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Chapter 1311: Heading to the Daxia Dynasty

Seeing that it was Pei Tianlu, Pei Shuhua's heart leapt with joy.

Originally, Pei Shuhua thought that Pei Tianlu would ultimately go to the Qingyun Dynasty to seek the true forms of those three Great Emperors. Even if he could not kill the three Great Emperors, he would inflict heavy damage on them, as their Royal Ancestor was of such a disposition.

It was not just their Royal Ancestor; all Great Emperors became extremely frenzied before their time was up.

Pei Shuhua did not expect that she would be able to see their Royal Ancestor again. Just moments ago, she had been immersed in grief, yet she encountered their Royal Ancestor so soon.

“Royal Ancestor, it's wonderful that you are unharmed!”

Just as Pei Shuhua's words fell, Pei Tianlu wanted to say something, but suddenly, the Dark Power within his body erupted and surged out, a voice echoing incessantly within Pei Tianlu's mind.

“You are about to die, accept me, I can grant you eternal life, and make you even stronger.”

Feeling the surging Dark Power, Pei Tianlu quickly drew away from Pei Shuhua.

Seeing Pei Tianlu's agonizing figure, Pei Shuhua immediately flew towards him, “Royal Ancestor, what's wrong with you?”

Pei Tianlu hurriedly said, “Shuhua, don't come over!”

Hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Pei Shuhua was stunned for a moment, floating motionlessly in the void.

At that moment, Pei Tianlu quickly circulated his Spiritual Power, struggling to suppress the Dark Power within his body. Soon, the Dark Power was subdued.

Pei Tianlu sighed with relief, murmuring to himself, "It seems there's not much time left."

Then Pei Tianlu said to Pei Shuhua, "Shuhua, where are you planning to go next?"

Pei Shuhua replied, "I don't know."

Pei Shuhua had always focused on her cultivation. This was her first time leaving the Chiyue Dynasty, and although she had some understanding of the cosmos, those understandings came from others. At that moment, she too felt lost, unsure about where she should go.

Pei Shuhua then asked, "Royal Ancestor, what are you going to do next?"

Pei Tianlu was nearing the end of his life span and would not live much longer. If possible, Pei Shuhua actually wished to be by Pei Tianlu's side when his time came.

Pei Tianlu said, "There is a strange power in my body. Anyone touched by this power, even Great Emperors, would have their Divine Souls corroded. I plan to head to the edge of the cosmos or find a way to the Outer Domain to seal this power."

Pei Shuhua immediately caught the underlying meaning in Pei Tianlu's words. He intended to use the last of his life to seal that strange power.

Pei Tianlu continued, "Shuhua, it's best for you not to head in the same direction as me. I'm barely able to suppress this Dark Power, and it could erupt at any moment."

Pei Shuhua pondered for a moment, then said, "Royal Ancestor, if I were to return now, it's very likely that I would be discovered by the people dispatched by the Qingyun Dynasty."

“I plan to stay in the Daxia Dynasty for a while, to recover my Cultivation State, before deciding what to do next.”

Pei Tianlu thought for a moment, and then said, “Alright, then let us travel together to the Daxia Dynasty for now.”

On the way to the Daxia Dynasty, Pei Tianlu intended to share with Pei Shuhua some secrets about the cosmos, especially about the Outer Domain and the cosmic calamities, finally passing on all of the Cultivation Techniques he learned in his life to Pei Shuhua.

By doing so, he could go to his death with peace of mind.

And thus, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua set off together toward the Daxia Dynasty.

Several months later.

Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen stood atop the Cosmic Development Company’s skyscraper, looking down at the unending stream of anti-gravity vehicles below, his heart filled with a sense of melancholy.

When he was on Earth, technology wasn’t as advanced as it is now in the Great Xia Dynasty.

Today, the technology of the Great Xia Dynasty has far surpassed that of Earth at his time.

When he left Earth, the planet hadn’t even achieved controlled nuclear fusion, yet the Industrial Revolution of the Great Xia Dynasty had just begun, and controlled nuclear fusion was introduced.

With the advent of controlled nuclear fusion technology, the development of the Great Xia Dynasty rocketed. The dead worlds in the Chaotic Star Sea, which used to be lifeless zones with no value,...

...have now become valuable treasures. Although the dead worlds are devoid of life and spiritual energy, they are rich in mineral resources.

Moreover, with controlled nuclear fusion technology, the Cosmic Development Company has even started planting crops on some dead worlds.

Even Lu Chen felt that he was struggling to keep up with the development of the Great Xia Dynasty.

Looking at the students outside carrying school bags and riding flying swords to school, Lu Chen muttered to himself, "I never thought that I, who ushered in the Industrial Revolution, would become an antique."

Just then, Bai Qingqing in her silver-white armor approached Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, there is new intelligence from the Chiyue Dynasty.

Lu Chen turned to look at Bai Qingqing. Her silver-white armor clung tightly to her graceful figure. Her hair was tied in a single ponytail, revealing a white forehead adorned with a red cord, with a heroic look between her brows, making her appear valiant and spirited.

Seeing Bai Qingqing dressed like this, Lu Chen couldn't help but smile. It wasn't just him that was an antique.

More and more modern clothes are being worn these days. Compared to the complex traditional attire, most people actually prefer to wear modern clothing.

This is also true for most of Lu Chen's wives and concubines, especially for silk materials, like black silk, which are their favorites.

Of course, there are those who favor traditional attire, and Bai Qingqing is one of them. Lu Chen has hardly ever seen Bai Qingqing in modern clothing; she is almost always dressed as a female hero, or in armor.

Bai Qingqing believes that as Lu Chen's guard, her primary duty is his protection. Although Lu Chen is stronger than her, as a guard, she needs to fulfill her responsibilities and should not dress too provocatively or seductively.

As a guard constantly accompanying Lu Chen, if she dressed provocatively and stirred Lu Chen's desires, distracting him with thoughts of sexuality, what would become of him?

At this moment, Lu Chen took the Spiritual Tablet from Bai Qingqing's hands, opened it, and checked the content of the emails on his tablet.

Times change so fast. A few years ago, intelligence was on paper, but now it's all about sending emails.

After reading the content of the email, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

The content of the email was about recent events in the Chiyue Dynasty.

The Chiyue Dynasty is now under the control of the Qingyun Dynasty, which has been searching for the escaped Princess Junwan of the Chiyue Dynasty and the Royal Ancestor of the Chiyue Dynasty.

Lu Chen thought to himself that it seemed like trouble was on its way.

From the actions of the Qingyun Dynasty, it is obvious that it is an aggressively imperial and powerful dynasty with three Great Emperors.

If the Qingyun Dynasty were to discover the existence of the Great Xia Dynasty, it is very likely they would invade the Great Xia Dynasty.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen immediately sent an email to the Brocade Guard, instructing them to send someone to the Qingyun Dynasty to investigate their movements.

Then, he handed the tablet back to Bai Qingqing and took another sweeping look at her from head to toe, saying with a smile, “Bai, isn’t it hot to be wearing armor in such warm weather?”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Bai Qingqing instantly understood what he was about to do next, and her cheeks turned slightly red.

Lu Chen then pulled Bai Qingqing into his embrace and used Shadow Shifting to return to the Imperial Palace.

Just as they arrived in Bai Qingqing’s room and Lu Chen was about to attend to matters, the tablet in Bai Qingqing’s hand emitted a notification sound once again.

Chapter 1312: Is This Person Emperor Xia?

Hearing the relentless “beeping” from the tablet beside him, the thoughts in Lu Chen’s heart were instantly extinguished by half.

Bai Qingqing hurriedly apologized, saying, “Your Majesty, forgive me, I should have turned it off.”

Lu Chen said, “It’s okay, there must be new intelligence. Let’s see what it is first.”

Bai Qingqing immediately turned on the tablet, checked the email inside, and after reading the content, she quickly handed the tablet to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen glanced at the email content, and his brows instantly furrowed tightly, his earlier enthusiasm gone in an instant.

The report from the Brocade Guard said that a power of Emperor Level was suspected to have entered the Daxia Dynasty.

This matter was discovered by the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor.

Initially, no one noticed that emperor, as it is far too easy for a being of Emperor Level to conceal their presence.

But for some reason, the aura of that emperor was suddenly leaked, and it was emitting a strong Death Qi. Not to mention a Quasi-Emperor, even Saint Cultivators could sense the heavy Death Qi on him.

Upon realizing that the elder was an emperor, the Imperial Mountain Quasi-Emperor immediately informed the Brocade Guard, and they quickly chose to report upwards.

Lu Chen thought to himself, what emperor would come to the Daxia Dynasty?

Could it be Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua? Previously, he had seen reports that the Qingyun Dynasty was looking for these two, and now, coincidentally, an old man and a young woman have appeared in the Daxia Dynasty, and this old man is an emperor.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Chen still decided to check on these two people.

It just so happened that he had a Puppet avatar in the Skyfire World, so he sent the Puppet avatar to see them.

With this in mind, Lu Chen sat on the bed, focused all his attention on the Puppet, and controlled his avatar to head to the hotel mentioned in the intelligence.

