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Chapter 1331: A New Body

Seeing that Pei Tianlu agreed, Lu Chen immediately said to Empress Tianhong, “Elder Pei has agreed.”

Empress Tianhong then pushed Lu Chen’s chest forcefully and got up from the soft couch.

With a wave of her hand, the dirt and impurities on her body were instantly cleaned, and she changed into a red Phoenix Robe, appearing noble and aloof.

Seeing this, Lu Chen’s interest was piqued again. Having just broken through to the Great Emperor, the deficits of the past years were quickly replenished. Now, Lu Chen was full of energy and could continue to battle with Empress Tianhong for several more years without any problem.

However, sensing that there were still numerous wives and concubines waiting outside, Lu Chen did not force Empress Tianhong to stay.

In order to achieve Tao and become an Emperor, he hadn’t been intimate with his wives and concubines for several years. Now that he had become an Emperor, it was time to make it up to them.

At this moment, Empress Tianhong turned her head slightly, casting a cold glance at Lu Chen on the soft couch, and then her body disappeared on the spot.

After Empress Tianhong left, Pei Tianlu’s presence also vanished from the Tianchen World.

Lu Chen was not interested in their battle; he now only wanted to quickly create a new body and rid himself of Emperor Shenwu’s bloodline influence.

Then, Lu Chen circulated his spiritual power, and Dao Patterns gradually emerged around his body, filling the entire bedchamber with Dao Charm.

The plants in the garden outside the bedchamber were also affected by these Dao Charms and began to grow wildly.

Zhou Youyou, seeing the plants in the garden growing madly, immediately reminded the others, “Look at those flowers!”

The women’s gazes fell on the plants in the garden, and in the next moment, they saw the plants growing visibly, with the original flower buds gradually opening, filling the entire garden with vitality.

At the same time, the women also felt their bodies becoming very light, with some issues left from previous cultivation disappearing at that moment.

Yun Xianxian murmured, “He really succeeded...”

Yun Xianxian’s main body was originally a Great Emperor, so she had inherited some Emperor memories; she could clearly feel the Life Dao emanating from the room.

Earlier, when she saw the vision in the sky, she had a feeling that Lu Chen had broken through, but she still found it hard to believe since such a breakthrough method was unheard of.

However, judging from the Power of Dao emanating from the room, it seemed that Lu Chen had indeed achieved Emperor status.

Yun Xianxian furrowed her brows, thinking to herself, this doesn’t seem like the pure Life Dao?

Although the Dao Charm spilling out carried a strong Life Force, which spurred the growth of the plants in the garden, Lu Chen’s Life Dao was not pure; it seemed to be mixed with something else.

Yun Xianxian felt that Lu Chen's Life Dao was integrated into another Dao, though it wasn't a pure Life Dao, but the Power of Dao within Lu Chen also contained the force to revive life.

Without hesitation, Yun Xianxian released her spiritual power to explore the situation inside the bedchamber. Sensing that Lu Chen was reconstructing his body, Yun Xianxian immediately ceased her investigation.

At this moment, Chen Wanrong looked at Yun Xianxian, nervously asking, "Honored Master, what is happening to His Majesty?"

Yun Xianxian replied, "He succeeded in proving the Dao. He is now a Great Emperor."

Upon hearing Yun Xianxian's words, the women in the garden were first stunned, then became extremely excited.

"That's wonderful! His Majesty really succeeded!"

"I knew His Majesty wouldn't lie to us!"

"I can't believe everything His Majesty said was true..."

"Does this mean His Majesty has become even more powerful?"

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The garden instantly became lively, and Yun Xianxian quickly reminded, "His Majesty is creating a new body, so please do not disturb him for now."

With these words, the garden fell silent again, and the women stood still, waiting quietly.

They were actually a bit uneasy inside, not knowing how Lu Chen would behave after becoming an Emperor.

They had heard a lot about the emperors, rumors saying that cultivators would undergo significant temperament changes after becoming emperors, becoming very cold and indifferent.

Moreover, Lu Chen relied on women to achieve Tao. Now that he had succeeded, it seemed they had lost their usefulness.

The thought of Lu Chen possibly abandoning them made some women show anxious expressions.

Meanwhile, inside the bedchamber, Lu Chen's new body was slowly forming.

Seeing the new body, Lu Chen suddenly thought, why not take this opportunity to create more bodies?

He had always felt overwhelmed doing everything alone. Now that he had become an Emperor, his spiritual power was much stronger, simultaneous control of multiple bodies was not an issue.

Using Holy Level Puppetry to control those bodies, they would at least have the strength of a Saint.

Back when he used puppetry to create physical puppets, he had thought about using puppet bodies to be intimate with his wives and concubines, but at that time, the puppets were impure and required external aids.

And his soul power was also insufficient, even if simultaneous control of two bodies was possible, physical activities felt somewhat disconnected.

Just like giving a command to move, but there was a slight delay before the body reacted, causing a disconnect between soul instructions and physical actions.

But now it was different. With the Divine Soul strength of a Great Emperor, unless the doppelgangers were too many or too far apart, there would be no delay.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen slowly lifted his other hand and began creating another physical body.

The body created with the Creation Dao and Origin Power fully belonged to him, and in the future, all his doppelgangers would still be himself.

As time passed, two identical bodies of Lu Chen appeared in the room.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen directly transferred his Divine Soul.

The next moment, his Divine Soul appeared in one of the newly created bodies. As his Divine Soul and the new body merged, Lu Chen's body burst out with a terrifying power.

Immediately, a vision of all things proliferating appeared again in the Tianchen World.

Lu Chen looked at his body incredulously. He had merely discarded the original body, and yet his realm had broken through to the Great Emperor Second Realm?

This...

It seemed that the bloodline influence of Emperor Shenwu was indeed significant.

But from now on, he no longer had to worry about the bloodline influence of Emperor Shenwu. He could have as many children as he wanted in the future.

For a moment, Lu Chen was dumbfounded, patting his forehead feeling quite speechless at himself.

How could he be thinking about having children at such a moment? He was now a Great Emperor and should have higher aspirations.

Coming back to his senses, Lu Chen used Holy Level Puppetry to refine the body next to him into a physical puppet.

While refining, he thought, now that he was in the Great Emperor Second Realm, the strength of the physical puppet should be close to the Quasi-Emperor Realm, right?

As Lu Chen was lost in thought, the physical puppet was successfully refined. Lu Chen split a trace of his Divine Soul into the puppet, then controlled the two bodies to walk around the room.

With the power of the Divine Soul of a Great Emperor, dual-tasking posed no problem. Lu Chen felt very satisfied.

Then, with a wave of his hand, both bodies were dressed in black gold Dragon Robes.

Chapter 1332: Tell Me What Has Happened Over These Years

When Lu Chen was familiarizing himself with his new body in the room, Mu Zixuan and the others were anxiously waiting in the courtyard.

On one hand, they hoped that the door in front of them would open soon, as it had been many years since they last saw Lu Chen. Additionally, they had just been influenced by the Dao Charm of Lu Chen's Life Dao, and they all wanted to catch up with him.

But at the same time, they were worried that once the door opened, the person who would come out would not be the same Lu Chen they knew, but a cold and ruthless emperor.

Inside the room, Lu Chen was overjoyed when he felt the immense power of his physical puppet.

He originally thought that his physical puppet would at most have the strength nearing a Quasi-Emperor. Unexpectedly, this "clone" of his had actually reached the Emperor Realm.

Is the Holy Level puppetry technique really this heaven-defying?

If he were to create more physical bodies, wouldn't the Great Sum Dynasty be filled with Great Emperors in the future?

Thinking of this, Lu Chen didn't hurry to leave the room. He used the Creation Dao once again to create new physical bodies.

Soon enough, two more physical bodies were made. Just as he was filled with hope to turn them into puppet bodies, he felt a tremor in his heart.

Immediately afterwards, a tearing sensation ripped through his Divine Soul, causing Lu Chen excruciating pain.

Although he eventually completed the refining of the puppets, he found that the new physical bodies only had the strength of a Quasi-Emperor.

Lu Chen instantly understood what was happening. Although he could use the puppetry technique to create many clones, his Divine Soul wasn't strong enough to support the power of so many physical bodies.

The power his Divine Soul could manage was limited. He could only simultaneously control up to two physical bodies with the strength of a Great Emperor. Any more strength and his Divine Soul couldn't handle the backlash from controlling three Emperor Realm physical bodies.

When the Divine Soul couldn't contain the power of the physical bodies, a tearing sensation would occur, which was the backlash.

After understanding the situation, Lu Chen sighed slightly. His plan to mass-produce Great Emperors had fallen apart.

