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Chapter 1321: Lu Chen's Enlightenment

Lu Chen did not lose consciousness for too long, as he quickly came to his senses and also regained control over his body.

However, he did not pull away; instead, he thought of the scene where he and Liu Qingyun were together inside the Red Flower Sedan.

Although he and Empress Tianhong were not inside the Red Flower Sedan at this time, he felt that the Red Flower Sedan implied that he should continue with Empress Tianhong.

Once he thought about pulling away, it was highly likely that the Red Flower Sedan would control him again.

Thinking about overpowering an Empress in such a way filled Lu Chen with turmoil; in his mind, he planned to use the Red Flower Sedan as an excuse later on, so for now, he felt no need for reservations.

Afterward, Lu Chen applied all the techniques he had explored with his wives on Empress Tianhong.

Although Empress Tianhong never stopped struggling, under Lu Chen's techniques, her desires were still aroused.

To Lu Chen's surprise, Empress Tianhong's physique was very special, akin to a great furnace.

If it wasn't for the fact that his body had been transformed long ago, he probably wouldn't have lasted long.

In this manner, Empress Tianhong, an Empress versed in the Art of Killing, was oppressed by Lu Chen for a whole year.

Lu Chen had no choice; every time he thought it was about enough, he decided on one more “last time,” and thus, there were countless “last times.”

For Lu Chen now, doing this was just like how cultivators meditate and cultivate.

Cultivators could sit cross-legged for years or even hundreds of years, completely unaware of the passing of time.

Lu Chen was the same; once immersed in pleasure, he too lost track of time.

Fortunately, nothing significant happened during this year, and no one disturbed Lu Chen, so he continued to immerse himself in cultivation with Empress Tianhong.

Now, Empress Tianhong’s self-esteem had been completely crushed by Lu Chen; she tried various methods, but could not escape from being toyed with by Lu Chen.

She knew it was all because the Red Flower Sedan was suppressing her, however, she couldn’t understand how such a miraculous Magic Treasure like the Red Flower Sedan could exist in this universe.

Extremely powerful Magic Treasures would be repelled by the universe; a Magic Treasure like the Red Flower Sedan, capable of fully suppressing a Great Emperor, should not exist in this universe, and could only exist in the Outer Domain.

Unless the Red Flower Sedan has become terrifying enough to suppress the very universe itself, making it even more extraordinary.

It’s hard to imagine that Lu Chen, a beast who only knows to lie on women, would be connected to such an extraordinary Magic Treasure.

In the warm Imperial Palace, Lu Chen propped himself up, intertwined his fingers with Empress Tianhong’s, pressing her hands to either side of the body, looking down on her from above, yet his body continued moving.

Empress Tianhong's face blushed, her eyes filled with emotion; even though she was an Empress skilled in Art of Killing, she still couldn't withstand Lu Chen's various techniques.

Luckily, Empress Tianhong still retained her self-awareness, after all, she was a Great Emperor.

Empress Tianhong then said coldly, "Enough."

Lu Chen might not feel the passing of time, but Empress Tianhong, who mastered the Power of Laws, was very aware that a year had passed.

Empress Tianhong could clearly feel that Lu Chen was not affected by the Red Flower Sedan.

Lu Chen's idea of blaming the Red Flower Sedan was unworkable on Empress Tianhong.

As a Great Emperor, she was very sensitive to various forces, indeed she initially sensed that Lu Chen was controlled by the special power inside the Red Flower Sedan, but this power quickly disappeared, and afterwards, it was Lu Chen who was controlling his body.

She initially thought this man would release her in a month or two at most, but instead, a whole year had passed, and this beast had no intention of letting her go.

After hearing the words of Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen was slightly stunned, but he still showed no signs of stopping.

Lu Chen himself didn't understand why this was happening; he was no longer controlled by the Red Flower Sedan, yet his heart was filled with desire, completely uncontrollable.

At that moment, a vast Spiritual Power surged out from Lu Chen's body, and in an instant, everything in the bedroom vanished, turning the room into a sea of flowers.

This is...

Seeing the sea of flowers again, Empress Tianhong was momentarily stunned. This same vision had appeared when Lu Chen was cultivating in the Feihong Immortal Boat.

And in that vision, she also saw a couple indulging in debauchery.

Even as a Great Emperor, Empress Tianhong still couldn't figure out whether these visions were illusions or real scenes.

Quickly, Empress Tianhong realized, the scenes she previously saw were of a man and a woman indulging among the flowers.

Isn't that exactly what is happening right now?

Could it be...

Empress Tianhong began to suspect if what she saw in the Immortal Boat previously were future scenes, now unfolding.

While Empress Tianhong was distracted, Lu Chen suddenly roared, instantly disrupting her train of thoughts.

Empress Tianhong felt a bit helpless; no wonder Lu Chen's woman had such a love-hate relationship with him.

Empress Tianhong calmed her emotions and continued observing the sea of flowers.

At that moment, she suddenly discovered waves of Dao Charm coursing through Lu Chen's body, who seemed to have entered a state of Enlightenment. Although his body movements continued seamlessly, he had apparently lost consciousness.

The actions he was now undertaking were all being performed unconsciously.

Empress Tianhong, with slightly furrowed brows, sought to seize this chance to turn things around, but found herself being suppressed by an invisible force in the sea of flowers, forced to continually “sink into depravity” with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen had not entirely lost consciousness, rather his consciousness seemed to no longer reside in his body and was now seemingly in a void.

He could neither see anything nor hear anything.

However, it wasn't long before a bright light appeared before him; the chaos was cleaved by something, and immediately after, he witnessed world after desolate world.

In these barren worlds, volcanoes were omnipresent, covered in magma emitting various gasses.

As time passed, these lavas cooled down, lakes appeared on the earth, oceans formed, and within these waters, microorganisms began to emerge.

Lu Chen felt as if these scenes were flashing by like slides in a slideshow, although progressing extremely fast, he was experiencing every stage personally.

Lu Chen wondered if this was the process of life's emergence on Earth and why he was witnessing these events.

As Lu Chen was puzzled, scenes depicting the birth of life continued to shift before him – gradually, microorganisms agglomerated into single cells, then multicellular organisms, and eventually evolved into animals and plants.

Yet, just as animals began to appear in those desolate worlds, massive meteorites fell from the sky, leading to mass extinction.

However, after the mass extinction, not all life died; shortly new organisms appeared, leading to another surge in life.

But after the massive surge in life, another mass extinction occurred, thus repeating the cycle.

Chapter 1322: Honghong, I Want You to Help Me Prove the Way to Become Emperor

Despite witnessing the birth of life on Earth, Lu Chen was still in a state of bewildered confusion at this moment.

His mind felt chaotic and his consciousness was blurry. After a while, a deep voice echoed in his mind.

“The Dao gives birth to one, one gives rise to two, two evolve into three, three produce all things.”

“As the Dao flows endlessly, so do yin and yang, and as yin and yang flow endlessly, so does life.”

The moment the voice sounded, Lu Chen’s mind became instantly clear, his consciousness returned to his body, and the Dao Charm surrounding him became even more intense. His Sea of Consciousness expanded wildly, and the small universe within his body also expanded rapidly.

In just a moment, his small universe had expanded to the size of the Solar System.

Lu Chen suddenly felt incredibly surprised. Had he just made a breakthrough?

Seeing Lu Chen’s current state, Empress Tianhong was also somewhat astonished. Could this beast really break through to the Great Emperor Realm through such means?

Although she had broken through after engaging in intimate relations with Lu Chen, it was because she had not yet repaid the debt of cause and effect, and had no choice but to do so. However, her cultivation still relied on herself.

But Lu Chen was different. He had hardly practiced autonomously, spending most of his time in the beds of his wives and concubines. If he could still break through to the Emperor Realm like this, then the Cosmic Origin would be far too biased.

After Lu Chen's breakthrough, he thought it was all over, but he soon discovered a strange feeling of obstruction in his heart, making him very uncomfortable.

In the next moment, another hallucination appeared before Lu Chen. He saw a solemn and ancient stone gate, decorated with numerous images of men and women engaging in Dual Cultivation.

Suddenly, a strange thought entered Lu Chen's mind. He had a sensation that as long as he impregnated another being, he would directly break through to the Great Emperor Realm.

Moreover, the child had to be conceived with a Great Emperor.

Seeing the green Dao Charm around Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong frowned. What was going on? Lu Chen had already broken through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm, so why was he still in a state of Enlightenment?

Could it be that he was going to break through directly to the Great Emperor Realm?

As Empress Tianhong was pondering this, she suddenly found that Lu Chen's movements had become more aggressive.

Empress Tianhong had thought that after Lu Chen's breakthrough to the Quasi-Emperor Realm he would let her go, but unexpectedly, Lu Chen wanted to continue.

At that moment, Empress Tianhong discovered she could move her body again. The Red Flower Sedan inside the bedchamber had disappeared, and the force that had suppressed her was also gone.

