell into silence; they also didn't know what they could do to help the Chaotic Star Sea escape this crisis.

At this moment, Mu Chengwang suggested, "How about we bring the Heavenly Emperor to the Skyfire World? The Chaotic Star Sea itself is just a Barbaric Star Domain; there is no need for the Heavenly Emperor to stay in the Chaotic Star Sea."

"The cultivation resources in the Imperial Mountain Domain are more abundant. If the Heavenly Emperor comes to the Skyfire World, it would be more beneficial for the Heavenly Emperor to recover his Cultivation State."

As soon as Mu Chengwang made this suggestion, a Royal Family Elder immediately said, "The third brother makes sense. There aren't any treasures in the Chaotic Star Sea to begin with. Even if the Dragon-Riding Sect takes over the entire Chaotic Star Sea, they won't gain any significant benefits."

Then more voices joined in agreement, "Yes, yes, maybe after the Dragon-Riding Sect occupies the Chaotic Star Sea and finds no treasures, they will give up the Chaotic Star Sea after a while. By then, it will be the same if the Heavenly Emperor returns."

Chapter 1258: Actively Spreading the News of the Great Emperor's Tomb

Hearing the words of the Elders, Mu Zhengqing also felt there was some sense in them. The Chaotic Star Sea itself is a Barbaric Star Domain, ever since the Heavenly Emperor got in touch with them, many of the cultivation resources of the Chaotic Star Sea have been sent over from the Skyfire World.

The place of the Chaotic Star Sea can be there or not, so there is no need to keep guarding it all the time.

Moreover, just a month ago he heard that the Heavenly Emperor had already broken through to the Saint Realm Second Layer. With the speed of the Heavenly Emperor's recovery of cultivation state, perhaps in less than a hundred years, he could return to the Great Emperor Realm. As long as his cultivation state is restored to the Great Emperor Realm, it would be the same for the Heavenly Emperor to retake the Chaotic Star Sea then.

Besides, once the Dragon-Riding Sect realizes that the Chaotic Star Sea bears no treasures, they would give up on the Chaotic Star Sea too. If the Heavenly Emperor finds living in the Chaotic Star Sea comfortable, he can return to it once the Dragon-Riding Sect has left the Chaotic Star Sea.

However...

That was what they thought, but the decision is not up to them to make—it's up to the Heavenly Emperor.

The Heavenly Emperor might not agree to this.

Mu Zhengqing sighed softly and then said, "When the Heavenly Emperor seeks me out again, I will mention this to the Heavenly Emperor and see if he would agree to stay temporarily in the Skyfire World."

As soon as Mu Zhengqing finished speaking, the projection of Lu Chen appeared in the Meeting Hall. Seeing the projection of Lu Chen, Mu Zhengqing and the others promptly got up and saluted, "Greetings to the Heavenly Emperor!"

Lu Chen spoke indifferently, "You may dispense with the formalities."

"There's no need for concern. I will deal with the Dragon-Riding Sect matter. However, I plan to resolve all the issues of the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region once and for all."

Upon hearing this, those in the great hall were taken aback momentarily.

Resolving all the issues of the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region once and for all, isn't that to say the Heavenly Emperor intends to deal with the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor at the same time? But the Heavenly Emperor is only at the Saint Realm Second Layer now; he should not yet be a match for the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor. How then will he be able to resolve the issues of the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region all at once?

Mu Zhengqing asked, "May I inquire as to how Your Majesty intends to resolve this once and for all?"

Lu Chen said, "Send someone immediately to spread the news that the Dragon-Riding Sect has discovered the Great Emperor's Tomb, letting more people and more forces learn about the Chaotic Star Sea."

This...

The crowd in the great hall was instantly dumbfounded; if more people became aware of the news about the Chaotic Star Sea, wouldn't it mean that more forces would head to the Chaotic Star Sea?

The few powerhouses by the side of the Heavenly Emperor are already having a hard time dealing with a single force such as the Dragon-Riding Sect, would they be able to withstand a besiegement of powerhouses from the entire Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region?

Could it be...

Suddenly, people thought of a possibility, which was the Heavenly Emperor letting all forces in the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region know about this, inevitably leading countless forces to the Chaotic Star Sea.

Maybe the Heavenly Emperor plans to leave the Chaotic Star Sea before they arrive, and when those forces go there to see that there is indeed no Great Emperor's Tomb or treasures in the Chaotic Star Sea, their interest would naturally wane.

After the forces of the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region lose interest in the Chaotic Star Sea, the Heavenly Emperor can then return to the Chaotic Star Sea, wouldn't that solve the problem with the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region?

