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Chapter 1341: Empress Tianhong Takes Action

What's going on?

The three of them simultaneously looked towards the luxurious Immortal Boat behind Lu Chen.

For some reason, they all felt a peculiar sensation, as if their lives were in the grip of someone else.

Fear filled their hearts in an instant, as if there was something particularly terrifying aboard that Immortal Boat.

Something's wrong...

Something's very wrong...

At this moment, Qi Shi's Great Sun Burning Sky Palm was about to reach Lu Chen's Dharma Golden Body. However, at this critical moment, suddenly a figure appeared below the Great Sun Burning Sky Palm.

In the next moment, a cold flash cut through, and Qi Shi's Great Sun Burning Sky Palm was instantly sliced into two halves and gradually dissipated.

This sudden scene left Qi Zong and the two others stunned once again.

When the three came to their senses, their eyes simultaneously fell upon Empress Tianhong. Recognizing it was a woman, their expressions turned grim.

The male Law Manifestation who appeared before them initially, and now a female Empress, meant that the Great Sum truly had two Great Emperors.

They had thought there was only one Great Emperor in the Great Sum. They hadn't expected to miscalculate.

Moreover, judging from the strength of these two Great Emperors, they were sufficient to fend off the three of them.

Especially this recently emerged Empress – the evil qi emanating from her was exceedingly strong, likely acquired from piles of countless corpses.

The three of them fixed their stares at Empress Tianhong, frozen in their tracks. They had already realized that the terrifying aura they felt earlier originated from this Empress before them.

Empress Tianhong gripped her sword tightly, her phoenix eyes sweeping over the Law Manifestations of the three, her evil qi instinctively spilling out. The void they were in was shrouded by this qi.

Feeling this terrible evil qi, the three were amazed. They had initially thought Empress Tianhong was already confirmed as a “female devil” who killed countless people, but they had not expected that the qi they sensed was just the tip of the iceberg.

Qi Zong was already contemplating escape. Being the strongest among the three Great Emperors, he could better sense the terror of Empress Tianhong.

Empress Tianhong's aura was only at the Great Emperor Second Realm, and Qi Zong himself was also at this realm, but his evil qi did not compare to the heavy qi surrounding Empress Tianhong.

Clearly, this woman's strength far exceeded his.

As both sides stood in a stalemate, Empress Tianhong slightly turned her head, glancing at Lu Chen's Law Manifestation behind with the corner of her eye, then said emotionlessly, “Leave it to me!”

Lu Chen could tell from the raging evil qi that Empress Tianhong's fighting spirit was fully awakened.

Lu Chen sighed slightly; he had intended to test his strength, but evidently that would not happen now.

Forget it, since Empress Tianhong could no longer hold back, he would let her handle it.

Lu Chen then said, "Alright, be careful."

Receiving Lu Chen's affirmation, Empress Tianhong swung her sword, and an overwhelming slaughter power instantly swept over Qi Shi's Law Manifestation. Before Qi Shi could react, his Dharma Golden Body condensed by the Divine Soul was instantly severed.

This...

Witnessing this shocking scene, the three woke from their daze.

Qi Zong shouted, "This is the Power of Slaughter! She is a Great Emperor who proves Tao through slaughter!"

Few in this universe master the Slaughter Path, with the most famous being Emperor Shenwu. Years ago, Emperor Shenwu attacked countless Empires and Great Sects to uphold his tao, slaughtering numerous Great Emperors.

Great Emperors who master the Slaughter Path are often only fixated on killing, and their strength far surpasses typical Great Emperors, making them invincible in their realm.

Not just invincible in their realm, they could cross several realms to kill their foes. The Great Emperors who fell to Emperor Shenwu were mostly at higher realms than Emperor Shenwu. He wouldn't even glance at those of similar cultivation states.

Qi Zong felt deep regret; they had listened to Ye Family's bait and came to Daxia Dynasty, stirring this killing god.

Moreover, why would a Great Emperor of the Slaughter Path hide in such a Barbaric Star Domain? This trickery was infuriating.

An Emperor of the Slaughter Path should be in the flourishing domains of the universe, or rampaging in the Outer Domain, not lurking on the edges of the universe. It was bullying.

Not only Qi Zong, but Qi Shi and Ye Hongyun also panicked. Facing a Great Emperor of the Slaughter Path, even three Great Emperors might not suffice.

Ye Hongyun silently cursed Ye Xingteng's ancestors. How had Ye Xingteng gathered his intelligence? Daxia Dynasty hid such a killing god, yet Ye Xingteng knew nothing.