He originally thought that with the strength of his Great Emperor Divine Soul, he could control more Great Emperor clones simultaneously, but he hadn't expected his Divine Soul to be affected by the combined strength of the clones.

Never mind, two Emperor-level physical bodies would be enough.

Subsequently, Lu Chen refined another physical body. This time, he intentionally controlled his power to make the physical body a Quasi-Emperor level body.

During the refining process, his Divine Soul still experienced a slight tearing sensation.

In this way, Lu Chen now had two Emperor-level physical bodies and two Quasi-Emperor physical bodies.

Lu Chen initially planned to create more physical bodies but realized his Life Force and Origin Power were almost depleted, so he had to give up.

The four physical bodies he currently had were already sufficient.

Thinking this, Lu Chen dressed the two Quasi-Emperor physical bodies in platinum dragon robes, then all “four of him” walked out of the room simultaneously.

When the door to Empress Tianhong’s bedchamber slowly opened, the women in the courtyard all stared intently at the doorway.

Seeing Lu Chen walk out in pairs of black and white, everyone was stunned for a moment.

Yun Xianxian could clearly feel that the auras of these four beings were the same, though the pressure they exerted differed.

Yun Xianxian asked puzzledly, “How did you create so many clones?”

The four Lu Chens laughed in unison, “It’s been a long time since I’ve nurtured feelings with my wives. I’m afraid that one of me wouldn’t be enough.”

Hearing this, some of the women in the courtyard blushed instantly.

They had been worried that Lu Chen would change drastically. It seemed they had overthought.

Lu Chen released his Divine Sense to probe the changes in the Great Sum Dynasty.

During the years of his seclusion, the Great Sum Dynasty had made significant technological advancements and developed many technological devices relying on Spiritual Energy.

The deep integration of technology and cultivation had paved a new development path for the Great Sum Dynasty.

At this moment, Lu Chen said to Bai Qingqing, “Bai, let’s go to the Imperial Study Room.”

With that, Lu Chen controlled one of the Emperor-level physical bodies to lead Bai Qingqing out of the courtyard and head to the Imperial Study Room.

Now that he had four physical bodies, he could multitask and planned to first review the Imperial Court’s reports from the years of his seclusion.

After one body left with Bai Qingqing, Lu Chen glanced at the wives and concubines present, most of whom were there.

“Ladies, let’s go to another place to talk properly.”

With a wave of his hand, their bodies disappeared from the spot and reappeared in the Wind Cloud Palace in Yan County.

Looking at the empty hall and the large bed beside it, Lu Chen couldn’t help but feel sentimental. He used to gather with his wives and concubines almost every year, but he hadn’t expected that his seclusion would take so many years this time.

Perhaps as his Cultivation State increased and he had more responsibilities, he would have fewer opportunities to gather with his wives and concubines in the future.

Seeing three Lu Chens standing in the hall, for a moment, Mu Zixuan and the others didn't know what to do.

It was their first time facing three Lu Chens, and it felt somewhat strange.

At this moment, one of the Lu Chens went to the Dragon Throne at the top of the Wind Cloud Palace and sat down.

“Alright, ladies, let's talk about what has happened over these years.”

With that, the two Quasi-Emperor-level Lu Chens did not hesitate, each holding Chu Yuqin and Yun Xianxian and carrying them to the large bed.

Seeing this, Lu Chen's wives and concubines looked at each other before some of them followed suit.

Meanwhile, the Lu Chen sitting on the Dragon Throne made no move.

Mu Zixuan instantly understood Lu Chen's intention and instructed the Imperial Kitchen to prepare a large quantity of food and drink.

Those who did not head to the bed sat on the seats on either side of the hall.

Mu Zixuan approached the Dragon Throne and poured Lu Chen a cup of wine. Lu Chen, holding Mu Zixuan's slender waist, drank and said, “How have the children been over the years I've been in seclusion?”

Mu Zixuan replied, “They all found things they wanted to do and have been living fulfilling lives.”

Lu Chen put down his wine cup and asked, “No one with ulterior motives approached them, right?”

When Lu Chen posed this question, Zhou Xiaoxiao, standing below the hall, was momentarily stunned, immediately thinking of her unambitious son.

Mu Zixuan smiled and said, “They are, after all, Your Majesty’s children. Naturally, quite a few people with ulterior motives would try to approach them, but Your Majesty reminded them beforehand, and they can handle their relationships with those forces well now.”

As Lu Chen was about to say something, a cry was heard beside him, and then a feeling of pleasure spread throughout his body.

Simultaneously, the Lu Chen in the Imperial Study Room with Bai Qingqing felt the same pleasure.

Lu Chen was overjoyed and did not expect this sensation to stack. With only two clones engaging in activity now, he couldn’t imagine how it would feel when more clones did so simultaneously in the future.

Mu Zixuan, beside Lu Chen’s main body, glanced with the corner of her eye at what was happening on the side of the hall, and her face immediately turned crimson.

Chapter 1333: A Reminder from Empress Tianhong

Seeing Mu Zixuan’s shy state, Lu Chen smiled slightly. He could clearly sense the restless spiritual power within Mu Zixuan and the others.

He also guessed that Mu Zixuan and the others were probably influenced by his Creation Dao, which is why they became so interested.

Lu Chen raised his glass with his main hand, took another sip of wine, then patted Mu Zixuan’s buttocks and said, “Zixuan, do whatever you want.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s words, Mu Zixuan’s cheeks turned even redder, almost dripping with redness.

The people still sitting in the hall were generally those with thin skin. While they also wanted to interact with Lu Chen, they felt a bit uncomfortable with such a crowd.

However, after getting Lu Chen's affirmation, Mu Zixuan finally chose to place her fair hand on Lu Chen's chest, then slowly moved it downward, teasing his interest.

Before long, Mu Zixuan was entirely wrapped in Lu Chen's embrace. However, Lu Chen did not forget to ask his wives and concubines about the events that had occurred over the past few years, especially regarding the children.

In the Imperial Study Room, while reviewing the political report, Lu Chen sighed deeply from time to time, his voice carrying a hint of heaviness, making it seem as if he was doing something significant.

Influenced by Lu Chen, Bai Qingqing's cold face was blushing.

Lu Chen suddenly looked up at Bai Qingqing beside him. She was dressed in a white, tight-waisted slit long dress with a high ponytail, her slender jade legs faintly visible between the dress hem.

Seeing Bai Qingqing's body trembling slightly, Lu Chen laughed and said, "Bai, you are not behaving! You are daydreaming in the Imperial Study Room."

Hearing Lu Chen say exactly what she was thinking, Bai Qingqing felt incredibly embarrassed. She had not had such thoughts during the years Lu Chen was in seclusion.

But somehow, ever since Lu Chen emerged today, some of her internal desires had become active.

She felt that if this continued, she might lose control of herself.

At that moment, Lu Chen suddenly reached out his hand and pulled Bai Qingqing into his embrace.

Bai Qingqing was slightly stunned. Lu Chen then held Bai Qingqing's jade face and kissed her scarlet lips.

Bai Qingqing did not resist. Instead, she raised her slender jade arms and wrapped them around Lu Chen's arm.

Lu Chen thought to himself that it seemed trying to use four minds at once today was a bit difficult. He would have to focus on one task today.

After about five days, Lu Chen finally alleviated the longing of his wives and concubines for him. He then had the body in the Imperial Study Room continue to review the Great Sum's political reports.

When Lu Chen resumed reviewing the political reports, he sensed two powerful auras suddenly appearing in the Tianchen World. The Lu Chen in the Imperial Study Room immediately left, appearing in the sky.

Just as he flew into the air, he saw Pei Tianlu, covered in injuries, greet Empress Tianhong with a gloomy face, "Thank you for your guidance, senior!"

Pei Tianlu didn't know how he managed through the past few days. He initially thought the sparring was because Empress Tianhong had just broken through and wanted to experience the Great Emperor's power.

But as soon as they reached a Death Star Domain, Empress Tianhong chased him with the Sword of Slaughter condensed by the Power of Slaughter. He didn't even know when he had offended her.

The most critical problem was that he was no match for Empress Tianhong at all. Even though he exerted his full strength, he couldn't withstand her attacks.

She was too ferocious.

She was indeed a Great Emperor who proved her Tao through slaughter.

At this moment, Empress Tianhong's face was cold. She had been oppressed by Lu Chen for years, and her accumulated anger had not completely dissipated. However, after the sparring with Pei Tianlu, she felt slightly better.

Lu Chen glanced at Empress Tianhong and then at Pei Tianlu. Just as he was about to say something, Pei Tianlu greeted him, "Greetings, Your Majesty."

Lu Chen said indifferently, "Rise."

"Elder Pei, are you alright?"

With that, Lu Chen approached Pei Tianlu and used his spiritual power to examine him.