With this thought, Mu Zhengqing asked, "Does Your Majesty plan to lure those people to the Chaotic Star Sea and let them find out there are no treasures there, thereby losing their interest in the Chaotic Star Sea?"

Hearing Mu Zhengqing's question, Lu Chen immediately realized that Mu Zhengqing had misunderstood his plan, and he thought to reply, "No, I plan to have an Emperor Level powerhouse at my side take action and directly bring the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region under the rule of the Daxia Dynasty."

As this statement came out, the whole great hall fell silent in an instant.

Shock and disbelief were clearly written on everyone's faces.

Emperor Level...

There's actually an Emperor Level powerhouse beside the Heavenly Emperor?

If there is an Emperor, then that Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor doesn't amount to anything. Not to mention a Quasi-Emperor, even an Emperor who has just broken through is no match for those veteran Emperors.

Anyone who can accompany the Heavenly Emperor must definitely be one of those veteran Emperors.

So this was what the Heavenly Emperor had in mind; they thought he was planning to advance by retreating.

When you think about it, a figure like the Heavenly Emperor must have many powerful subordinates. How could he possibly be unprepared during his reincarnation? It's normal for there to be Emperors by his side.

If there were no Emperor Level powerhouses protecting the Heavenly Emperor, that would be unusual.

For a moment, the members of the Skyfire Clan within the Meeting Hall breathed a sigh of relief. With an Emperor protecting the Heavenly Emperor, they no longer have to worry about his safety.

Lu Chen said: "Alright, let's leave it at that. Hurry up and spread the news. It would be best if we can let the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor in seclusion hear this news as well."

Lu Chen thought to himself, if the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor knew about the existence of the Great Emperor's Tomb in the Chaotic Star Sea, he might very well take a strong interest and leave seclusion to have a look.

In doing so, he could wipe out all the enemies in the Imperial Mountain Domain in one strike. Using one Emperor Summoning Card to resolve a whole Star Domain – it's unquestionably worth it.

Once the whole Imperial Mountain Domain is taken down, the rest of his wives and concubines can conceive child worlds. Just thinking about the rewards he could obtain when his wives and concubines carry and give birth to child worlds, Lu Chen felt very excited.

If he could obtain something that would quickly increase his Cultivation State or more advanced Cultivation Techniques and weapons, he would be able to grow rapidly.

Once he broke through to the Emperor Realm, he could free himself from the influence of Emperor Shenwu's bloodline, remake his body anew, and continue to have children with his wives and concubines.

After shutting off the Space-Time Mirror, Mu Zhengqing immediately ordered the dissemination of the news that the Dragon-Riding Sect had found the Great Emperor's Tomb.

The Dragon-Riding Sect had already planned to dispatch an Immortal Boat to the Chaotic Star Sea, but unexpectedly, their plans had been disrupted by various forces.

Dragon-Riding Sect.

Within the Meeting Hall, Wu Peng had a very unpleasant look on his face. He had not anticipated that the news would leak so quickly; it was obviously a deliberate leak, otherwise, it wouldn't have spread this fast.

In the past few days, many powerful individuals from different forces had come to inquire whether he had discovered the Great Emperor's Tomb.

Only the Canghai Sect knew about the Dragon-Riding Sect possessing the information of the Great Emperor's Tomb since it was the Canghai Sect that informed the Dragon-Riding Sect of its existence in the Chaotic Star Sea.

Therefore, without much thought, Wu Peng pegged the Canghai Sect as the mastermind behind the leak. And the reason the Canghai Sect did this was probably because they realized the Dragon-Riding Sect planned to monopolize the Great Emperor's Tomb.

Certainly, this was also a pressure tactic on the Dragon-Riding Sect.

At this moment, Wu Peng turned to a person in black clothes beside him and asked, "How is the situation with the Canghai Sect being handled?"

The person in black clothes spoke, "Replying to the Sect Hierarch, we've already trapped the Canghai Sect."

Wu Peng coldly said, "Daring to leak this news and attempting to pressure this Sect Hierarch in such a manner, the Canghai Sect has no need to exist any longer."

As the strongest force amongst those affiliated with the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, it was very easy to destroy a Canghai Sect that had only one Saint. Wu Peng had initially intended to spare the Canghai Sect, but they used such a method to pressure him, which made him very displeased.

The person in black cloth within the Meeting Hall immediately understood Wu Peng's intention and said, "Your subordinate understands. I will see to it immediately."

As the words fell, the figure of the person in black disappeared from the spot.

