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Chapter 1281: Reigniting Old Flames

In order to take revenge on Lu Chen, Chu Yunzhi used the Sky Evolution Stone to plan out Lu Chen's life trajectory. Logically speaking, Lu Chen should have been addicted to the company of women and never be able to leave the Tianchen World, living his whole life there until old age and death.

But now, Lu Chen has become a Saint and has even founded an Empire.

You should know that among the sons of Emperor Shenwu, even Lu Yanghua, who was the first to pass the trials, has not reached the Saint Realm in his Cultivation State. And yet, Lu Chen, who was always prone to womanizing, has already become a Saint?

The Bloodline Power of Emperor Shenwu's offspring is special – logically speaking, the more children Lu Chen had, the more his Qi Fortune and potential should have declined, making his hope of becoming an Emperor all the more elusive.

But now it seems as if Lu Chen's offspring haven't divided his Qi Fortune and Bloodline Power at all, how is that possible?

How did he achieve this?

Seeing Chu Yunzhi falling into sudden silence without speaking, Chu Yuqin knew that Chu Yunzhi had noticed the anomaly in the Tianchen World.

It took Chu Yunzhi a long while to recover from her shock, "It seems his talent is indeed terrifying."

Chu Yuqin directly asked, "Since you have chosen to cut off karma, why do you interfere with my life again?"

Chu Yuqin thought that Chu Yunzhi still wanted to take revenge on Lu Chen, after all, Chu Yunzhi's heart was filled with hatred towards Lu Chen.

The happier her secondary body is now, the more likely her main body hates Lu Chen, because her current happy life with Lu Chen was once what Chu Yunzhi's main body had fantasized about countless times.

Unfortunately, Chu Yunzhi did not become Lu Chen's woman, and now can only be imprisoned in the Imperial Palace of the Shenyue Dynasty, watching her secondary body achieve the life she once dreamed of.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin is very worried that Chu Yunzhi will bring trouble to Lu Chen. The Daxia Dynasty was only recently established, and if it draws attention from other dynasties, Daxia Dynasty will surely face a calamity.

In this universe, every Empire has its Dynasty Fortune, which can aid a Great Emperor in cultivation and also help them obtain Chaotic Power.

If some Great Emperors discover that Daxia Dynasty is but a weak Empire, they might come to annihilate it and seize its Dynasty Fortune.

For Chu Yunzhi, taking revenge on Lu Chen would be simple – she only needs to spread the news about Daxia Dynasty, and some Empires would come knocking at the door.

Seeing how vigilant Chu Yuqin is, Chu Yunzhi said indifferently: "Are you worried that I will spread the news about Daxia Dynasty?"

Chu Yuqin said, "Based on what I know of you, you would definitely do that."

Chu Yuqin had barely finished speaking when Chu Yunzhi sneered, "If it were before, I might have done so."

Chu Yuqin was taken aback; if Chu Yunzhi would have done so in the past, what about now? Is she not going to do that anymore?

Can Chu Yunzhi truly let go of this love and hate?

Chu Yuqin doesn't think so; if Chu Yunzhi really could let go, why would she come seeking after cutting off karma with her secondary body?

Her coming here now is probably because she cannot forgive Lu Chen and wants to see him fall into endless catastrophe with her own eyes.

Chu Yunzhi continued to say, "A few days ago, a Red Flower Sedan appeared in my chamber. Perhaps influenced by that Red Flower Sedan, the grudges in my heart towards Lu Chen have dissipated."

Chu Yuqin was stunned again.

A Red Flower Sedan?

Many of Lu Chen's wives are related to the Red Flower Sedan, so she also has some understanding of it for quite some time, and Lu Chen has also mentioned before that he has a special connection with it.

Chu Yuqin had not yet recovered from her shock when Chu Yunzhi continued, "After the Red Flower Sedan disappeared, marriage lines that entwined around my body appeared, and the other end of those lines was connected to Lu Chen."

When Chu Yuqin came back to her senses, a hint of confusion flashed across her face. "What are you trying to say?"

"Since you can sever cause and effect, you can also sever the marriage lines. I believe with your strength, this should not be too difficult, especially since you have the Sky Evolution Stone in your possession."

Chu Yunzhi asked, "Why should I sever the marriage lines?"

This...

Faced with this question, Chu Yuqin fell silent.

Chu Yunzhi had once loved Lu Chen so deeply, wishing to dedicate everything to him, but Lu Chen coldly rejected her time and again, leaving her without a glimmer of hope.

Now that there was a marriage line between them, it meant that they were fated to be together one day, and she was destined to become Lu Chen's woman sooner or later.

Four words suddenly crossed Chu Yuqin's mind, "Rekindled old flames."

Could it be that her main body wanted to be involved with Lu Chen and become his woman after seeing how happy her secondary body was with him?

Chu Yuqin asked directly, "What exactly is your purpose?"

Chu Yunzhi replied, "Even though I have severed our cause and effect, my Divine Sense can still enter your child world. I plan to reconstruct a Divine Sense link through your child world."

Chu Yuqin let out a light laugh, "Do you think I would agree to that?"

If Chu Yunzhi were to establish a Divine Sense link, she might be able to control Chu Yuqin's body again. No one knows if Chu Yunzhi truly wants to become Lu Chen's woman or if, deep down, she still harbors thoughts of revenge against Lu Chen.

Chu Yunzhi understood Chu Yuqin's concerns and thus spoke, "Even if you are unwilling, I can still rebuild the Divine Sense link; it would just take some more time."

"If the cause and effect between us has truly been completely severed, do you think I would still be able to enter your child world?"

Hearing what Chu Yunzhi said, Chu Yuqin abruptly came to her senses and her brow furrowed tight.

Indeed, if the cause and effect between them had been completely severed, Chu Yunzhi would not be able to enter her child world, nor affect it in any way.

Chu Yunzhi's ability to enter her child world meant that the cause and effect between them still existed; they simply could not see it. What Chu Yunzhi severed was only the superficial cause and effect.

If the cause and effect still existed, it would not be impossible for Chu Yunzhi to regain control over her secondary body.

Chu Yunzhi continued, "Even if the cause and effect are severed, your spirit is still derived from me. As the main body, I can fuse with your spirit if I wish to."

"You should be aware that I possess the Sky Evolution Stone. Activating the Sky Evolution Stone to fuse with your spirit is not difficult."

The Sky Evolution Stone is capable of instantly creating a world and pulling both Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin into it regardless of the spatial distance.

Although creating a world with the Sky Evolution Stone consumes a vast amount of Divine Soul Power and with Chu Yunzhi's current strength, the world created by the Sky Evolution Stone would not last very long. However, the fusion between Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin would not require much time.

Chu Yuqin fell into silence; she knew the power of the Sky Evolution Stone was terrifying, and if she did not do as Chu Yunzhi wished, Chun Yunzhi might truly activate the Sky Evolution Stone.

After a long silence, Chu Yuqin spoke, "You utilized the Sky Evolution Stone, disrupting Lu Chen's trial path, causing him harm. Do you think you can return to his side once more?"

Chapter 1282: I'm Here to Help You Cultivate

Even if Chu Yunzhi was the primary body, Chu Yuqin equally disapproved of her actions, and she didn't believe Lu Chen would forgive Chu Yunzhi.

It was Chu Yunzhi who used the Sky Evolution Stone to take revenge on Lu Chen, and it was Chu Yunzhi who cut off karma; now Chu Yunzhi was still trying to return to Lu Chen's side.

Chu Yuqin even worried that if Lu Chen found out that there was still karma between herself and Chu Yunzhi, he might hold some hatred towards her as well.

Chu Yunzhi coldly stated, "Whether or not I can return to his side is not for you to decide. As long as the marriage line between him and I still exists, I will become his woman one day."

Chu Yuqin couldn't help but admire Chu Yunzhi's thick-skinned nature.

But then again, this was just who Chu Yunzhi originally was. When Lu Chen was in the Shenyue Dynasty in his past life, Chu Yunzhi would always cling to him relentlessly.

If it weren't for her later being discovered by Emperor Shenwu to possess the Chaotic Spirit Body, leading to her confinement in the Shenyue Imperial City as the Empress, she would probably still be clinging to Lu Chen right now.

Thinking along these lines, she was indeed still clinging to Lu Chen. Chu Yuqin thought that as she herself was sent to Lu Chen by Chu Yunzhi and was Chu Yunzhi's secondary body, wasn't her clinging to Lu Chen equivalent to Chu Yunzhi still clinging on to Lu Chen?

Previously Chu Yunzhi had given up hope and turned love into hatred, but now that she had seen the marriage line, she suddenly regained hope and naturally wouldn't want to give up.

Chu Yuqin continued, "I need to ask Lu Chen about this matter,"

Chu Yunzhi replied, "There's no need to tell him."

Chu Yuqin said, "I can't be certain whether you truly want to return to his side or not; if you took control of my body and did something to harm Lu Chen."

Chu Yunzhi stated, "The karmic ties that gave you life have already been severed by me. Even if my Divine Sense can enter your body, it can no longer control your body, unless I completely devour your split soul." "If I really wanted to fully merge with you, I could just activate the Sky Evolution Stone to pull you into the same world; I wouldn't bother discussing all this with you."

After pondering, Chu Yuqin asked, "What exactly do you want to do?"

Since Chu Yunzhi knew that building the Divine Sense link again wouldn't allow her to control the secondary body, then what was the meaning behind establishing the Divine Sense link?