Fengyue Hotel.

An old man and a young woman sat at the window seat in the private room, quietly watching the bustling scene outside the window.

After a long while, Pei Shuhua finally spoke, "I never expected the Daxia Dynasty to be more prosperous than I imagined."

Ever since they entered the star domain of the Daxia Dynasty, along the way, Pei Shuhua and Pei Tianlu were filled with astonishment.

Whether it was the exotic things of the Daxia Dynasty or some of the administration systems, especially the Daxia Dynasty's attitude towards commoners, all were incredibly astonishing to them.

Of course, what surprised them the most was the degree of prosperity in the Daxia Dynasty. The empire is already near the edge of the universe, where the Spiritual Energy is very sparse, but even in such a place, the prosperity of the Daxia Dynasty is already comparable to those empires in the Central Star Domain.

Pei Shuhua now was full of curiosity about the so-called Emperor Xia; she really wanted to know what kind of person he was who could have so many ingenious ideas and make a remote area of the universe so prosperous.

Pei Tianlu picked up the strong liquor from the table, poured a glass, and drank it down with a grin, "This Emperor Xia is not simple."

"Based on the intelligence we gathered, at most, he should be at the Emperor Realm, and it's very likely that he has just broken through to the Emperor Realm."

"A person who has just broken through to the Emperor Realm, daring to call himself Heavenly Emperor, is not what ordinary people would dare to do."

The Emperor Level is divided into nine layers, and above the emperor is the Heavenly Emperor. Countless people want to take that step to become a Heavenly Emperor, but so far, no Heavenly Emperor has appeared in the entire universe.

It is rumored that the Heavenly Emperor is the Master of the Universe, and when a Heavenly Emperor appears in this universe, the path to immortality can be opened.

Not just anyone is qualified to be the Master of the Universe, and any person daring to call themselves Heavenly Emperor might provoke challenges from other emperors.

Pei Tianlu doesn't believe that a person who can develop an empire so prosperously could be some ignorant greenhorn.

Since he is not a naive youth, his self-proclamation as the Heavenly Emperor shows that he has absolute confidence in his own strength.

At this moment, Pei Shuhua expressed her concerns: “He wouldn’t have noticed our arrival in the Daxia Dynasty, would he?”

Pei Tianlu furrowed his eyebrows and poured himself another glass of wine. He found the wine of the Daxia Dynasty irresistibly delicious; this was his first time tasting such exquisite liquor.

After another glass of wine, Pei Tianlu finally said: “The Dark Power within me occasionally runs wild and releases an aura that he may be able to detect. He might already be aware of our presence.”

Just as Pei Tianlu’s words fell, a voice emerged in the private room of the hotel, “Isn’t it a joy to have friends come from afar?”

“Welcome to the Daxia Dynasty, guests from the Chiyue Dynasty.”

Upon hearing this voice, Pei Shuhua immediately stood up, quickly releasing the aura surrounding her body.

Lu Chen then said, “My friend, you are now in an area where mortals congregate. Those mortals cannot withstand the pressure of a Quasi-Emperor.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s statement, Pei Tianlu hurriedly said to Pei Shuhua, “Shuhua, contain your aura.”

Following Pei Tianlu’s instruction, Pei Shuhua retracted her aura, but she remained vigilantly observant of her surroundings.

At that moment, a figure slowly appeared within the private room.

The visitor was dressed in a flowing white robe with a single ponytail in his hair that fluttered in the wind, carrying a sense of unconstraint and ease.

With a guarded expression, Pei Shuhua asked, “May I inquire who you are, sir? Why are you in our private room?”

Both Pei Shuhua and Pei Tianlu could sense that the person in front of them only possessed the cultivation of the Saint Fifth Realm. Logically, if they concealed their aura and the other party was only at the Saint Fifth Realm, it was unlikely that their identities would be discovered.

For some reason, this man gave off a very strange feeling, almost as if he was a puppet.

Lu Chen casually replied, “Just now, you two were discussing me, and now you ask who I am.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s response, both Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua were stunned.

“Me”?

Is this person Emperor Xia?

How is that possible?

They had assumed that Emperor Xia’s strength was at the Emperor Realm, no matter what.

Although there were rumors in the Daxia Dynasty that Emperor Xia was only a Saint, and he managed to establish an empire because there was a Great Emperor supporting him from behind.

But as members of the empire, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua were very clear that a ruler who could establish an empire must indeed be a Great Emperor.

Without being a Great Emperor, one cannot gain recognition from the Cosmic Origin.

An empire not recognized by the cosmos would soon attract various calamities, but since the Daxia Dynasty is flourishing so well today, it must have received recognition from the Cosmic Origin. So how could Emperor Xia merely be a Saint?

The two of them quickly realized, could it be that Emperor Xia has concealed his true cultivation state?

This thought had no sooner appeared in their minds than they dismissed it, for the Dao Charm of a Saint and a Great Emperor are distinct. The Dao Charm emanating from the man before them was clearly that of a Saint.

If he had completely concealed his aura and even his Dao Charm, they might have been temporarily unable to discern his cultivation.

But this man didn't conceal his aura at all, and with the Dao Charm circulating around him, they didn't believe they could have been mistaken.

But how could a Saint possibly be Emperor Xia?

Chapter 1313: An Old Man's Reluctant Request

After regaining his composure, Pei Tianlu said with a smile: "Young friend, you're not joking with us, are you?"

"As far as I know, Emperor Xia's cultivation state is at least at the Great Emperor First Level, how could he possibly be a Saint."

Lu Chen said: "Who told you that my cultivation state is at the Great Emperor First Level?"

Pei Tianlu continued: "Young friend really has a way with words, if Emperor Xia is not a Great Emperor, how could he possibly create the Daxia Dynasty?"

"Could it be that you are not aware that only a Great Emperor is capable of founding an Empire?"

Hearing what Pei Tianlu said, Lu Chen stated: “I have indeed heard similar claims before.”

Since the influence of the Daxia Dynasty expanded, Lu Chen has collected a lot of information about this universe, one of which is that only a Great Emperor can establish an Empire, otherwise, it won’t receive recognition from the Cosmic Origin, and soon the entire Empire will be destroyed by the universe.

Therefore, Lu Chen himself was curious, why after he established the Daxia Dynasty, the Daxia Dynasty was completely untroubled.

He had two speculations, one is that he felt all of this was the merit of the system, because of the existence of the system, which is why he could establish the Empire.

The other speculation is that the claim “only a Great Emperor can establish an Empire” itself is a rumor.

It is possible that those existing Empires do not want more Empires to appear in this universe, hence they crafted this lie.

After all, the more Empires, the more the Qi Fortune gets divided, which is not good for those already established Empires.

Of course, all of this is just Lu Chen’s conjecture, the truth of the matter remains unclear to him.

At this moment, Lu Chen continued: “However, that rule does not apply to me.”

“All along the way here, you must have seen, how flourishing the Daxia Dynasty is, if that rule had any effect on me, the Daxia Dynasty would have been destroyed long ago, and you would not be able to witness its prosperity.”

This...

Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua were slightly startled; they still could not believe that Lu Chen was Emperor Xia.

At this time, Lu Chen's gaze landed on Pei Tianlu. Sensing the Death Qi and Dark Power on Pei Tianlu, Lu Chen's expression immediately turned serious.

Previously in Chu Yuqin's child world, similar Dark Power appeared, and the person who carried the Dark Power eventually turned into a Heavenly Demon.

Lu Chen then said: "Old senior seems to be in some danger. If this Dark Power isn't handled in time, I am afraid that it won't be long before you turn into a Heavenly Demon."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua were greatly shocked. In the next moment, their eyes were firmly fixed on Lu Chen.

They never expected Lu Chen to know about Dark Power, and by his words, it seemed he had particular insight into Dark Power.

After all, even they did not know what would ultimately happen after being eroded by the Dark Power, but he pointed out directly that Pei Tianlu would turn into a Heavenly Demon.

After Lu Chen brought up Dark Power, regardless of whether Lu Chen is Emperor Xia or not, Pei Tianlu's view of Lu Chen had changed.

Pei Tianlu then asked: "Young friend seems to be particularly knowledgeable about this power?"

Lu Chen said: "Not particularly, I've just encountered it before."

Pei Tianlu made an inviting gesture, "Could you please sit down and talk about this in detail?"

Lu Chen did not hold back and directly took a seat opposite to Pei Tianlu, while Pei Shuhua graciously stepped aside.

After sitting down, Lu Chen took the initiative and asked: “May I inquire how the Dark Power came to be on senior’s body?”

Pei Tianlu answered: “I am not certain of its origin, but it is highly likely related to the Outer Domain.”

Upon hearing the words “Outer Domain,” Lu Chen instantly became intrigued and continued to ask: “May I ask the senior to elaborate on what place the Outer Domain is?”

Pei Tianlu explained: “Legend has it that the Outer Domain is a border area between another universe and our own, created by the collision of two universes. As such, the Laws are incredibly chaotic and dangerous; even a Great Emperor of the Nine Layers Realm may perish at any moment.”