This meant that she could now push Lu Chen away and get away from him.

However, seeing Lu Chen in the midst of Enlightenment, Empress Tianhong fell into hesitation.

After all, Lu Chen was the one who resurrected her. Now that he was in a state of Enlightenment, if she pushed him away at this time, it might disrupt him.

She still needed to repay the cause and effect. If her interruption led to Lu Chen's failure in his path, preventing him from breaking through to the Great Emperor Realm, then she would shoulder even more cause and effect.

After a long contemplation, Empress Tianhong ultimately lay back down reluctantly, allowing Lu Chen to have his way.

Having experienced that profound state, Lu Chen gradually regained his senses, and seemed to understand the situation.

To become an Emperor, he must impregnate a Great Emperor – the process of a Great Emperor conceiving is unlike any ordinary person's. The process is filled with the Dao Charm of the Life Dao, which provides Lu Chen a complete Life Dao for enlightenment.

Lu Chen thought to himself that Empress Tianhong had just broken through to the Great Emperor Realm and he had already found his opportunity for enlightenment. Indeed, everything about him seemed predestined.

No matter what, he must continue on this path now. Only by becoming an Emperor could he learn more truths and clarify what the system and the Red Flower Sedan were all about.

However, a rather troublesome matter followed.

As is well known, the higher the Realm, the lesser the chance of conceiving offspring. Especially at the Emperor Realm, a Great Emperor may not be able to produce a child even in ten thousand years.

And beneath him was none other than Empress Tianhong.

Empress Tianhong clearly held some disgust towards him, and now that she had become an Emperor, she was no longer affected by the Dragon Phoenix Tree.

Moreover, the Red Flower Sedan had already left, and there was nothing to suppress her any longer. Wishing for her to help him produce heirs was like a fool's dream.

Could it be that he should wait until Pei Shuhua broke through to the Great Emperor Realm and have Pei Shuhua bear him a child?

Not to mention when Pei Shuhua would be able to ascend to Emperorhood, even if Pei Shuhua did become an Emperor, Pei Shuhua may not be willing to bear his children.

At this time, Empress Tianhong became aware that the light in Lu Chen's eyes had gradually returned, and it was clear his senses were coming back to him, so she said indifferently, "Considering the aid you rendered me in my ascension, I will not hold this against you."

"You may rise now."

Empress Tianhong only spoke with her lips, but she made no move to get off him.

With her current strength, she could easily have pushed Lu Chen away, but the thought that her resurrection was thanks to Lu Chen's help made her struggle to suppress the Killing Aura on her body and to be polite to Lu Chen.

Hearing Empress Tianhong's words, Lu Chen did not get up, but instead stared intently at the beautiful eyes of Empress Tianhong.

Empress Tianhong was puzzled at this direct gaze and wondered what Lu Chen was up to.

Even as a Great Emperor, she felt a chill down her spine under the gaze filled with desire from Lu Chen.

Lu Chen said, "Honghong, I want you to help me become an Emperor!"

Empress Tianhong was instantly stupefied.

What did his desire to ascend to Emperorhood have to do with her?

Lu Chen had already exited the state of Enlightenment, and if he had wished to ascend to Emperorhood just now, she could have let him indulge further, but now Lu Chen had already left the state of Enlightenment.

Empress Tianhong then said coldly, “I am aware that you have an extraordinary background, but you should know that Emperors are not to be disrespected. Even if you were once an Emperor, your current strength is only at the Saint Realm. Do you dare to make me your pet and play with me recklessly, without fear of my wrath killing you on the spot?”

Lu Chen glanced at Empress Tianhong’s personal data.

[Name: Empress Tianhong]

[Identity: Rebirth Emperor who ascended through the Killing and Slaughtering Dao. She is inherently deficient in emotions. Now that she has developed affections for the Host and to repay karma, she is willing to do anything for the Host.]

[Score: 100]

[Favorability: 90]

Seeing Empress Tianhong’s personal data, Lu Chen breathed a sigh of relief. Although Empress Tianhong appeared icy, the matter of conceiving offspring was not out of the question for negotiation.

In the ranks of Lu Chen’s women, a Favorability of 90 was not high since most of his wives and concubines would generally reach 100 after about a year with him.

And yet, having been with him for so many years, Empress Tianhong’s Favorability was only ninety.

But having seen the system data, Lu Chen knew that Empress Tianhong, who ascended through the Killing and Slaughtering Dao, lacking in emotions, didn't make that Favorability matter too much to him.

Lu Chen then fixed his gaze on Empress Tianhong and said earnestly, "Honghong, there's something I'd like to discuss with you."

Chapter 1323: Do you think I look like a fool?

Seeing that Lu Chen completely disregarded her threat, Empress Tianhong's eyebrows slightly furrowed. She was a Great Emperor who had proven herself through the Killing and Slaughtering Dao, and now she couldn't even exert the slightest bit of deterrence?

Back when she was in the Outer Domain, other Great Emperors would steer clear of her, yet this was the first time she encountered someone who dared to speak to her this way and furthermore dared to ignore her threat.

But then again, this fellow had treated her as a plaything for a year, it seemed there was nothing he didn't dare to do.

A dense killing aura emitted from Empress Tianhong. However, seeing the expectant look in Lu Chen's eyes, she managed to calm her inner emotions once more, trying to cool down.

"What is it?" Empress Tianhong asked.

She decided to first listen to what Lu Chen had to say, and then make a decision.

Lu Chen directly stated: "I want to comprehend the Life Dao. Oh no, it should be called the Creation Dao. However, to walk this Great Dao, I must have a Great Emperor to guide me."

Empress Tianhong's mind was startled.

The Creation Dao?

She had followed Lu Chen for many years and often heard Lu Chen mention the so-called Life Dao, but that was mostly just sweet nothings Lu Chen whispered in bed while he was fooling around with his wives and concubines.

In her eyes, it had always been a joke, and Lu Chen's wives and concubines hardly took the Life Dao mentioned by Lu Chen seriously.

And now, Lu Chen actually intended to attain enlightenment and become an Emperor through this so-called Life Dao?

Among the Three Thousand Great Dao, there indeed exists the Creation Dao...

But this Great Dao becomes suggestive when it comes from Lu Chen's mouth, always giving off the impression that the Creation Dao Lu Chen speaks of isn't some proper Dao.

Also, it's the first time she's heard of the need for a Great Emperor to act as a guide in order to become an Emperor.

Following this, Empress Tianhong coldly inquired, "Do you think I'm a fool?"

Becoming a Great Emperor is a matter for cultivators themselves; how can it possibly require another Great Emperor as a guide? Right from the start, it was clear that Lu Chen was deceiving her.

After all, she is herself a revered Great Emperor, and yet she's being hoodwinked to such a degree, how little must he regard her.

Seeing that Empress Tianhong seemed disbelieving, Lu Chen continued to explain: "Great Emperors contain the Power of Laws within them and possess a relatively complete miniature universe inside their bodies. If I could procreate with a Great Emperor, I would be able to glean the understanding of the Creation Dao from the birth of life."

Upon hearing this, Empress Tianhong was taken aback. Immediately after, rage filled her heart. So-called aiding in enlightenment was just a ruse to trick her into having a child?

What did he take her for?

Lu Chen clearly sensed that Empress Tianhong was becoming angry, so he quickly continued: "I am serious. Although it may sound absurd, you have been following me for a long time now, and you should also have realized from what I have accomplished over the years that my method of cultivation is indeed different from ordinary people."

Empress Tianhong calmed her inner rage and pondered for a moment. Lu Chen was not lying in his words. Over the years, Lu Chen had rarely practiced cultivation deliberately, yet his Cultivation State consistently soared upward.

However...

Empress Tianhong then said indifferently: "Even if what you say is true, why should I sacrifice myself to aid you in becoming an Emperor?"

This...

Lu Chen thought for a moment, originally wanting to say it could pay back karma, but he felt that such a thing should not be spoken by himself.

Causality is such a profound and inscrutable thing; if I were to speak of it, it might become a transaction, perhaps even losing its connection with repaying causality.

Moreover, there are many ways for Empress Tianhong to repay causality and it doesn't necessarily have to be through childbearing.

But if not using the excuse of repaying causality, what other pretext should one look for?

Just now, he had looked through the information on Empress Tianhong and knew that she would be willing to do anything to repay her debts of causality.

The key issue now was to give Empress Tianhong a way out with dignity, after all, she is a Great Emperor and maintains the dignity of one.

It was at this moment that Lu Chen suddenly thought of something.

With a thought, his Divine Sense entered his Sea of Consciousness, only to find that there was a red Longsword in there, which was left behind when contracting the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Back then, Empress Tianhong was still the Artifact Spirit of the Feihong Immortal Boat, and even though Empress Tianhong has now revived, that mark has not disappeared, which means she is still technically the Artifact Spirit of the Feihong Immortal Boat.