At this moment, Chu Yunzhi spoke up, "Once the Divine Sense link is established, I can reveal to you a scheme by Emperor Shenwu."

"You don't wish to see Lu Chen become the reincarnation vessel for Emperor Shenwu, do you?"

Chu Yuqin's mind froze, Emperor Shenwu's reincarnation vessel?

What does that mean?

Chu Yuqin appeared to realize something, and then promptly said, "Alright, I agree."

Although as a secondary body, she only had a portion of Chu Yunzhi's memories, from those memories, she could deduce some clues.

Plus, with the addition of that remark about the reincarnation vessel by Chu Yunzhi, Chu Yuqin instantly realized there was an issue with the trials for Lu Chen and the others.

As Chu Yuqin finished speaking, the Divine Senses of both Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin entered the child world, and the moment their Divine Senses entered, they found that they were already linked.

There wasn't even any need for Chu Yunzhi to do anything extra; the moment the Divine Sense link occurred, Chu Yuqin's memories flooded into Chu Yunzhi's mind.

Upon witnessing Chu Yuqin's memories, a wave of sorrow washed over Chu Yunzhi's heart.

She saw that not only did Lu Chen not hold any resentment towards Chu Yuqin for the actions of her primary self, but he even doted on Chu Yuqin immensely.

Thinking of how she had turned love into hatred and taken revenge on Lu Chen, Chu Yunzhi felt immense remorse in her heart, perhaps for a lifetime she could never make up for the wrongs she had committed.

Just then, a voice of Lu Chen suddenly emerged outside Chu Yuqin's bedchamber, "Huh? What is this?"

Feeling the disturbance outside, the two women's Divine Senses instantly left the child world, and Chu Yunzhi immediately withdrew the Barrier created by the Sky Evolution Stone.

Once their Divine Senses returned to their bodies, Chu Yuqin realized that Chu Yunzhi was not in control of her own body, which somewhat relieved her; their current state was akin to dual consciousness in one body.

Regaining her composure, Chu Yuqin then adjusted her emotions before saying, "Chen'er, do you need something?"

Meanwhile, Lu Chen outside the door saw that the Barrier from before had disappeared and directly pushed the door open to enter the bedchamber.

He had previously used Shadow Shifting intending to enter Chu Yuqin's bedchamber directly, but when he got to the door, he was stopped by a mysterious force.

It had been a long time since he last used the main entrance; going anywhere for him was a matter of thought. Today marked the first time in years that he had entered through the door.

Entering Chu Yuqin's bedchamber, Lu Chen took a glance at Chu Yuqin, who stood in the center of the hall.

Chu Yuqin was dressed in a greenish-blue long dress, her full figure curvaceous, with the dress clinging tightly to her body, easily sparking rampant thoughts in the observer.

A matron's hair bun adorned her head, and a strand of black hair fell elegantly in front of her shoulder, an aura of noble dignity emanating from her.

Lu Chen curiously asked, "Madam Chu, what was that thing just now that could even stop me?"

If it were any ordinary Barrier, as long as he was within Tianchen World, Lu Chen could pass through directly, but he was inexplicably stopped just now, which puzzled him greatly.

Chu Yuqin replied, "That was a special Barrier I found from the memories of my primary body, I just tried it out on a whim."

"By the way, what do you need me for?"

Lu Chen looked at Chu Yuqin with a hint of suspicion in his eyes.

Something was off, very off.

They knew each other too well, and Chu Yuqin's reaction was obviously strange. Since the time Lu Chen had his way with Chu Yuqin completely, he had rarely seen her so tense in his presence.

Lu Chen swept a glance around the bedchamber and then, smiling, said, "Madam Chu, don't tell me you're hiding someone in your bedchamber, you seem so nervous seeing me."

Chu Yuqin looked at Lu Chen with a deep gaze before replying, "What person would I be hiding? You are a Saint, and the entire Tianchen World is within your control—if I hid anyone, you would have discovered them long ago."

Lu Chen smiled, walked up to Chu Yuqin, and directly embraced her slender waist, then headed towards the couch, saying while walking, "Alright, alright, I'm just kidding with you."

"It's been some days since I've been here. I'm here to help you cultivate."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yunzhi's emotions were instantly stirred. Having accessed Chu Yuqin's memories, she naturally knew what Lu Chen meant by cultivation.

She learned from Chu Yuqin's memories the joy of cultivation, but she had been unable to experience it firsthand in the past. Now, with her Divine Sense once again linked to Chu Yuqin's Divine Soul, all of Chu Yuqin's bodily sensations would be transmitted to her primary soul.

Feeling Lu Chen's large hand gently caressing Chu Yuqin's waist, Chu Yunzhi felt a tingling sensation in her heart.

After Lu Chen led Chu Yuqin to the couch, he immediately laid her down, pressed himself on top of her, and seized her red lips.

Lu Chen's movements were adept, as they had been through this countless times, but for Chu Yunzhi, it was her first time experiencing such a restless feeling from Chu Yuqin's body.

Although Chu Yunzhi was not directly in control of Chu Yuqin's body, due to Chu Yunzhi's presence with her Divine Sense, Chu Yuqin's body couldn't help but respond faintly and unusually.

Chapter 1283: Lu Chen's Revenge

Lu Chen knew Chu Yuqin all too well, even though her abnormal reaction was faint, he still noticed it.

Chu Yuqin was incredibly nervous today; the moment he touched her body, she involuntarily started trembling lightly.

They had been husband and wife for a long time, and during intimate moments, let alone nervousness, Chu Yuqin would even take the initiative to stimulate Lu Chen, never acting so shy.

Lu Chen even suspected that the Chu Yuqin in front of him was an imposter. Right after they entered an intimate state, he used the system to check Chu Yuqin's identity information.

[Name: Chu Yuqin (Chu Yunzhi)]

[Identity: Consort of the Heavenly Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty, secondary body's Cultivation State is at Returning Ruin Realm First Layer, main body is Empress of the Shenyue Dynasty, influenced by the mysterious Red Flower Sedan, the curse left in Chu Yunzhi by Emperor Shenwu has been removed, and the suppressed emotions in Chu Yunzhi's heart have been rekindled. To get closer to the Host, Chu Yunzhi's Divine Sense has once again entered Chu Yuqin's body.]

[Score: 100]

[Favorability: 100]

Seeing Chu Yuqin's information, Lu Chen was slightly startled; he knew there was something odd about Chu Yuqin today, and it turns out it was Chu Yuqin's main body that had taken over Chu Yuqin's physique.

Just thinking about Chu Yunzhi who had been causing trouble for him, a flame of anger grew wildly inside Lu Chen, although Chu Yunzhi's revenge hadn't succeeded in stopping him from growing stronger, subjectively speaking, she still did so.

But on second thought, looking at the system information, is Chu Yunzhi targeting him because of what Emperor Shenwu did to her?

A curse?

What is a curse?

As Lu Chen pondered, the system's voice sounded.

"A curse is a type of curse, capable of amplifying negative emotions in one's heart."

Hearing this explanation from the system, Lu Chen instantly realized, does that mean Chu Yunzhi's vengeful affection towards him is because of the curse left by Emperor Shenwu?

Why would Emperor Shenwu do such a thing?

This wasn't hard to understand either. When Emperor Shenwu made Chu Yunzhi the Empress, he must have known that Chu Yunzhi had feelings for his son. To make Chu Yunzhi give up, he simply cursed her, turning her love into hatred.

It must be said, the Red Flower Sedan is truly powerful, capable of even removing a curse cast by Emperor Shenwu, making it seem that the abnormalities in Chu Yuqin's child world were created by Chu Yunzhi.

His visit today was to inquire about the child world's situation and, by extension, the cause of its anomalies. Now it seems like he doesn't need to search any further.

But then again, Chu Yunzhi had already severed her karma with Chu Yuqin, so how did her Divine Sense enter Chu Yuqin's child world?

Forget it, there's no need to overthink now; he's reluctant to ponder over things related to the Red Flower Sedan as they are linked to the system, and he is not yet able to access the deeper secrets of the system.

At this moment, seeing that Lu Chen had yet to make a move, Chu Yunzhi felt somewhat puzzled within. From Chu Yuqin's memories, she knew that Lu Chen was a very impatient man. At such a moment, how could he hold back?

However, to avoid exposing herself, Chu Yunzhi did not interfere with Chu Yuqin and left Chu Yuqin's body under her control. All she had to do was wait for Chu Yuqin to react.

At that instant, Lu Chen suddenly became ruthless. Before Chu Yunzhi could react, a series of powerful impacts caused her entire spirit to dissipate.

Chu Yuqin didn't pay too much attention. She knew of Lu Chen's ferocity, but Chu Yunzhi was after all encountering this sort of thing for the first time.

Moreover, since Chu Yunzhi's Divine Sense was linked to Chu Yuqin, they shared the same sensations, which overwhelmed Chu Yunzhi very quickly. And because Chu Yunzhi's Divine Sense resided within Chu Yuqin's body, it also had a certain impact on Chu Yuqin's physique.

This resulted in Chu Yuqin's cries today being particularly piercing. Thinking of that malevolent woman Chu Yunzhi being violated by him, Lu Chen became even more exhilarated, subsequently increasing the intensity.

He had laid out plans to teach Chu Yunzhi a lesson quite early on. He had thought that without tens of thousands of years, he wouldn't have the chance to touch Chu Yunzhi, considering she was currently the Empress of Emperor Shenwu. To violate Chu Yunzhi, he would have to defeat Emperor Shenwu first.