This was troublesome. Upon returning, the Ye Family must relocate from Chiyue Dynasty.

But the current concern was whether they could even leave.

Qi Zong then withdrew his aura, politely saying, "Junior was unaware of Senior's presence, humbly begs Senior's pardon, and will depart at once."

Qi Zong knew the probability of escape was slim, but he had to try; he wasn't naïve enough to believe they could contend with a Great Emperor mastering the Power of Slaughter.

Upon hearing Qi Zong's words, Empress Tianhong simply raised her sword again without any unnecessary dialogue, swinging it once more. A sword qi of several dozen kilometers containing destructive slaughter power immediately flew out.

Feeling the frightful sword qi, Qi Zong and Ye Hongyun instantly withdrew their Dharma Golden Bodies, abandoned the Immortal Boat, and fled Fanhai Star Domain at top speed.

Leaving Fanhai Star Domain, Qi Zong transmitted to Qingyun Dynasty's cultivators, "The opponent has a Great Emperor of the Slaughter Path, everyone retreat immediately!"

Learning that Daxia Dynasty had a Great Emperor of the Slaughter Path, Qingyun Dynasty's cultivators were scared out of their wits, and their Immortal Boats swiftly retreated from Fanhai Star Domain.

Seeing Empress Tianhong drive away the three Great Emperors from Qingyun Dynasty with just two sword strikes, Lu Chen felt somewhat annoyed.

Sharing the same realm with Empress Tianhong, when he made a move, the opponents completely dismissed him, yet they fled in terror when Empress Tianhong acted.

Was a Great Emperor of the Slaughter Path really so terrifying?

For some reason, envisioning himself dominating Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen felt a peculiar sense of conquest.

No matter how terrifying Empress Tianhong was, she had still become his woman and would bear him children. As a man, it was impossible not to feel some sense of accomplishment.

Meanwhile, Empress Tianhong swung her sword again, opening a space vortex before her. She stepped into the vortex and reappeared blocking Qi Zong and the three Great Emperors' escape route.

Chapter 1342: How Could You Possibly Still Be Alive!

After Qi Zong and the other two escaped from the Fanhai Star Domain, they periodically used their divine sense to examine the situation behind them. Upon finding no trace of Empress Tianhong, they finally breathed a slight sigh of relief.

At this moment, with a face full of resentment, Qi Shi questioned, "Ancestor Ye, don't you think you owe us an explanation!"

"The Daxia Dynasty has a Great Emperor who wields the Power of Slaughter. Why didn't you tell us about this? Is your Ye Family attempting to borrow a knife to eliminate us, to destroy the Qingyun Dynasty?"

Facing Qi Shi's questioning, Ye Hongyun also felt a sense of frustration. He didn't know that the Daxia Dynasty had a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter.

If he had known such a slaughter deity existed in the Daxia Dynasty, he would have taken the Ye Family and fled long ago. How could he have possibly still led people to attack the Daxia Dynasty?

It wasn't surprising that he had vaguely felt that the Daxia Dynasty might have some ultimate trump card from the beginning. Otherwise, why would the Daxia Dynasty dare to take the initiative to strike? But he never expected their trump card to be such a terrifying existence.

Before Ye Hongyun could say anything, Qi Zong also spoke from the side, "Ancestor Ye, our Qingyun Dynasty has been severely harmed by your Ye Family this time."

Ye Hongyun sighed and said, "Rest assured, Ancestor Qi, once I return to the Ye Family, I will definitely find a way to compensate the Qingyun Dynasty."

"As for such a presence in the Daxia Dynasty, I truly had no prior knowledge. Otherwise, I wouldn't have willingly allied with you to attack the Daxia Dynasty."

"Alas, who could have thought that a Great Emperor who proves Tao through slaughter would appear in such a Barbaric Star Domain."

Qi Zong said, "Maybe the other party was just passing by, but no matter what, we've already provoked them."

With that said, Qi Zong once again used his divine sense to examine their rear, finding that Empress Tianhong still hadn't caught up. Only then did he heave a sigh of relief, saying, "Fortunately, that woman did not follow."

However, just as Qi Zong finished speaking, they suddenly felt a deathly threat in their hearts. The next moment, a Sword Qi appeared out of nowhere in front of them.

The three of them immediately dodged upon sensing the danger.

When the Sword Qi flew toward where they had just passed, the Immortal Boats behind them were instantly sliced in half, and most of the cultivators brought by the Qingyun Dynasty and the Ye Family perished under that one strike.

Even those fortunate enough to survive were almost all severely injured.