This contract mark is different from the influence of the Dragon Phoenix Tree; it affects the Divine Soul. Even though Empress Tianhong is no longer confined by her body, she is still influenced by this mark.

With this mark, Lu Chen is the master of the Feihong Immortal Boat, and thus the master of Empress Tianhong.

Realizing this, Lu Chen actively stimulated the Red Sword, and in the next moment, the sword emitted a buzzing sound.

Empress Tianhong's mind jolted at this instant, her mind suddenly filled with much information. Her eyes widened, and her expression showed some bewilderment as she looked at Lu Chen in disbelief.

She quickly regained her senses, the Killing Aura on her body intensifying, her eyes glinting fiercely, as if she was contemplating killing Lu Chen.

She hadn't realized that deep within her Divine Soul, there lay a master-servant contract, one that she had left behind while she was an Artifact Spirit.

Had it not been for Lu Chen stimulating the contract just now, she might never have noticed its existence.

When Lu Chen activated the contract, her mind was instantly filled with affection for him, and her Favorability soared to one hundred, but as soon as Lu Chen stopped stimulating the contract, she quickly calmed down, and her Favorability towards him dropped to ninety.

As a Great Emperor, she naturally wouldn't be content to be controlled by others. Lu Chen then said, "This contract was signed when you were still an Artifact Spirit. I may not know your origins, but I can guess that you're no ordinary being. I believe you also don't wish to have such a contract restricting your freedom. How about this: you help me in my quest for power, and I will find a way to lift this contract."

Empress Tianhong gave Lu Chen a cold look, not uttering a word. Although Lu Chen was suppressing her at this moment, the aura emanating from Empress Tianhong made him shiver with fear as well.

Lu Chen had no choice, under these circumstances, he could only bring up the contract.

He had not expected that the Blood Recognition used on the Feihong Immortal Boat would still be effective after Empress Tianhong's breakthrough to become a Great Emperor.

After an interminable time, Empress Tianhong finally spoke, "If you do not free me from this contract after the deed is done, I will kill you personally."

Seeing Empress Tianhong's agreement, Lu Chen was excited inside, now it all depended on his ability.

Lu Chen then said, "In that case, let's begin."

No sooner had Lu Chen finished speaking than he found his own body restrained by Empress Tianhong, who in the next moment flipped over and pinned him down beneath her, then sat on top of him.

Lu Chen was slightly startled, quickly realizing that Empress Tianhong wanted to take control of the situation.

Looking down imperiously, Empress Tianhong indifferently stared at Lu Chen, saying with disdain as if she were looking at trash, "I am not your plaything."

Chapter 1324: Don't you want to finish our agreement sooner?

Though she agreed to aid Lu Chen in proving his Dao, Empress Tianhong had no intention of letting Lu Chen continue to act recklessly.

Since Lu Chen simply wanted her to conceive his child, she could completely take the initiative and exploit Lu Chen. After all, as long as she became pregnant, the process was not important.

Lu Chen didn't care much about this; with the master-servant contract, he could completely control Empress Tianhong and overpower her once again.

However, Lu Chen did not plan to do so. The fact that Empress Tianhong agreed to bear his child was already commendable; he needn't overstep his bounds and should still leave some dignity for Empress Tianhong.

In the following months, Empress Tianhong took the initiative all the time. During these months, Lu Chen transformed as much of his Spiritual Power into Life Force as possible, then transferred this Life Force into Empress Tianhong's body.

But as the months flew by in the blink of an eye, there was still no sign of movement in Empress Tianhong's belly.

Throughout these months, Lu Chen had been researching this process and found that the difficulty Great Emperors faced in siring offspring was mainly due to a powerful force hindering them. This force was very special, almost like the power of the universe's rules.

Lu Chen thought to himself that perhaps the consciousness of the universe was afraid that the offspring born of Great Emperors would be too powerful, and thus, such a rule existed.

At this moment, outside Empress Tianhong's bedchamber, there were already quite a few people present.

Mu Zixuan and others had not seen Lu Chen for more than a year and were very curious about what he had been doing, so they all came to Black Dragon City.

Usually, even if Lu Chen went into seclusion for a year or two, they wouldn't worry. But this time, it was as if Lu Chen had suddenly vanished without telling them beforehand what he was doing.

They even thought that something might have happened to Lu Chen.

However, after arriving at Black Dragon City, they learned that Lu Chen had taken a new woman, and had spent the past year focusing all his effort on her.

Feeling the motions inside the bedchamber, Yun Xianxian with her eyebrows slightly knitted, had always been at Black Dragon City, so she was well aware that ever since Lu Chen had been with that Honghong, he hadn't stopped at all.

She also felt she understood Lu Chen; normally, even if he was indulgent in pleasure, after a few months, he would rest and devote some time to peaceful cultivation.

But this time, it had directly been more than a year, which was somewhat strange.

At this point, Chu Yuqin in the courtyard looked at Empress Tianhong's bedchamber and asked, "Sister Yun, has Chen'er been in Honghong's room all this time over the past year?"

Chu Yuqin had heard about Lu Chen's affairs a few months ago, but she still found it hard to believe that Lu Chen would stay so long in one person's room.

She wondered if Lu Chen might occasionally leave Empress Tianhong's room, and that perhaps this year, Lu Chen was merely more infatuated with Empress Tianhong, frequently visiting her to dote on her.

Giving people the illusion that Lu Chen had spent more than a year's time in Empress Tianhong's room.

Yun Xianxian spoke at this time, "Indeed, he has been in her room all this time over the past year."

Hearing Yun Xianxian's affirmative answer, Chu Yuqin's eyebrows slightly creased.

Lu Chen was always known for being impartial with his favors; even if he deeply liked a particular woman, it was unlikely for him to be constantly engrossed with her. Typically, he would change things up after at most three months.

Why would he stay so long this time?

Could it be that that Honghong had used some kind of method?

Chu Yuqin had always felt that Honghong did not seem like a typical Artifact Spirit; an Artifact Spirit whose strength improved faster than all Cultivators, becoming a Quasi-Emperor in less than fifty years, and it was rumored that she had broken through to the Great Emperor Realm a year ago.

However, she had not come out of her room, and people could not confirm whether she was indeed a true Great Emperor now.

At this time, Chu Yuqin was quite worried about Lu Chen's situation.

Meanwhile, in the room, Empress Tianhong was still sitting on top of Lu Chen. Her complexion was normal at this moment, appearing somewhat flushed, yet showing no signs of intoxication.

She said expressionlessly: "It seems that your women are quite dissatisfied with me."

Lu Chen checked outside and knew that they were worried about him, so he took the initiative to send a telepathic message to them: "Ladies, I am currently in seclusion making a breakthrough to the Great Emperor Realm, and I may stay with Honghong for the next few years."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's telepathic message, all the women were shaken.

The Great Emperor Realm!

Is it true?

Is their darling really going to become an Emperor so soon?

Could it be that when he often said he would use the Life Dao to become an Emperor, he wasn't joking, but serious?

After realizing that there was nothing wrong with Lu Chen, Mu Zixuan spoke up: "Since darling is alright, then I shall return to Yan County first."

Hearing Mu Zixuan's words, Wang Qingci said: "I also need to go back and cultivate."

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Before long, Lu Chen's wives and concubines quickly dispersed.

After they left, Empress Tianhong lowered her head to look into Lu Chen's eyes and said: "Let's leave it here for now. To conceive an heir for an Emperor is not an overnight matter."

Having been intimate with Lu Chen for over a year, Empress Tianhong had already lost interest in it. As a Great Emperor who proved herself through the Killing and Slaughtering Dao, what interested her most was war.

Although such matters did bring her joy, as time went on, she found them meaningless.

Besides, getting a Great Emperor pregnant was not an easy task, so there was no need to rush.

Lu Chen said with a smile: “If you feel tired of it, you can lie down and cultivate; I’ll do it myself.”

Hearing what Lu Chen said, Empress Tianhong glared at him coldly, “What now, do you still want to turn me into your plaything?”

Lu Chen asked: “Don’t you want to complete our agreement sooner and regain your freedom?”

Empress Tianhong slightly furrowed her brows. Of course, she wanted to remove that master-servant pact, but it was not so easy to get a Great Emperor pregnant.

If she did not conceive after a long time, would she have to maintain such a state with Lu Chen indefinitely?

Lu Chen continued: “You focus on your cultivation; I’ll handle my business. Now that you’re no longer affected by the Dragon Phoenix Tree, I believe whatever I do won’t disturb your cultivation.”

Empress Tianhong felt there was some truth in what Lu Chen said. Having become an Emperor, she could sever the sensations of her body, and thus, nothing would affect her when she closed off for cultivation.

Perhaps by the time her seclusion ended, she would have conceived.

With this thought, Empress Tianhong said: “Alright.”

Seeing that Empress Tianhong agreed, Lu Chen lifted his hand, grabbed Empress Tianhong’s jade-like hand, then pulled her body into his embrace, before flipping over to press her beneath him.