The inspection shocked Lu Chen. Not only was Pei Tianlu injured in his physical body, but even his divine soul had suffered considerable damage.

Lu Chen glanced at Empress Tianhong again. She was unscathed. This wasn't sparring; it was sheer one-sided beating.

Lu Chen could also see that Empress Tianhong was venting the anger accumulated over the years. He felt a bit guilty and patted Pei Tianlu's shoulder, saying, "Elder Pei, you've worked hard."

As he spoke, Lu Chen used Life Force to heal Pei Tianlu's injuries. In just a moment, all of Pei Tianlu's wounds had disappeared, including the damaged divine soul.

Realizing that he had recovered, Pei Tianlu quickly said, "Thank you, Your Majesty."

"Hmm, Elder Pei, go back and rest well."

Pei Tianlu said, "This subordinate takes his leave."

With those words, Pei Tianlu's body instantly vanished, his speed so fast it seemed like he was fleeing.

After Pei Tianlu left, Lu Chen waved his hand, and he and Empress Tianhong returned to her palace.

Entering the palace, Lu Chen asked playfully, “Honghong, have you vented your anger now?”

Empress Tianhong didn’t even look at Lu Chen. She went straight to the soft couch to sit and meditate, cultivate.

Seeing Empress Tianhong ignoring him, Lu Chen wasn’t angry. He also sat down beside the soft couch, gazing sideways at Empress Tianhong’s icy, stunning jade face.

“Honghong, you are carrying a child now. You must not engage in vigorous activities anymore.”

Empress Tianhong still ignored Lu Chen. She was full of anger. Being a Great Emperor who mastered slaughter now meant giving birth to a child for a lecher.

Slaughter, to an extent, represents death, while childbearing is related to the Life Dao. In some respects, giving birth represents deviating from her cultivated path.

Although she agreed to repay cause and effect, she still felt somewhat troubled.

Lu Chen also realized the true reason for Empress Tianhong’s resistance to childbearing. But there was no other way. Since the child was already conceived and he succeeded in proving Tao through the process, he couldn’t just abandon her.

As for Empress Tianhong, he would compensate her as much as possible.

Seeing that Empress Tianhong still ignored him, Lu Chen was about to say something more when she suddenly spoke, “An empire has discovered the Daxia Dynasty. You have a lot of tasks ahead.”

Upon hearing Empress Tianhong’s reminder, Lu Chen asked in confusion, “What do you mean?”

Empress Tianhong, with her eyes closed, replied, “While sparring with Pei Tianlu, I sensed an approaching Great Emperor towards the Daxia Dynasty.”

If it weren't for sensing the approach of a Great Emperor, Empress Tianhong wouldn't have ended the sparring so quickly. She anticipated an imminent real battle, so she ended the sparring early to recover.

Mastering the Slaughter Path made her especially sensitive to wars, and she sensed a potential imminent conflict.

At this moment, Lu Chen's expression turned a few shades graver. He had no doubt about the truth of Empress Tianhong's words. Since she warned him, it was likely true.

Chapter 1334: Confronting Chu Yunzhi

Upon hearing Empress Tianhong's reminder, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

He hoped in his heart that the Great Emperor coming to the Daxia Dynasty was not his cruel and vicious father.

Though he had reached the Great Emperor Second Realm, his strength was still nowhere near that of a veteran late-period Great Emperor like Emperor Shenwu.

Apart from Emperor Shenwu, the invading Great Emperor would likely be from the Qingyun Dynasty.

After taking control of the Chiyue Dynasty, the Qingyun Dynasty would presumably have noticed the existence of the Daxia Dynasty.

By now, Lu Chen had a preliminary understanding of the entire universe and was well aware of the strong allure of a fledgling dynasty like the Daxia Dynasty for those ancient dynasties. He would not find it strange if a Great Emperor from the Qingyun Dynasty came to attack.

Lu Chen then glanced at Empress Tianhong and rose, saying, "I will not disturb your cultivation."

He did not question how Empress Tianhong knew a Great Emperor was approaching; after all, being a Great Emperor herself, it was not unusual for her to have some special means to foresee future dangers.

The urgent matter was to ascertain whether the approaching Great Emperor was Emperor Shenwu or from the Qingyun Dynasty.

Lu Chen then sent a message to the Daxia Dynasty's War Dragon Army, instructing them to dispatch troops to leave the Daxia Dynasty and investigate the surrounding star domains. If any powerful beings approached, they were to inform him immediately.

He also returned to the Imperial Study Room and summoned Pei Tianlu, who was about to go into seclusion.

"Elder Pei, come to the Imperial Study Room, I have some questions for you."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's voice, Pei Tianlu was puzzled. Why hadn't Lu Chen asked him earlier, when he was right in front of him?

Pei Tianlu did not hesitate and proceeded to the Imperial Study Room. Upon entering, he observed Lu Chen's expression and found him frowning, looking rather upset.

Pei Tianlu's heart skipped a beat. Could that Empress have said something bad about him to Lu Chen?

Otherwise, why was Lu Chen perfectly fine earlier, but now looked so grim after Pei Tianlu had just left for a short while?

Pei Tianlu cautiously asked, "Your Majesty, what can I do for you?"

Lu Chen asked directly, "When you were sparring with Empress Tianhong, did you sense any Great Emperor approaching the Daxia Dynasty?"

This...

“Your Majesty, I did not sense any Great Emperor approaching the Daxia Dynasty.”

Pei Tianlu then asked curiously, “How did Your Majesty know a Great Emperor is nearing the Daxia Dynasty?”

Lu Chen did not answer Pei Tianlu’s question but instead asked, “How many Great Emperors does the Qingyun Dynasty have?”

Pei Tianlu replied, “To my knowledge, they have three Great Emperors.”

Lu Chen thought for a moment. If there were only three Great Emperors, that would not pose much of a threat.

They already had three Great Emperors on their side, and Empress Tianhong, who was skilled in warfare, was undoubtedly stronger than an average Great Emperor.

Additionally, he had a secondary Great Emperor body, so even if the three Great Emperors of the Qingyun Dynasty attacked simultaneously, they could handle it easily.

But if the one coming was not from the Qingyun Dynasty but Emperor Shenwu, that would be a different story.

It seemed he needed to confront Chu Yuqin directly and get information about Emperor Shenwu’s current status through her primary body, Chu Yunzhi.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen said, “Elder Pei, go and make preparations. A Great Emperor will soon be arriving at the Daxia Dynasty, but I cannot determine yet whether they are a friend or foe.”

Pei Tianlu was taken aback for a moment, then bowed and said, “Understood, Your Majesty, I will take my leave now.”

Pei Tianlu was curious about how Lu Chen knew a Great Emperor was approaching, but he did not pry further. He vaguely guessed it might have something to do with Empress Tianhong.

Whenever he thought of Empress Tianhong, Pei Tianlu felt a chill run through him. If a Great Emperor from the Qingyun Dynasty came, then the Qingyun Dynasty would be in big trouble.

The thought of Empress Tianhong chasing after and slashing the Qingyun Dynasty's three Great Emperors made Pei Tianlu feel immensely satisfied.

Of course, it was all just conjecture for now, and no one could say for sure who the approaching Great Emperor was. Nevertheless, Pei Tianlu hoped it was someone from the Qingyun Dynasty.

After leaving the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen's primary body went to find Chu Yuqin.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin was still in the large bed in Wind Cloud Palace, lying limp and feeble, her breath like orchids, her gauzy robes half-draped, full of allure.

Seeing Lu Chen's primary body approaching her again, Chu Yuqin's delicate body trembled. Even though it was only her Quasi-Emperor secondary body, she was finding it difficult to cope. Let alone now that it was Lu Chen's Great Emperor body approaching her.

Chu Yuqin hurriedly said, "Chen'er, I just remembered some matters I need to attend to. I can't accompany you right now, go find Qingci and the others."

That said, she prepared to get up and leave.

She realized that with Lu Chen having multiple bodies, he would never tire. If this continued, her mind would surely break down.

She felt a powerful hand grasp her wrist, and the next moment, she found herself pinned down on the soft couch.

Lu Chen's deep, magnetic voice sounded in her ear, "My dear, do you dislike busy places? How about we change locations?"

Before he finished speaking, Lu Chen and Chu Yuqin disappeared in an instant, reappearing in Chu Yuqin's bedchamber.

Finding herself alone with Lu Chen's primary body, Chu Yuqin felt even more terrified. Earlier in the Wind Cloud Palace, she had her sisters to share her burden, allowing her some rest.

Now, being alone with Lu Chen's primary body meant she would likely be in for a rough time.

Before Chu Yuqin could say a word, she was immediately overwhelmed with a sense of fullness and had no choice but to let Lu Chen have his way.