Chapter 1259: The Dragon-Riding Sect Reports News of the Great Emperor's Tomb

After the man in black left, an Elder from the Sect hurriedly entered the Meeting Hall, "Sect Hierarch, more than a dozen Sect Masters from other Sects have arrived!"

Upon hearing this, Wu Peng's face darkened even further, and he sneered, "They were never this eager when it came to tributes, but as soon as news of the Great Emperor's Tomb spread, they've all run faster than anyone else!"

The Elder in the Meeting Hall asked, "Sect Hierarch, what should we do next?"

Now that the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb had leaked, it was clear that the Dragon-Riding Sect could no longer monopolize the treasures within the tomb.

Although the Dragon-Riding Sect was the largest power among those affiliated with the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, with so many forces within the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region, they would certainly be unable to confront them all.

Wu Peng then said, "Let them come in."

There was no choice; since the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb had been exposed, they could only inform the other forces and then assemble them to enter the Chaotic Star Sea in search of the Great Emperor's Tomb.

Although by doing this the Dragon-Riding Sect would get far fewer treasures, it was better than being besieged by all the forces of the Imperial Mountain Star Domain.

A moment later, the leaders of more than a dozen forces entered the Meeting Hall.

As soon as one stepped into the hall, he directly said, "Leader Wu, you're being a bit underhanded, keeping the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb from us. Do you Dragon-Riding Sect intend to monopolize the treasures within it?"

If it were a single power, they would naturally not dare to confront the Dragon-Riding Sect like this, but now that all the forces of the Imperial Mountain Star Domain knew of the

Great Emperor's Tomb and with more force leaders on their way, they were no longer afraid of the Dragon-Riding Sect.

Wu Peng's face was ashen, but eventually, he managed to squeeze out a smile and said, "Master Wang, what are you talking about? As soon as I received news of the Great Emperor's Tomb, I naturally had to verify its authenticity. If I had told you all about it and it turned out to be false, wouldn't you have made a trip in vain?"

The people present clearly did not believe Wu Peng's words. Any fool would know Wu Peng wanted to monopolize the treasures of the Great Emperor's Tomb. Had it not been for someone deliberately spreading the news, they would probably still be unaware that the Dragon-Riding Sect had discovered the Great Emperor's Tomb.

Wu Peng continued to say, "I was worried that news of the Great Emperor's Tomb would leak to other Star Domains, so I intended to notify you all in secret to come to the Dragon-Riding Sect to discuss the matter of the Great Emperor's Tomb. Unexpectedly, a traitor spread the news outright."

"The Great Emperor's Tomb is of utmost importance. I believe you all understand the significance of the Great Emperor's Tomb. Once other Empires or forces from other Star Domains learn of its existence, you should understand what would happen. By then, we might not get any share of the Great Emperor's legacy or treasures."

At this point, a Sect Master spoke up, "Leader Wu, it's pointless to say these things now. Since the news has already been leaked, let's head to this so-called Chaotic Star Sea sooner rather than later to secure the treasures and legacy within the Great Emperor's Tomb."

"Yes, Leader Wu, you should hurry up and give us the coordinates of the Chaotic Star Sea. If we're even a step late, the treasures and legacy within the Great Emperor's Tomb might be stolen by forces from other Star Domains."

"Leader Wu, since you've already sent people to confirm the authenticity of the Great Emperor's Tomb, you must have discovered its location, right?" Seeing how these people in the Meeting Hall were so anxious, Wu Peng's face gradually turned even darker. Although annoyed, he knew that if he did not give an explanation today, these people would not let the matter rest.

Then Wu Peng said, "Gentlemen, there is no need to rush. I will certainly give you the coordinates of the Chaotic Star Sea, but not today."

"I have already sent word of the Great Emperor's Tomb to the Honorable. How to deal with the Great Emperor's Tomb will be decided based on the Honorable's wishes."

The Honorable referred to by Wu Peng was naturally the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor.

Upon hearing Wu Peng's words, everyone in the hall cursed Wu Peng silently in their hearts.

Wu Peng chose neither an earlier nor a later time to inform the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, but specifically at this moment, which clearly indicated that he could no longer keep it a secret. Therefore, he had to report the discovery of the Great Emperor's Tomb.

Moreover, once the Dragon-Riding Sect reported the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb, being the largest affiliated force under the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, the sect would undoubtedly receive a greater share of the treasures and inheritance from the tomb in the future.

Seeing Wu Peng invoke the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor's name, the leaders of the various powers present did not feel it was appropriate to say much more. Ultimately, they could only choose to temporarily leave the Dragon-Riding Sect.

As he watched the figures of those departing, Wu Peng's face grew even darker. Once they had completely left, an Elder of the Dragon-Riding Sect asked, "Leader, should we really report this discovery to the Honorable? He is currently in seclusion for cultivation, and if we disturb him..."