Lu Chen said: “Please continue, senior.”

Pei Tianlu then said, “There are many life-forbidden zones in the Outer Domain, and almost no one who enters them comes back alive.”

“This old man once strayed into one of these zones by mistake, but fortunately it was only at its edge, and I was lucky enough to survive. However, since returning from the Outer Domain, my body has been deteriorating day by day, and I’ve also developed a Heart Demon. It was after that time the Dark Power manifested within me.”

“Therefore, I believe this Dark Power must originate from the Outer Domain.”

Lu Chen pondered for a moment. He currently had no way to enter the Outer Domain or to investigate its conditions. After giving it some thought, he stopped dwelling on the origins of the Dark Power.

“I see.”

At this time, Pei Tianlu asked, “Why do you think those corrupted by the Dark Power eventually become Heavenly Demons? Could it be that you have witnessed this personally?”

Lu Chen replied, “Yes.”

This...

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s affirmative answer, Pei Tianlu’s expression turned somewhat unsightly. He hadn’t expected that he would eventually become a Heavenly Demon, the very thing cultivators loathed the most.

If the Dark Power within him were to spread, wouldn’t that lead to more people becoming Heavenly Demons?

Considering this possibility, both Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua felt a chill down their spines, as if they had discovered the origins of the Heavenly Demons.

Pei Tianlu let out a sigh and said, “It seems I must hasten to the Cosmic Edge and seal this power as soon as possible.”

Pei Tianlu did not wish to become a sinner of the cosmos.

At this moment, Pei Tianlu looked into Lu Chen’s eyes and inquired, “Young friend, are you truly the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty?”

Lu Chen responded, “Not anymore, the current Emperor is my son.”

Pei Tianlu asked with suspicion, “Is it true that you founded the Daxia Dynasty?”

Seeing Pei Tianlu’s disbelief, Lu Chen chuckled and said, “Does the senior believe that in the Daxia Dynasty, someone would dare to impersonate me?”

This...

After some thought, Pei Tianlu agreed that Lu Chen's words made sense. To impersonate the founder of the Daxia Dynasty would be a death wish.

However...

The notion that a Saint could establish an empire was something they had never heard of before. Pei Tianlu was now very curious as to how the Cosmic Origin came to acknowledge the Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen could see that Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua were still somewhat reluctant to believe, but he did not continue on the topic of his identity. Instead, he said indifferently, "Judging by the concentration of Death Qi emanating from you, I'm afraid the senior has at most one year left."

Lu Chen, who had cultivated the Saint-grade Evergreen Longevity Technique, was very sensitive to Death Qi. The Death Qi from Pei Tianlu nearly filled the whole room.

Pei Tianlu said, "Your Majesty, I have a bold request. May I know if Your Majesty could grant it?"

Pei Tianlu had reluctantly believed in Lu Chen's identity, although he hadn't yet figured out how the Daxia Dynasty was established. But he did not want to dwell on these issues anymore.

The most important thing now was Pei Shuhua's safety.

Lu Chen said, "Please speak, senior."

Pei Tianlu stated, "May I ask for this person beside me to stay in the Daxia Dynasty for a while?"

Upon hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Lu Chen's gaze landed on Pei Shuhua.

[Name: Pei Shuhua]

[Identity: Princess Junwan of the Chiyue Dynasty, Quasi-Emperor Cultivation State. Escaped the Chiyue Dynasty due to a failed power struggle, planning to return for revenge after becoming a Great Emperor. She is full of curiosity about everything in the Daxia Dynasty, especially curious about what sort of person Emperor Xia is.]

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Chapter 1314: What Is This Power!!!

Lu Chen had identified Pei Shuhua's identity using the system the moment he entered the hotel's private room and had been thinking about how to keep her around from the very beginning.

Unexpectedly, Pei Tianlu took the initiative to bring up this matter.

Lu Chen glanced at Pei Shuhua and said with a smile, "Senior, are you not worried that Your Majesty would hand her over to your enemies by letting Princess Junwan stay in the Daxia Dynasty?"

"After all, there is only one Great Emperor in the Daxia Dynasty, hardly a match for your enemies."

Pei Tianlu indeed had such concerns, but his time was running short and he could no longer continue to protect Pei Shuhua.

Furthermore, Pei Shuhua had the Breaking Realm Pearl he gave her, even if Daxia really planned to hand her over to the Qingyun Dynasty, she could escape using the Breaking Realm Pearl.

Pei Tianlu said, "For Daxia to develop so prosperously in such a remote part of the universe truly shows that Your Majesty is no ordinary person. I believe in Your Majesty's capabilities and that you would not fear the Qingyun Dynasty."

“If Your Majesty is willing to do this favor for me, I can offer Your Majesty a valuable gift in return.”

“I believe Your Majesty would be interested in a legacy left by a Great Emperor.”

Pei Tianlu was about to head to the edge of the universe, and the treasures he had were of no use to him anymore.

The important treasures had already been given to Pei Shuhua, but a Great Emperor accumulates many treasures over a lifetime.

Great Emperors typically leave a legacy upon death, and he would also do so, believing the Daxia would be interested in these things left by him, a Great Emperor.

This deal was very beneficial for the Daxia.

Of course, Daxia might renege, but Pei Tianlu no longer had the inclination to think about this, believing that even if Daxia did renege, Pei Shuhua would be able to protect herself.

Hearing Pei Tianlu’s words, Lu Chen merely smiled and then said, “If it were others, they might indeed be interested in the Great Emperor’s legacy, but I am different from ordinary people, and such a legacy is of no use to me.”

This...

Pei Tianlu found it hard to believe. How could there be someone in the world not interested in the legacy of a Great Emperor?

Lu Chen continued, “However, I could agree to Senior’s trade, but on a different condition.”

Pei Tianlu asked, “What condition?”

Lu Chen said indifferently, “I will help you eliminate the Dark Power within your body, and from this day forward, you will guard the Daxia Dynasty.”

To Lu Chen, the legacy of a Great Emperor was not as valuable as having a Great Emperor as an enforcer.

Moreover, retaining Pei Tianlu meant indirectly keeping Pei Shuhua as well.

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Pei Tianlu was stunned, and said somewhat agitatedly, “Impossible... How could you possibly have a way to eliminate Dark Power?”

As a Great Emperor who had tried various methods, he had been unable to rid his body of that eerie Dark Power, he did not believe a Saint would have a way.

Lu Chen smiled and said, “Just because Senior has no way, doesn’t mean I don’t have one.”

“Senior only needs to say whether you are willing or not.”

Pei Tianlu fell silent for a moment. If the Dark Power in his body could truly be eliminated, then with the vitality of a Great Emperor, he could still live another thousand years or so.

And for him, guarding the Daxia Dynasty wasn’t a big deal, but he found the condition somewhat too easy.

Then, Pei Tianlu said, “Is it really just as simple as guarding the Daxia Dynasty?”

Lu Chen continued, “It’s that simple, of course, to ensure that Senior keeps their word, I will need to implant the Soul Control Seal in you first.”

Pei Tianlu frowned. Although he did not know what the Soul Control Seal was, just hearing its name, he knew it was not something benign.

Pei Tianlu immediately asked, “What is the Soul Control Seal?”

Lu Chen directly replied, “The Soul Control Seal is similar to controlling a person using their Lifeblood Essence.”

Pei Tianlu said, “You should know that means such as the use of Lifeblood Essence cannot control the Great Emperor.”

The lifespan of the Great Emperor has little to do with his physical body, as his life is solely connected to his Divine Soul. Thus, things like Lifeblood Essence cannot control the life and death of the Great Emperor.

Lu Chen said, “This is just a similar method, but the actual effect is better than the Lifeblood Essence.”

Hearing the conversation between Lu Chen and Pei Tianlu, Pei Shuhua, who was beside them, said with some worry, “Ancestor, we must not!”

Although she also knew that the Great Emperor was difficult to control, what if the Soul Control Seal mentioned by Emperor Xia could control the Great Emperor? She did not want to see their ancestor become a walking corpse in the end.

Pei Tianlu said, “I must say, for a person who is about to die, extending life is indeed very tempting.”

“If Your Majesty can truly help this old man eliminate the Dark Power, it wouldn’t be a bad idea for this old man to remain in the Daxia Dynasty and protect it for the rest of my life.”

As death approaches, the Chiyue Dynasty isn’t so important to Pei Tianlu anymore.

And for him, his current mission is to eliminate the Dark Power.

Upon learning that the Dark Power could transform someone into a Heavenly Demon, Pei Tianlu realized how much disaster this power could bring to the entire universe.

He did not wish to become a sinner of the universe as his life was nearing its end.

Although initially, he planned to use his own life to seal the Dark Power, it was uncertain whether he could seal this power or if it would leak out after his death.

If Emperor Xia truly possesses the ability to eliminate the Dark Power, having him stay in the Daxia Dynasty is not a big deal.

Lu Chen said, "In that case, it seems you have agreed."

Pei Tianlu said, "Anyway, I am about to die; does Your Majesty think I have other choices?"