While doing the deed, Lu Chen whispered in her ear, "My dear, should I call you Yuqin or Yunzhi?"

Chu Yuqin's mind went blank, and her body stiffened, but she quickly realized that Lu Chen had long detected the connection between her and her primary body.

Lu Chen had just been pretending not to know all this time.

What puzzled Chu Yuqin was why Lu Chen chose to bring it up now when he used to pretend not to know?

Did he feel invincible now that he had become a Great Emperor, unafraid of Emperor Shenwu?

Meanwhile...

In the Shenyue Dynasty's Imperial Palace.

In the Empress's bedchamber, Chu Yunzhi was lying weakly on a soft couch, a look of disbelief shining on her face.

She had not expected Lu Chen to discover her secret, and her heart was now filled with anxiety.

What would Lu Chen do next?

Having reached the Great Emperor Realm, Lu Chen had the strength to sever the link between her and Chu Yuqin at any moment.

She had caused Lu Chen so much trouble as part of her revenge; he must surely hate her now.

The thought of the man she loved hating her brought immense pain to Chu Yunzhi's heart.

Chu Yuqin sighed, lying on the soft couch, turning slightly to look at Lu Chen beside her, "She is herself, and I am me. We just share a link through our Divine Sense, so she can feel everything I do."

"Your Majesty, you must have long known about the relationship between us, so why bring it up now?"

Chapter 1335: Lu Chen's Retribution

Chu Yuqin knew that Lu Chen intended to reveal the truth, so she no longer pretended.

As the communication bridge between her main body and Lu Chen, Chu Yuqin was also in inner turmoil. She had long wanted to reveal everything to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen clasped Chu Yuqin's fragrant shoulders behind her back and said while continuing what he was doing, "Huff... Of course, it was to take revenge on that venomous woman, Chu Yunzhi."

Upon hearing Lu Chen call her venomous, Chu Yunzhi felt even worse. She couldn't understand why she turned from loving Lu Chen so deeply to seeking revenge on him out of hatred.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin didn't know what to say. Even though she had severed ties with Chu Yunzhi, she was still Chu Yunzhi's secondary body. Without Chu Yunzhi, she wouldn't exist.

Lu Chen calling Chu Yunzhi venomous made Chu Yuqin somewhat sad. Wasn't calling Chu Yunzhi venomous the same as calling her venomous?

But thinking about the things Chu Yunzhi had done, Chu Yuqin couldn't bring herself to refute.

She had been mentally prepared for a long time. Whatever Lu Chen did to her, she could accept it.

After a moment of silence, Chu Yuqin said, "Your Majesty, at this point, whatever you have to say, just say it directly to Yunzhi. I can let her Divine Sense temporarily control my body."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Alright."

Seeing Lu Chen agree, Chu Yuqin immediately communicated through her Divine Sense to Chu Yunzhi, "The opportunity you've dreamed of is here. Whether he will accept you or not, that's up to you."

Although Chu Yunzhi was very nervous, she ultimately chose to control Chu Yuqin's body. This day was inevitable, and there was no point in avoiding it.

Moreover, she also really wanted to know what Lu Chen was thinking back then. Why wouldn't he accept her?

She believed she wasn't ugly and had a great talent for cultivation. In the entire Shenyue Dynasty, she was considered an outstanding woman. Yet, Lu Chen was always indifferent to her.

After fully controlling Chu Yuqin's body, the once familiar and comfortable feeling became more distinct. Before, she experienced through the Divine Sense connection. Now, controlling Chu Yuqin's body meant she was directly in intimate contact with Lu Chen.

Perhaps not used to it yet, Chu Yuqin's body suddenly went weak, and she completely collapsed onto the soft couch.

Lu Chen's broad chest pressed tightly against Chu Yuqin's jade-like back.

Chu Yunzhi raised her delicate hand, trying hard to support herself on the couch to get up, but she was too weak to move. She had no choice but to lie there, her back to Lu Chen.

She thought to herself, this wasn't so bad. It could avoid direct eye contact with Lu Chen. She truly didn't dare face him now.

With that thought, Chu Yunzhi buried her head into the fine pillow, waiting for Lu Chen's revenge.

Seeing Chu Yunzhi avoiding his gaze, Lu Chen leaned beside her ear and said, "You venomous woman, you caused me so much trouble. Why don't you even dare to look at me now? Do you feel ashamed now?"

Lu Chen continued his revenge on Chu Yunzhi fiercely while she gritted her teeth, trying to control herself.

Lu Chen used the Hundred Birds Towards The Phoenix technique, linking their Spiritual Power together.

The next moment, their bodily sensations synchronized, and soon Chu Yunzhi couldn't help but moan softly.

Thinking of all the trouble Chu Yunzhi caused him, Lu Chen's rage grew, and he intensified his revenge.

It was Chu Yunzhi's first time in direct contact with Lu Chen, and soon she couldn't endure it. She lifted her head slightly from the pillow, turned, and cried, "I... I know I was wrong... Please forgive me..."

Lu Chen continued his actions, saying viciously, "You still have the nerve to ask for mercy! If I wasn't the Son of Destiny, I would have been harmed to death by you. Let's see if I let you off today!"

Chu Yunzhi's disheveled hair and mature, dignified face were streaked with tears. The next moment, the room was filled with her cries of anguish.

Chu Yuqin's Divine Sense, witnessing everything inside the body, didn't feel sad at all. On the contrary, she was in high spirits.

She could tell that although Lu Chen was very angry, he didn't have the intent to kill Chu Yunzhi. Most likely, Lu Chen wanted to make Chu Yunzhi his "pet" to humiliate at will in the future.

But this was the retribution Chu Yunzhi deserved.

Perhaps in the not too distant future, Chu Yunzhi and she would serve Lu Chen together.

For the next day and night, Lu Chen continued his revenge on Chu Yunzhi until she passed out. Chu Yuqin then regained control of her body, and only then did Lu Chen stop his revenge.

Feeling Chu Yuqin's Divine Soul regaining control, Lu Chen flipped her over and gazed down into her eyes.

Chu Yuqin tentatively asked, "Your... Your Majesty, have you calmed down now?"

Lu Chen chuckled and said, "It's not that easy to calm down. When I capture her main body in the future, that's when her nightmare truly begins."

Saying this, Lu Chen raised his hand, gently tucking Chu Yuqin's disheveled hair behind her ear, "Why did she run?"

Chu Yuqin replied, "It's Yunzhi's first time directly interacting with Your Majesty. Plus, now that Your Majesty is a Great Emperor, she couldn't handle it and passed out."

A trace of a cold smile appeared on Lu Chen's lips, "Just one day and night, and she passed out already."

Having said that, Lu Chen no longer continued. He embraced Chu Yuqin's body, turned over, and lay on the soft couch, letting her lie on his chest.

He then gently stroked Chu Yuqin's jade-like back and said, "After I broke through to become a Great Emperor, I reshaped my physical body. My father must have sensed my situation."

Upon hearing this, Chu Yuqin immediately understood why Lu Chen chose to reveal everything today. It seemed Lu Chen wanted to use Chu Yunzhi to inquire about Emperor Shenwu's current situation.

Chu Yuqin said, "After you reshaped your physical body, your original body is considered dead. Emperor Shenwu should have sensed your fall through the bloodline. This might actually be a good thing."

From what Chu Yuqin knew from Chu Yunzhi, Emperor Shenwu had long given up on Lu Chen. Even if Lu Chen died, Emperor Shenwu wouldn't care.

In fact, Lu Chen's death might be a good thing for Emperor Shenwu.

With Emperor Shenwu's abilities, it's impossible he didn't know Chu Yunzhi used the Sky Evolution Stone against Lu Chen. Yet, he didn't stop her.

This indicated that Emperor Shenwu most wanted to see Lu Chen fail the trial.

Clearly, Emperor Shenwu was worried that Chu Yunzhi and Lu Chen would rekindle their past feelings.

After all, back then Chu Yunzhi was deeply in love with Lu Chen, and it was Emperor Shenwu who forcibly married her into the Shenyue Dynasty.

Lu Chen said, "What worries me is him knowing about my ascension to the Great Emperor."

"Honghong sensed a Great Emperor rapidly approaching the Daxia Dynasty. I'm concerned it might be Emperor Shenwu."

Chu Yuqin said, "It shouldn't be him. After you became an Emperor, Emperor Shenwu would lose interest in you. You've already abandoned your original body and the bloodline of Emperor Shenwu. He can no longer directly reincarnate through you."

After hearing Chu Yuqin's analysis, Lu Chen felt it made sense. However, he still planned to confirm with Chu Yunzhi.