At that moment, a giant space rift appeared where the Sword Qi had flown from, and immediately following, a woman in a red dress, exuding intense Evil Qi, emerged from the space rift.

Seeing Empress Tianhong catch up so quickly, the hearts of Qi Zong and the other two were once again filled with terror. They knew that a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter wouldn't be so easy to shake off.

Once Qi Zong came back to his senses, he quickly reminded Qi Shi and Ye Hongyun, "It looks like she's not planning to let us go. If we want to survive, we must fight desperately. Don't hold back, use all your strength!"

With those words, Qi Zong immediately released his Dharma Golden Body, followed by Ye Hongyun and Qi Shi who also released their Emperor Dharma Forms.

Seeing that the three of them had no plans of escaping, the Power of Slaughter emanating from Empress Tianhong instantly sealed the entire space. Without even employing her Law Manifestation, she directly charged at Qi Zong.

Qi Zong hastily shouted, "Mountain River Suppressing!!!"

Empress Tianhong, expressionless, gazed at the illusion in the sky and swung the Emperor's Sword, slashing out a simple, unadorned strike. The Sword Qi, infused with the Power of Slaughter, shattered the Mountain River illusion directly.

Seeing this, cold sweat broke out all over Qi Zong. So this was a Great Emperor who proved Tao through Slaughter; her power was terrifying.

What kind of misfortune was this, to encounter such a horrifying existence?

But it was too late to say anything now. They either had to severely injure this woman or be killed by her.

Subsequently, Qi Zong and the other two engaged in a fierce battle with Empress Tianhong. In this battle, the three were overwhelmingly suppressed and slashed. The aftermath of their combat destroyed one world after another along their path.

Fortunately, they were already at the edge of the universe, where the star domains were lifeless. Otherwise, Empress Tianhong could have caused further massacre, increasing the intensity of the Evil Qi on her and further amplifying her power.

Several days quickly passed.

Lu Chen sat on the deck of the Feihong Immortal Boat, gazing into the distance. Even from several light-years away, he could still see the explosive battle happening far away.

Each world that exploded under the immense battle looked like splendid fireworks, dazzling and beautiful.

The life force of a Great Emperor was incredibly tenacious. Even though Empress Tianhong had mastery of the Slaughter Path, to entirely kill a Great Emperor took time, especially when there were three of them.

Lu Chen wasn't in a hurry at all. He had already prepared to stay in the Fanhai Star Domain for half a year or so. At this moment, he slightly turned his head to ask Pei Tianlu, "Elder Pei, how long do you think the battle will last?"

Pei Tianlu glanced at the exploding Life Worlds a few light-years away and replied, "With the Empress's strength, it might not take more than a month for Qi Zong and the other two to be exhausted to death."

Lu Chen said, "A month, huh? Well, that's not too long."

Just then, a stream of light shot straight toward the Feihong Immortal Boat. Seeing this, Lu Chen was taken aback.

Why would someone be heading this way now?

While Lu Chen was distracted, Qi Shi's Law Manifestation had already appeared in front of the Feihong Immortal Boat, delivering a palm strike toward it.

After several days of fighting, Qi Zong and the others knew very well that with the power of their three Great Emperors, it was impossible to defeat Empress Tianhong. They had to come up with another plan.

Since Empress Tianhong had appeared in the Daxia Dynasty, it proved that there must be some connection between her and the founder of the Daxia Dynasty. If they could directly take control of the founder, they might force Empress Tianhong to stop.

Thus, Qi Zong and Ye Hongyun did their best to entangle Empress Tianhong while Qi Shi approached Lu Chen.

Seeing Qi Shi make a move on Lu Chen, Pei Tianlu quickly left the Feihong Immortal Boat, instantly revealing his Dharma Golden Body and delivering a palm strike as well.

The two palm strikes collided in the void, and the resulting Spiritual Power Wave pushed the Feihong Immortal Boat several kilometers away.

However, the Feihong Immortal Boat was an Emperor-tier Spiritual Artifact. Not to mention being affected by the aftermath of the battle, even a direct palm strike from Qi Shi wouldn't damage it.

Seeing Pei Tianlu block his attack, Qi Shi was stunned in the void.

He hadn't expected to see Pei Tianlu in this place.

Moreover, from the looks of it, Pei Tianlu seemed to have regained his strength, and the Death Qi on him had dissipated.

How could this be possible...

Pei Tianlu was someone whose end was near, who could have healed him?

In disbelief, Qi Shi said, "How can you still be alive!"

The Qingyun Dynasty had refrained from attacking the Chiyue Dynasty initially because Pei Tianlu was too powerful. Just Pei Tianlu alone was enough to rival the Qingyun Dynasty's three Great Emperors.