Emperor Shenwu was no ordinary Great Emperor; defeating him would not be easy.

Yet, Chu Yunzhi unexpectedly delivered herself to his doorstep. Although Chun Yunzhi's main body was not here, her Divine Sense had already connected with Chu Yuqin. To torment Chu Yuqin was akin to tormenting Chu Yunzhi.

Initially, Chu Yuqin had no knowledge of Lu Chen's intentions, simply assuming that just like in the past, he was being so vicious in order to enter the Cultivation State more quickly.

But quite soon, Chu Yuqin sensed something was amiss. If it were like in the past, Lu Chen would have given her some time to rest, but today Lu Chen didn't allow her any room to catch her breath at all.

At this moment, Lu Chen flipped her over, and as Chu Yuqin looked up into his eyes, she noticed they were bloodshot, as if he was possessed by a demon.

A thought startled Chu Yuqin's heart – could it be that Lu Chen was possessed by a demon?

With this in mind, Chu Yuqin hurriedly spoke, "Huff huff... Darling... What's wrong with you..."

Lu Chen paid no heed to Chu Yuqin's words, continuing his relentless actions.

Chu Yuqin had no choice but to let Lu Chen carry on with his wrongdoings.

Thinking of Chu Yunzhi howling and begging for mercy in front of her, Lu Chen felt particularly at ease. Meanwhile, Chu Yuqin was still wondering if Lu Chen had become demon-possessed due to cultivation.

She hoped that after Lu Chen released all his negative emotions, he would soon calm down. Therefore, aside from cooperating with him, she did not do anything else.

Even though Lu Chen was fierce, Chu Yuqin had long been accustomed to such intense cultivation. Now, the one suffering the most was not her, but her main body. She could clearly sense that her main body's Divine Sense was starting to dissipate, even affecting her Physical Body.

At that moment, Chu Yuqin's heart skipped a beat. Could it be that Lu Chen had discovered the presence of her main body's Divine Sense in her, which is why he was being so brutal today?

Thinking of what Liu Qingqiu had recently told her made Chu Yuqin extremely anxious. Liu Qingqiu had mentioned that Liu Qingyun occasionally possessed her, inciting Lu Chen to extreme excitement, treating her as if she were Liu Qingyun—violating her in various ways and using perverted techniques, completely dehumanizing her.

Wasn't Lu Chen's current state just as Liu Qingqiu had described?

Given the various mysterious abilities that Lu Chen possessed, it was indeed possible that he could discover another Divine Sense residing within her.

The thought that Chu Yunzhi might have been discovered by Lu Chen made Chu Yuqin's heart start to race with nervousness. Her biggest concern was that Lu Chen might take his rage out on her due to the presence of her main body.

This was troublesome...

Chu Yuqin was utterly tense and panicky, and under such a strain, her body became increasingly sensitive, tensing up all over.

Lu Chen clearly perceived Chu Yuqin's internal panic, but he chose not to stop nor speak, still preoccupied with his own activities.

Chapter 1284: Not Wanting Him to Become Stronger Was Actually to Protect Him?

Days passed by, one after another, and in the blink of an eye, two months had passed during which Lu Chen hardly ever stopped.

In the past, Lu Chen would cultivate for a period of time and then rest for a while, but in these two months, Lu Chen maintained an intimate relationship with Chu Yuqin continuously.

At this moment, Chu Yunzhi's primary body, because of the consciousness link with Chu Yuqin, lay limp on the soft couch.

Although she had gleaned Lu Chen's terrifying powers from Chu Yuqin's memories, she never expected that the sensation would be so intense, to the point where several times she wanted to sever the link to Chu Yuqin's consciousness and regain her clarity.

However, for some reason, that sensation was addictively alluring; although her spirit was scattered, she still couldn't bear to cut the consciousness link with Chu Yuqin directly.

This could be summed up as experiencing pain and pleasure at the same time.

At dawn, a ray of sunlight shone into the room, casting its light on the soft couch and the bodies upon it, reflecting off the beads of sweat to make the skin of the two people in the room appear dazzlingly white.

By then, the entire bedchamber had quieted down, with Chu Yuqin lying on Lu Chen's chest like a little woman, uncertain about what to do next.

Based on Lu Chen's behavior over these two months, it's likely that he truly knows that Chu Yunzhi's consciousness has once again entered her body; otherwise, Lu Chen wouldn't have been so ferocious. Clearly, this was Lu Chen's way of taking revenge on Chu Yunzhi. Lu Chen had once said that if he ever caught her main body, he would imprison it and torment her daily as a form of revenge.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin inwardly asked Chu Yunzhi, "Tell me, what exactly do you mean by reincarnation?"

Chu Yunzhi had not yet recovered, but upon hearing Chu Yuqin's question, she became somewhat clearer-headed.

The thought of her disgrace being displayed in front of her secondary body made Chu Yunzhi feel extremely uncomfortable. Although the secondary body was also created by her, since she had severed their karma, it had become independent and could be regarded as another person.

For someone else to see her wail and howl was somehow unacceptable for Chu Yunzhi, but she soon calmed her emotions.

This was still the first time, and in the future, she would continue to use Chu Yuqin's body to experience that sensation; if seen, then seen. After all, it was her own secondary body, and even if she had severed their karma, the soul of the secondary body had originated from her own main soul, so there was no such thing as losing face or not.

At this moment, Chu Yunzhi didn't say much to Chu Yuqin. She directly transmitted a portion of her memories to Chu Yuqin, who instantly understood what Chu Yunzhi meant by reincarnation.

It turned out that when using the Sky Evolution Stone, Chu Yunzhi had seen some matters related to Emperor Shenwu.

The reason Emperor Shenwu had sent his children out to be tempered was mainly due to the influence of his own bloodline and the imminent approach of his lifespan. In order to improve his bloodline, Emperor Shenwu intended to reincarnate using one of his children's bodies, and sending them out was to choose the best candidate for reincarnation.

In theory, the lifespan of a Great Emperor is not limited by the physical body but mainly by the Divine Soul. As long as the Divine Soul is immortal, the Great Emperor will live.

However, even the Divine Soul of a Great Emperor can be eroded by time, gradually leading to death.

But it seems that Emperor Shenwu obtained some special Cultivation Technique. By absorbing the Divine Soul of his own children and reincarnating in their Physical Bodies, he could repair the eroded Divine Soul and even avoid the erosion of time.

Although Chu Yunzhi didn't know how Emperor Shenwu managed to achieve this, since Emperor Shenwu was already preparing the body for reincarnation, it indicated that his method should be effective.

Moreover, Emperor Shenwu never defiled her body, which seems not only because the Chaotic Spirit Body was not mature enough, but another reason is that Emperor Shenwu wanted to let the Reincarnation body obtain the power of the Chaotic Spirit Body.

Since Emperor Shenwu has not yet reincarnated, naturally he would not act against her, of course, this reason is Chu Yunzhi's speculation. After all, Emperor Shenwu even plans to reincarnate using his own child, so he would abandon the original body, there's no need to absorb the Chaotic Power at this time.

If one could absorb the Chaotic Power immediately after the Reincarnation, it would not only stabilize the internal power of the Reincarnation body, but also make the Reincarnation body quickly become powerful, so letting the Reincarnation body defile her was indeed the best choice.

What Chu Yuqin didn't understand was, why would the Sky Evolution Stone tell Chu Yunzhi the secrets of Emperor Shenwu?

Isn't the Sky Evolution Stone Emperor Shenwu's magic treasure?

If Emperor Shenwu knew that the Sky Evolution Stone would reveal his secrets, he would not lend it out so carelessly, right? Or does Emperor Shenwu feel that even if Chu Yunzhi knew, it wouldn't matter?

Seeing Chu Yuqin deep in thought, Chu Yunzhi continued to speak: "Now that Lu Chen has broken through to the Saint Realm, and he is also unaffected by Emperor Shenwu's

bloodline. Getting married and having children did not hinder his progress in Cultivation State, for Emperor Shenwu, he is the best Reincarnation candidate."

"If Emperor Shenwu knew that Lu Chen has become a Saint, Emperor Shenwu would definitely Reincarnate into him in the end."

Hearing Chu Yunzhi's words, Chu Yuqin laughed softly, "So you're saying, in avenging yourself against Chen'er, not wanting him to become stronger, you actually protected him instead?"

Chu Yunzhi said indifferently: "Although I indeed wanted to retaliate against him, the outcome of the retaliation did indeed turn out to be a good thing for him."

"Even if his time has come and he dies in Tianchen World, affected by the power of the Sky Evolution Stone, his soul will reincarnate and continue its life in Tianchen World without being claimed by Emperor Shenwu for Reincarnation."

"It is precisely because Lu Chen got married and had children that Emperor Shenwu has completely abandoned him. Now even the observers of Tianchen World have been withdrawn."

Chu Yuqin didn't know what to say, the actions of her main body accidentally benefited Lu Chen.

While Chu Yuqin was lost in thought, Lu Chen gently stroked her jade back and said: "Darling, what are you thinking?"

Chu Yuqin returned to her senses and, in a grievous tone, said: "Darling, did I do something to upset you?"

Lu Chen smiled and said: "Not at all."

Chu Yuqin continued to ask: "Then why have you been so fierce lately?"

Lu Chen replied: "Who made my darling become more and more beautiful? You know me, I can't stand even the slightest provocation."