After five months, Lu Chen finally regained control.

Empress Tianhong lay quietly on the soft couch, casting a glance at the somewhat excited Lu Chen. Without more words, she closed her eyes, ready to enter seclusion and cultivate under such circumstances.

An Emperor's cultivation is about cultivating the Divine Soul, and even if the sensations of the body are blocked, it will not affect them.

However, Empress Tianhong soon realized something was amiss. She had just closed her eyes, intending to block all of the body's sensations, only to find it futile, as deep in her Divine Soul, she could still feel the pleasure that Lu Chen brought her.

Chapter 1325: Lu Chen's First Extended Retreat

Empress Tianhong quickly understood what was going on. When she was still an Artifact Spirit, she signed a contract with Lu Chen, and even now, she is still considered Lu Chen's Artifact Spirit. As an Artifact Spirit, she is able to sense Lu Chen's feelings.

The higher the intelligence and the stronger the strength of an Artifact Spirit, the clearer they can feel their master's emotions.

After becoming a Great Emperor, her strength surged, which made her even more sensitive to the emotions of her master, Lu Chen.

So it has nothing to do with her body; even if she had blocked off her bodily senses, as long as Lu Chen felt joy, that joy would be transmitted to her through the Master and Servant Mark deep within her divine soul.

Having figured out what was happening, Empress Tianhong suddenly opened her eyes and stared coldly at Lu Chen.

Being stared at so intently by Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen immediately stopped his actions, "What's the matter?"

Empress Tianhong said indifferently, "Your emotions will be transmitted to me through the Master and Servant Mark."

This...

Hearing Empress Tianhong say that, Lu Chen instantly understood the situation. He had obviously felt Empress Tianhong's excitement before and could discern her feelings as well.

That means, as long as he is in an excited state, Empress Tianhong would not be able to settle down and cultivate even if she had blocked her physical perceptions.

Lu Chen asked, "What will you do?"

In this situation, he couldn't possibly initiate the dissolution of their Master and Servant contract, for who knows if Empress Tianhong would just run away.

Although Empress Tianhong's Favorability was already as high as ninety, Lu Chen could also tell that Empress Tianhong had little interest in matters of male and female relations. Should the contract be released, Empress Tianhong might very well just take off.

Empress Tianhong fell into silence, seemingly pondering something.

At this moment, Lu Chen proposed, "How about I teach you several Dual Cultivation Techniques? Dual cultivation is still a form of cultivation, after all."

After thinking for a while, Empress Tianhong uttered a faint "okay".

Lu Chen then condensed the Dual Cultivation Techniques he knew within his Divine Sense and transferred them all to Empress Tianhong's Sea of Consciousness.

Empress Tianhong was already aware that Lu Chen possessed numerous Dual Cultivation Techniques, so she was not surprised at all by the ones he taught her.

In just an instant, Empress Tianhong had learned all the Dual Cultivation Techniques and had fully integrated them.

Seeing Empress Tianhong close her eyes slightly, Lu Chen didn't disturb her, just quietly waited.

After a brief moment, Empress Tianhong reopened her eyes, and Lu Chen asked, "How is it?"

Without a word, Empress Tianhong began to run all the Dual Cultivation Techniques that Lu Chen had taught her, causing him to gasp in astonishment.

Lu Chen suddenly realized that Empress Tianhong was now fully able to control every part of her body; it was as if there was an extra mixer in the furnace.

Lu Chen was puzzled. Is this a cultivation technique?

It seems like a variant of the Mysterious Female Technique?

No, the Mysterious Female Technique does not have such an exaggerated effect. The effectiveness of this technique is too good, from now on, they don't even need to move during their cultivation, they only need to maintain physical closeness.

It didn't take long for Lu Chen to figure out what was happening. Empress Tianhong had combined the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, Hundred Birds Towards The Phoenix, and the Mysterious Female Technique into one technique.

After combining the three techniques, they won't have to expend any physical effort during cultivation like they used to.

To be honest, although this would allow for laziness and obtaining pleasure without doing much, Lu Chen actually preferred the grand and vigorous approach of the past.

Without any movement, it really seemed like cultivation was taking place.

The process was originally a flavor enhancer during Lu Chen and his wives' dual cultivation sessions. Now, cultivation merely required entering an intimate state, then

circulating the cultivation technique, and embracing each other while waiting for the joy to come. It was too boring.

However, being a proud Empress, Lu Chen figured it was normal for Empress Tianhong not to want him to use various methods on her.

Oh well, after all he only wished to conceive a child with Empress Tianhong.

Lu Chen then lay down, their bodies pressed tightly together.

Just as Empress Tianhong was about to say something, this brute Lu Chen suddenly lowered his head, sealing her soft red lips with his.

A few months ago, when she kissed Lu Chen, it was under coercion due to the influence of the Red Flower Sedan, unable to resist Lu Chen. However, now that there was no suppression from the Red Flower Sedan, Lu Chen still dared to kiss her.

For the current Empress Tianhong, a kiss was even more unacceptable than doing the deed of a man and a woman.

Feeling Lu Chen's mouth being naughty, Empress Tianhong immediately tried to push him away, but Lu Chen wrapped his arms around her, placing one hand on her jade back and the other behind her hair, and then he held her tightly.

Spiritual Energy burst out from Empress Tianhong, threatening Lu Chen to stop his doing immediately.

But Lu Chen carried on as he pleased, now that he was locked in place and couldn't move about, he could only indulge in the pleasure of kissing.

Seeing that Lu Chen had no intent to stop, the Killing Aura emanating from Empress Tianhong grew stronger. However, just then, the Spiritual Power within their bodies suddenly surged with exhilaration.

“Mmm!”

An involuntary sound emerged from Empress Tianhong's throat.

Lu Chen's mind went blank in an instant, and he had not anticipated that after Empress Tianhong had seamlessly integrated the three cultivation techniques, it would be so terrifying.

The Life Force he had just gathered was drained in an instant.

When he came back to his senses, Lu Chen once again transformed the Spiritual Power within his body into Life Force. This time, he used some Origin Power, mixing a trace of it with the Life Force.

The Origin Power was the most supreme force in the universe; perhaps it could aid in fostering life.

After the "storm" passed, seeing that Lu Chen still did not stop, Empress Tianhong was furious. This brute really thought she wouldn't dare to do anything to him!

Although filled with anger, Empress Tianhong didn't directly use her power to push Lu Chen away.

In her heart, Empress Tianhong thought, oh well, as long as she successfully conceived Lu Chen's offspring, paying a life for a life, she would have repaid the karmic debt. After this, she would no longer need to engage in such disdainful acts with Lu Chen.

And so, the two of them embraced and entered a state of cultivation.

Time flies, and five years passed in a blink of an eye. Lu Chen and Empress Tianhong were still in a close state.

This was Lu Chen's first time in a long-term closed-door cultivation. Throughout these five years, Lu Chen's wives visited the Black Dragon City Imperial Palace from time to time to check on Lu Chen's state.

They knew that Lu Chen was breaking through to the Emperor Realm, so they felt no jealousy towards Empress Tianhong. For them, enduring decades of emptiness wasn't a big deal, let alone just a few years.

They were now in a passive state of affection, only thinking of the matters between a man and a woman when they made contact with Lu Chen.

If Lu Chen was not around, their thoughts would either be on cultivation or on managing their power.

Of course, they still missed Lu Chen in their hearts, but this was just an emotional longing, without any physical cravings.

Seeing Lu Chen not coming out, gradually, some of Lu Chen's wives started their own closed-door cultivation, and the Black Dragon City Imperial Palace was no longer as lively as it had been in the past few years.

Chapter 1326: Qi Zong's Analysis

Qingyun Dynasty.

Imperial Palace, Jinluan Hall.

Inside the grand hall, resplendent and radiant with light swirling around, stood an old man in a blue long robe with white hair, in the midst of the hall, gazing at the scene projected by the Projecting Stone with an exceedingly solemn expression.

At this moment, a man dressed in a yellow Dragon Robe entered the grand hall and said to the elder, "Ancestor, I think Pei Tianlu won't be coming back."

Upon hearing Emperor Yun Qi Hongguang's words, Qi Zong sighed and responded, "It's hard to say; a man close to death is unpredictable in his actions."

Ever since the Qingyun Dynasty assisted Pei Wenfu in securing the throne, they have been continually searching for the whereabouts of Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua, but to this day, they have not found any trace of them.

The universe is vast, and for a Great Emperor and a Quasi-Emperor to seek hiding is indeed not an easy task, akin to finding a needle in a haystack.

If Pei Tianlu and Pei Shuhua indeed found a place to hide and do not return, then the Qingyun Dynasty need not worry excessively.

The critical issue is that on the day Pei Tianlu escaped the Chiyue Dynasty, both Qi Zong and Qi Hongguang felt the terrifying Dark Power emanating from Pei Tianlu's body.