If Pei Tianlu hadn't been on the brink of death, they wouldn't have made a move against the Chiyue Dynasty. Now, not only was Pei Tianlu not dead, but he had also dispelled the Death Qi and returned to normal.

With one Great Emperor mastering the Slaughter Path and another being Pei Tianlu, what chance did they have left?

At this moment, Qi Shi's heart was filled with complete despair. Initially, they thought they could force Empress Tianhong to stop by controlling the founder of the Daxia Dynasty. Now it seemed that this was nothing more than their delusion.

Chapter 1343: Ye Hongyun's Another Divine Skill

Seeing Qi Shi looking at him with disbelief, Pei Tianlu asked with a smile, "What, are you unhappy that this old man is still alive?"

Qi Shi regained his senses and, without any hesitation, directly ignited his Divine Soul.

If they could not capture the founder of the Daxia Dynasty, they would all die here, but before that, he had to find a way to bypass Pei Tianlu.

He did not intend to face Pei Tianlu head-on; during his prime, Pei Tianlu could contend with the three Great Emperors of the Qingyun Dynasty. Now, with the Death

Qi on him gone, even if his strength hasn't fully recovered, Qi Shi alone couldn't handle him.

Seeing the purple flames burning on Qi Shi, Pei Tianlu immediately realized that Qi Shi was burning his Divine Soul in desperation.

Pei Tianlu no longer held back and punched out.

“Punching Star River!!!”

A gigantic fist flew out with Pei Tianlu's punch, growing larger as it went.

Qi Shi suddenly felt as if his body was fixed in place, unable to move.

Just as the fist was about to smash into him, Qi Shi finally broke free from that terrifying pressure and struck out with his palm again.

When the fist collided with the handprint, Qi Shi suddenly withdrew his Dharma Golden Body. In the next moment, his body turned into a stream of light, flying straight towards the distant Feihong Immortal Boat.

His goal was the founder of the Daxia; he couldn't afford to waste energy on Pei Tianlu.

Pei Tianlu immediately noticed Qi Shi's little trick and quickly retracted his Dharma Golden Body, chasing after him.

For a Great Emperor, dozens of kilometers was but a blink of an eye. Qi Shi appeared in front of the Feihong Immortal Boat in an instant and attacked again after burning his Divine Soul.

A huge hand, burning with purple flames, slammed down towards the Feihong Immortal Boat. The surrounding space crackled from the immense energy it couldn't bear.

Seeing the huge hand coming at him, Lu Chen just smiled faintly before directly controlling the Feihong Immortal Boat to use the Space Escape Technique. In the next moment, the Feihong Immortal Boat vanished on the spot.

Seeing the Feihong Immortal Boat disappear just like that, Qi Shi was stunned. How could that Immortal Boat just disappear?

Wasn't the space in this Star Domain already sealed by that woman's power of slaughter? And he had also used power to seal the space just now.

Under double sealing, the other party still broke through the space?

What Qi Shi didn't know was that the Feihong Immortal Boat was an Emperor Tier Magic Treasure; breaking through a Great Emperor's space seal was a trivial matter.

After Qi Shi's hand closed ineffectively, Pei Tianlu appeared behind him again, punching out.

Sensing the danger from behind, Qi Shi snapped out of it and quickly dodged Pei Tianlu's magic technique.

Though narrowly avoided, Qi Shi was entangled by Pei Tianlu again, and the two continued to engage in combat.

A light-year away, aboard the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Lu Chen sat on a reclining chair, quietly watching the battle in the distant void. At this moment, Bai Qingqing approached Lu Chen from behind, placing her slender jade hands on his shoulders, massaging them.

With Pei Tianlu joining this battle of Great Emperors, Lu Chen believed it would soon end.

In fact, if Empress Tianhong fought with all her strength, Qi Zong and the others wouldn't last long; the Empress was simply not satisfied, relishing the battle for fun and not wanting it to end so quickly.

At this point, Qi Zong and his companions were already in despair. They had exhausted every means but could not escape from Empress Tianhong's grasp. Her power of slaughter had sealed the surrounding Star Domain; now they were in her slaughter domain.

Being targeted by a Great Emperor who controls the power of slaughter, there was almost no chance of escape unless their power was far superior to hers.

At this time, Ye Hongyun could no longer hold on and had to use the trump card of the Ye Family.

He didn't want to use the family's trump card unless it was a last resort.

But now it was indeed a last resort; he absolutely could not die here, still hoping to return to the main family one day.