Chapter 1336: Qingyun Dynasty Attacks

Chu Yunzhi felt like she was dreaming. In the dream, she was on an endless ocean. The sea surface was calm, the sky was clear, and the sea and sky melded into one.

But at that moment, the sky suddenly darkened. A gigantic vortex appeared in the sky, surrounded by dark clouds pressing downwards, and the waves grew larger and larger. Waves crashed against Chu Yunzhi's small boat, tossing her about until she was dizzy.

She didn't know how long it lasted, but eventually, her small boat was shattered by the waves, and she fell into the ocean.

At the moment she fell into the ocean, Chu Yunzhi suddenly woke up and sat up abruptly from her soft bed.

She took deep breaths, looking at the tranquil and harmonious scene in her bedchamber, feeling relieved.

After regaining her composure, the events that had just transpired flooded her mind. Thinking of Lu Chen's revenge, Chu Yunzhi felt both fear and a strange sense of enjoyment.

She used her divine sense to check what Chu Yuqin and Lu Chen were doing. At that moment, Lu Chen and Chu Yuqin were snuggled together, discussing matters related to the Shenyue Dynasty.

Chu Yuqin, noticing that Chu Yunzhi had already awakened, immediately said to Lu Chen, "She's awake. If you have any questions, just ask her directly."

Hearing this, Lu Chen's interest was piqued again. Through Chu Yuqin's body, feeling Lu Chen's sudden excitement, Chu Yunzhi's delicate body trembled slightly.

Lu Chen then said, "Wicked woman, come over here immediately!"

Hearing Lu Chen's commanding tone, Chu Yunzhi, filled with trepidation, manipulated Chu Yuqin's body once again.

But to Chu Yunzhi's surprise, this time Lu Chen did not assault her as before. Instead, he kept her lying in his embrace.

Chu Yunzhi weakly said, "I'm... I'm sorry."

Hearing Chu Yunzhi's apology, Lu Chen sneered, "Do you think a simple apology can erase everything you've done?"

Chu Yunzhi continued, "I... I don't expect you to forgive me for what I've done. I'll find a way to make it up to you."

Lu Chen said calmly, "The best way for you to make it up to me is to become my female slave."

Saying this, Lu Chen turned over and pressed Chu Yunzhi beneath him, continuing his revenge.

This time, however, Lu Chen wasn't as ruthless as before. While continuing, he asked, "What is my father doing now?"

Lu Chen's tone was much gentler, and he no longer referred to himself as "Zhen" (the royal 'I'), but simply "I."

Hearing Lu Chen's question, Chu Yunzhi responded while enduring, "The... Emperor is currently cultivating in seclusion."

Lu Chen continued to ask, "He hasn't left the Shenyue Dynasty?"

Chu Yunzhi replied, "No."

Lu Chen thought to himself, since it's not Emperor Shenwu, there's no need to worry.

It seemed that the Great Emperor nearing the Daxia Dynasty was most likely from the Qingyun Dynasty. The Qingyun Dynasty officially had only three Great Emperors, and even if all three came, they wouldn't be a match for them.

However, preparation was still necessary. Battles between Great Emperors could have a very wide impact, and the battlefield must not be within the Daxia Dynasty.

If the battlefield were located within the Daxia Dynasty, countless worlds might be destroyed. They should take the initiative to confront the enemy outside their borders.

Thinking this, Lu Chen accelerated his actions, planning to exact revenge on Chu Yunzhi a few more times before leading his troops to intercept the enemies in other star domains.

Just as Lu Chen sped up, he heard a system notification in his mind.

"Detection... zzzz... malfunction resolved..."

“System upgrading...”

“Upgrade complete. System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings reactivated.”

“Congratulations to the host for impregnating Chu Yuqin. Reward: Emperor’s Sword.”

Hearing the system notification, Lu Chen was stunned.

The system had returned?

Lu Chen asked perplexed, “System, why have you returned?”

The system replied coldly, “The host successfully achieved enlightenment, breaking free from the influence of Emperor Shenwu’s bloodline. Offspring will no longer lose Qi fortune and bloodline power.”

Lu Chen understood immediately. So that’s how it was.

He didn’t expect his system to be so adaptable.

In that case, he could resume his efforts without worry.

However, having offspring as a Great Emperor was supposed to be difficult. How did Chu Yuqin get pregnant so easily?

Lu Chen didn’t dwell on it. Pregnant is pregnant. Chu Yuqin’s pregnancy was beneficial to him.

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The scarlet sunset bathed the earth.

A man in a yellow dragon robe stood at the edge of Sky City, gazing into the depths of the starry sky.

After a while, Emperor Shenwu muttered to himself, “So, he has fallen. Truly useless.”

“But it’s just as well. My Empress can now give up completely.”

When Emperor Shenwu sensed Lu Chen’s fall, he thought it was just his imagination, so he specifically divined it and found that Lu Chen had indeed fallen.

Moreover, the karma between them was severed. To achieve this, it meant Lu Chen had either fallen or become a Great Emperor.

But Emperor Shenwu didn’t believe Lu Chen could achieve enlightenment and become a Great Emperor in such a short time. He didn’t even consider this possibility.

Emperor Shenwu wasn’t affected by Lu Chen’s death. To him, Lu Chen’s death was a good thing.

With Lu Chen’s death, the ties between Lu Chen and Chu Yunzhi were completely severed. In the future, when he seizes Chu Yunzhi’s chaotic spirit body, she would open her heart and offer herself entirely without reservation.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu turned to look at the large hall behind him. The cracks in the cauldron inside the hall were increasing. He continued to mutter, “I must hurry.”

He then took out a cultivation technique, using spiritual power to make several copies, and told the shadow guard in the dark, “Urge the princes to hurry and cultivate the Heaven Stealing Technique.”

A shadow guard emerged from Emperor Shenwu’s shadow, took the cultivation techniques, and replied, “Yes, Your Majesty.”

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In the vast and boundless starry sky, fleets of Immortal Boats formed arrays, advancing rapidly towards the Daxia Dynasty. Wherever the Immortal Boat fleet passed, it caused spatial distortions, making space ripple like waves.

At the forefront of the fleet, a gigantic golden Immortal Boat glowed brilliantly. This colossal Immortal Boat was as large as some small worlds. Its surface was engraved with countless array patterns emitting a faint blue light, making it a spectacular sight.

The two Great Emperors of the Qingyun Dynasty stood on the deck of the colossal Immortal Boat, looking towards the Daxia Dynasty.

The Qingyun Dynasty did not dispatch three Great Emperors. They believed the Daxia Dynasty at most had one Great Emperor, whose strength was likely not impressive. Two Great Emperors would suffice.

However, though they dispatched only two Great Emperors, another Great Emperor stood beside them.

This Great Emperor was the ancestor of the Ye Family.

The Ye Family also thought two Great Emperors were enough. But if the Ye Family did not have a Great Emperor present, when the Qingyun Dynasty conquered the Daxia Dynasty and divided its resources, the Ye Family would likely be left out.

Chapter 1337: Where Did This Sword Come From?

After Lu Chen finished being affectionate with his wives and concubines, he summoned the army for the first military parade in the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region.

In wars involving Great Emperors, the role of the army is actually not very significant, but this is only in the early stages.

When the wars between Great Emperors are over, the rest of the tasks still need to be completed by the army.

The destruction of a dynasty does not depend on whether the dynasty's Great Emperor is present.

For example, if the Qingyun Dynasty wants to seize the Chiyue Dynasty's Qi Fortune, it's not just a matter of killing Pei Tianlu or driving him away. After controlling the Chiyue Dynasty's royal family, they also strive to control the various major forces of the Chiyue Dynasty.

Only when all the major forces within a dynasty pledge allegiance to the new dynasty or force can the dynasty be considered destroyed.

This is why the Qingyun Dynasty did not immediately slaughter the royal family of the Chiyue Dynasty completely, as doing so would undoubtedly ignite the fury of the stubborn factions.

Although this universe respects power, it must be said that there are many loyal people in this universe.

For these loyalists, the army must be used to forcefully suppress them.

If the Qingyun Dynasty really invades, Lu Chen is not only planning to passively resist the Qingyun Dynasty's invasion but also needs more buffer zones. The best scenario is to bring the Star Domain governed by the Qingyun Dynasty and the Chiyue Dynasty under the rule of the Great Sum Dynasty.

The Qingyun Dynasty covets the Great Sum Dynasty's Qi Fortune, and Lu Chen is equally interested in the Qingyun Dynasty's dynasty Qi Fortune.

Since he broke through to become a Great Emperor, he could clearly perceive the impacts brought by the dynasty's Qi Fortune, which greatly enhanced his strength and accelerated the improvement of his cultivation state.