Lu Chen did not intend to expose Chu Yuqin. If he exposed it too soon, then Chu Yunzhi might not come again. Lu Chen thought he would continue to pretend he knew nothing. As long as Chu Yunzhi came once, he would 'play' with her once, he wanted to completely turn her into his plaything, to let her never be able to leave him.

Chu Yuqin did not believe Lu Chen's words; she always felt that Lu Chen had already discovered everything, just pretending not to know. But since Lu Chen chose to feign ignorance, she also would not bring it up herself.

She also understood that this was actually a good thing for Lu Chen as it was Lu Chen's method of getting revenge on Chu Yunzhi, even though she might have to suffer a little too. However, that little suffering was nothing to her.

Chapter 1285: So, Who Should We Choose Next?

After the battle, Lu Chen didn't leave quickly. His claw caressed Chu Yuqin's body as he said, "Right, pay more attention to the anomalies in the sub-world. I have a feeling that the sub-world might undergo some kind of mutation."

Chu Yuqin said, "Okay, if any abnormal changes occur next time, I'll tell you immediately."

At this moment, Lu Chen suddenly sighed and said, "I must say, the talents of the creatures that come from the sub-world are really exceptional. Several of them have already broken through to the Divinity Transformation Realm. Given their cultivation speed, it's quite likely that someone will breakthrough to the Returning Ruin Realm in less than two hundred years."

Chu Yuqin, with her head resting on Lu Chen's chest, whispered, "Didn't you say that all creatures from the sub-world are our children? With you, their Father God, being so formidable, it's not surprising that their cultivation talents are high."

Lu Chen had his arms around Chu Yuqin's body and gently kissed her forehead as he said, "You have a point. Given how awesome I am, our children naturally won't be too far behind."

At this point, Lu Chen meaningfully patted Chu Yuqin's buttocks, to which she responded in a low voice, "Behave yourself."

Chu Yuqin then asked, "By the way, when do you plan to expand outward?"

After learning from Chu Yunzhi that Emperor Shenwu intended to perform reincarnation on his child, Chu Yuqin worried that if Lu Chen expanded too soon, Emperor Shenwu would take notice. Now, Emperor Shenwu had completely given up on Lu Chen.

If Lu Chen were to continue expanding the Daxia Dynasty, and Emperor Shenwu were to find out that Lu Chen has become a Saint, it is very likely that Emperor Shenwu would choose Lu Chen as a target for reincarnation.

Given the rapid increase in Lu Chen's Cultivation State, he might become an Emperor in less than a thousand years, perhaps even within five hundred years.

For Cultivators, especially for Lu Chen, a Saint, a thousand years is not a long time. Therefore, in Chu Yuqin's view, the best course of action before becoming a Great Emperor is to stay in a corner and focus on cultivation.

Once Lu Chen becomes a Great Emperor, even if discovered by Emperor Shenwu, it would not be so easy for him to reincarnate Lu Chen.

Lu Chen smiled and asked back, "Why are you suddenly asking about this?"

Chu Yuqin lifted her head, looking into Lu Chen's eyes as she spoke, "Perhaps due to the advancement of my cultivation, I have suddenly remembered some memories from my main self in the past few days."

Although Chu Yuqin did not intend to disclose the connection of Chu Yunzhi's Divine Sense with her own, she still planned to remind Lu Chen about Emperor Shenwu.

It was a situation that could not go unguarded against, and Chu Yuqin didn't want to see Lu Chen getting hurt. She even considered persuading him to leave the Tianchen World to avoid being found by Emperor Shenwu. Hearing Chu Yuqin's words, Lu Chen feigned curiosity and asked, "Oh? What memories are those?"

Chu Yuqin said, "The reason why your father made the Princes go out to temper themselves seems to be part of some unspeakable conspiracy. I suspect he is looking for a body to reincarnate."

Lu Chen smiled slightly, instantly guessing that this was told to Chu Yuqin by Chu Yunzhi. Chu Yunzhi was using Chu Yuqin's mouth to remind him to be cautious of Emperor Shenwu.

It must be said, the influence of the Red Flower Sedan is significant. Chu Yunzhi, who originally harbored deep hatred for him, had no grievances after being dominated by him and now even chose to tell him about such matters.

Then, Lu Chen said, "Thank you, my consort, for the reminder. Actually, I had guessed as much, but I never wanted to believe that he could do such a thing."

"But now that I think about it, if he could be so ruthless as to kill all his own sons to have us reincarnate, it seems there's nothing he's incapable of doing."

Seeing that Lu Chen was already on guard, Chu Yuqin finally felt relieved.

Chu Yuqin continued, "The Tianchen World is your trial ground, and if you continue to stay here, you might be discovered by your father. Have you ever thought about leaving the Tianchen World and heading to another Star Domain?"

Lu Chen said indifferently, "There's no need, we have a bloodline sensing capability, if he wants to find me, all he needs is a thought."

This...

Chu Yuqin was startled for a moment. What Lu Chen said was not wrong. With Emperor Shenwu's strength and the sensing capability of the bloodline power, even if Lu Chen hid far away, as long as he was still within this universe, there was a possibility that Emperor Shenwu could locate him. Seeing a hint of worry on Chu Yuqin's face, Lu Chen raised his hand and gently tidied up the stray strands of hair on her face, "Don't worry too much, I have powerful protectors around me, even if he discovers me, it's no big deal."

Chu Yuqin came to her senses, that's right, there seems to be an Emperor-Level Protector by Lu Chen's side. Although Emperor Shenwu was formidable, he seemed to have sustained injuries in his early years, and his lifespan was nearing its end; his power must have declined.

As long as the Emperor by Lu Chen's side continues to protect him, even if Emperor Shenwu wants to perform reincarnation through Lu Chen, it would not be an easy task.

Chu Yuqin no longer continued to fret, worrying about these things now was futile; all she needed to do was to enjoy every day she spent with Lu Chen.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin propped herself up on the soft couch, attempting to rise, considering that she had been cultivating with Lu Chen for two months, it was time to make way.

However, before Chu Yuqin could get up, she was wrapped by Lu Chen's strong arms around her waist, and her body was firmly pinned down. Chu Yuqin raised her head to look into Lu Chen's eyes and said, "There are only twelve months in a year, and you have already spent over two months with me. It's time to visit the other sisters; if you continue to stay, they will be unhappy."

Lu Chen smiled slightly, "It's okay, they won't mind."

Seeing that Lu Chen did not let go, Chu Yuqin could only look up at him with a face filled with tender resentment. She knew that Lu Chen wanted to continue his revenge on Chu Yunzhi.

Just then, Lu Chen wrapped his arms around the beautiful woman once more, turning over and pinning Chu Yuqin beneath him.

The Shenyue Palace.

Sky City, Emperor Shenwu's bedchamber.

Inside the Emperor's bedchamber, golden talisman patterns emanated everywhere, with grand pathways spiraling around the room.

Emperor Shenwu stood in front of a cauldron burning with purple flames, which showed cracks that appeared to be on the verge of breaking at any moment.

Emperor Shenwu said to himself: "The Universal Calamity is imminent, it's time for me to prepare. If the art of transformation is successful, I too may have a chance to break the shackles and become the Heavenly Emperor. Then, I can go beyond this realm, no longer needing to worry about the Universal Calamity."

While Emperor Shenwu was lost in thought staring at the purple cauldron, a voice emerged in the palace.

"Your Majesty, aside from Prince Lu Chen, all the Princes have completed their trials and returned to the Imperial City."

Hearing his subordinate's report, Emperor Shenwu responded expressionlessly, "Issue my command, tell all the Princes, I will provide them with all the cultivation resources they need. Whoever breaks through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm within a thousand years will be the next ruler of the Empire."

"As you command, Your Majesty!"

As the voice faded away, the figure turned and left. At that moment, Emperor Shenwu waved his hand, and the trial images of all the Princes, except for Lu Chen, appeared before him.

"So, who shall be chosen next?"

Chapter 1286: Is this not precisely what Your Majesty wished to see?

The Holy Decree issued by Emperor Shenwu swiftly spread throughout the entire Shenyue Dynasty. When people heard that Emperor Shenwu had begun the search for a successor, various major forces also commenced their investment actions.

Before long, numerous Saints appeared in the territories under the control by several Princes.

The news of Emperor Shenwu selecting a successor not only caused a huge sensation within the Shenyue Dynasty but also shocked the many empires across the universe.

The rulers of these empires speculated whether Emperor Shenwu was nearing his end, hence preparing to choose a successor. If so, the cosmic landscape would need to be reshaped.

The Shenyue Dynasty is a powerful empire with an exceptionally strong Dynasty Fortune. If one could undermine the Shenyue Dynasty, the strength of their empire would grow even further.

Moreover, most empires had numerous conflicts with the Shenyue Dynasty. During his prime, Emperor Shenwu annihilated many empires and attacked numerous empires and Holy Lands. The forces from those times still harbored their grudges.

While Emperor Shenwu lived, they naturally did not dare to seek revenge, but if Emperor Shenwu were to fall, even if there were other Great Emperors in the Shenyue Dynasty, they would attempt to divide the entire empire among themselves.

The peak period of the Shenyue Dynasty had left a deep psychological shadow on the emperors of the other empires and Holy Lands, with no one wishing to see such a frightening empire continue to exist.

Shenyue Palace.

Inside the private chamber of the Empress, Chu Yunzhi was sprawled weakly on her soft couch, her body drenched in fragrant sweat. Her red Phoenix Robe had slipped from her shoulders, and she was alluring, with eyes like silk, exuding a captivating charm.