As Great Emperors, although they did not know what the Dark Power was, they could clearly sense that it had the potential to erode their life force.

Moreover, they suspected that it was the erosion from the Dark Power that led to the early approach of Pei Tianlu's end.

If Pei Tianlu wished to engage in a mutually destructive act and directly approached the Qingyun Dynasty to self-destruct, releasing the Dark Power within him, the Qingyun Dynasty could very well succumb to instant ruin.

Aware of the terrifying nature of the Dark Power within Pei Tianlu, the Qingyun Dynasty has never ceased their search for him over the years.

Under no circumstance can they allow Pei Tianlu to get near the Qingyun Dynasty.

At that moment, Qi Hongguang continued, "Feng Tengfei has sent word that Pei Wenfu has gradually taken control of the Chiyue Dynasty's Qi Fortune; perhaps it won't be long before we can transfer the Chiyue Dynasty's Qi Fortune to the Qingyun Dynasty."

"Without the Qi Fortune of the Chiyue Dynasty to protect him, coupled with Pei Tianlu's own impending demise, perhaps he will no longer be able to suppress the Dark Power within and will just perish in some corner of the universe."

Hearing this, Qi Zong fell silent.

After a while, Qi Zong spoke, “Don’t transfer the Chiyue Dynasty’s Qi Fortune just yet; with the Chiyue Dynasty remaining, Pei Tianlu wouldn’t dare to seek mutual destruction with us. If even the Chiyue Dynasty ceases to exist, then Pei Tianlu would be utterly free of concerns.”

Even though Pei Tianlu wanted Pei Shuhua to ascend to the throne and the Qingyun Dynasty thwarted him, the Chiyue Dynasty is still in the hands of the Pei Family; no matter what, those Pei Family members are still Pei Tianlu’s descendants.

No matter how much Pei Tianlu hates that his progeny serve other dynasties like dogs, as the patriarch of the Pei Family, he wouldn’t be completely indifferent to the lives of his own offspring.

Now that the Qingyun Dynasty has completely taken control of the Chiyue Dynasty, killing those members of the Pei Family would be a matter of a simple thought.

With the Pei Family members in their hands, even if Pei Tianlu wishes to engage in mutual destruction with the Qingyun Dynasty, he must consider the consequences of such an act.

Should Pei Tianlu dare to seek revenge against the Qingyun Dynasty, the Qingyun Dynasty could also exterminate the entire royal family of the Chiyue Dynasty in an extremely short amount of time.

Now the Pei Family are hostages.

Qi Hongguang thought for a moment, feeling that his ancestor had a point, thus he spoke: “Alright, then let’s wait another hundred years. Judging from the Death Qi we sensed from Pei Tianlu that day, he definitely won’t survive a hundred years.”

As he said this, Qi Hongguang suddenly thought of something else and continued: “Right, Ancestor, there is one more thing.”

“The Ye Family from the Chiyue Dynasty has sent us a message that there exists another empire near the Chiyue Dynasty, named the Daxia Dynasty.”

“This empire was only recently established, with not even five hundred years of history, and it has many strange and extraordinary things, including Starships originating from that empire.”

With the Ye Family’s marketing, many products from the Daxia Dynasty were sold into the Daxia Empire, especially the Starships. A few years ago, when the Qingyun Dynasty learned of the existence of Starships, everyone was extremely interested, and all forces sought to obtain the blueprints for constructing Starships.

In the past, to traverse the starry seas, an Immortal Boat had to be crafted using Xianjin, which is scarce, and not every power possesses an Immortal Gold Mine.

Now, various forces have suddenly learned that there are Immortal Boats that can be manufactured without Xianjin, and of course, this has piqued great interest.

It’s just a pity that the Ye Family sold only a few Starships, and they also said that these Starships were bought from other Star Domains; even the Ye Family does not know the method of manufacture.

Hearing Qi Hongguang’s words, Qi Zong huffed and chuckled, “The Ye Family really knows how to play a good game.”

“First, release the news about the Starships to get the attention of various powers, and then convey the news about the Daxia Dynasty to us. It’s clear they are trying to use us to eliminate someone else.”

At this, Qi Zong asked, “How many Great Emperors does that Daxia Dynasty have?”

Qi Hongguang replied, “According to the information from the Ye Family, there seem to be two Great Emperors.”

“However, rumors say that the founder of the Daxia Dynasty is not a Great Emperor but a Saint. It is just that there is a Great Emperor supporting him from behind, which is why they were able to establish the Daxia Dynasty.”

“The Ye Family suspects that the founder of the Daxia Dynasty is not a Saint because it is impossible for a Saint to establish an empire. Therefore, they believe that there are indeed two Great Emperors in the Daxia Dynasty.”

Qi Zong pondered for a moment, then said: “It’s a consensus that a Saint is not qualified to establish an empire; every empire knows this. In your view, why would the Daxia Dynasty spread such falsehood?”

This...

Qi Hongguang thought for a moment but couldn’t figure out the reason. The lie spread by the Daxia Dynasty was too foolish—claiming a Saint could create an empire, when even a fool knows this so-called Saint must certainly be a Great Emperor.

Qi Hongguang said: “Ancestor, I can’t understand why the Daxia would tell this lie. Logically, every empire knows that only a Great Emperor can establish an empire. Their lie is meaningless. Any cultivator from an empire would know that the Daxia Dynasty has two Great Emperors.”

A faint smile appeared on Qi Zong’s face, “Since every cultivator from an empire knows that the founder of the Daxia Dynasty is a Great Emperor and thus infers the Daxia Dynasty has two Great Emperors, would the Daxia Dynasty spread such lies for no reason?

“Perhaps the founder of the Daxia Dynasty is indeed a Great Emperor, but the Daxia Dynasty does not have another Great Emperor. With a mix of truth and deception, they used a Saintly avatar to pose as the founder, leading people to deduce from the intelligence gathered that the Daxia has two Great Emperors. This is the purpose of the Daxia Dynasty’s deceit.”

Hearing Qi Zong’s analysis, Qi Hongguang suddenly saw the light and immediately said: “Ancestor means the Daxia Dynasty is bluffing?”

Qi Zong said: “Not exactly bluffing, after all, the claim that the Daxia Dynasty has two Great Emperors is the conclusion others have drawn. The Daxia Dynasty has never stated they have two Great Emperors from beginning to end.”

Chapter 1327: The Qingyun Dynasty and the Ye Family’s Plot

Upon hearing Qi Zong's analysis, Qi Hongguang's heart surged with excitement.

If the Great Sum Dynasty truly only has one Great Emperor, and moreover, is located near the Chiyue Dynasty, they have no reason not to snatch the Dynasty Fortune of the Great Sum Dynasty.

The Great Sum Dynasty pretends to be guarded by two Great Emperors, likely because the founder of the Great Sum Dynasty is not powerful enough, and fears other empires will attack the Great Sum Dynasty to steal its Qi Fortune. Thus, they have resorted to this method of bluffing.

A faint smile appeared at the corner of Qi Hongguang's mouth, "The Great Emperor of the Great Sum Dynasty is a bit clever, but it's a pity that he encountered our esteemed ancestor."

"So, ancestor, what should we do next? Should I immediately send troops to attack the Great Sum Dynasty? The Ye Family is already wooing other empires, and once the news about the Great Sum Dynasty spreads, there will certainly be many interested empires."

The mere starship manufacturing method possessed by the Great Sum Dynasty is enough for the Qingyun Dynasty to attack it, let alone the fact that the Great Sum Dynasty is a newly established empire.

The key is that the Great Sum Dynasty likely has only one Great Emperor, and with the current strength of the Qingyun Dynasty, it would be very easy to conquer the Great Sum Dynasty.

Moreover, since the Great Sum Dynasty has been established not long ago, its Dynasty Fortune has not yet stabilized, making it relatively easy to strip away, unlike the troublesome Chiyue Dynasty.

Qi Zong said, "No need to rush, you can first send someone to the Great Sum Dynasty to find out the exact situation and see if there are any other forces behind the Great Emperor who founded the Great Sum Dynasty."

With the grand calamity approaching, it is getting increasingly difficult to establish an empire.

In the past, as long as there was a Great Emperor who wanted to establish an empire to gather Qi Fortune for cultivation, they could easily create an empire that might last for tens of thousands of years, just as the Chiyue Dynasty was founded by Pei Tianlu for his cultivation.

Of course, establishing an empire always only required one Great Emperor, and it is still true now.

But with the competition for Qi Fortune becoming more intense, nowadays, to ensure the empire lasts a bit longer, it needs at least three Great Emperors.

Especially under the context of the impending great calamity, other empires absolutely do not allow the birth of new empires, especially empires like the Great Sum Dynasty with only one Great Emperor, which in the eyes of any empire is an alluring target.

Therefore, Qi Zong harbors some doubts whether there might be any hidden forces behind the Great Emperor of the Great Sum Dynasty, for it is not a wise move to establish an empire at this time.