Wu Peng, rising from his throne, said, "No one can ignore the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb. I believe that once the Honorable learns of it, he won't blame us for interrupting his seclusion."

The treasures and inheritance within the Great Emperor's Tomb are coveted even by Great Emperors, let alone the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor who is just at the Quasi-Emperor level. Although he is expected to break through to Great Emperor within five thousand years, this is not guaranteed, and no one knows what might happen during the breakthrough.

A breakthrough in cultivation is not guaranteed, but the tangible gains from the Great Emperor's Tomb are real. Besides, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor has not been in seclusion for long. Learning of the Great Emperor's Tomb, he is likely to end his seclusion to explore the tomb first, and then return to continue the breakthrough.

Without the slightest hesitation, Wu Peng proceeded to the misty and rainy world where the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor was in seclusion.

The misty and rainy world is a high-level world, rich in Spiritual Energy, and aside from the cultivators serving the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, no one else exists there.

Indeed, this world is devoid of Spiritual Beasts and other animals capable of cultivation, which ensures that the Spiritual Energy benefits the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor's breakthrough to the fullest extent.

To prepare such a world for the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor's cultivation, the Dragon-Riding Sect had slaughtered all humans and animals there, resulting in a world nearly devoid of animals.

After entering the misty and rainy world, Wu Peng went straight to the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor's secluded cave dwelling. Just as Wu Peng was about to report the news of the Great Emperor's Tomb, a deep voice emanated from the cave dwelling of the secluded Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor.

"What has happened outside?"

Usually, Wu Peng would not personally come to this world, as the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor had entered a state of seclusion and did not intend to meet with anyone. Wu Peng's presence indicated that something significant must have occurred outside.

Wu Peng was slightly startled, initially thinking that conveying the message of the Great Emperor's Tomb would require some effort. He did not expect the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor to proactively inquire. This meant that the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor had not fully entered the state of seclusion; had he done so, awakening him would have been a difficult task for Wu Peng.

After regaining his composure, Wu Peng did not hesitate and immediately said, "The Dragon-Riding Sect has discovered a Star Domain that likely contains the Great Emperor's Tomb, and this Star Domain is located near the Imperial Mountain Star Domain."

Hearing Wu Peng's words, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor inside the cave dwelling paused for a moment. The next second, gusts of wind surged out from within the cave dwelling.

Then, a tremendous pressure descended from the skies, making it hard for those outside the cave dwelling to even breathe.

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Time passed, and only after a long while did the voice of the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor enter from the inner sanctum.

"Wu Peng, are you sure the Great Emperor's Tomb really exists?"

"You should know, what consequences you will face if you deceive me."

Covered in sweat, Wu Peng immediately prostrated on the ground and said, "Please rest assured, Honorable. We have already sent people to preliminarily confirm it, and there is a high possibility that the Star Domain contains the Great Emperor's Tomb."

As soon as Wu Peng finished speaking, he instantly felt the pressure on him intensifying.

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor coldly said, "Possibility?"

Wu Peng hastily replied, "We have not yet determined the exact location of the Great Emperor's Tomb, so…"

Before Wu Peng could finish, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor cut him off.

"Since you haven't confirmed the location of the Great Emperor's Tomb yet, you dare to disturb me. It seems you really do not know the meaning of death."

As soon as Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor finished speaking, he came out directly from the inner sanctum, and the next moment, his figure appeared in front of Wu Peng.

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor had graying hair and wrinkled skin, looking aged and frail.

Seeing the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor leave the inner sanctum, Wu Peng slightly paused. He hadn't expected the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor to come out so quickly. He thought only after the discovery process of the Great Emperor's Tomb had been reported would the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor emerge.

After all, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor was already at the stage of breaking through to become an Emperor Level cultivator. If it weren't for a necessary matter, he definitely wouldn't appear. The news about the Great Emperor's Tomb wasn't certain; if after coming out it turned out that the Great Emperor's Tomb did not exist, wouldn't the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor have wasted a trip and delayed his time for achieving Emperor Level due to a non-existent tomb.

What Wu Peng didn't know was that the main reason the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor came out so easily was that he found some problems with the method of becoming an Emperor, causing his cultivation to be somewhat hindered.

Otherwise, Wu Peng wouldn't have been able to awaken him so easily. He originally planned to solve his own problems first before going into seclusion again.

However, he hadn't expected Wu Peng to come at this time, saying that the Great Emperor's Tomb had been discovered, so he took the opportunity to come out directly.