Chu Yunzhi had not expected Lu Chen to be so relentless. Two months had passed, yet Lu Chen still relentlessly pursued those acts with Chu Yuqin.

Even though her spirit was scattered, she still couldn't bear to sever the Divine Sense link; she had fallen in love with this sensation.

A thought couldn't help but cross Chu Yunzhi's mind: was this the feeling of being bullied by the person one loves?

The very things that she once fantasized about had now become reality, and at this moment her heart surged with warmth. Influenced by this warmth, a smile finally appeared on her usually cold cheeks.

Since she had entered the Shenyue Palace, she could not recall how many years it had been since she last smiled.

However, just as Chu Yunzhi was enjoying her daydream of a blissful and happy life with Lu Chen, a sudden voice said, "Empress, His Majesty has summoned you to the Imperial Palace."

Hearing the voice from beyond the door, the smile vanished from Chu Yunzhi's face in an instant, and she reverted to her previous cold demeanor.

"Understood."

Emperor Shenwu rarely summoned her, and this was certainly not a good sign. Chu Yunzhi's heart began to worry about what Emperor Shenwu might do to her and whether he had discovered anything about Lu Chen.

Yet, despite her worries, she had to meet him. Being confined in the Imperial Palace, she had nowhere to go and could only obey Emperor Shenwu's commands.

Chu Yunzhi tidied her appearance and then went directly to that palace in the heavens.

Upon arriving at the living quarters of Emperor Shenwu in the heavens, Chu Yunzhi saw that despicable old man she detested so much.

At the moment, Emperor Shenwu stood in front of a purple cauldron, his gaze intently fixed on the cracks of the cauldron.

Noticing Chu Yunzhi's arrival, Emperor Shenwu asked without turning his head, "Empress, have you encountered any difficulties in your cultivation recently?"

Chu Yunzhi coldly replied, "Your Majesty, this concubine faces no issues in her cultivation."

Emperor Shenwu did not seem too concerned about Chu Yunzhi's indifference, and he continued, "I have heard that you used the Sky Evolution Stone without authorization and caused some trouble for Lao Jiu?"

Hearing this question, Chu Yunzhi was slightly startled, but this was also within her expectations. After all, the Sky Evolution Stone was Emperor Shenwu's treasure, and he would definitely know once she used it.

What Chu Yunzhi was now concerned about was whether Emperor Shenwu knew that Lu Chen had already become a Saint.

Seeing that Chu Yunzhi didn't answer his question, Emperor Shenwu's gaze shifted away from the great cauldron and onto Chu Yunzhi. Noticing her dazed expression, Emperor Shenwu continued, "Lao Jiu is, after all, my child. Isn't it a bit inappropriate for you to target him like this?"

Chu Yunzhi snapped back to reality and spoke bluntly, "Isn't this exactly what Your Majesty wished to see?"

Her fondness for Lu Chen was something Emperor Shenwu knew about. Now that she had married him and become the Empress, how could Emperor Shenwu possibly allow her to still pine for Lu Chen?

Chu Yunzhi believed that Emperor Shenwu had long known she used the Sky Evolution Stone to make trouble for Lu Chen. His bringing it up now clearly indicated that he was quite pleased to see her targeting Lu Chen.

Emperor Shenwu said calmly, "What is the Empress implying? How can I wish to see my woman and my child at odds with each other?"

At this, Emperor Shenwu demanded in an undeniable tone, "Bring out the Sky Evolution Stone."

Chu Yunzhi thought to herself that fortunately, she had already reconnected with Lu Chen through Divine Sense. Now that the Sky Evolution Stone was useless to her, as long as she avoids entering Chu Yuqin's child world, Lu Chen should not be able to sense her existence.

Without any hesitation, Chu Yunzhi took out the Sky Evolution Stone. It floated in mid-air for a moment before flying swiftly towards Emperor Shenwu's hand.

Emperor Shenwu continued, "In any case, Lao Jiu is my child. You've interfered with his trial using the Sky Evolution Stone, but now that you've vented, let him survive or perish on his own in Tianchen World. Stop thinking about him."

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Chu Yunzhi sneered in her heart. She finally understood that Emperor Shenwu had always known she was going to target Lu Chen, which was why he purposefully gave her the Sky Evolution Stone.

His actions were nothing more than to make her take the initiative to sever all ties with Lu Chen completely, eliminating any chance that the two would be together.

According to the original plan, Lu Chen, already a man surrounded by numerous wives and consorts, was a wastrel; his Bloodline Power and the Qi Fortune upon him had been thoroughly diluted, erasing any possibility of his becoming an Emperor or even returning to the Shenyue Dynasty.

In doing so, her hopes for Lu Chen were extinguished.

This old immortal's schemes are truly deep!

Chu Yunzhi had guessed why Emperor Shenwu watched indifferently as she retaliated against Lu Chen. To an Emperor, a Furnace Cauldron devoid of extra emotions is the perfect one.

If her feelings for Lu Chen lingered, it was likely to affect his future plans to seize the Chaos Spiritual Power within her body. Therefore, he wanted her to thoroughly cut off her ties with Lu Chen.

Emperor Shenwu glanced at Chu Yunzhi and then spoke, "It seems the Empress has been dedicated to cultivation these days."

Emperor Shenwu was actually worried that Chu Yunzhi had figured out his intentions and would resist cultivation.

But now, seeing that Chu Yunzhi's Cultivation State was continuously improving, she hadn't been neglecting it.

That was for the best. He was soon to undergo Reincarnation, and if Chu Yunzhi's Chaotic Spirit Body could mature, he would be able to use her as a Furnace Cauldron to rapidly enhance his power, even breaking through to a realm beyond that of a Great Emperor.

Chu Yunzhi maintained a poker face and said, "If Your Majesty has no further matters, this concubine will return to her cultivation."

Emperor Shenwu replied indifferently, "Very well. It is good that the Empress focuses on cultivation. I shall not take up any more of your time."

Chu Yunzhi then curtseyed to Emperor Shenwu, "This concubine takes her leave."

As her words fell, Chu Yunzhi left Emperor Shenwu's Imperial Palace.

Chapter 1287: The Transformation of the Daxia Dynasty

Time flies like an arrow; in the blink of an eye, another decade has passed. To ordinary people, that's a long time, but for most cultivators, it feels like the blink of an eye.

Over the past ten years, the Daxia Dynasty has developed rapidly, with all the major Life Worlds within its territory now entering the Industrial Age.

Perhaps it is due to the aid of Spiritual Power, but the speed of technological advancement in this world far exceeds that of Earth where Lu Chen once lived. In less than two hundred years since Lu Chen's reincarnation into the Tianchen World, the Daxia Dynasty has entered an era filled with starships soaring across the skies.

In the past, because of their own strength, cultivators were not interested in the development of technology.

Take transportation for example—most cultivators can travel by Sword Flight, so naturally, they show little interest in upgrading transportation vehicles. Therefore, no one would research other modes of transportation. Similarly, it's the same with other tools, and as a result, productivity did not develop much.

Due to Lu Chen's arrival, cultivators gradually became interested in technology, which led to more and more cultivators joining the Industrial Revolution.

Because cultivators possess supernatural powers, they can easily discern cosmic laws that ordinary people cannot detect, leading to yearly breakthroughs in the Daxia Dynasty's technology at an astounding pace.

Moreover, the power of cultivators can also accelerate the development of manufacturing. Take the construction of a several-hundred-meter-tall building for example: If it were left to ordinary people, even in a nation with strong infrastructure, it would take several years to complete.

However, the construction teams of the Daxia Dynasty need only about ten days or so to build a several-hundred-meter-tall building from scratch and put it into use.

Such a rapid development pace has led to earth-shaking changes in the Daxia Dynasty in a short time.

Now, within the Daxia Dynasty, tens of thousands of spaceships travel daily between Life Worlds, and the exchanges between Life Worlds have become increasingly frequent. Due to the presence of Spirit Rice, the population is also growing rapidly.

Of course, the initial population explosion is quite normal, for even ordinary people can now have enough food and gain more longevity. As more ordinary people start cultivating, the population number will reach a balance. Since it's not easy for cultivators to have children, Lu Chen is not at all worried about overpopulation; on the contrary, he encourages childbearing.

On the outskirts of the Imperial Mountain Star Region, an Immortal Boat is speeding towards it.

Luo Yuan stands on the deck of the Immortal Boat, checks the coordinates of Tianchen World, and becomes immediately vigilant.

Last time, Kuang Yan was caught near here, intercepted by someone, so he must be cautious.

Unlike Kuang Yan, to fulfill Lu Yanghua's mission, Luo Yuan has brought along both his primary and secondary bodies on this Immortal Boat. He is well aware that if he fails the mission, his only path is death.

Therefore, it makes no sense to leave his primary body in the Shenyue Dynasty; having both his primary and secondary bodies carry out the mission will make it easier to accomplish the task, and then on returning, Lu Yanghua will have no reason to trouble him.

His Lifeblood Essence is in Lu Yanghua's hands, and if he fails the mission, Lu Yanghua can kill him with a mere thought. Therefore, his only way out is to kill Lu Chen.

Luo Yuan immediately jumps off the Immortal Boat, and then puts the Immortal Boat away, traversing the void with his Physical Body.

The Immortal Boat's target is too big and easily detectable, but crossing the void with his Physical Body, even if he is discovered, the people of this Star Domain might not regard him as an outsider.