If he wants to continue enhancing his strength, he can no longer completely rely on a dual cultivation technique to improve his cultivation state. Dual cultivation is not ineffective, but after becoming a Great Emperor, the improvement brought by dual cultivation is no longer as significant.

Of course, this is only the case for Lu Chen; Empress Tianhong is an exception.

Lu Chen stood on the deck of the Feihong Immortal Boat, quietly gazing at the vast fleet of starships in the distance.

One giant starship after another flew past Lu Chen, creating a spectacular scene. Seeing this sight, the surrounding restless forces of the Great Sum Dynasty were all intimidated.

Several forces in the star domains surrounding the Great Sum Dynasty have connections with the Great Sum Dynasty's forces, and most of them had certain ideas upon realizing the Great Sum Dynasty's emperor was not a Great Emperor.

Especially in the years when Lu Chen was in seclusion, many forces sent spies to investigate the Great Sum Dynasty.

Now, Lu Chen's military parade directly shattered the dreams of some plotting individuals.

With so many starships, even without Great Emperor-level experts, it would be sufficient to crush those forces that only have Saint-level experts.

After the military parade, Lu Chen directly led these starships toward the Brahma Sea starfield.

The Brahma Sea starfield is a star domain with few life worlds. This star domain has no dynasty ruling over it, only some low-level sect forces.

The Brahma Sea starfield is the only route for the Qingyun Dynasty to reach the Great Sum Dynasty. It is at a certain distance from the Imperial Mountain Domain Star Region, making it a suitable location to set the battlefield.

The news of the Great Sum Dynasty's military parade and the dispatching of troops to the Brahma Sea starfield quickly reached Qi Zong's ear through some spies from the Ye Family.

On the Qingyun Dynasty's immortal boat, Qi Zong stood on the deck, quietly listening to the intelligence reported by the Ye Family.

After hearing the report from the Ye Family, Qi Zong said, "It seems that the Great Sum Dynasty has noticed our approach."

Ye Family's patriarch, Ye Hongyun, said, "The Cosmic Development Company of the Great Sum Dynasty is spread throughout the Chiyue Dynasty. It's normal for them to gather some information."

Qi Zong stroked his graying beard and said, "I just wonder if their spies have accurately assessed the strength of the Qingyun Dynasty."

Ye Hongyun said, "I fear they do not know that we have three Great Emperors coming this time, or else they wouldn't take the initiative to strike."

For a Great Emperor, battling within the realm of their own created dynasty is when their strength is at its peak, owing to the augmentation from the dynasty's Qi Fortune.

Once the Great Emperor leaves their dynasty, losing the augmentation of the Qi Fortune, their strength significantly decreases.

Yet Lu Chen surprisingly took the initiative to leave the Great Sum Dynasty and plans to battle them in the Brahma Sea starfield. It is clearly an unwise decision for the Great Sum Dynasty, but this is merely the opinion of Ye Hongyun and others.

Qi Zong said, "In this way, it's good. Having a decisive battle in the Brahma Sea starfield, without the augmentation of the Great Sum's Qi Fortune, they will lose quickly."

At this moment, in the eyes of Qi Zong and the other two, the Great Sum Dynasty was like lambs to be slaughtered, and they all wore smiles on their faces.

A few days later, the War Dragon Army led by Lu Chen was the first to arrive in the Brahma Sea starfield. To avoid affecting the people from those lower worlds, Lu Chen

even proactively dispatched soldiers to relocate the natives from the Brahma Sea starfield.

In the bedchamber aboard the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Lu Chen was meditating and cultivating when Bai Qingqing suddenly appeared in the bedchamber. “Your Majesty, the people from the lower worlds in the Brahma Sea starfield have mostly been relocated.”

Facing the Great Sum Dynasty’s forcefulness, those natives of the lower worlds in the Brahma Sea starfield had no room for resistance. This universe is just so cruel.

Fortunately, it was the Great Sum Dynasty that arrived first. If the Qingyun Dynasty had arrived first, and then the Great Sum Dynasty appeared in the Brahma Sea starfield, the war would have erupted instantly and quickly extended to all lower worlds in the Brahma Sea starfield, leaving those natives to await death in their worlds.

Those people from the lower worlds were considered fortunate amid misfortune.

Lu Chen opened his eyes, “It’s good they’ve been relocated. The upcoming war can be fought without holding back.”

Speaking of which, Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and immediately took out a long sword from the system space.

[Empress Sword: Emperor Weapon, the sword of Empress Tianhong from her past life.]

Lu Chen lightly stroked the blade and murmured to himself, “Although the sword is good, it’s a pity it’s not for me to use.”

When Lu Chen saw the sword’s name, he knew it wasn’t suitable for him. However, after seeing the introduction of the Empress Sword, he instantly understood why the system rewarded him this sword.

At this moment, in a certain room aboard the Feihong Immortal Boat, Empress Tianhong suddenly opened her eyes.

Her slaughter qi surged, making the entire boat vibrate.

Empress Tianhong couldn't believe it and scanned the Feihong Immortal Boat with her divine sense, her face full of shock. She actually sensed her sword from her past life.

Her sword should have been lost on the Outer Domain battlefield; how could it appear here?

And in Lu Chen's hands!

In the next moment, Empress Tianhong appeared in front of Lu Chen, her cold eyes staring directly at the Empress Sword in Lu Chen's hand.

"Where did this sword come from?"

Empress Tianhong grew more curious about Lu Chen's identity. Not only could Lu Chen resurrect her and repair her divine soul, but even her sword was in Lu Chen's possession.

Lu Chen sheathed the sword and tossed it to Empress Tianhong, saying, "Found it."

Empress Tianhong naturally wouldn't believe Lu Chen's answer. The Outer Domain battlefield is so vast; how could it be so coincidental that her sword was found by Lu Chen?

Wait a minute...

The sword seems a bit off...

Chapter 1338: Did That Great Emperor from the Daxia Dynasty Just Run Away?

Empress Tianhong does not remember her sword being an Emperor Weapon.

However, the aura emitted by the sword in her hand is identical to the one she used in her past life.

Moreover, she can feel that the sword is delighted to be back in her hand.

She recalls that her sword could at most be classified as a Half-Holy Artifact. How did it become an Emperor Weapon?

Empress Tianhong's gaze fell on Lu Chen again. The Emperor's Sword was brought out by Lu Chen, so its ascension must have something to do with him.

Empress Tianhong wanted to ask Lu Chen how the Emperor's Sword ascended to become an Emperor Weapon, but she ultimately refrained.

Moments later, Empress Tianhong asked, "Do you intend to hand this sword over to me?"

Although the sword is hers, now that it has become an Emperor Weapon, Empress Tianhong isn't sure if Lu Chen would still let her use it.

In this universe, even Holy Artifacts are rare, let alone Emperor Weapons.

Lu Chen said, "A weapon only displays its maximum power in the hands of the right person. Though this sword is of high rank, it is too light for me; I'm not used to it."

Empress Tianhong felt a subtle stir in her heart. Was Lu Chen really planning to let her use the Emperor's Sword?

The Emperor's Sword had followed her for countless years; its blade was infused with dense Evil Qi, aiding her in better mobilizing the Power of Slaughter, and greatly enhancing her strength.

Seeing Empress Tianhong's eager expression, Lu Chen said lightly, "Though I am not used to it, this is still an Emperor Weapon."

Empress Tianhong furrowed her brows and asked, "What is your condition?"

She knew it was unlikely that Lu Chen would easily return the Emperor's Sword, considering it was an Emperor Weapon.

Lu Chen replied, "For now, I haven't thought of anything you can offer that would be worth exchanging for the Emperor's Sword."

He paused before continuing, "For now, you can use it, and when I've decided on the terms for the exchange, I will let you know."

Empress Tianhong looked at Lu Chen coldly, knowing he was deliberately dragging things out, keeping her in suspense.

As long as Lu Chen didn't state his terms, she would owe him a favor.

But she was willing to owe Lu Chen a favor to keep the Emperor's Sword.

Empress Tianhong then replied, "Alright!"

With those words, she quickly stowed away the Emperor's Sword, fearing Lu Chen might change his mind.

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something, a deep humming sound echoed from the distant void, followed by three terrifying pressures descending upon the Fanhai Star Domain.

Lu Chen's expression immediately turned serious.

The Qingyun Dynasty has arrived!

Lu Chen promptly issued an order: All starships line up in formation and retreat. The upcoming battle would be among Great Emperors, and the starships would play their part later.

Lu Chen then released his Divine Sense to scout the distant void. In his perception, he detected a colossal Immortal Boat resembling a small world decelerating, with dozens of other Immortal Boats following behind.

Seeing this gigantic Immortal Boat, Lu Chen was slightly taken aback. How could such a massive Immortal Boat exist at the universe's edge?