Lu Chen responded, "Since you have agreed, let us begin."

"Senior, open your heart and mind."

In the midst of speaking, Lu Chen's Divine Sense directly entered Pei Tianlu's Sea of Divine Soul. Feeling the invasion of Lu Chen's Divine Sense, Pei Tianlu was momentarily startled.

He did not expect that a mere Saint could enter his Sea of Divine Soul so easily.

Pei Tianlu tried to calm the Spiritual Power inside his body and opened his mind as Lu Chen advised.

Seeing that Pei Tianlu's mind was fully open, Lu Chen was about to use the Soul Control Seal, when suddenly a black mist appeared inside Pei Tianlu's Divine Soul.

"Who dares to invade my Divine Soul!"

"I haven't eaten for a long time, hehehe, let me devour you!"

Seeing the black mist, Lu Chen chuckled.

At that moment, the Death Qi around Pei Tianlu surged dramatically, making Pei Shuhua extremely nervous.

She knew that if something happened to Pei Tianlu now, the Dark Power in his body might spread out, possibly corrupting not only her but potentially the entire Daxia Dynasty as well.

Thinking of the Daxia Dynasty being corrupted by the Dark Power and producing countless Heavenly Demons, Pei Shuhua became increasingly anxious.

Sensing the black mist drawing nearer, Lu Chen swiftly activated the Chaos Demon Slaying Technique.

The black mist hadn't even approached Lu Chen's Divine Sense when it was burned by the white force released from Lu Chen's Divine Sense, causing it to cry out in agony.

"No!!!"

"What kind of power is this!!! Why can it hurt me!!!"

"Spare me, and I can grant you wealth and honor!!!"

Seeing the black mist wailing miserably, Pei Tianlu was completely astonished. He had never expected that the Heart Demon which had always troubled him would face such a day.

Chapter 1315: Really... Dispersed...

Hearing the words of the black fog, Lu Chen dismissed them with contempt. This black fog emanated a thick Heavenly Demon Power and was essentially a Heavenly Demon seed. Lu Chen could not let it go.

However, Lu Chen did not rush to eliminate the black fog. If he destroyed it before implanting the Soul Control Seal, Pei Tianlu might recover.

If Pei Tianlu were to have a change of heart, wouldn't Lu Chen suffer a loss for no reason?

Lu Chen immediately cast another spell, leaving behind a Soul Control Seal within Pei Tianlu's Divine Soul.

The moment the Soul Control Seal appeared, Pei Tianlu immediately realized its terrifying ability.

Controlling a person with Lifeblood Essence only allowed threatening their life, but the Soul Control Seal was different. The Soul Control Seal controlled a person's spirit, rendering the controlled unable to resist their master.

Even though he understood the terror of the Soul Control Seal, Pei Tianlu still felt no regret because he had just witnessed Lu Chen's ability to harm his Heart Demon.

Besides, for a Saint to possess means to control a Great Emperor, and even purge the Dark Power, it could only imply that the force behind this person was extraordinary.

Perhaps following this so-called Emperor Xia might not be such a bad thing after all.

After the Soul Control Seal had been applied, Lu Chen opened his eyes. Seeing Lu Chen open his eyes, Pei Shuhua hurriedly asked: "Ancestor, how are you?"

She was afraid that Pei Tianlu had turned into a walking corpse.

Pei Tianlu did not answer Pei Shuhua's question, but instead looked at Lu Chen and said: "Supreme are Your Majesty's methods, this old servant admires them."

Seeing Pei Tianlu address himself as "old servant", Pei Shuhua felt extremely complicated emotions. She had not expected the revered ancestor of their Chiyue Dynasty to be reduced to serving another.

With this thought, Pei Shuhua felt an immense desolation. The universe was, as the ancestor said, a cruel place where the strong prey upon the weak.

At this time, Lu Chen said: “Do not call me master. This was merely a precautionary measure. From now on, you will be a Tributor for the Daxia Royal Family.”

Lu Chen had a bit of a cleanliness obsession. He preferred his women to call him master. The thought of an old man calling him master made him feel uncomfortable all over.

Pei Tianlu immediately understood, “This old one gets it.”

Lu Chen then said: “Next, we will purge the Dark Power from your body.”

Perhaps having heard Lu Chen’s words, the Dark Power in Pei Tianlu’s body immediately became restless, and at that moment, his eyes turned completely black.

Because Pei Shuhua was close to Pei Tianlu, she too was affected by this Dark Power. The next moment, a voice echoed in her mind repeatedly.

“This is nothing but a wretched man taking advantage of another’s peril, kill him!”

Pei Shuhua immediately realized what was happening. She quickly distanced herself from Pei Tianlu, then circulated her Spiritual Power, trying to calm the agitation within and suppress the influence of the Heart Demon.

After suppressing the Heart Demon, Pei Shuhua’s gaze fell back on Lu Chen, her brow furrowed, doubting whether Lu Chen truly had the capability to purge the Dark Power.

Lu Chen still appeared unconcerned, as if not worried about the overflow of Dark Power at all.

Pei Shuhua was somewhat surprised; as a Quasi-Emperor she was more or less affected by Dark Power, yet Lu Chen, a Saint, seemed utterly unaffected.

This made Pei Shuhua wonder, could he actually have the power to expel Dark Power?

While Pei Shuhua was distracted, Lu Chen slowly raised his hand, and a seven-colored luminous power entered Pei Tianlu's body.

As soon as the Chaos Demon Slaying Technique's Spiritual Power entered Pei Tianlu's body, much of the Death Qi dissipated. At the same time, Lu Chen raised his other hand.

A green power emerged from that hand. As soon as the green power touched Pei Tianlu, his body visibly recovered, and the Death Qi dissipated even faster.

Seeing the change in Pei Tianlu, Pei Shuhua was instantly awed by Lu Chen's methods.

In order to let Pei Tianlu live a little longer, they had tried everything before, but to no avail. Yet, Lu Chen, a Saint, was able to revive Pei Tianlu in an instant.

Could this really be something a Saint is capable of doing?

It seems that Lu Chen might truly be able to cure their elderly ancestor.

As time ticked by, following the circulation of Lu Chen's Spiritual Power throughout Pei Tianlu's entire body, Pei Tianlu's previously aged physique grew much younger, and even the wrinkles on his face diminished significantly.

However, at this moment, the Dark Power within Pei Tianlu's body had still not been purged.

Feeling the Dark Power rampaging within Pei Tianlu's body, trying to evade his own Spiritual Power, Lu Chen chuckled, surprised that merely a force could actually know to flee.

This power has likely developed Spiritual Wisdom.

It seems that Pei Tianlu's Heart Demon is not entirely just a Heart Demon.

Perhaps this Dark Power has masqueraded as Pei Tianlu's Heart Demon.

But for him, this is not a big deal at all.

Like to hide, do you? Then let the Spiritual Power of the Chaos Demon Slaying Technique spread throughout Pei Tianlu's body, and see how that Dark Power continues to hide.

Immediately after, Lu Chen intensified the cleansing effort.

Pei Tianlu's face contorted at that moment, as the Dark Power seemingly recognized Lu Chen's intentions and endeavored to beguile Pei Tianlu more, trying to make Pei Tianlu break away from Lu Chen.

Nonetheless, Pei Tianlu continued to persevere.

After a moment, seeing that it was impossible to beguile Pei Tianlu any further, the Dark Power directly fled his body.

Seeing the Dark Power escape from Pei Tianlu's body, Lu Chen's lips slightly curled up—he had finally forced that creature out of Pei Tianlu's body.

Things would be much easier from here on out.

Next, Lu Chen raised his hand, and a ball of seven-colored purifying force completely enveloped the Dark Power. As soon as the purifying force touched the Dark Power, the Dark Power began to dissolve rapidly.

However, just then, something Lu Chen did not anticipate occurred—the ball of Dark Power actually formed a small humanoid figure, struggling and screaming, “This Lord will tear you all to pieces!!!”

“Wait for it, your cosmos will soon meet its doomsday!!!”

“The Heavenly Demon Lord will avenge this Lord!!!”

Hearing the black figure’s words, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned. Sure enough, it was as he thought; this Dark Power was no longer just a simple Dark Power, but a force that had given rise to Spiritual Wisdom.

He had never thought that one day a force could also develop Spiritual Wisdom.

But even though this Dark Power had developed Spiritual Wisdom, it was still unable to withstand the seven-colored purifying force. In just a brief moment, the Dark Power was thoroughly dissolved.

And the Death Qi within Pei Tianlu also completely dissipated.

Feeling his body suddenly become very relaxed, Pei Tianlu was so moved that he quickly bowed to Lu Chen and said, “Thank you, Your Majesty!”

At this moment, Pei Shuhua was completely dumbstruck, standing still. After a while, she murmured to herself:

“Really... dispelled...”

Chapter 1316: Your Majesty, Please Call Me Shuhua

A dark power that even a Great Emperor couldn’t handle was actually dispersed by a Saint, Pei Shuhua even suspected she was dreaming.

But it really did happen right before her eyes.

The most crucial thing is that Lu Chen not only helped their ancestor dispel the dark power but also restored his vitality.