After Wu Peng came back to his senses, he hurriedly said, "That Star Domain was locked down with restrictions by a mighty power and even erased from the star map. Even if there is no tomb of the Great Emperor, there must still be treasures."

Hearing this, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor paused for a moment. The entire Star Domain was set with restrictions?

Only an Emperor Level could achieve this. In that case, the Star Domain Wu Peng mentioned really might contain the Great Emperor's Tomb.

If there were no treasures, or a Great Emperor's Tomb, such Emperor Level powerhouses wouldn't have taken the trouble to seal off the entire Star Domain, let alone go so far as to erase it from the star map.

Throughout history, most discovered tombs of Great Emperors were in areas locked by restrictions or from places erased from star maps.

Since the place Wu Peng mentioned not only has restrictions but also was erased from the map, it proves that if there indeed exists a Great Emperor's Tomb there, the Emperor buried in that Star Domain is definitely not an ordinary Great Emperor.

At this thought, a subtle smile appeared on the face of the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor. He hadn't expected his luck to be this good. Originally, he thought it hopeless to become an Emperor within five thousand years, but unexpectedly, an opportunity had quickly come knocking at his door.

If he could obtain the Spiritual Medicine or treasures from inside the Great Emperor's Tomb, especially the opportunity to become an Emperor, perhaps he wouldn't need five thousand years to achieve it.

With the opportunity found inside the Great Emperor's Tomb, the previous method of becoming an Emperor could also be discarded.

Although that method could also help him become an Emperor, the cost of becoming an Emperor was simply too great. It required the burning of his own Lifeblood Essence, and most importantly, he was not sure if he could endure until the moment he became Emperor.

Originally, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor was a graceful young master, but because of practicing that method of becoming an Emperor, he had now turned into an old mess. Although in the cultivation community, appearance isn't particularly important for the strong, the Quasi-Emperor still cared somewhat about his looks. If possible, he wouldn't want to use that method of becoming an Emperor, but the allure of becoming an Emperor was too great. Moreover, there was a chance to become an Emperor within five thousand years. Faced with such temptation, what Quasi-Emperor wouldn't want to try it?

However, after trying it out, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor suddenly wasn't as eager to become an Emperor anymore. The process of burning his Lifeblood Essence was too painful, and he couldn't even enter the state of meditation, which is why he was awake when Wu Peng came to wake him.

At this moment, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor said, "If your information is true, and you have indeed discovered the existence of the Great Emperor's Tomb, there will be a great reward. But if it turns out to be a wasted trip for me, you should know the consequences."

Wu Peng promptly replied, "This junior understands, this junior understands."

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor then said, "Alright, rise."

As his voice fell, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor waved his hand, and in an instant, they were in the great hall of the Dragon-Riding Sect. The several black dragons in the hall, upon seeing the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor, were so frightened that they lay on the ground, daring not to move.

At this time, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor asked, "How has the Skyfire Clan been recently?"

Wu Peng answered, "The Skyfire Clan has already sent people over. They said they want to pledge loyalty to the senior and become a subordinate force."

Hearing this, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor chuckled lightly, then said, "I really thought they would oppose me forever for that so-called Heavenly Emperor. It seems their faith is not all that strong after all."

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor continued asking, "By the way, has there been any movement from Mu Qinglan?"

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor had long been fond of Mu Qinglan and had wanted to make her his woman. However, because he had always been focused on breaking through to Emperor Level, this matter had been delayed.

His initial plan was to become Emperor first, then marry Mu Qinglan. In this way, Mu Qinglan would have no way to refuse him.

The Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor also knew that the Skyfire Clan was quite special. If Mu Qinglan were to use all her strength, even facing him, she would have a chance to fight. Therefore, before becoming an Emperor, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor couldn't be sure that he could win over Mu Qinglan.

But it would be different after becoming an Emperor. The gap between an Emperor Level and a Quasi-Emperor is like that between a star domain and sand. Once he became an Emperor, with his Emperor Level strength, Mu Qinglan, no matter how unwilling, could not escape his grasp.

Wu Peng replied, "According to the information this junior has gathered, she has been in seclusion in the Imperial Mausoleum of the Skyfire Clan and has hardly ever come out."

At this point, Wu Peng suddenly remembered something and then said, "This junior recalls that she did come out once. It's said that two Tributors of the Skyfire Imperial Family didn't recognize her and offended her. In a fit of anger, she killed those two imperial Tributors and afterward, many tributors from the Skyfire Imperial Family left the Skyfire World."

"Not long afterward, the Fire Emperor sent someone to the Dragon-Riding Sect, expressing a desire to pledge loyalty to the senior."