He had thought the Feihong Immortal Boat was already large, but today he encountered an even bigger one.

Ten Feihong Immortal Boats combined would not be as large as this Immortal Boat from the Qingyun Dynasty.

However, the Attack Arrays on the Qingyun Dynasty's Immortal Boat might not be as numerous as those on the Feihong Immortal Boat, possibly only a façade.

While Lu Chen was probing the Qingyun Dynasty's Immortal Boat with his Divine Sense, three powerful Divine Senses suddenly collided with his own.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen withdrew his Divine Sense.

At the same time.

On the Qingyun Dynasty's massive Immortal Boat.

The three Great Emperors were sharply focused on the distant void.

After a while, Qi Zong spoke up, "That Divine Sense earlier must have been from the Great Sum Dynasty's Great Emperor."

Qi Shi laughed, “He must have noticed that we have come with three Great Emperors this time, probably scared out of his wits and thinking of fleeing.”

Ye Hongyun said, “Not necessarily, the Great Sum Dynasty has many strange and ancient artifacts. It’s hard to say whether they’ve obtained some inheritance; they might have treasures that can threaten a Great Emperor.”

Ye Hongyun had reviewed the intelligence gathered by the Ye Family’s spies. He didn’t think the Great Sum Dynasty was just an ordinary empire, though he also didn’t consider it a match for the Qingyun Dynasty. He was more cautious compared to Qi Zong and Qi Shi.

In a battle among Great Emperors, even a lion hunts a rabbit with full effort because no one can predict the hidden tricks of an opponent.

Anyone who became a Great Emperor had lived for thousands of years. If they weren’t somewhat skilled, they wouldn’t have survived to attain their title.

Qi Zong said, “The key is whether they will retreat. If they do, it means they don’t have treasures that can threaten a Great Emperor.”

With that, Qi Zong also released his Divine Sense, intending to inspect the Great Sum Dynasty’s fleet.

As Qi Zong’s Divine Sense swept over the Great Sum Dynasty’s fleet, the smile on his face gradually faded; he saw a significant number of Divinity Transformation Realm and Returning Ruin Realm soldiers.

An empire having numerous Divinity Transformation Realm and Returning Ruin Realm cultivators is not unusual, but the Great Sum Dynasty is a newly established empire, so how could it possess so many Divinity Transformation Realm and Returning Ruin Realm cultivators?

Had the Great Sum Dynasty gathered all its Returning Ruin Realm cultivators?

Qi Zong vaguely felt that the soldiers he brought had weaker overall strength compared to the Great Sum Dynasty.

But soon Qi Zong's frown relaxed again, thinking that the war's outcome hinges on them, the Great Emperors, while the empire's soldiers are merely responsible for cleaning up.

No matter how strong the opposing army is, they pose no threat to the three Great Emperors.

Yet quickly, Qi Zong noticed another issue: after scanning the Great Sum Dynasty's fleet with his Divine Sense, he found no sign of a Great Emperor.

Qi Zong retracted his Divine Sense and turned to Ye Hongyun, saying, "Ancestor Ye, why don't you probe into the Great Sum Dynasty's Immortal Boats?"

Ye Hongyun did not question why but immediately released his Divine Sense. Upon sensing the high overall strength of the soldiers brought by the Great Sum Dynasty, he was somewhat surprised but not overly concerned.

Ye Hongyun shared Qi Zong's view that in battles involving Great Emperors, the outcome hinges on the Great Emperors, not the soldiers.

However, Ye Hongyun soon realized something was amiss; as he scanned the Great Sum Dynasty's Immortal Boats, he found no Great Emperor.

Retracting his Divine Sense, Ye Hongyun murmured, "Did the Great Sum Dynasty's Great Emperor flee?"

They all felt the Great Emperor's Divine Sense probing earlier, but when they examined the opposing side, the Great Emperor had vanished, suggesting the Great Emperor most likely fled.

Chapter 1339: First Confrontation

Ye Hongyun couldn't believe it; the jest Qi Shi made just now had actually come true!

In fact, there were many reasons they couldn't locate the opposing Great Emperor, such as the opponent possibly possessing a magical treasure that concealed his presence.

However, Ye Hongyun and Qi Zong never thought in that direction, because any magical treasure capable of concealing from an emperor's detection must be at least a Holy Tier treasure.

They couldn't believe that someone who only recently became an emperor would have such a treasure.

While Qi Zong didn't detect Lu Chen's presence, Lu Chen had already sensed the divine senses of Qi Zong and Ye Hongyun.

He clearly felt two powerful divine senses sweep past the Feihong Immortal Boat, meaning that neither of the divine senses detected the Feihong Immortal Boat, nor the people on it.

Lu Chen was a bit surprised; he did not expect the Feihong Immortal Boat to have the ability to shield against an emperor's divine senses. Why hadn't he noticed this ability before?

What Lu Chen didn't know was that the Feihong Immortal Boat had this ability because it was still bound to Empress Tianhong, who, as the artifact spirit of the Feihong Immortal Boat, had elevated its grade to the Emperor Tier when she broke through to become an emperor.

With the elevation in grade, the Feihong Immortal Boat gained several new abilities, one of which was to shield perceptions. Among the Feihong Immortal Boat's abilities, this was the most insignificant; today, the Feihong Immortal Boat was akin to Empress Tianhong's companion spiritual artifact.

Lu Chen then smiled and said to everyone behind him, "It's possible the three emperors of the Qingyun Dynasty now think that I have already fled."

With that, Lu Chen immediately issued an order, "Before the battle begins, let's send a gift to our guests who have come from afar. Instruct all starships to activate their weapon systems!"

As soon as Lu Chen's words fell, the aligned starships all opened their electromagnetic rails.

To make the Fire God Cannon's shots travel farther, the starships were now equipped not only with electromagnetic rails but also with some formation enhancements. With these enhancements, shots from the Fire God Cannon could cross half a star domain in a very short time.

In the next moment, all the Fire God Cannon emitters on the starships began to emanate a faint blue glow, and around the electromagnetic rails, rings of blue array patterns appeared.

Meanwhile,

the warships of the Qingyun Dynasty were completely unaware of the impending danger.

Ye Hongyun gazed into the void at the distant starships, laughing as he said, "It seems I overestimated the Great Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty. To think he fled without even engaging."

Ye Hongyun had originally thought that the Daxia Dynasty, with so many strange and wondrous things, must have some kind of heritage behind them.

Moreover, since the opposing side had taken the initiative to attack, they might have had means to deal with an emperor, but it turned out the opponent only used his divine senses to check their situation and then fled straight away.

All those considerations, wasted.

Ye Hongyun continued, "It looks like Ancestor Qi, your guess was right; the Daxia Dynasty indeed has only one emperor."

Along the way, Qi Zong had shared his hypothesis with Ye Hongyun.

In Qi Zong's view, the Daxia Dynasty probably had only one emperor — the founder of the Daxia Dynasty was that emperor who deliberately spread false information about there being more, creating confusion to make others believe there were two emperors in the Daxia Dynasty.

Initially, Ye Hongyun didn't quite believe Qi Zong's guess. He thought this act seemed unnecessary; if the Daxia Dynasty wanted to claim they had two emperors, why not simply say so rather than pretending?

But now, it seemed the Daxia Dynasty might indeed have just one emperor; otherwise, why would the opponent flee after merely using his divine sense to inspect them?

Although two emperors might still be no match for three, before any fight, the outcome wasn't certain. The opponent wouldn't be so afraid to even engage unless the gap in strength seemed insurmountable, making any struggle futile, prompting them to flee.

Qi Zong said, "Since the founder of the Daxia Dynasty ran away, we can boldly go and claim the gifts he left behind."

Qi Zong referred to the starships as "gifts". He had seen the starships brought by the Ye Family; they weren't made of Xianjin and didn't rely on spiritual power activation. He found these starships very intriguing.

While speaking, Qi Zong planned to send a wisp of his divine soul to compel the Daxia Dynasty's troops to surrender.

But to his surprise, before his divine soul fragment could reach the Daxia fleet, countless lights flew in from the distance, growing larger as they approached.

Qi Zong and the others furrowed their brows, with Qi Zong asking in confusion, "What are those things?"

Before Qi Zong could make a move to stop the lights, they had already reached the front of their warships, where they exploded in an instant, shattering the Qingyun Dynasty's warships into countless pieces.

For a moment, the starry sky turned into a spectacular fireworks display.

Despite the protective formations on the warships, the concentrated bombardment of the Fire God Cannons drained the spiritual power maintaining the formations in less than a minute.

Realizing the situation was dire, Qi Zong and his companions promptly acted. Qi Zong focused on fending off the approaching Fire God Cannon shells while Ye Hongyun and Qi Shi used their spiritual power to protect the warships.