Having finally proven his Dao and become an Emperor, he was about to return to the main family; how could he die here?

At this moment, a huge golden Treasure Bowl appeared in the void, emitting a dazzling light. Countless gold coins and Spirit Stones flew into the Treasure Bowl from the void.

Seeing this miraculous Divine Skill, even Empress Tianhong stopped chasing after Qi Zong. She was very curious about what kind of Divine Skill Ye Hongyun would use next and wanted to see for herself.

Similarly, Lu Chen, a few light-years away, also stared attentively at the huge Treasure Bowl.

Ye Hongyun suddenly shouted, "Exchange my wealth for my life!"

As soon as the words fell, the Treasure Bowl transformed into a black vortex, instantly sucking Ye Hongyun inside.

In the blink of an eye, Ye Hongyun completely vanished, even his aura disappeared, as if he never existed in this Star Domain.

This...

Seeing this, everyone was taken aback, even Empress Tianhong's mind went blank for a moment.

Everyone thought Ye Hongyun was about to use some powerful offensive Divine Skill, but it turned out Ye Hongyun had run away.

Seeing Ye Hongyun flee, Qi Zong was furious. This guy actually left them behind and ran away; at least he could have taken him along.

Qi Zong increasingly felt that they had been duped by the Ye Family.

The Ye Family, being a commercial family, possessed vast intelligence. He couldn't believe they were entirely unaware that the Daxia Dynasty had a Great Emperor who controlled the power of slaughter.

The thought of being deceived by the Ye Family infuriated Qi Zong, who became angrier the more he thought about it. But now, he had no way to escape from the current situation.

Qi Zong shouted, "This is intolerable!!!"

As his words fell, Qi Zong's gaze fixated on Empress Tianhong, then he ignited his Divine Soul, "Since you won't let this old man go, even if I die, I won't make it easy for you!"

Seeing that Qi Zong was ready to fight to the death, Empress Tianhong's power of slaughter grew more agitated. She wasn't worried at all about Qi Zong burning his Divine Soul to fight her.

On the contrary, for a Great Emperor who proves their Dao through slaughter, the most feared enemy is one too weak.

The stronger the enemy, the more power of slaughter a Great Emperor who proves their Dao through slaughter can unleash.

Why are Great Emperors who prove their Dao through slaughter called madmen? Because those who control the power of slaughter don't just kill; they enjoy the process of killing.

Especially when they see their enemies struggling to survive, they become even more excited.

Empress Tianhong had been suppressed by Lu Chen for so long. The last time she fought Pei Tianlu, she didn't go all out considering Pei Tianlu was Lu Chen's servant and didn't fully enjoy the fight.

But this time was different; this time she faced Lu Chen's enemies. She could torment them however she liked, and Lu Chen wouldn't say a word.

Suddenly, Empress Tianhong's pupils turned blood-red, and the Emperor's Sword in her hand transformed into countless swords, hovering in the void. These clones of the Emperor's Sword surrounded Qi Zong completely.

Chapter 1344: Qi Shi's Loyalty

Qi Zong controlled his Dharma Manifestation, blasting the Sword Qi doppelgangers that surrounded him while his true body rapidly approached Empress Tianhong.

Since escape was impossible, Qi Zong resolved not to run. He was prepared for mutual destruction with Empress Tianhong.

Both were in the Great Emperor Second Realm; he refused to believe that even by burning his Divine Soul, he couldn't manage something against Empress Tianhong.

Though it appeared he was fighting desperately, Qi Zong harbored a sliver of hope, believing that no Great Emperor would want to be injured with a great calamity on the horizon.

As a Great Emperor in the Second Layer Realm, if he self-destructed his Divine Soul, he would deal damage to that woman no matter what.

If that crazy woman saw his desperation, she might fear his self-destruction and cease the pursuit.

Clearly, Qi Zong was too naive. Empress Tianhong wasn't concerned about his self-destruction; rather, forcing a Great Emperor to self-destruct was what she delighted in the most, reveling in the despair in her enemies' eyes.

Empress Tianhong transformed into a streak of red light and instantly appeared before Qi Zong's Dharma Manifestation. Gripping the Emperor's Sword, she slashed dozens of times, each strike imbued with the Power of Slaughter.

Despite burning his Divine Soul, Qi Zong could only defend passively against Empress Tianhong's high-frequency attacks.

At that moment, Empress Tianhong raised her left hand. Immediately, a Sword Qi doppelganger floating in the air flew to her hand. Grasping it, she slashed out with one strike.