Establishing an empire at this juncture, vying for the cosmic Qi Fortune, is destined to be attacked by other empires. Being a Great Emperor, one could not possibly be ignorant of such matters.

Qi Zong is naturally suspicious and, despite believing that the Great Sum Dynasty has only one Great Emperor, he still intends to proceed cautiously.

After all, the Great Sum Dynasty is near the Chiyue Dynasty, and it would not take much time for them to reach Great Sum from here.

Now that the Chiyue Dynasty is also in the hands of the Qingyun Dynasty, it would not take too long to take over the entire Great Sum Dynasty.

After listening to Qi Zong's words, Qi Hongguang said, "I understand, I will make arrangements for people to enter the Great Sum Dynasty and find out the specific details."

As Qi Hongguang spoke, ready to dispatch someone to the Great Sum Dynasty, a guard's voice came from outside the great hall, "Your Majesty, the President of the Changhong Chamber of Commerce requests an audience!"

Qi Hongguang said, "Bring him in."

At this point, Qi Hongguang looked at Qi Zong and said, "Ancestor, it seems like the Ye Family is getting a bit impatient."

Qi Zong pondered, "If we could gain the full support of the Ye Family, even if there is a force behind the Great Sum Dynasty, we wouldn't have too much to worry about."

Although the Ye Family from the Chiyue Dynasty is only a branch and lacks a Great Emperor among its members, the main Ye Family is a super force.

If the Ye Family also participates in the attack on the Great Sum Dynasty, then even if there are other forces behind the Great Sum Dynasty, they would have to weigh whether offending a Ye Family is worth it for the sake of a lesser empire.

It was not long before the guard brought Ye Xingteng into the great hall. Upon seeing Qi Hongguang, Ye Xingteng immediately performed a courtesy and said, "I've seen Emperor Yun!"

Then Ye Xingteng's gaze fell on Qi Zong. Although he did not recognize Qi Zong, he could feel that Qi Zong's aura was extremely powerful. He once again bowed to Qi Zong and said, "I've seen the senior."

Qi Hongguang said, "President Ye, there's no need to be so courteous."

Qi Hongguang asked, "May I know what brings President Ye here today?"

Ye Xingteng counter-questioned, “A few days ago, the Ye Family sent some intelligence to Your Majesty. I wonder if Your Majesty is already aware of the affairs of the Daxia Dynasty?”

Qi Hongguang smiled, “I am already informed.”

Ye Xingteng pressed on, “Does Your Majesty have an interest in the Daxia Dynasty then?”

Qi Hongguang hesitated for a moment, then pretended to be embarrassed as he said, “President Ye, we have yet to find Pei Tianlu’s hiding place, and he could come back at any time.”

“If we were to attack the Daxia Dynasty at this time, and Pei Tianlu took this opportunity to take revenge on the Qingyun Dynasty...”

At this point, Qi Hongguang stopped, leaving his sentence unfinished.

Seeing Qi Hongguang’s troubled appearance, Ye Xingteng snickered in his heart. He didn’t believe that Qi Hongguang had no interest at all in the Daxia Dynasty.

Qi Hongguang’s pretended difficulty was nothing but a scheme to gain more benefits after taking down the Daxia Dynasty.

Ye Xingteng spoke indifferently, “Your Majesty, in this era, the rise up of new dynasties holds great attraction for any empire. If Your Majesty hesitates too much, you might miss the opportunity, and before long, the Qi Fortune of the Daxia Dynasty could be divided by other empires.”

Ye Xingteng was not inclined to humor Qi Hongguang. His meaning was obvious: if Emperor Yun wasn’t willing to cooperate, then the Ye Family would seek collaboration with other dynasties.

Qi Hongguang spoke with a laugh, “President Ye, what you say makes much sense. However, I would like to know if the old ancestor of the Ye Family is aware of the matters concerning the Daxia Dynasty?”

The Changhong Chamber of Commerce is the Changhong Chamber of Commerce, and the Ye Family is the Ye Family. Although the Changhong Chamber of Commerce is the largest commerce of the Ye Family, when it comes to major decisions, it is not Ye Xingteng, the president of the Changhong Chamber of Commerce, who decides, but the old ancestor of the Ye Family.

Ye Xingteng said, “Of course he is aware. My visit to the Qingyun Dynasty today to discuss collaboration with Your Majesty is precisely our ancestor’s intention.”

When Ye Xingteng returned to the Chiyue Dynasty from the Daxia Dynasty, he reported the situation of the Daxia Dynasty to the higher-ups of the Ye Family.

The high level of the Ye Family unanimously decided to seek cooperation with other empires to find a way to divide the Daxia Dynasty, particularly set on obtaining the technology of the starships.

Qi Hongguang asked, “May I then ask what sort of cooperation the Ye Family has in mind?”

“As far as I know, the Ye Family doesn’t have a Great Emperor yet, do they?”

“That is to say, if we were to truly cooperate in attacking the Daxia Dynasty, the Qingyun Dynasty would be contributing the most effort.”

Ye Xingteng said with a smile, “Who said the Ye Family doesn’t have a Great Emperor?”

Hearing this, Qi Hongguang and Qi Zong were both stunned. Since when did the Ye Family have a Great Emperor? How come they had not heard any news about it?

Seeing Qi Hongguang clearly startled, Ye Xingteng continued, “Not long ago, one of our old ancestors succeeded in achieving the Dao through commerce.”

Chapter 1328: Empress Tianhong Makes Another Breakthrough

Qi Hongguang and Qi Zong found it somewhat incredible that the Ye Family had managed to produce a Great Emperor through their business ventures.

Now that they had a Great Emperor, the Ye Family had more chips on the table when it came to dividing benefits.

Qi Hongguang regained his composure and said with a smile, “Congratulations to the Ye Family for having a Great Emperor, your family will surely prosper even more in the future!”

Ye Xingteng replied, “Thank you for Your Majesty’s congratulations. Does this mean the Ye Family is now qualified to cooperate with the Qingyun Dynasty?”

Qi Hongguang said, “What are you talking about, President Ye? Even if the Ye Family did not have a Great Emperor, it would still be my honor to cooperate with you.”

Continuing, Qi Hongguang then asked, “I just wonder, how familiar is President Ye with the Daxia Dynasty?”

“The great calamity is imminent. Logically speaking, no Great Emperor would think of establishing a new empire at this time. The Daxia Dynasty is probably a pawn of some force.”

Ye Xingteng said, “Your Majesty need not worry. The Daxia Dynasty is located at the edge of the cosmos. I believe no Great Sect or Holy Land would leave a pawn in such a peripheral region.”

It is well known that during a cosmic calamity, the dynasties located on the edges of the universe are the first to be struck. Even the mighty Qingyun Dynasty would be one of the first to suffer, let alone the Daxia Dynasty, which is purely on the cosmic edge. No Great Sect or Holy Land would leave a pawn in such a place without a good reason.

It occurred to Ye Xingteng, who continued, “However, according to our investigations, the founder of the Daxia Dynasty is likely a Reincarnated Emperor whose strength has been increasing rapidly. It hasn’t even been five hundred years from his birth to the establishment of the Daxia Dynasty.”

Qi Hongguang was slightly taken aback, then joy appeared on his face as he said, “Does that mean the founder of the Daxia Dynasty has possibly not fully recovered his strength?”

It takes a long time for a Reincarnated Emperor to regain the strength of their prime.

Although it seems that the founder of the Daxia Dynasty has broken through to the Emperor Realm in less than five hundred years, it is only just that—a breakthrough to the Emperor Realm—his power is certainly not yet at the Great Emperor First Level.

If they attack the Daxia Dynasty now, with the combined strength of the Qingyun Dynasty and the Ye Family, they could easily take over the entire Daxia Dynasty without much effort.

Thinking of this, Qi Hongguang immediately asked, “When does the Ye Family plan to make a move against the Daxia Dynasty?”

Ye Xingteng replied, “That depends on when Your Majesty dispatches the troops. As long as Your Majesty goes to war, that great emperor of our Ye Family will immediately lead people to join Your Majesty in the attack on the Daxia Dynasty.”

Qi Hongguang said, “Good. Then, please President Ye, stay in the Qingyun Dynasty for a while. I will start mobilizing the troops immediately.”

This...

Ye Xingteng promptly said, “Your Majesty, have you forgotten something?”

Ye Xingteng came to the Qingyun Dynasty today to discuss cooperation. Since it is about cooperation, naturally, the matter of how to divide the benefits after taking down the Daxia Dynasty should be discussed.

But Qi Hongguang had not mentioned it at all.

Qi Hongguang asked, “Forgotten something? President Ye, what do you mean by this?”

Ye Xingteng replied, “How will the treasures of the Daxia Dynasty be allocated? Wouldn’t it be better to discuss it in advance?”