Logically speaking, even if the dark power in their ancestor's body was cleared, his divine soul has also been severely damaged, and recovery would be very difficult.

But these difficulties seem to be non-existent in the presence of Emperor Xia.

Can all of this really be done by a Saint?

After Lu Chen finished treating Pei Tianlu, he turned his head to glance at Pei Shuhua, then said, "Alright, since the treatment is done, Your Majesty should leave now, you may familiarize yourselves with the Great Sum Empire for now, and after a while, I will come to find you."

As soon as his voice fell, Lu Chen's figure disappeared from the spot.

After Lu Chen left, Pei Shuhua hurriedly approached Pei Tianlu: "Honored ancestor, how do you feel?"

Pei Tianlu replied, "Better than ever."

Saying this, Pei Tianlu sighed, "Indeed, heaven does not seal off all exits. Who would have thought that in such a remote star domain, there actually exists someone who can eliminate dark power, and moreover, the person is only a Saint."

Hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Pei Shuhua said with a worried expression, "But honored ancestor, you've now been affected by some Soul Control Technique."

Having witnessed Lu Chen's abilities, Pei Shuhua no longer doubted whether Lu Chen's Soul Control Technique could work on a Great Emperor.

If someone can dispel dark power that even a Great Emperor can't cope with, controlling a Great Emperor might not be impossible.

Seeing Pei Shuhua's concerns, Pei Tianlu said, "Shuhua, perhaps this is not necessarily a bad thing, it's more likely to be our opportunity."

“He can even clear the dark power and also allow me to regain vitality, do you think he’s an ordinary person?”

Pei Shuhua understood this reasoning, but she still had some reservations in her heart.

If Lu Chen simply asked Pei Tianlu to protect the Great Sum Empire without using the Soul Control Technique, she wouldn’t have any problems, as it would just be a willing trade.

But after the use of the Soul Control Technique, their ancestor became a servant to someone, and as a descendant of Pei Tianlu, there’s always some discomfort in her heart.

Pei Tianlu also knew that Pei Shuhua couldn’t accept it for a while, so he didn’t continue on this topic. “Now that I have recovered, let’s enjoy the sightseeing in the Great Sum Empire. I believe the Great Sum Empire will bring us even more surprises.”

In the following month, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua toured the entire Great Sum Empire and experienced all kinds of novelties of the Great Sum Empire.

After touring the entire Great Sum Empire, Pei Shuhua’s realm actually showed some signs of loosening.

Pei Shuhua immediately reported this to Pei Tianlu, and feeling that they had seen enough, Pei Tianlu took Pei Shuhua with him to the Tianchen World to meet Lu Chen.

Tianchen World, Black Dragon City Imperial Palace.

Yun Xianxian’s Bedchamber.

Within the chamber, sounds of exalted voices were heard from time to time, and the maids at the door of the bedchamber blushed and had red ears.

Although they have heard these suggestive sounds countless times, each time they couldn't help but let their thoughts wander.

After all, Emperor Xia is not only handsome and graceful, but also the most powerful person in the entire Daxia Dynasty, how could that girl not have some thoughts about him.

The maids around Lu Chen's wives and concubines are basically women scored above eighty but below ninety, who, placed outside, would be at the level of Saintesses in those Sects.

It's just a pity that these maids have no chance, after all, Lu Chen has no shortage of wives and concubines and he's already too busy to handle more, how could he possibly lay his hands on these maids.

If Lu Chen doesn't even spare the maids, he would probably be even more overwhelmed.

At this moment inside the bedchamber, Lu Chen is vigorously helping Yun Xianxian clear her meridians.

The two have been husband and wife for so long, Yun Xianxian no longer acts reserved in front of Lu Chen and will cry out when she needs to.

Of course, Lu Chen doesn't think any less of Yun Xianxian because of her loud cries, on the contrary, the more bewildered Yun Xianxian appears, the greater his sense of achievement becomes.

After all, Yun Xianxian was once a high and mighty fairy, but now she has been dragged into the mortal world by him, tamed and compliant.

At this time, Lu Chen's voice arose in the bedchamber, "Honored Master, has my strength increased significantly again?"

Hearing this question, Yun Xianxian merely hummed lightly without speaking, of course, she knew what kind of strength Lu Chen was referring to.

Seeing Yun Xianxian's indifferent demeanor, Lu Chen felt a surge of aggression in his heart, but just as he was about to give Yun Xianxian some intensive treatment, Bai Qingqing's voice suddenly came from the entrance.

"Your Majesty, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua request an audience."

After hearing Bai Qingqing's words, Lu Chen slaps Yun Xianxian's buttocks and then says, "I'll let you go for today, once my duties are done, I will certainly let Honored Master truly experience the strength of her disciple."

Yun Xianxian rolled her eyes at Lu Chen, not saying a word, for if she spoke up at such a time, she might accidentally stir him up, and he might not get up at all.

Then, Lu Chen withdrew and straightened his clothes, and left Yun Xianxian's bedchamber to meet with Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua in the Imperial Study Room.

Upon entering the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen notices that Pei Shuhua's aura has grown significantly, and she is showing signs of a breakthrough.

This worries Lu Chen, as if Pei Shuhua has already achieved a breakthrough and become a Great Emperor, she might leave the Daxia Dynasty, and a hard-to-come-by ninety-point woman could be lost again.

He wonders if Pei Tianlu's presence will keep Pei Shuhua in the Daxia Dynasty?

Regaining his composure, Lu Chen asked, "Elder Pei, do you have some matters to discuss?"

Having entered the Imperial Study Room, Pei Shuhua and Pei Tianlu both gave their salutations and said, "We pay our respects to Your Majesty!"

After the customary gesture, Pei Tianlu then spoke, "Your Majesty, Shuhua's Realm is now loosening, showing signs of breakthrough, this old servant wishes for her to stay in Tianchen World to close in on cultivation, may I ask if Your Majesty approves?"

Upon entering Tianchen World, Pei Tianlu discovered that the concentration here far exceeds that of Chiyue World.

He does not wish to scrutinize why such a world with dense Spiritual Power exists in the cosmic wilderness; with Lu Chen, a person of such mystery residing in such a remote Star Domain, nothing happening within the Chaotic Star Sea would surprise him.

His only wish now is for Pei Shuhua to achieve a breakthrough and become a Great Emperor.

If she trains in seclusion in Tianchen World, the chances of Pei Shuhua comprehending the grand Dao will become much easier.

Lu Chen's gaze settles on Pei Shuhua, and with a smile, he says, "Of course, I will immediately arrange a Cultivation Room for Princess Junwan."

Hearing Lu Chen call her Princess Junwan, Pei Shuhua quickly says, "Your Majesty, now that I have left the Chiyue Dynasty, I am no longer the Princess of the Chiyue Dynasty; please, just call me Shuhua."

Chapter 1317: We're All Friends Here, No Need for Formalities

Pei Shuhua was very aware of her situation, and she did not possess any princess-like temperaments. As one must bow one's head under another's roof, and considering they owed Lu Chen a huge favor, she kept a very low profile in front of him.

Lu Chen looked into Pei Shuhua's beautiful eyes and said, "Well then, but calling Shuhua may be too intimate. It's not quite appropriate, I shall address you as Miss Pei from now on."

Hearing Lu Chen say this, Pei Shuhua also realized that being addressed by her first name was indeed too intimate, especially since they had just met.

However, she did not mind much about these formalities.

At that moment, Lu Chen continued: “I have prepared a cultivation chamber for you, inside the Imperial Palace.”

This...

Pei Shuhua said, “Your Majesty, the Imperial Palace is where the Imperial Family resides, it would be inappropriate for me to live there.”

Pei Shuhua became vigilant at that moment; during this period, she and her ancestor had traveled throughout the Daxia Dynasty and had gotten to understand Lu Chen better.

It is said that Lu Chen is a very lascivious man, and all his consorts are beauties without exception, and he is particularly assertive. The women he takes a liking to end up being taken into his Harem.

Even his Honored Master couldn’t escape from Lu Chen’s clutches in the end.

Pei Shuhua vaguely sensed that Lu Chen had ulterior motives towards her.

Lu Chen then said, “The Imperial Palace is where the Spiritual Energy is most dense in the Tianchen World, cultivating inside the palace has better prospects for breakthroughs.”

This...

Pei Shuhua fell silent, giving no reply, while Pei Tianlu also realized Lu Chen’s intention at this moment, but he was unable to say much at this point.

As Pei Shuhua’s elder ancestor, he naturally did not want to see his descendant being coerced, but now he had been marked with a Soul Control Seal by Lu Chen, making it impossible for him to betray Lu Chen.

As Pei Shuhua remained silent, Lu Chen, with a smile, said, “If Miss Pei is unwilling, I can arrange for another suitable place for cultivation.”

Pei Shuhua came back to her senses and said directly, “No need. I will cultivate in the Imperial Palace.”

Pei Shuhua thought that once she became Great Emperor, even if Lu Chen wanted to do something to her, it wouldn’t be so easy.