As Empress Tianhong wielded the Sword Qi doppelganger to release a Sword Qi, she let go, allowing the doppelganger to float in the void once more.

In this manner, while attacking, Empress Tianhong would grab a Sword Qi doppelganger from the void, releasing a Sword Qi with each slash.

The doppelgangers that released Sword Qi seemed unable to withstand the Power of Slaughter infused by Empress Tianhong, beginning to dissipate the moment she cast them off.

From a distance, Lu Chen quickly understood why Empress Tianhong did this. The Power of Slaughter she infused was so immense that even the Emperor's Sword couldn't bear it.

So Empress Tianhong first created numerous doppelgangers of the Emperor's Sword in the void. As she attacked, she grabbed one to release a Sword Qi, and thereafter the doppelganger would disintegrate under the sheer Power of Slaughter.

Fortunately, these doppelgangers were condensed from Empress Tianhong's Spiritual Power, so even if they disintegrated, they wouldn't affect the essence of the Emperor's Sword.

Indeed, the Emperor's Sword seemed perfectly suited for Empress Tianhong.

As Empress Tianhong swung her Sword Qi, the malice on her body changed from blood-red to black, and her red dress gradually turned dark.

Witnessing this, the fear in Qi Zong's heart grew immensely.

He couldn't block Empress Tianhong's Sword Qi, and with so many swords in the void, he couldn't envision standing intact after she unleashed her Sword Qi.

Qi Zong felt unwilling; despite being in the same realm and burning his Divine Soul, why couldn't he withstand even one strike of Empress Tianhong's Sword Qi?

Was a Great Emperor with the Power of Slaughter truly this powerful!

In his moment of distraction, the power of Empress Tianhong's Sword Qi had grown increasingly terrifying, and countless cracks had appeared on Qi Zong's Dharma Golden Body.

It was crucial to note that until now, Empress Tianhong hadn't even revealed her Law Manifestation. Relying on the strength of her physical body alone, she had driven Qi Zong to a dead end.

Seeing that even burning his Divine Soul rendered him no match for Empress Tianhong, Qi Zong was utterly despondent. He roared, "Ye Family, you deceived me!!"

Subsequently, the power within him converged, transforming into countless bloodlines that shot towards the distance.

In the next moment, countless cracks appeared all over Qi Zong's body, emanating blue light.

Empress Tianhong instantly realized that Qi Zong intended to self-destruct his Divine Soul. The destructive energy from a Great Emperor's self-destruction could obliterate the entire surrounding star domain, leaving no life below a Great Emperor unscathed.

Seeing Qi Zong poised for self-destruction, Empress Tianhong knew that this fight was nearing its end.

Following this, Empress Tianhong taught Qi Zong a lesson: self-destructing before a Great Emperor wielding the Power of Slaughter was no more than a fantasy.

Empress Tianhong slowly raised her hand, and all the floating Emperor's Sword doppelgangers in the void emitted a resonant sword hymn.

The Power of Slaughter from Empress Tianhong poured into the Sword Qi doppelgangers she held, and with a wave of her hand, all the doppelgangers shot towards Qi Zong.

Qi Zong had no time to self-destruct his Divine Soul; his Dharma Manifestation was shredded by the Sword Qi doppelgangers, and in an instant, countless Emperor's Swords imbued with the Power of Slaughter pierced through his body, causing his Divine Soul to explode violently after a brief moment of erosion.

Blue flames erupted in the void, the residual shockwaves sweeping across the entire star domain.

However, the explosion of Qi Zong's Divine Soul lacked accumulated energy and was not a true self-destruction, limiting its destructive impact.

Qi Shi quickly noticed the explosion. Realizing Qi Zong's aura had vanished completely, he panicked.

Unable to even defeat Pei Tianlu, he had no chance against the woman wielding the Power of Slaughter.

With their patriarch dead, Qi Shi feared he would be next.

Unwilling to die so young, with a cultivation that could let him live for millions of years, Qi Shi shouted, “Master of Great Sum, I surrender and pledge my allegiance to you!”

Qi Shi wasn’t sure whether Lu Chen or Empress Tianhong was the leader, but for now, stating his submission would suffice.

No matter who the leader was, given his declaration, they might consider sparing him since a Great Emperor like him held considerable value.

Seeing Qi Shi offer his allegiance to Lu Chen, Pei Tianlu frowned. From his standpoint, he didn’t want Qi Shi pledging loyalty to Lu Chen.

After all, the Qingyun Dynasty had intervened in the Chiyue Dynasty’s matters and even sought to annex it. Though now Lu Chen’s servant, Pei Tianlu still harbored some resentment towards the Qingyun Dynasty.