All three had grim expressions. Moments ago, they thought the founder of the Daxia Dynasty had fled, and they could easily seize the Daxia Dynasty's army. Now, the opponent suddenly launched an attack.

Qi Shi coldly said, "Their dynasty's ancestor has fled, yet they still dare to attack us—absolutely reckless!"

Qi Zong remarked, "Perhaps the emperor of Daxia escaped too swiftly to inform his troops, hoping they'd buy time for his escape."

Without hesitation, Qi Shi separated a wisp of his divine soul, constructing a Dharma Golden Body over a hundred kilometers tall, which appeared before the Daxia Dynasty's fleet.

Qi Shi raised his giant palm and slapped toward the starships. The Daxia Dynasty had destroyed so many Qingyun Dynasty warships and killed so many soldiers, a price had to be paid.

Just as his giant palm was about to strike one of the starships, another Dharma Golden Body, also over a hundred kilometers tall, suddenly materialized in front of the starship.

The moment this form appeared, Qi Zong and the others were stunned.

Judging by its aura, this was the Dharma form of a Great Emperor. Wasn't the Great Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty supposed to have fled? What was going on?

Qi Zong snapped out of his daze quickly and, sending out his divine soul, manifested his own Dharma Golden Body.

Soon, another giant form appeared in front of the Daxia Dynasty's fleet.

Facing the opposing Dharma form, Qi Zong loudly declared, "Relinquish the lands of Daxia, and you shall live!"

Qi Zong's voice thundered like rolling heavenly thunder, so powerful it caused even the space to ripple.

In response to Qi Zong's threat, Lu Chen smiled calmly and said, "If you want the lands of the Daxia, come and try."

At this, Qi Shi could no longer hold back. This upstart dynastic leader dared to be so arrogant! Without hesitation, he swung his palm at Lu Chen's Dharma Golden Body.

Chapter 1340: Bizarre Divine Skills

Lu Chen did not choose to let Empress Tianhong take action immediately; he was already a Great Emperor now, but he lacked significant combat experience.

This was a good opportunity for him to practice, and since he was merely a doppelgänger at the moment, and Empress Tianhong was watching from the side, it wouldn't be too late to let her take action if any danger arose.

Seeing the huge palm coming towards him, Lu Chen raised his hands, clapping and pulling them apart, releasing streams of ice series spiritual power from his palms.

Flying Snow Formation!!!

In an instant, a massive white array pattern emerged beneath the three Dharma Forms, and as the array appeared, heavy snow began falling in the void, directly merging into the Dharma Forms of Qi Zong and Qi Shi upon contact.

Qi Zong and Qi Shi immediately sensed something awry.

This formation was suppressing their cultivation state and strength, their cultivation state was instantly suppressed to the Quasi-Emperor Realm, and as time passed, it continued to decline.

At the same time, Lu Chen made sealing gestures with his hands, his Golden Body Dharma Form emitting a purple glow, while a thick black cloud formed above the Flying Snow Formation.

Heavenly Thunder Technique!!!

As Lu Chen's cultivation technique operated, a rough lightning bolt shot out from the black cloud, instantly shattering Qi Shi's giant palm.

Seeing this scene, Qi Shi's expression turned even grimmer; although his initial attack was just a probe, he had used nearly fifty percent of his strength, yet the opponent had effortlessly neutralized his attack.

It seemed that the strength of this Great Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty was much stronger than they had imagined.

Seeing Qi Shi's attack being nullified, Qi Zong no longer stayed idle, gathering spiritual power and launching a punch.

Mountain River Suppressing!!!

A gigantic mountain appeared in the void, its terrifying pressure causing everyone aboard the Feihong Immortal Boat to feel suffocated, as if their bodies were frozen, unable to move.

However, in just a moment, Lu Chen broke free from the pressure of the Mountain River Suppressing, his Dharma Form slowly raising its palm, shouting loudly.

“Purple Sun Cold Ice!!!”

As his words fell, a purple sun appeared behind Lu Chen’s Dharma Form, immediately enveloping the surrounding void in cold air.

The Flying Snow Formation had already significantly lowered the temperature in the void; as Lu Chen’s Purple Sun Cold Ice Technique operated, the temperature continued to plummet.

The illusion of the Mountain River Suppressing, covered in a purple halo, was instantly frozen.

Seeing this, Qi Zong and the others were stunned.

They never expected Lu Chen to be so strong; to them, Lu Chen was just a newly broken Great Emperor.

Qi Zong’s cultivation state was at the Great Emperor Second Realm, and he had already used eighty percent of his strength earlier; Mountain River Suppressing was one of his trump cards, yet it was effortlessly received by the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty.

Sect Master Qi turned his head towards Ye Hongyun and said, “Ancestor Ye, it seems we’ve met a tough opponent!”

Ye Hongyun replied, “Then let’s attack together.”

Since two Great Emperors struggling against the Sovereign of the Daxia Dynasty had difficulty, they decided to attack together; he didn’t believe the opponent could withstand the combined attack of three Great Emperors.

As Ye Hongyun’s words fell, a new Emperor Dharma Form appeared in front of Lu Chen; however, this Emperor Dharma Form was outside the Flying Snow Formation, unaffected by suppression.

Seeing another Emperor appear, Empress Tianhong's Emperor's Sword began to stir, and Empress Tianhong herself grew agitated.

Seeing the Power of Slaughter raging wildly from Empress Tianhong, Pei Tianlu beside her shivered, feeling his spine go cold.

He could tell Empress Tianhong was losing control; at this moment Pei Tianlu was already inwardly mourning for Qi Zong and the others.

Provoking this calamity, their consequences would likely result in their divine soul being obliterated.

As Ye Hongyun's Dharma Form appeared, it quickly gathered a giant abacus in its hands; seeing the abacus, Lu Chen felt a surge of foreboding.

Next, Ye Hongyun's Dharma Form swiftly manipulated the abacus, producing a "da-da-da" sound in the void.

Upon hearing the abacus's sound, Lu Chen felt dizzy, followed by golden rays emanating from Ye Hongyun, directly infiltrating Lu Chen's Golden Body Dharma Form.

In the next moment, Lu Chen heard a deep voice.

"Life-Force Exchange!!!"

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned, quickly noticing his life-force rapidly diminishing.

Was this a divine skill?

Lu Chen was astonished, witnessing such a method of attack for the first time.

The vast universe was full of wonders; he had encountered such an eerie attack right at his doorstep.

In his future expansion of the Daxia Dynasty, he would probably encounter more peculiar techniques.

Unfortunately, Ye Hongyun's divine skill did not significantly impact him, as he became an emperor through the Creation Dao, which incorporated the Life Dao. With the gentle operation of the Evergreen Longevity Technique, his lost life-force quickly replenished.

Nonetheless, he had to admit, Ye Hongyun's move was impressive.

Lu Chen realized this attack affected not only his physical body but also his divine soul. If not for the Evergreen Longevity Technique's ability to repair his divine soul, he might have been severely injured.

Lu Chen wondered why someone with such a terrifying divine skill would be willing to stay in the peripheral star domain of the universe?

As Ye Hongyun's divine skill activated, Lu Chen's Dharma Form grew fainter, appearing on the verge of collapse.

Ye Hongyun immediately shouted to Qi Zong and Qi Shi, "Attack!"

Upon hearing Ye Hongyun, the two did not hesitate.

"Mountain River Suppressing!!!"

"Great Sun Burning Sky Palm!!!"

As two illusions in the void were about to crush Lu Chen's Golden Body Dharma Form, he quickly operated the Evergreen Longevity Technique, instantly recovering his depleted life-force and causing the Golden Body Dharma Form to shine brightly.

Seeing Lu Chen's Dharma Form instantly recovering, Ye Hongyun frowned, "That's impossible!"

As Lu Chen recovered, Qi Shi and Qi Zong sensed an impending doom, immediately unleashing their full strength, pouring spiritual power into their magic.

Lu Chen shouted.

“Purple Sun Cold Ice!!!”

This time, the purple sun behind Lu Chen’s Dharma Form was evidently larger, its cold air also turning purple. As the cold air touched Qi Zong and Qi Shi’s magic, the illusions of the Mountain River Suppressing and Great Sun Burning Sky Palm were instantly frozen.

This...

Qi Zong and Qi Shi were not convinced, intensifying their spiritual power input.

Qi Shi roared loudly, “Break!!!”

As Qi Shi’s voice rang out, the frozen Great Sun Burning Sky Palm unexpectedly shattered the ice of Purple Sun Cold Ice.

Seeing the giant palm approaching Lu Chen’s Golden Body Dharma Form, the trio’s hearts suddenly tightened, a surge of fear involuntarily rising within them.