After putting away the Immortal Boat, Luo Yuan still rushes towards the Tianchen World at the fastest speed. However, he is shocked by what he sees upon just entering the Imperial Mountain Star Region.

Within the Imperial Mountain Star Domain, Immortal Boats are traveling back and forth between Life Worlds, and these Immortal Boats are all incredibly large.

Luo Yuan finds it hard to believe that in such a remote Star Domain, there could be so many Immortal Boats. Even the Shenyue Dynasty might not have as many as this.

Moreover, these Immortal Boats seem somewhat peculiar, as the method used to activate them doesn't appear to be based on Spiritual Power. If it were, the Spiritual Power exerted by the boats would be immense. These Immortal Boats, aside from a faint Spiritual Power emanating from some defensive Formations on their surface, have no other strong fluctuations of Spiritual Power elsewhere.

If they are not propelled by Spiritual Power, then how are these Immortal Boats being moved?

Luo Yuan had a feeling that he had entered another universe, and it was his first time witnessing a continuous stream of Immortal Boats.

For a moment, Luo Yuan grew tense inside. If he attempted to cross their paths now, he would likely be discovered by the people on those Immortal Boats.

If he did not cross, then he would be unable to fulfill Lu Yanghua's task. Caught between a rock and a hard place, Luo Yuan hovered in the void, quietly watching the coming and going of the Immortal Boats, lost in thought.

After pondering for a while, Luo Yuan decided to first infiltrate the Imperial Mountain Star Region and get a lay of the land before proceeding to the Tianchen World.

With that in mind, Luo Yuan flew towards a Life World and spent the following years gathering intelligence on the Daxia Dynasty.

Meanwhile.

In the Tianchen World, inside the Yancheng Imperial Palace.

Within Chu Yuqin's bedchamber, Lu Chen was busy with his own affairs, his hands gripping Chu Yuqin's buttocks.

Over the past decade, Lu Chen had lorded over Chu Yuqin countless times. Each time he thought of Chu Yunzhi—the malicious woman, Lu Chen would become particularly ferocious. However, Chu Yuqin had long since grown used to it.

While Lu Chen was ferocious, he would never do anything to harm a person's body. All of his ferocity was focused on his waist movements.

With the current Cultivation State of Chu Yuqin and Chu Yunzhi, there would be no issue no matter how much Lu Chen went at it.

At this moment, within Empress Tianhong's bedchamber, Empress Tianhong sat crosslegged on a soft couch, her body exuding Dao Charm. Her Divine Sense spread over the entire Tianchen World, giving her an exceptionally clear understanding of the happenings within the Imperial Palace.

Sensing that Lu Chen was oppressing Chu Yuqin, Empress Tianhong's eyebrows knit tightly; her Cultivation State had recovered to the Saint Realm. Given the rate of her recovery, it wouldn't be long before she could once more become an Emperor.

However, as her Cultivation State improved, the restlessness in her body became increasingly intense, and she noticed the marriage line wrapped around her growing tighter.

Especially when she was aware that Lu Chen was oppressing his wife and concubines, this restlessness made it impossible for her to settle down for Cultivation, as was the case now.

Empress Tianhong had long realized why her body so desperately craved intimacy with Lu Chen. Initially, Lu Chen had used branches from the Dragon Phoenix Tree to create her Physical Body, but the Dragon Phoenix Tree cultivated by Lu Chen was far from ordinary.

All of Lu Chen's wives and concubines who drank the Dragon and Phoenix Tea ended up utterly consumed by him. Considering her body was made from the Dragon Phoenix Tree, if it hadn't been for her possessing a Great Emperor's Divine Soul, she probably would have lost control of herself already.

Empress Tianhong seriously questioned whether she had been plotted against by Lu Chen. However, back then, she was still the Artifact Spirit of the Feihong Immortal Boat; surely Lu Chen wouldn't have such designs on an Artifact Spirit. But regardless, what's done is done.

In fact, if she wanted to escape her current predicament, it wasn't impossible. The best solution would be to break through to the Great Emperor Realm. Once she regained her status as a Great Emperor, she could create a new body with her own power, thus freeing herself from the influence of the Dragon Phoenix Tree.

But a new problem arose—if she wished to use this body to become an Emperor again, she would need to quell its restlessness, and the only way to do so would be to consummate marriage with Lu Chen.

Chapter 1288: Luo Yuan's Plan

Empress Tianhong, as an empress, maintains the dignity of her position and has always sneered at the base desires concerning the matters of men and women.

Furthermore, in her eyes, indulgence in the pleasures of men and women would undoubtedly severely affect one's cultivation.

Although over the years by Lu Chen's side, she noticed that Lu Chen's Cultivation State was rapidly increasing, seemingly unaffected by the pleasures of men and women, she still believed that even if Lu Chen was making fast breakthroughs now, he would be stuck at the final step when it came time to prove himself worthy of becoming a Great Emperor.

In the cultivation world, there are many geniuses who elevate their Cultivation States as easily as drinking water, making it to the Quasi-Emperor level in less than ten thousand years; however, often such individuals find themselves unable to advance beyond this step.

The reason is simple: because they did not pay attention to the details in their early stages of cultivation, thinking that as long as their cultivation improved rapidly, they need not worry about anything else and enjoyed life as they wished, resulting in the lack of their own Dao and ultimately suffering regrets within the Quasi-Emperor Realm.

This is the principle, but at this moment, beads of fragrant sweat began to form on Empress Tianhong's forehead. Even for a remnant soul at an Emperor Level, before regaining the full strength of a Great Emperor, she was still affected by her physical state. In Empress Tianhong's mind, images of Lu Chen handling her kept emerging, as if Lu Chen was not touching Chu Yuqin, but herself.

Feeling herself on the verge of losing control, Empress Tianhong quickly held her breath and focused her mind. In the next moment, streams of Spiritual Power were released from her body, sweeping across the entire Yan County in an instant.

Such occurrences were no longer strange to the people of Tianchen World; after a brief pause, they resumed their activities.

At this moment, Lu Chen was also briefly stunned; regaining his composure, he continued his actions and said, "It seems another lady has made a breakthrough."

With that, Lu Chen slapped Chu Yuqin's buttocks, "Qin'er, you've been somewhat negligent in your cultivation recently. Look at your sisters; those who were behind you in cultivation are quickly catching up."

Hearing this, Chu Yuqin slightly turned her head, her face flushed red as she stared at Lu Chen, looking somewhat speechless.

Seeing the beautiful woman's resentment-filled expression, Lu Chen's desire surged once more, and he increased his intensity.

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After years of gathering information within the Daxia Dynasty, Luo Yuan finally grasped the complete situation of the Daxia Dynasty. Learning that Lu Chen had established the Daxia Dynasty and had already broken through to the Saint Realm, Luo Yuan was overwhelmed.

Lu Yanghua sent him to assassinate Lu Chen, but now that Lu Chen was already a Saint, not to mention the existence of a Quasi-Emperor level by Lu Chen's side, even without a Quasi-Emperor, he, a cultivator from the Returning Ruin Realm, could not possibly kill Lu Chen.

Moreover, as a guard close to Lu Yanghua, he was very aware of how formidable the previous life's Lu Chen was. Now that Lu Chen's Cultivation State had recovered, continuing the assassination would be like a moth flying into the flames.

Canghai World.

Inside a tavern.

At a window-side private room, Luo Yuan sipped his drink, his gaze intermittently sweeping outside towards the Spiritual Power Flying Cars filling the sky.

He doubted whether reporting the situation of the Daxia Dynasty to Lu Yanghua would make Lu Yanghua think he was making excuses for not completing the mission.

After all, the affairs of the Daxia Dynasty were incredibly unbelievable. Rumors had it that not only was there a Quasi-Emperor by Lu Chen's side, but there was also an Emperor Level Protector who had intervened because of Lu Chen's Great Emperor Protector.

Such news was a huge shock to Luo Yuan; he had never heard of a Prince in the trials of Emperor Shenwu having an Emperor Level Protector behind him.

If it was indeed true that Lu Chen had an Emperor Level Protector behind him, it only proved that the Shenyue Dynasty's Great Emperor had already chosen to side with Lu Chen.

Generally speaking, the Emperors of the Royal Family are not easily inclined to take sides. If an Emperor takes sides, it could easily arouse Emperor Shenwu's suspicion.

Emperor Shenwu hasn't even passed away yet, and you, an Emperor under Emperor Shenwu, want to high-profile pick sides—what are you trying to do? Stage a rebellion?

But then again, if a Prince indeed has an Emperor Level entity backing him, then his position as Crown Prince is nearly secured.

In Luo Yuan's view, with Lu Chen having so many wives and children, yet still managing to break through to the Saint Realm in such a short time, it must be due to the support of that Emperor Level Protector.

As offspring of Emperor Shenwu, known for their special bloodline, the more children they have, the more divided their Bloodline Power and Qi Fortune become. With so many children, Lu Chen's Qi Fortune and Bloodline Power should have been extremely weak, yet he still managed to advance to the Saint Realm.

One can imagine how significant the Great Emperor's support for Lu Chen is.

Luo Yuan is even conflicted about whether to inform Lu Yanghua about Lu Chen's situation. Based on the current circumstances, Lu Chen's position as Crown Prince is already set in stone. Emperor Shenwu has declared that whoever first breaks through to the Saint Realm will succeed his position.