Qi Hongguang spoke indifferently, “Ah, that matter. We can talk about it after we have conquered the Daxia Dynasty.”

Qi Hongguang knew what the Ye Family wanted. If the benefits were delineated too clearly now, once the Daxia Dynasty was conquered, the Ye Family might very well take all the methods of Starship manufacturing for themselves.

Since the Ye Family is not establishing an empire, they are not particularly interested in Dynasty Fortune. The Dynasty Fortune would definitely go to the Qingyun Dynasty, so there is no rush to clarify the division of benefits.

Just as Ye Xingteng was about to say something, Qi Hongguang’s figure disappeared on the spot, leaving a message, “President Ye, I have other matters to attend to, so I must excuse myself.”

Seeing Qi Hongguang depart so swiftly, Ye Xingteng frowned; he had seen through Qi Hongguang’s intentions. Nevertheless, he could not say much at the moment.

Afterward, he glanced at Qi Zong, then bowed again, “Senior, I shall take my leave!”

Qi Zong merely nodded his head, without ado.

After leaving the Imperial Palace of the Qingyun Dynasty, Ye Xingteng reported the words he had heard from Qi Hongguang to the upper echelons of the Ye Family.

Seeing that the Qingyun Dynasty had agreed to cooperate, the Ye Family began to make preparations.

At this time, Lu Chen was still completely unaware of the new crisis that the Great Sum Dynasty was about to face.

Great Sum Dynasty.

Black Dragon City Imperial Palace.

Lu Chen and Empress Tianhong were still tightly embracing each other.

This feeling was very wonderful; without any movement, they were able to experience the feeling of bliss.

Lu Chen even had the degenerate thought that it would be good if it could always be like this.

It has to be said, the body of a Great Emperor is indeed different.

Just at this moment, a strong surge of Spiritual Power suddenly released from Empress Tianhong's body. Centered around her, the Spiritual Power rapidly spread out, and her Dao Charm also dispersed quickly, enveloping nearly the entire Tianchen World.

For a time, the cultivators of the Tianchen World were all influenced by Empress Tianhong's Dao Charm, becoming extremely restless inside, filled with the urge to kill.

Fortunately, Empress Tianhong quickly reined in her Dao Charm, preventing a major calamity from unfolding.

Sensing the aura from Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen slightly lifted his head and their lips slowly parted.

Lu Chen looked at the Empress Tianhong beneath him and said, "Congratulations on your breakthrough."

Empress Tianhong simply responded with a grunt, without much conversation.

Empress Tianhong was very clear that her quick recovery to the Great Emperor Second Realm's strength was entirely due to Lu Chen's Dual Cultivation Skill.

She had to admit that this Dual Cultivation Skill was indeed very different from the one she knew before. The Dual Cultivation Skill she knew before could not possibly have such a good effect.

She now began to doubt whether Lu Chen was even a being of this universe.

It seemed that her debt was growing larger and larger; if it were through her normal cultivation, it would take her at least a thousand years to recover to the Great Emperor Second Realm's Cultivation State.

After a breakthrough to the Great Emperor level, every step up was a vast obstacle, yet in just a few short years, she managed to break through with the help of the Dual Cultivation Skill that Lu Chen provided.

This was another huge karmic consequence.

Even if the life-for-life deal proposed by Lu Chen was realized, and she bore a child for Lu Chen, she would still be in debt.

Empress Tianhong's heart was somewhat complex. She, a Great Emperor in charge of slaughter, who didn't rely on accumulating Evil Qi from killing to advance her cultivation, was actually improving her Cultivation State through Dual Cultivation.

However, at this moment, Empress Tianhong discovered that the Evil Qi on her body seemed to be very dense.

What's going on?

She had been locked together with Lu Chen for all these years and had not gone out to kill; how could there be such a thick Evil Qi on her body?

She had just assumed that her cultivation improved due to Dual Cultivation, but now it seemed that it was not just the Dual Cultivation that had enhanced her Cultivation

State, but the accumulation of Evil Qi in her body to a certain extent that had led to her breakthrough.

But where did this Evil Qi come from?

Empress Tianhong immediately closed her eyes to sense the source of the Evil Qi, and she quickly traced the origin of that Evil Qi.

Within her lower abdomen, there was an unending flow of Evil Qi being generated. In the years she had been entwined with Lu Chen, her body had killed countless lives, and this Evil Qi came from those lives.

Chapter 1329: Lu Chen Proves the Way to Become Emperor

Empress Tianhong was momentarily stunned; she had never thought that it was possible to accumulate Evil Qi this way, and that accumulating it through this method could be even faster than killing enemies on the Outer Domain Battlefield.

If she continued to cultivate this way, wouldn't her strength quickly return to its peak?

However...

Thinking that she cultivated through this method made Empress Tianhong feel weird inside.

Logically, only by killing creatures with Spiritual Wisdom could one accumulate Evil Qi. The Life Seeds were merely seeds, without any Spiritual Wisdom; how could their destruction produce such intense Evil Qi?

This puzzled her.

Could it be that these Life Seeds already possessed some form of Spiritual Wisdom?

Right at this moment, the Spiritual Power within the two of them went through another cycle, and immediately afterwards, the Life Spiritual Power inside Lu Chen surged crazily towards Empress Tianhong.

Empress Tianhong struggled to stabilize her tumultuous Spiritual Power and observed the entire process of Evil Qi generation.

The Evil Qi indeed originated from the Life Seeds.

However, she couldn't really blame herself; she was, after all, an empress who mastered the Art of Killing, carrying the Dao Charm of that art within her body. When the Life Seeds came into contact with that Dao Charm, they were obliterated immediately.

Even if she did nothing, the Life Seeds wouldn't have survived inside her body; hence, nurturing new life wasn't an easy task.

Unless there was a special Life Seed that could withstand the Power of Slaughter.

With this thought, Empress Tianhong suddenly started looking forward to it.

Imagine that, a Life Seed that could withstand the Power of Slaughter growing powerful one day.

At this moment, Lu Chen felt weak, and despite his Quasi-Emperor Cultivation State, he was already finding it hard to withstand any longer.

He continuously transformed his Spiritual Power into Life Force and then transferred it to Empress Tianhong. Although his body was absorbing the external Spiritual Energy and transforming it into Spiritual Power, trying to form a balanced cycle of input and output.

But Empress Tianhong was absorbing too much Life Force, and he was unable to keep up with her pace.

This wasn't a contest of physical stamina, but purely a competition of Cultivation State and the Spiritual Power possessed within one's body; as a Quasi-Emperor, he naturally couldn't match an Empress.

Lu Chen also greatly admired Empress Tianhong; among his women, only she could completely assimilate his Life Force.

Lu Chen sighed internally, not knowing when he would be able to glimpse the Creation Dao and achieve Emperorship.

Just as Lu Chen was feeling dejected, suddenly, he felt a surge of green Life Force spreading within Empress Tianhong's body.

This Life Force assimilated all the Power of Slaughter around Empress Tianhong, and the next moment, a flash of white light blinded Lu Chen momentarily.

When Lu Chen regained his sight, he found himself in a Wilderness World.

Seeing the illusion before him, Lu Chen wondered if what he was going to see next was again the entire process of life creation.

Just as Lu Chen thought this, some green plant sprouts emerged from the ground of this Wilderness World.

The growth speed of these plant sprouts was incredibly fast; in just a moment, the previously barren land turned into a grassland.

After a short while, the grassland turned into a dense forest.

Then, countless animals appeared in the forest, all engaging in breeding activities.

Seeing this scene, Lu Chen was stunned.

However, at this moment, strands of green Dao Charm swayed in front of Lu Chen's eyes.

Lu Chen's consciousness began to blur, and amidst the vagueness, he seemed to hear the sound of "thump thump" and then he saw countless lives walking out of the Wilderness World he had seen before, heading towards the entire universe.

Lu Chen felt as though there was some connection between himself and these lives, as if he had created them, or as if they had originated from himself, and at this moment these lives became a whole.

At this time, a voice echoed again in Lu Chen's mind.

"Dao gives birth to one, one gives birth to two, two give birth to three, three give birth to all things."

After this voice sounded, Lu Chen felt as if he had grasped something especially important.

Lu Chen suddenly saw the light; this was the Creation Dao he was pursuing.

At this moment, the visions he saw began to contract, shrinking into a black sphere in a very short time, and everything returned to chaos.

In the darkness, he heard the "thump thump" sound of a heartbeat again.

In a trance, Lu Chen saw a Life Seed falling into soft soil, and it began to take root and sprout rapidly, growing quickly.

Before long, the Life Seed grew into a human shape.

That person opened his eyes, saw that he was in the darkness, and subconsciously reached out to grab a lump of black material from the void, forming it into an axe and swung it down.

The chaos split apart, countless materials erupted, forming nebulae, which in a very short time turned into various Life Worlds.

At this moment, Lu Chen did not know that in the sky of Tianchen World, a road appeared, surrounded by pairs of creatures engaging in reproduction.