But he also knew that Lu Chen was the master, and had the final say. Despite any resentment, he had to follow Lu Chen’s command.

Pei Tianlu then halted his actions, casting his gaze to the Feihong Immortal Boat a light-year away, awaiting Lu Chen’s decision.

Qi Shi’s voice, amplified by his Great Emperor’s power, quickly reached Lu Chen’s ears from a light-year away.

Considering Qi Shi’s offer of allegiance, Lu Chen fell into contemplation. The Great Sum Dynasty would surely expand.

As it expanded, the enemies they faced would grow more numerous.

Currently, they were dealing with three empires' Great Emperors. Though their strength wasn't exceptional, future conflicts might involve super forces with dozens of Great Emperors. At that point, Great Sum's current strength would fall short.

One more Great Emperor meant an increase in power.

Moreover, Lu Chen sensed that a battle between Great Sum and Shenyue Dynasties, and consequently between him and Emperor Shenwu, was inevitable in the near future.

Chapter 1345: Boring

Lu Chen also knew that some conflicts existed between Pei Tianlu and the Qingyun Dynasty. If he accepted Qi Shi's allegiance, it might displease Pei Tianlu.

But for the future of the Daxia Dynasty and to amass enough power to resist Emperor Shenwu, it was worth absorbing Qi Shi even if it displeased Pei Tianlu.

However, Lu Chen did not immediately respond. He split a strand of his Divine Soul, and soon, a Golden Body Dharma Form of Lu Chen appeared in front of Pei Tianlu and Qi Shi.

Lu Chen looked at Pei Tianlu and asked calmly, "Elder Pei, what do you think?"

Seeing that Lu Chen had personally sent a strand of his Divine Soul and asked for his opinion, Pei Tianlu knew that Lu Chen was tempted.

After all, Qi Shi was a Great Emperor. Having a Great Emperor as a henchman would elevate the overall strength of the Daxia Dynasty to a new level. As the ruler of the dynasty, Lu Chen naturally wanted to accept Qi Shi's allegiance.

By asking Pei Tianlu's opinion, Lu Chen was merely giving both sides a way to reconcile.

Pei Tianlu sighed inwardly and said, “Ancestor Qi is dead. The Qi Family has paid the price, and I can let go of my issues with the Qi Family.”

Lu Chen then looked at Qi Shi and said, “Very well, since Elder Pei has said so, I will give you a chance.”

“Open your mind and do not resist.”

Hearing this, Qi Shi was stunned. He didn’t know what Lu Chen intended to do, but he had a faint sense that it was nothing good.

However, to save his own life, Qi Shi had no choice but to comply.

He thought to himself that as long as he could get through today, he would escape as soon as he left this Star Domain. As a Great Emperor, there would be plenty of places for him to go. By then, neither this person before him nor the Empress who wielded the Power of Slaughter could do anything to him.

Just then, Qi Shi suddenly felt an imprint appear deep within his Divine Soul, causing a sharp pain. As he was about to try to expel the imprint, Lu Chen’s voice sounded directly in his mind.

“Do not resist. Resistance means death.”

Upon hearing this, Qi Shi immediately forced himself to endure.

Soon, the Soul Control Seal was planted into Qi Shi’s Divine Soul. Sensing the presence of the Soul Control Seal, Qi Shi’s face instantly turned pale.

He never imagined that Lu Chen possessed means to control even a Great Emperor.

Just what kind of background did this person have?

Did this mean that he would henceforth be bound to follow the orders of the ruler of Daxia, becoming little more than a dog for the ruler of Daxia?

Seeing Qi Shi's pale face and his expression of disbelief, Pei Tianlu felt a lot better and said sarcastically, "Qi Shi, don't think I don't know what you're planning. Now that the Soul Control Seal is in place, you'd best behave and follow His Majesty without any tricks."

Hearing Pei Tianlu's taunt, Qi Shi came to his senses. He coldly glared at Pei Tianlu before reluctantly bowing to Lu Chen and saying, "Greetings, Master!"

Lu Chen was about to say something when suddenly, a Sword Qi imbued with the Power of Slaughter came flying in. Qi Shi quickly dodged, barely avoiding having his body cleaved.

As he reacted, Qi Shi saw Empress Tianhong, dressed in a black and red gown and with blood-red pupils, flying towards them from afar.

In the next moment, countless Emperor's Sword avatars appeared around them. Seeing Empress Tianhong about to use her earlier move again, Lu Chen quickly said, "Honghong, stop! He has already sworn allegiance to me."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Empress Tianhong instantly snapped out of it. The blood-red in her pupils gradually faded to a light red. She looked coldly at the people present before flying straight toward the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Before leaving, Empress Tianhong threw down two words, "Boring."