And since Lu Chen has already reached the Saint Realm, once this news reaches the ears of Emperor Shenwu in the Shenyue Dynasty, wouldn't Lu Chen be appointed as the Crown Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty?

Offending the Crown Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty, one's future would certainly be miserable.

However, his Lifeblood Essence is in Lu Yanghua's hands; if Lu Yanghua learns of his betrayal, his fate would be no better.

At this moment, Luo Yuan suddenly thought of something, and his hand holding the wine glass halted mid-air.

If there really is a Protector of Emperor Level by Lu Chen's side, could the Emperor help him re-consolidate his Lifeblood Essence?

Or perhaps reform his primary body, so that the previous Lifeblood Essence would no longer be a threat to him.

But this is a risky gamble, on one hand, he can't be sure whether the Emperor Level Protector by Lu Chen's side would take action, on the other hand, even if he willingly pledged allegiance to Lu Chen, Lu Chen might not accept him.
With Lu Chen's current strength, he, a cultivator of the Returning Ruin Realm, is dispensable; the Great Sum Empire has countless cultivators at this Realm.

After much thought, Luo Yuan still made a choice.

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The world of Tianchen.

Manufacturing factory of the Daxia Universe Development Company.

In front of Lu Chen are more than a dozen simultaneously manufactured starships, Lu Chen stands in the air, inspecting these starships.

To Lu Chen's left is Bai Qingqing, and on his right stands a tall woman in a business suit, trousers, and high heels.

The woman on Lu Chen's right is spirited and exudes a strong woman aura.

Lu Chen turns his head, smiles at her, and says, "You are doing a great job as the chairperson, the Cosmic Development Company has grown to this scale in just over a decade."

With a smile, Lu Huanhuan replies, "Thank you for the praise, Father!"

Among all of Lu Chen's children, Lu Huanhuan is the second eldest. When Lu Huanhuan was born, Zhou Xiaoxiao was very worried that not giving birth to a son would upset Lu Chen, but Lu Chen's affection for Lu Huanhuan was no less than for Lu Changfeng, after all, she was his first daughter.

Whatever Lu Huanhuan wanted, Lu Chen would generally fulfill, and as Lu Huanhuan grew up, Lu Chen did not force her into doing things she disliked.

More than a decade ago, Lu Huanhuan took the initiative to propose the creation of a cosmos development company, which Lu Chen strongly supported. Under Lu Huanhuan's

leadership, the Cosmos Development Company has become the largest enterprise following the Daxia Royal Bank.

Recently, having nothing much to do, Lu Chen decided to see what his children were up to, and Lu Huanhuan's Cosmic Development Company was his first stop.

Lu Chen is quite confident in Lu Huanhuan's abilities, developing the Cosmos Development Company to such a scale is not just because of the support from the Daxia Royal Family.

Lu Chen asks with a smile, "Huanhuan, now that you've also grown up this much, have you ever thought about..."

Before Lu Chen could finish speaking, Lu Huanhuan hurriedly interrupts, "Father, my mind is all on the company, please don't ask me to find a Daoist couple."

Every time Lu Huanhuan returns to the Imperial Capital, her mother concubine asks her about finding a Daoist couple, which gives Lu Huanhuan a headache.

Lu Chen coughs and says, "Father is just casually asking, even if you don't find a Daoist couple for a lifetime, I won't say anything."

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something else, a guard from the Brocade Guard approached Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, a cultivator claiming to be from Shenyue Dynasty requests an audience with you."

Chapter 1289: Luo Yuan's Defection

Hearing the words of the Jinyiwei Guard, Lu Chen paused for a moment.

A cultivator from the Shenyue Dynasty?

Could it be that his own affairs had already been known by Emperor Shenwu?

If that was the case, then he might be facing a major trouble next.

Emperor Shenwu sent his children out for trials primarily to select the best Reincarnation candidate, and now that he himself had advanced to the Saint Realm, Emperor Shenwu would definitely have designs on his body.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Chen said to the Jinyiwei Guard, "Did the other party say what they wanted to see me for?"

The Jinyiwei Guard answered, "That person said they have important information to report to Your Majesty."

Lu Chen thought for a while, then decided to see what the other party wanted with him, and then said, "Where is that person now?"

The Jinyiwei Guard replied, "In the Skyfire World."

Lu Chen turned his head to look at Lu Huanhuan with a smile, "Huanhuan, your father has other matters and must leave first."

Lu Huanhuan said, "Mhm, I bid farewell to father emperor."

Without any hesitation, Lu Chen waved his hand and arrived in front of the transmission gate; shortly after, he and Bai Qingqing passed through the gate and headed to the Skyfire World.

Skyfire World.

Inside the Imperial Palace.

Within the Hundred Flowers Garden, Mu Zhengqing sat in a pavilion, his eyes fixated on Luo Yuan, who was sitting opposite him.

This individual had intercepted a patrol starship of the Daxia Dynasty a few days ago, claiming to have important matters to inform the Heavenly Emperor.

Initially, the War Dragon Army did not take it seriously; in this day and age, even the War Dragon Army seldom had the opportunity to meet the Heavenly Emperor. A person coming out of nowhere, having intercepted a patrol starship of the War Dragon Army wishing to meet the Heavenly Emperor—it's not that easy.

Later, seeing that the soldiers of the War Dragon Army were indifferent, the man voluntarily stated another identity of the Heavenly Emperor and said he had news from the Shenyue Dynasty to relay to the Heavenly Emperor, warning that if the news was delayed, the responsibility would be on them should the Heavenly Emperor cast blame.

As it happened, there were individuals from the Black Dragon Holy Land on that patrol starship, and the person from the Black Dragon Holy Land had some understanding of Lu Chen's past life identity. Once this man revealed Lu Chen's past life identity, the Holy Land's individual took the matter seriously and immediately reported the information to the Jinyiwei.

Ultimately, he got his wish and arrived at the Imperial Palace of the Imperial City.

At this moment, Mu Zhengqing spoke, "I'm quite curious, who exactly are you?"

Luo Yuan calmly responded, "Before the Heavenly Emperor arrives, I will not answer any of your questions."

Seeing that Luo Yuan was unwilling to speak, Mu Zhengqing no longer bothered to ask; after all, this involved matters pertaining to the Heavenly Emperor. The Heavenly Emperor would be arriving soon, and before that, he just needed to watch this person and prevent any shenanigans.

A moment later, two figures appeared in the Hundred Flowers Garden, and at the moment Lu Chen appeared, Luo Yuan immediately felt the Saint pressure emanating from Lu Chen.

Luo Yuan's mind was startled, Lu Chen had actually become a Saint. In this case, the position of the Crown Prince was almost guaranteed for Lu Chen. Indeed, his choice was wise; if he had continued to stay by Lu Yanghua's side, his end would have been much like that of Kuang Yan.

What followed would depend on Lu Chen's attitude.

After Lu Chen entered the Hundred Flowers Garden, he glanced at Luo Yuan, recalling the memories of his past life and recognized Luo Yuan instantly.

In his past life in the Shenyue Dynasty, he had met Luo Yuan several times and knew that Luo Yuan was from Lu Yanghua's entourage.

Lu Chen directly asked, "Commander Luo, if my memory serves me correctly, you should be someone from my Fifth Imperial Brother's side, right?"

Hearing this question, Luo Yuan hurriedly stood up and knelt on one knee on the ground, paying his respects to Lu Chen and said, "Greetings, Your Majesty!"

Luo Yuan did not directly address Lu Chen's identity from the Shenyue Dynasty. Lu Chen had already established an empire in this remote land, and if Luo Yuan directly addressed Lu Chen's previous identity, it might very well displease Lu Chen.

Lu Chen then asked, "Could it be that my good imperial brother sent you to deliver a message to me?"

Luo Yuan said, "Your Majesty, I have specifically come to pledge allegiance to you."

Hearing Luo Yuan's words, Lu Chen was taken aback. Pledge allegiance to him?

Luo Yuan was Lu Yanghua's trusted aide; to be a trusted aide of Lu Yanghua meant that Luo Yuan's Lifeblood Essence was surely in Lu Yanghua's hands. Yet Luo Yuan dared to come and pledge allegiance to him?

Lu Chen's brows furrowed slightly, he then said, "Commander Luo, do you know what you are saying?"

"You are a trusted aide of my Fifth Imperial Brother, and you run to pledge allegiance to me, do you think I can trust you?"

Just as Luo Yuan was about to say something, Lu Chen spoke again, "Moreover, your Lifeblood Essence should be in his hands as well. You dare to flee and pledge allegiance to me; aren't you afraid that my Fifth Imperial Brother will find out and just get rid of you?"

Luo Yuan said, "Perhaps Your Majesty is not aware, Emperor Shenwu has already decreed that whoever breaks through to the Saint Realm first will be the Crown Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty."

"Now that Your Majesty has already broken through and become a Saint, you will be the next ruler of the Shenyue Dynasty. I have been in the Daxia Dynasty for some time; I have heard that by Your Majesty's side, there is a Protector of Emperor Level. If Your Majesty is willing to accept my allegiance, just your Protector making a move would render my Lifeblood Essence no longer a threat to my life."

This...

Lu Chen was startled once again. He thought Luo Yuan had lost his mind suddenly coming to pledge allegiance to him, but it seems Luo Yuan believed that Lu Yanghua was out of the running, and thus he wanted to switch allegiances.

Having regained his composure, Lu Chen laughed lightly and said, "To have an Emperor Level Protector make a move for you, do you think you are worth it?"