Moreover, Lu Chen had just saved her ancestor not long ago, and if she turned against Lu Chen now, it might not be appropriate.

Additionally, since her ancestor was now controlled by Lu Chen, being caught in the middle was tricky for him. She decided to follow Lu Chen’s instructions for now, and after she ascended as the Great Emperor, she would think of ways to remove the Soul Seal from her ancestor.

Lu Chen said, “I will have someone lead Miss Pei to the cultivation chamber now.”

“If Miss Pei has any needs in the future, she can inform the maids of the Imperial Palace, and they will make the necessary arrangements.”

Pei Shuhua bowed and said, “Thank you, Your Majesty!”

Lu Chen smiled faintly, “We’re all one family, no need for formalities.”

Hearing this, Pei Shuhua’s expression turned complex. Though she kept a low profile after entering the Daxia Dynasty,

being a Princess of the Chiyue Dynasty before, living under someone else’s roof and having to speak lowly now was quite unbearable for her.

In this world, power is still paramount.

At this moment, Pei Shuhua’s Dao Heart became even more resolute—she must become the Great Emperor and grow even stronger.

Just then, Lu Chen transmitted a message to the maids. Soon, several maids in long dresses appeared at the door of the Imperial Study Room, their attire making even Lu Chen pause for a moment.

Lu Chen directly asked, “What is the situation with the clothes you are wearing?”

The head maid answered, “Your Majesty, they were chosen by Consort Mu for us to wear.”

Lu Chen instantly realized that a few days ago, he had asked Mu Zixuan to prepare several maids for an arrangement he had in a few days; perhaps Mu Zixuan thought these maids were meant to serve him, so she had them change into maid uniforms.

As the first woman to follow Lu Chen, Mu Zixuan was very aware of what Lu Chen liked. When she was with Lu Chen, he often liked her to wear this type of clothing.

Lu Chen coughed, then said, “From now on, you shall serve the young lady beside me, and also, change back into the traditional ancient attire you used to wear.”

After all, Pei Shuhua was new to the Daxia Dynasty, and Lu Chen did not want her to think he was a pervert.

The head maid took the lead in bowing and said, “Yes, Your Majesty.”

At this moment, the head maid asked, “May we know how should we address this young lady?”

Lu Chen continued, “Just address her as Miss Pei.”

The head maid and several other maids then bowed to Pei Shuhua, saying, “We’ve met Miss Pei.”

Pei Shuhua glanced at the clothes the maids were wearing, finding them quite beautiful. During her time in the Daxia Dynasty, aside from the peculiar technical gadgets that intrigued her, she was also quite fond of the clothing from Daxia.

She herself had bought quite a few outfits, but because she had her elder ancestor Pei Tianlu with her, she hadn't worn those outfits.

Lu Chen turned to look at Pei Shuhua and continued, "Miss Pei, why don't you follow them now to see your Cultivation Chamber? If you don't like it, I can have someone change it for you."

With that, Lu Chen instructed the head maid, "Lead Miss Pei to Fenghua Hall."

Pei Shuhua glanced at Pei Tianlu, then followed the maids and left.

After Pei Shuhua had left, Pei Tianlu finally spoke, "Thank you, Your Majesty, for allowing Shuhua to stay within the Imperial Palace to breakthrough in seclusion."

Despite knowing the intentions of Lu Chen, being under someone's roof, one has to bow their head; Pei Tianlu really had no other choice at the moment.

Lu Chen's unknown origins and complex background, in addition to the Soul Control Seal within Pei Tianlu, meant that even if he knew Lu Chen had indecent designs towards Pei Shuhua, he could only express gratitude to Lu Chen.

However, speaking of which, if Pei Shuhua also took a liking to Lu Chen, it might turn out to be a good thing.

It was rumored that Lu Chen treated his wives and concubines very well, and they could go wherever they wished. During their time in Great Sum, Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua visited many of the worlds managed by Lu Chen's wives; thus, they also heard some stories about Lu Chen and his wives.

To the common people, even though Emperor Xia was seen as flirtatious, he was a responsible man.

Moreover, he usually supported whatever his wives wanted to do, which is one of the reasons why his wives also owned quite a few properties.

Hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Lu Chen smiled and then said, "Senior Pei doesn't really think so inside."

Caught in his lie by Lu Chen, Pei Tianlu felt somewhat embarrassed, unsure of what to say.

Lu Chen continued, "Rest assured, if Miss Pei breaks through to become a Great Emperor and wishes to leave the Daxia Dynasty, I won't stop her."

Lu Chen thought to himself, If she really becomes a Great Emperor, he probably wouldn't have the power to stop her anyway.

And he didn't want to completely offend her, considering she was a woman with a score over ninety, and it was highly probable she had some past connection with him.

Ever since Lu Chen suspected that women with scores over ninety might have been related to him in past lives, he no longer planned to use forceful methods.

Chapter 1318: Indeed Impossible?

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Pei Tianlu found them a little hard to believe, as during their time in the Great Sum Empire, they had heard plenty about Lu Chen.

It is rumored that any woman Lu Chen takes a fancy to and who enters the Imperial Palace, eventually becomes Lu Chen's woman.

The Great Sum Empire is unlike other empires; in other empires, discussing the sovereign's affairs is strictly forbidden, but in the Great Sum Empire, people often boast about Emperor Xia's illustrious achievements on the streets.

Including Lu Chen's conquest of beauties from all quarters, in the eyes of the common folk, it is a matter worth boasting about.

Pei Tianlu truly doubted whether Lu Chen would let Pei Shuhua leave the Great Sum Empire.

In addition to her beauty, Pei Shuhua's talent was also extremely high; it was very rare in the entire universe to be able to cultivate to the Quasi-Emperor Realm in just five thousand years.

In Pei Tianlu's view, even if Emperor Xia did not fancy Pei Shuhua's appearance, he might keep her for her cultivation talent.

Lu Chen knew that Pei Tianlu did not believe him at the moment; regarding his reputation for lust, his image in the hearts of all the citizens of the Great Sum Empire had basically reached a consensus, so whatever he said was futile.

He didn't take it to heart, thinking that after Pei Shuhua breaks through to become a Great Emperor, Pei Tianlu would know whether what he said was true or not.

At this time, Lu Chen thought of something and asked Pei Tianlu, "Elder Pei, do you have any particular place you wish to stay?"

Pei Tianlu replied, "It doesn't matter where this old man stays."

"However, Shuhua needs to engage in closed-door Tao realization and cultivation; it is best for this old man to stay in Black Dragon City so that if she encounters any problems during her tribulation, I can assist her at the first moment."

Lu Chen said, "Alright, I'll arrange for an estate for you, Elder Pei."

Subsequently, Lu Chen sent a message to the Brocade Guard, instructing them to find a tranquil estate for Pei Tianlu's residence.

Pei Tianlu gave his thanks and said, "Your Majesty, if there is nothing else, this old man will not disturb you further."

"Good. Once the estate is selected, I will have the Brocade Guard inform you. Of course, if you, Elder Pei, have any favored place to stay, you may also let the Brocade Guard know."

Pei Tianlu said, “This old man thanks Your Majesty in advance.”

“There’s no need to be so courteous. You are a tributor of the Great Sum Royal Family, after all. If you have any needs in the future, you can also tell me,” Lu Chen replied.

“Thanks for Your Majesty’s kindness, this old man shall take his leave!”

Lu Chen nodded without saying anything more, and Pei Tianlu turned and left the Imperial Study Room.

Meanwhile, Pei Shuhua and a group of maids arrived at the Fenghua Hall.

Upon entering the Fenghua Hall, Pei Shuhua asked, “Where did you buy these clothes you’re wearing?”

The head maid answered, “These clothes were recently made by the Garment Bureau and have not been mass-produced yet. They were reportedly designed by His Majesty.”

Hearing this, Pei Shuhua was somewhat incredulous. Such beautiful clothes were actually designed by Lu Chen?

Lu Chen, a founder of an empire, has so much free time that he actually designs clothes for women?

“His Majesty also designs women’s attire?” Pei Shuhua asked curiously.

The head maid replied, “Yes, most of the popular clothing styles in the Daxia Dynasty have been created by His Majesty. Initially, these clothes were only worn by the nobility in the palace. If they received good feedback, the Garment Bureau would then mass-produce them and sell them to the people of Great Sum.”

In her heart, Pei Shuhua thought that Lu Chen, the ruler of the empire, was indeed different from rulers of other empires; this was her first time hearing about an emperor who designed clothes for women.

Although Lu Chen had long since passed the position of the emperor to his child, as the founder of the empire, he still held absolute power. A person with absolute power doing such things seemed very strange to everyone.

Suddenly, a thought struck Pei Shuhua's heart: so, most of the clothes she liked were essentially designed by Lu Chen?

Especially those intimate garments...

How rich in experience must this lecher be, to have designed such clothing.

However, Pei Shuhua felt relieved thinking about how many wives and concubines this lecher had.

At this moment, the head maid walked to a wall in the great hall and said: "Miss Pei, the chamber for cultivation is right below here."