Feeling the vigorous vitality inside her, Empress Tianhong was stunned on the soft couch.

She could clearly feel a life forming inside her body, and the growth rate of this life was very fast, turning into a human shape in the blink of an eye.

After recovering, Empress Tianhong looked complicatedly at Lu Chen; seeing the green Dao Charm emanating from him, she knew that Lu Chen had successfully accomplished his Dao.

Lu Chen indeed was not deceiving; he used his own body to perceive the Creation Dao through creating a new life.

She had lived countless years, but it was the first time she saw someone certify as Emperor in such a way, truly an eye-opener.

At this moment, all creatures in Tianchen World were influenced by Lu Chen's Dao Charm, nurturing the thought of breeding offspring.

Seeing the celestial phenomena above, the people of Tianchen World blushed, and the cultivators felt confused, wondering who was breaking through that could cause such shameless phenomena.

At this time, Lu Chen's wives and concubines were already rushing towards Black Dragon City; when the phenomena appeared, their hearts became restless, with thoughts filled with Lu Chen.

And at this moment, the child worlds within them underwent earth-shaking changes, with the Life Cultivation of the child worlds growing rapidly.

Afterward, the celestial phenomena in the sky of Tianchen World continued for a whole day, only gradually dissipating by evening.

Although the phenomena dissipated, influenced by Lu Chen's Dao Charm, over the next year, the population of Tianchen World would surge massively.

When Lu Chen opened his eyes again, he found that his perception now covered the entire Daxia Dynasty, even the Imperial Mountain Star Region was within his sensing range.

Lu Chen suddenly felt that all of this was like a dream, had he really broken through just like that?

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Seeing the bewildered look on Lu Chen's face, Empress Tianhong found it somewhat amusing.

She now seriously doubted whether Lu Chen had ever believed that he could achieve Emperorhood through such a method.

Empress Tianhong said coldly at this moment: "You have broken through, it can end now."

Upon hearing Empress Tianhong's words, Lu Chen came back to his senses, but he did not withdraw.

He clearly sensed that a life had appeared inside Empress Tianhong's body and it had already taken shape.

The child already took human form shortly after conception, most likely influenced by the Dao Charm of the Creation Dao.

Empress Tianhong then continued to speak: "I will kill this child."

Lu Chen was stunned for a moment.

After regaining his composure, Lu Chen hurriedly said: “No!”

Empress Tianhong looked at Lu Chen indifferently and said: “Your initial goal was only to attain Emperorhood; now that you have achieved your goal, there’s no need to keep him.”

Empress Tianhong did not really want to bear a child for Lu Chen.

At first, she somewhat looked forward to a child resistant to the Power of Slaughter being born, as to how strong it would be, but the moment the child was formed, she suddenly discovered that the child was continuously absorbing the Power of Slaughter within her body.

That is to say, if this child continues to exist in her body, it will not only affect her cultivation but may also cause her Cultivation State to decline.

She had finally recovered some strength and did not want to fall back again.

Lu Chen was somewhat speechless; this woman was too ruthless.

It had been difficult enough for an Emperor to conceive an heir; he certainly did not want the first Emperor’s child to die prematurely.

“I was able to successfully attain Emperorhood entirely because I observed the entire process of his conception. If you kill him just like that, how am I supposed to repay the karmic debt?”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s words, Empress Tianhong realized that indeed, the karmic debt Lu Chen owed was not small; it would not be easy to repay the debt for attaining Emperorhood.

However, on the other hand, this was the karmic debt Lu Chen incurred, what did it have to do with her?

Empress Tianhong said: “This has nothing to do with me.”

Right now, she only wanted to preserve her Cultivation State. As for how Lu Chen would repay the karmic debt, it was none of her concern.

Seeing that Empress Tianhong was resolute and indifferent, with her heart set on aborting the child, the corners of Lu Chen's mouth slightly curved upwards. Then he said: "If you really want to kill him, then go ahead and kill him. If he dies, I will definitely seek revenge for him as part of repaying my karmic debt."

"My method of seeking revenge is simple, just keep the master-servant contract."

Empress Tianhong's eyebrows furrowed as she said coldly, "You wish to break your promise!"

Lu Chen said: "I can't just watch my child die in your womb."

Hearing this, Empress Tianhong glared straight at Lu Chen, with the Evil Qi radiating from her body enveloping the entire sleeping quarters.

After a while, Empress Tianhong said: "He is absorbing the Power of Slaughter from within me, if this continues, my Cultivation State will significantly diminish."

Lu Chen said: "I don't believe that the speed at which a newly formed fetus absorbs the Power of Slaughter can match up to the speed at which you accumulate the Power of Slaughter."

Empress Tianhong fell into thought, Lu Chen's words were indeed not wrong; although the fetus inside her was indeed absorbing the Power of Slaughter rapidly, when compared to her own pace of condensing the Power of Slaughter, there was indeed a vast difference.

But...

She needs Evil Qi to condense the Power of Slaughter, and now within the Daxia Dynasty, there is no war; she cannot just kill at will, so from where can she absorb Evil Qi?

Wait a minute...

It seems there might be a place to absorb Evil Qi after all...

However, the thought of maintaining such close intimacy with Lu Chen left Empress Tianhong feeling somewhat irate.

After all the trouble to help Lu Chen achieve Dao certification, she had repaid her debt of cause and effect, yet she still had to stay connected with him.

But upon further thought, considering the effects of dual cultivation with Lu Chen, even if she went to the Outer Domain, the speed at which she could restore her Cultivation State through battle would not be as fast as when she underwent dual cultivation with Lu Chen.

Wanting to quickly restore her Cultivation State to its peak, dual cultivation with Lu Chen was indeed the best choice, but as an Empress who certified Dao through killing, the notion of being constantly mingled with a man was truly hard for her to accept.

Seeing Empress Tianhong silent, apparently contemplating something, Lu Chen continued to say, "Actually, if you think about it, you still have an unreconciled cause and effect debt."

"Look, I saved your life, and you helped me to become an Emperor; this only repays one cause and effect. The debt of helping you to become an Emperor, however, you have not yet resolved."

"Of course, I cannot force you to repay me if you don't wish to, after all, you are an Empress now, and with the Emperor's Power, you could easily sever the cause and effect between us."

At this moment, Empress Tianhong came back to her senses, and said expressionlessly, "There is no need to speak further, I was born into this."

In her heart, Empress Tianhong thought that it was just ten months; although her Cultivation State might decline, it likely wouldn't decrease by much. Once the child was born, the debt of cause and effect she owed would probably be cleared, and then she would be free.

Ten months was nothing for an Empress; an Empress would measure their seclusion in tens of thousands of years, so she could wait out this little time.

Only... having lain under Lu Chen for so many years left her feeling very unsettled, and now, she felt a strong urge to have a battle with someone.

Empress Tianhong said, "Tell that Empress who sought your shelter that I want to spar with him."

Lu Chen said, "That might not be a good idea, after all, you do have a child in your womb. It's best to wait until after the child is born before engaging in such risky activities."

Empress Tianhong said coldly, "I am an Empress, not a mortal."

What Empress Tianhong implied was that she wasn't as delicate as those mortals.

Lu Chen felt the stir of Power of Slaughter within Empress Tianhong, understanding her intense desire to fight now.

Lu Chen said, "How about I spar with you?"

Empress Tianhong said, "You are not capable."

Lu Chen chuckled, "You are provoking me."

Now that he was an Emperor himself, the fact that Empress Tianhong said he was incapable, as a man, was something he could not endure.

Empress Tianhong continued to say, "I will not strike at you."

In Empress Tianhong's eyes, the method by which Lu Chen became an Emperor through a woman, even though successful, didn't equate to true strength, and besides, he had comprehended the Creation Dao, which indeed lacked combat power.

Pei Tianlu was different; Pei Tianlu had comprehended the Power Dao, and his combat power was stronger than the average Emperor. Battling with such a person would allow her to fully vent the gloomy emotions built up over the years.

After thinking for a moment, Lu Chen then said, "Alright, I have no objections to you sparring with him, but when you two spar, restrain yourselves and stay away from the Daxia Dynasty."

As soon as he finished speaking, Lu Chen transmitted his voice to Pei Tianlu, "Elder Pei, I have a Noble Concubine who wishes to test her strength against you in a sparring match, how are you recovering?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Pei Tianlu was suddenly stunned inside the secret chamber.

A sparring match?

He was an Emperor; to request a sparring match with him, the other party must at least be another Emperor, right?

Pei Tianlu transmitted his voice back, asking, "May I know what Cultivation State that Majesty currently possess?"

Lu Chen replied, "Great Emperor Second Realm."

Pei Tianlu said, "Alright, then please have that Majesty choose a Star Domain."

Pei Tianlu did not refuse the request. Even though his strength had not fully recovered, this matter was put forward by Lu Chen, and as a servant of Lu Chen, he naturally should agree.