Luo Yuan said, "Your subordinate holds many secrets of the Fifth Prince, especially the things the Fifth Prince has done against Your Majesty, which I believe Your Majesty would be interested in."

At the moment, Lu Chen was in the Daxia Dynasty and wasn't very familiar with the affairs of the Shenyue Dynasty. Although after Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin's Divine Senses connected, he could get some information about the Shenyue Dynasty through Chu Yuqin.

On one hand, he and Chu Yunzhi had not fully disclosed their positions. He still pretended not to know about the Divine Sense connection between Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin. Moreover, since Chu Yunzhi has always stayed in the Daxia Imperial Palace, she was not particularly aware of what was happening outside the palace. Even if he disclosed everything to Chu Yunzhi, she could not provide much intelligence.

Especially regarding the movements of his several brothers.

Luo Yuan could be a decent chess piece.

Lu Chen then said, "I must say, your words have moved me, so I shall accept your allegiance."

Seeing Lu Chen agree, Luo Yuan felt joy in his heart.

Just at that moment, before Luo Yuan could continue to say anything, Lu Chen suddenly raised his hand, and a green force was constantly moving on it.

The next moment, this green force directly converged into Luo Yuan's body. Luo Yuan was startled, thinking that Lu Chen had regretted his decision and wanted to eliminate him, but the next moment he realized that he had misunderstood.

As the green force entered his body, the Lifeblood Essence within him started to recover, which completely astounded Luo Yuan.

What kind of power was this that it could revive his own Lifeblood Essence?

If it were the Emperor who possessed such capabilities, he might not be so surprised. After all, he chose to pledge allegiance to Lu Chen because there was an Emperor Level Protector behind him. Yet Lu Chen had managed to restore the Lifeblood Essence within him without using that Protector.

The Evergreen Longevity Technique of Lu Chen, which could even revive a remnant soul, let alone mere Lifeblood Essence. Since the Lifeblood Essence was lost, why not create another drop? In this way, the previously bound Lifeblood Essence would become ineffective.

Chapter 1290: Saint-grade Soul Control Technique

After helping Luo Yuan create another drop of Lifeblood Essence, Lu Chen opened his mouth and said, "Your original Lifeblood Essence has lost its effectiveness, you are now free."

Luo Yuan hastily knelt on the ground, continually kowtowing and saying, "Thank you, Your Majesty. I will lay down my life in your service from this moment forward, steadfast until death."

Lu Chen spoke without mercy, "To tell the truth, as for subordinates like you who change allegiances mid-way, I do not trust you completely. After all, if you could betray my Fifth Imperial Brother today, perhaps you might betray me tomorrow."

Luo Yuan immediately understood Lu Chen's meaning, and without hesitation, he took out the Lifeblood Essence that Lu Chen had just condensed, "Your subordinate is willing to entrust my Lifeblood Essence to Your Majesty!"

Lu Chen spoke expressionlessly, "I'm not interested in your Lifeblood Essence. If I am able to help you condense Lifeblood Essence anew, so could others."

This...

Luo Yuan's brain paused for a moment, thinking to himself that if Lifeblood Essence could be easily condensed, then it wouldn't be possible for this world to have people threatening others with Lifeblood Essence.

Usually, only a Great Emperor would have the means to condense Lifeblood Essence.

Lu Chen then said, "Seeing as you've come willingly to pledge your allegiance to me, I will give you a chance. Now, relax your mind."

"Yes."

Although he didn't know what Lu Chen intended to do, in order to gain Lu Chen's trust, Luo Yuan went all out.

Immediately, Luo Yuan relaxed his mind, and the next moment, he felt a powerful Divine Sense enter his Sea of Consciousness. Luo Yuan's heart skipped a beat, followed by a feeling as if his head was about to split open. When Luo Yuan could hardly bear it any longer and wanted to resist and expel the invading Divine Sense from his Sea of Consciousness, he heard Lu Chen's voice, "Don't resist."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Luo Yuan had no choice but to continue enduring. After a short while, a large sigil pattern appeared within Luo Yuan's Sea of Consciousness.

As soon as the sigil pattern had formed, Luo Yuan finally couldn't hold on any longer, and he collapsed straight to the ground.

Lu Chen murmured to himself, "Hmm, it still requires more practice."

The technique he just used was the Saint-grade Soul Control Technique, a system reward he obtained while Mu Qinglan was nurturing a child world. Once successful, even a Great Emperor could be controlled using the Saint-grade Soul Control Technique.

Moreover, the Soul Control Technique directly targets the Divine Soul, making it hard for most people to break free, even Great Emperors. Of course, to use the Soul Control Technique on a Great Emperor, it would have to be when the Great Emperor is weakened.

Lu Chen had used the Soul Control Technique against many fierce beasts, and now, for the first time, he used it on a human, and moreover on a cultivator from the Returning Ruin Realm. He could feel that if Luo Yuan had resisted, his Soul Control Technique would not have been so easily successful.

Therefore, he needed to practice more.

Mu Zhengqing, who was beside him, seeing Luo Yuan fall to the ground, curiously asked, "Your Majesty, is this person no longer of any use?"

Mu Zhengqing thought that Lu Chen had applied the Soul Searching Technique on Luo Yuan, causing him to faint, and since the Soul Searching Technique had been used, whatever Luo Yuan knew, Lu Chen would naturally know too. Therefore, in his view, Luo Yuan was now useless.

Lu Chen said, "No, he still has some uses. When he wakes up, have him change his identity and return to the Shenyue Dynasty. If there is any movement in the Shenyue Dynasty, have him report to me immediately." Upon saying this, Lu Chen and Bai Qingqing's figures disappeared on the spot.

As for the secrets in Luo Yuan's heart, while using the Soul Control Technique, Lu Chen had accessed the memories inside Luo Yuan's Divine Soul. Now, Lu Chen already knew all of Luo Yuan's secrets, which naturally included the tasks entrusted by Lu Yanghua.

Regarding his brother Lu Yanghua, Lu Chen had already placed him on the list of those to be assassinated.

Having been the target of multiple assassination attempts, even a kind man like Lu Chen could not tolerate the actions of Lu Yanghua.

But Lu Chen was in no hurry now, for he had not yet broken through to become a Great Emperor, and returning to the Shenyue Dynasty now would be a death sentence.

Emperor Shenwu was very powerful, and even though there were rumors that Emperor Shenwu had been injured, one still had to be cautious in dealing with him.

One day later.

Luo Yuan woke up in a tavern outside the Imperial Palace; the moment he awoke, he immediately checked his Sea of Consciousness. Upon discovering the runes within it, he was utterly puzzled.

He still didn't understand what the runes were for when Mu Zhengqing entered the room where Luo Yuan was.

Seeing Mu Zhengqing, Luo Yuan hastily asked, "Where is Your Majesty? There are still some things I have not yet told His Majesty."

Mu Zhengqing spoke indifferently, "His Majesty instructed me to tell you that once you awaken, you should assume a new identity and return to the Shenyue Dynasty to continue gathering intelligence. If there is any disturbance within the Shenyue Dynasty, report it to him immediately."

Luo Yuan was puzzled. He hadn't told Lu Chen about the things Lu Yanghua had done. Could it be that Lu Chen did not care at all about Lu Yanghua's actions?

At this point, Luo Yuan clearly hadn't realized that his Divine Soul had already been controlled by Lu Chen.

Considering this, Luo Yuan thought, forget it, since Lu Chen wants me to go back and gather intelligence, I will do just that. After all, the Lifeblood Essence in Lu Yanghua's possession no longer affected him.

Thinking of the Lifeblood Essence, Luo Yuan hurriedly examined his body's Lifeblood Essence only to find that the newly condensed Lifeblood Essence was still there.

Luo Yuan couldn't help but wonder, was Lu Chen so confident to let him return, unafraid that once he got back to the Shenyue Dynasty, he would disclose the affairs of the Daxia Dynasty to the other princes?

While Luo Yuan was contemplating this, suddenly, a sharp pain struck his brain, and he immediately clutched his head.

This piercing pain sank into his Divine Soul, rendering him in such agony that he wished for death. Seeing Luo Yuan desperately holding his head, tormented, Mu Zhengqing was immediately puzzled, not understanding what madness had stricken Luo Yuan.

Mu Zhengqing quickly extended his hand, channeling Spiritual Power into Luo Yuan to check his body, only to find that there was nothing wrong with him upon inspection.

Just then, the piercing pain in Luo Yuan's Divine Soul gradually subsided. Luo Yuan was drenched in sweat, his facial expression still twisted and agonized.

Luo Yuan finally understood why Lu Chen dared to let him go back. It turned out that the methods used by Lu Chen on him were far more terrifying than retaining the Lifeblood Essence.

The control Lu Chen held was over his Divine Soul. Even if he abandoned his body, he could not escape Lu Chen's control. As soon as he harbored any thoughts of betrayal, his Divine Soul would experience pain.

Luo Yuan felt a chill down his spine, such controlling techniques were too horrifying, and perhaps he would never be able to betray Lu Chen again.

Well, it did not matter. After all, Lu Chen was about to become the Crown Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty, the ruler of the next regime, being his subordinate was nothing bad.

With that thought, Luo Yuan calmed his emotions, and looked at Mu Zhengqing asking, "Did His Majesty say anything else?"

Mu Zhengqing replied, "That's all."

Without any hesitation, Luo Yuan got up from the bed and said, "Then I shall return, farewell."

As his words fell, Luo Yuan left the Skyfire World and embarked on the journey back.