While speaking, the head maid operated the Formation, opening the entrance passage, and a descending stairwell appeared before Pei Shuhua's eyes.

The moment the underground passage appeared, Pei Shuhua could feel an even denser Spiritual Energy surge from inside, and this energy had already congealed into a substantial mist.

Pei Shuhua was slightly startled. Such dense Spiritual Energy—could it be that there are spirit stone veins beneath Black Dragon City?

Without thinking too much, Pei Shuhua walked straight into the underground passage, and what caught her eyes was a vast Underground Palace, with many rooms around it.

The presence of Spiritual Energy Liquid in the Underground Palace excited Pei Shuhua internally. If she were to seclude herself for cultivation in such a place, the possibility of her proving her path and ascending to Emperor status would become even greater.

Ascension to Emperor status requires vast Spiritual Energy. If the energy is insufficient, breakthrough failure could possibly occur, and a large amount of Spiritual Energy is also needed during tribulation.

It's undeniable that Lu Chen's Imperial Palace is indeed an excellent place for breakthroughs.

At this time, the head maid said: "Miss Pei, if you need anything, just send us a message, and we will take our leave."

Pei Shuhua indifferently replied: "Okay."

As her words fell, Pei Shuhua randomly chose a cultivation chamber and prepared to go into seclusion.

However, just at that moment, suddenly a vast Spiritual Power spread out from the Imperial Palace, like a stone dropping into water, creating ripples after ripples.

Pei Shuhua frowned slightly, this Spiritual Power was extremely violent, and even mixed with complex Dao Charm.

Pei Shuhua suddenly realized, someone is proving the path to become a Great Emperor!!!

Unexpectedly, the Daxia Dynasty was about to gain another Great Emperor so soon. If the person currently proving the path succeeded, then the Daxia Dynasty wouldn't have to fear the Qingyun Dynasty knocking at their door.

However, as Pei Shuhua was distracted for a moment, the surge of Spiritual Power suddenly dissipated, and the Dao Charm vanished as well.

Pei Shuhua murmured to herself: "What a pity."

Clearly, that person failed to prove the path.

In the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen also sensed that Empress Tianhong failed to prove her path.

He was uncertain whether he should comfort her or not, and after some thought, Lu Chen still decided not to risk his luck.

After all, Empress Tianhong was an Empress in her previous life. Her mentality was unlikely to be so fragile, it was just one failure after all.

However, at this time, Empress Tianhong's condition was obviously not as good as Lu Chen imagined. Her complexion was flushed, her entire body covered in sweat, her red gauze dress soaked through with sweat, the hair on her forehead damp and stuck together.

After Empress Tianhong opened her eyes, she looked at the red thread entwined around her body and murmured: "So it really won't work."

Empress Tianhong was clear on where the problem laid. She had anticipated the possibility of failure from the start, but she always refused to believe that she had to do so, thus she attempted to forcefully break through.

Unfortunately, reality still slapped her in the face.

Her body was tainted with Lu Chen's extensive karma, and entwined tightly by Lu Chen's marriage line. If she does not become Lu Chen's woman and repay the karma, she cannot achieve an undisturbed state of mind.

Chapter 1319: Empress Tianhong: What have you done?

For Empress Tianhong, matters between men and women truly meant little; to her, a Great Emperor who had lived for countless tens of thousands of years, the sense of morality in her heart had long since all but disappeared.

The reason she was unwilling to engage in that sort of act with Lu Chen was because she felt it would be an insult to her as a Great Emperor.

A Great Emperor cannot be insulted; allowing Lu Chen to mount and oppress her, especially treating her like he does his wives and concubines, made her feel somewhat disgusted.

There was no helping it, her perception as a Great Emperor was too strong. After following Lu Chen, she was basically aware of all the sordid things he did.

For a Great Emperor to become someone else's plaything was more unbearable than death; she even suspected that if she really let Lu Chen take her, her Dao Heart might collapse on the spot.

However, given the current situation, if she didn't have some sort of encounter with Lu Chen, she feared she truly wouldn't be able to break through and become a Great Emperor.

For her, advancing to the Great Emperor Realm was just the first step; her goal was the higher Heavenly Emperor Realm, and even the legendary status of Immortal.

If she couldn't even take the first step, there was no talking about becoming a Heavenly Emperor or Immortal.

After much deliberation, Empress Tianhong made a bold decision.

What she couldn't accept in her heart was being treated by Lu Chen as an object for his release; as long as she changed her mindset and considered Lu Chen as her plaything instead, it would be acceptable.

Although Lu Chen's identity was shrouded in mystery, he was still only at the Saint Realm, while she was at the Quasi-Emperor Realm with her Cultivation State. Suppressing Lu Chen and taking the dominant position was an easy task.

Once she had made up her mind, Empress Tianhong did not hesitate at all; she waved her hand, and the beads of sweat on her body dissipated, and she also changed into a new set of clothes.

In the next instant, her body vanished on the spot.

At the same time, Lu Chen was still contemplating in the Imperial Study Room about how to walk the path of the Emperor without failing his breakthrough. Lost in thought, a peerlessly breathtaking figure appeared before him.

Seeing Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen was taken aback; she had just failed her breakthrough, so why had she come to him? Shouldn't she solidify her Cultivation State to prevent regression caused by the failure to advance?

With a smile, Lu Chen asked, "Honghong, why have you come?"

Empress Tianhong was expressionless and didn't speak. With a wave of her hand, both their figures disappeared from the Imperial Study Room, and when they reappeared, they had already arrived at Empress Tianhong's sleeping chamber.

Lu Chen grew even more curious about what Empress Tianhong intended to do next when she brought him to her sleeping chamber.

Before Lu Chen could say anything, he felt his body being constrained by a force, and then his body flew onto the soft couch of Empress Tianhong.

Lu Chen was dumbstruck for a moment.

Suddenly, all his clothes burst apart. Empress Tianhong stood by the soft couch, glancing at him.

She lifted her red Phoenix Robe, waved her sleeve, and in the next moment, only the white undergarments remained on her body. Then, Empress Tianhong slowly took her seat on the soft couch.

Seeing this scene, Lu Chen seemed to recall what Yun Xianxian had once done to him. Back then, for the purpose of cultivating together with him, she also used strong measures.

It had been so many years since he last felt the experience of being overpowered by a woman.

What was Empress Tianhong doing?

He hadn't even sought her out, but she had instead come to him.

Lu Chen tried to break free of the Confinement Power, only to find that with a mere thought, the confinement on his body instantly lifted.

Empress Tianhong's physical body was fashioned from the branches of the Dragon Phoenix Tree, and her strength was limited by Lu Chen—this was the same principle as the women who drank Dragon and Phoenix Tea and were unable to harm Lu Chen.

But just as Lu Chen was about to do something, an idea suddenly struck him.

Why should he break free?

Wasn't this the perfect opportunity to win over Empress Tianhong?

To avoid provoking Empress Tianhong's displeasure, he had never made a move against her before.

After all, Empress Tianhong was a Great Emperor in her previous life; once her strength was restored, the Dragon Phoenix Tree would no longer affect her. What if, after the effects of the Dragon Phoenix Tree had worn off, Empress Tianhong held a grudge against him and decided to strike at him?

However, if it was Empress Tianhong who took the initiative to engage in that kind of act with him, and she really did break through to the Great Emperor Realm afterwards, then she couldn't blame him for it.

With this thought, Lu Chen made no move to get up, simply lying there, curious to see what sort of trick Empress Tianhong would play.

Empress Tianhong also realized that Lu Chen had broken free from his restraints. In order not to let Lu Chen escape, Empress Tianhong once again used her power to confine him.

This time, Lu Chen did not resist the confinement; he just lay on the soft couch, staring straight at Empress Tianhong.

The white undergarments hugged Empress Tianhong's arresting figure, the golden hair accessories on her head shone brilliantly denoting her nobility, her cold and absolutely beautiful face intensified the desire to conquer, and the Dao Charm emitting from her body added a touch of loftiness. Suddenly, Lu Chen's heart began to stir.

Noticing the change in Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong swept another glance over his body. Even though she was aware that Lu Chen had developed certain thoughts about her, her face remained expressionless.

It was as if she was doing something very mundane.

Lu Chen chuckled inside, not believing that Empress Tianhong would remain this cold and detached for much longer.

As Lu Chen was thinking this, Empress Tianhong's slender hand caressed across his broad and sturdy chest, then continued downward.

Lu Chen had thought that Empress Tianhong would proceed step by step, but unexpectedly, at the very beginning, Empress Tianhong's body sank down.

Lu Chen quickly said, "Wait a minute..."

Before Lu Chen could finish his sentence, Empress Tianhong had already entered into an intimate state with him.

The moment they touched, an electric current instantly connected their bodies, and both Lu Chen and Empress Tianhong were stunned; neither of them had anticipated this.

The next moment, Lu Chen discovered that the spiritual power inside his body was rushing toward Empress Tianhong.

Lu Chen was dumbfounded. What was happening?

He had thought that Empress Tianhong was using some kind of secret technique, but when his gaze fell on Empress Tianhong's face, he saw her complexion flush, her teeth clenched, as if she was enduring something.

Empress Tianhong then asked, "What... what did you do?"

Lu Chen was confused; he hadn't done anything, and he had assumed that Empress Tianhong was the one employing some kind of method.

When Lu Chen cultivated with his wives and concubines, it normally took a process to enjoy the pleasures between man and woman.

But with Empress Tianhong, it was different. As soon as they entered into an intimate state, they experienced the joys of male and female, and it was continuous.

Why was this happening?

While Lu Chen was utterly baffled, Empress Tianhong's body could no longer hold up, and she collapsed directly, lying on Lu Chen's chest.

After their bodies came into close contact, Lu Chen became even more agitated, and his spiritual power drained away even faster.

After a moment, the spiritual power within Empress Tianhong suddenly exploded, and instantly, the entire Imperial Palace shook as if an earthquake hit.

Lu Chen quickly realized that Empress Tianhong was about to make a breakthrough!

Soon, the skies above Tianchen World were covered with dark clouds, thick black clouds appearing.

From outside Tianchen World, everyone could see that a dark fog had enveloped the entire world, with purple lightning coursing within, forming numerous Thunder Dragons, presenting a terrifying sight.

The Immortal Boats and Starships outside of Tianchen World, upon witnessing this horrifying scene, quickly distanced themselves from Tianchen World.

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At this moment, Lu Chen also sensed the anomaly within the Tianchen World, feeling an immense shock in his heart.

Is this what it's like for a Great Emperor to transcend tribulation?

A single Heavenly Tribulation enshrouding the entire Tianchen World, how terrifying.

If this Heavenly Tribulation were to descend, perhaps the entire Tianchen World would be destroyed, right?

The tribulation a Great Emperor transcends is not the Heavenly Tribulation of the Life World, but the Law Heavenly Tribulation of the Cosmic Origin.

The destructiveness of this tribulation can be imagined.

Empress Tianhong also realized that in her current state, she could not transcend the tribulation. She struggled to get up, her pale jade-like palms supporting herself on both sides of Lu Chen's chest, attempting to rise and leave.

But she soon discovered that her body, as well as Lu Chen's, seemed to be locked in place, completely unable to get up.

Lu Chen felt this too, and was dumbstruck.

This is the Heavenly Tribulation of a Great Emperor!

Does it mean for him, a Saint, to transcend tribulation together with Empress Tianhong?

Isn't this going to doom him?

Lu Chen no longer hesitated and immediately removed the restraints Empress Tianhong had set upon himself. Then, he wrapped his arms around Empress Tianhong's waist, flipped her underneath him, and actively tried to pull away.

The result was the same as before, no matter what methods he used, he could not leave. The power within their bodies seemed to have merged together.

Feeling the increasing Chaotic Power outside the Tianchen World, Lu Chen's complexion turned somewhat pale, and he couldn't help thinking that this was the end.

It's said that dying beneath peony flowers is a romantic way to go, even for a ghost, but although it may be romantic, now I'm really about to become a ghost.

Meanwhile.

Within a residence in Black Dragon City.

Seeing the dark clouds in the sky, Pei Tianlu felt confused. Someone had just attempted to break through to become a Great Emperor and failed; how could it be that another Great Emperor Heavenly Tribulation has been triggered so soon?

Does Tianchen World have so many Quasi-Emperors?

Could it be Shuhua?

At this thought, Pei Tianlu became tense. As someone who had been through it, he knew very well the terror of a Great Emperor's Heavenly Tribulation.

If one's Dao Heart is not stable, the consequences of failing to transcend the tribulation would be severe—one's Cultivation State might be completely lost, or worse, one might die and their Dao disappear.

But soon Pei Tianlu noticed something was off. The Thunder Dragon in the sky was extremely violent, and the great Dao that had manifested was not the one Pei Shuhua usually contemplated.

Pei Tianlu's expression suddenly turned very serious, and he muttered to himself, "This is the Art of Killing!"

"If this person breaks through, I'm afraid the entire universe will fall into endless war again."

Great Emperors who master the Art of Killing are very rare; within this universe, besides Emperor Shenwu, there is no second person.

Typically, Great Emperors mastering the Art of Killing will head to the Outer Domain, but there are also some who, to stabilize their cultivation, take action against various powers within this universe.

Years ago, in order to stabilize his Cultivation State and consolidate his Dao Heart, Emperor Shenwu personally led troops to conquer all directions. If not for some unknown injury that Emperor Shenwu suffered, perhaps most of the Empires within this universe would have been eradicated by him.

At this time, there appeared in the sky a wide path.

Upon the path lay countless bones and scattered Spiritual Artifacts. The figure of a woman holding a blood-red Longsword slowly walked towards the Thunder Dragon in the sky.

Just as the Thunder Dragon within the dark clouds was about to charge at the woman on the path, suddenly, spatial ripples appeared and a red palanquin emerged out of nowhere.

The Thunder Dragon in the sky seemed to be provoked, and all struck towards the red sedan. However, when the destructive Thunder Dragon came into contact with the Red Flower Sedan, they were all absorbed.

Seeing this scene, Pei Tianlu was stunned.

What kind of heaven-defying magic treasure is this, that it can even intercept a Great Emperor's Heavenly Tribulation?

Having lived for so many years, this was the first time he had seen such an item; he had never even heard of it before.

At this moment, Empress Tianhong within the Imperial Palace also sensed her Heavenly Tribulation being absorbed by the Red Flower Sedan.

This...

Empress Tianhong and Lu Chen looked at each other in turn.

Empress Tianhong knew that the Red Flower Sedan might be related to Lu Chen. She had followed Lu Chen and heard mention of the Red Flower Sedan from his wives and concubines several times, and she had seen the Red Flower Sedan as well.

While Empress Tianhong was lost in thought, the Red Flower Sedan disappeared from the sky, but quickly reappeared within the chambers of Empress Tianhong.

Lu Chen and Empress Tianhong simultaneously turned their heads to look at the Red Flower Sedan. It radiated a red halo, and when the halo touched Lu Chen's body, the flow of Spiritual Power that was transferring from him to Empress Tianhong ceased, and Lu Chen's pleasure also came to an end at that moment.

Empress Tianhong, realizing their bodies were unlocked, raised her hand and pushed against Lu Chen's chest, trying to push him away.

Since she had already broken through and become a Great Emperor, there was no need for her to continue such activities with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen also saw Empress Tianhong's intentions and felt a sense of regret. Now that Empress Tianhong's Cultivation State had been restored and she was freed from her Physical Body's limitations, the Dragon Phoenix Tree no longer affected her, and it might be very difficult to experience the continuous pleasure she used to bring in the future.

However, just as Lu Chen was about to pull away, the Red Flower Sedan suddenly released strands of red halos, and for a time, the entire chamber of Empress Tianhong was bathed in red light.

Lu Chen's desires erupted completely at this moment, and Empress Tianhong also felt that something was amiss. She tried to push Lu Chen away quickly, but the next moment, her arms were seized by Lu Chen's hands and pressed down on her fragrant shoulders.

"What are you doing!" Empress Tianhong said coldly.

Lu Chen, as if he had lost consciousness, paid no heed to Empress Tianhong and bent down directly. Empress Tianhong tried to dodge, but found her body was out of her control.

Empress Tianhong was not averse to engaging in acts of intimacy with Lu Chen, after all, they were still in a close state, but she had been the active part for the sake of breakthrough.

Now that Lu Chen had turned the tables and even sought to kiss her, Empress Tianhong found it somewhat unacceptable.

As the lips drew increasingly near, Empress Tianhong immediately mobilized the power within her body, trying to break free from the restraints. The next moment, her complexion slightly changed. She had already become a Great Emperor and still could not break free from the Red Flower Sedan's control.

What level of Spiritual Artifact was this, issuing such a terrifying force that could even restrain a Great Emperor?

A thought suddenly struck Empress Tianhong. She was now a Great Emperor and could completely let her Divine Soul leave her Physical Body, and then reshape a new body for herself.

With that thought, Empress Tianhong immediately performed the Divine Soul Separation Technique, only to find that in the next moment, Lu Chen's mouth sealed her red lips, while her Divine Soul was still trapped within this body.

Empress Tianhong's mind momentarily blanked, and by the time she regained her senses, Lu Chen had begun to make his move.

Empress Tianhong did not give up and continued to attempt to break free from the control of the Red Flower Sedan, but the restless Spiritual Power inside her made her unable to focus on exerting her power.

Empress Tianhong was instantly infuriated.

Damn it!

This beast!

Empress Tianhong kept struggling, but no matter what power she used, she could not control her own body and could only watch herself being manipulated by Lu Chen.

Thinking that she, a Great Emperor who mastered the Art of Killing, was being toyed with by a Saint, Empress Tianhong was furious inside.

However, no matter how angry she felt inside, faced with the Red Flower Sedan, she was powerless.

As time ticked by, the sounds of Empress Tianhong's soft moans filled the room. Although Empress Tianhong never ceased in her attempts to break free, the sensations brought by Lu Chen penetrated deep into her Divine Soul, and she could not suppress them.