Watching Empress Tianhong leave, Qi Shi finally breathed a sigh of relief.

That was close. He had almost lost his life.

Qi Shi was now extremely grateful that he had surrendered early. If he had delayed even a moment, he might have already been a ghost under that crazy woman's sword.

A Great Emperor who wielded the Power of Slaughter was truly terrifying!

However, thinking back...

Qi Shi glanced at Empress Tianhong, who was emanating black Evil Qi, and then at Lu Chen's Dharma Form. A question arose in his mind.

Judging from the situation just now, it seemed that the Daxia ruler could command that crazy woman.

If a Great Emperor with the Power of Slaughter obeyed him, then the identity of the ruler of Daxia must be even more frightening than he had imagined.

Thinking of this, Qi Shi's hatred for the Ye Family grew even deeper. If not for the Ye Family, he wouldn't have ended up as someone else's slave.

At this moment, Qi Shi wished he could tear the Ye Family to pieces.

Just then, Pei Tianlu asked from the side, "Your Majesty, shall we head to the Qingyun Dynasty next?"

Reminded by Pei Tianlu, Qi Shi's eyes immediately fell on him, filled with hatred, as if he wanted to tear Pei Tianlu apart.

Ignoring Qi Shi's gaze, Pei Tianlu continued, "The Qingyun Dynasty also has a Great Emperor protecting it. With the Dynast Qi Fortune, it won't be easy to conquer. However, if we can get the Empress to act, Qi Hongguang won't be a match even with the Dynast Qi Fortune."

Qi Shi wanted to say something, but now that he was Lu Chen's servant, it wasn't appropriate for him to speak up.

He could clearly see that Pei Tianlu wanted to use someone else's hand to kill, but being under the Soul Control Seal, he had no choice but to side with Daxia. For Daxia, destroying the Qingyun Dynasty was inevitable.

At that moment, Qi Shi thought of something and said, “Your Majesty, before heading to the Qingyun Dynasty, we will pass by the Chiyue Dynasty. The Chiyue Dynasty is now without a Great Emperor. I believe that with Your Majesty’s means, it would be easy to seize the Chiyue Dynasty’s Qi Fortune.”

“Once the Chiyue Dynasty’s Qi Fortune is captured, the Daxia Dynasty’s Qi Fortune will grow even stronger. It might even elevate Your Majesty’s Realm.”

Pei Tianlu snorted and said, “Qi Shi, do you think Your Majesty can’t see through your little schemes?”

Qi Shi replied, “I have just sworn allegiance to Your Majesty. How would I dare have any schemes? I’m simply speaking the truth.”

Pei Tianlu directly said to Lu Chen, “Your Majesty, since this old man has sworn allegiance to you, the Chiyue Dynasty naturally belongs to you. You can seize the Chiyue Dynasty’s Qi Fortune at any time, I just hope you can spare my descendants’ lives.”

Seeing through their schemes, Lu Chen said calmly, “Alright, let’s take things step by step. First the Chiyue Dynasty, then the Qingyun Dynasty.”

He was determined to bring both dynasties under the rule of Daxia, regardless of Pei Tianlu and Qi Shi’s words.

After speaking, Lu Chen retracted his Dharma Form. Pei Tianlu glanced emotionlessly at Qi Shi before heading to the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Qi Shi originally intended to take this opportunity to send a message to Qi Hongguang to prepare him, but sensing the lingering Power of Slaughter in the void, he quickly abandoned the idea.

Qi Shi didn’t know that even if he hadn’t given up his little schemes, with the Soul Control Seal, he wouldn’t be able to transmit any information from here.

Chapter 1346: Ye Family Runs Away

In the void, an elder covered in injuries was dragging his exhausted body while frantically fleeing, glancing back from time to time.

Even though no one was following, Ye Hongyun still did not relax his vigilance.

He had witnessed that woman's methods. The last time they escaped, the mad woman suddenly appeared right in front of them.

If it weren't for Qi Zong and Qi Shi holding her back, she might have appeared on his escape route in the next moment to block his way.

Just thinking about that woman in a red dress exuding overwhelming Evil Qi filled his heart with immense fear.

At this moment, Ye Hongyun felt somewhat fortunate; luckily, he possessed the Divine Skill of "Fortune-Life Exchange." If not for this Divine Skill, he would have already perished by now.

While fleeing, Ye Hongyun muttered to himself, "Ancestor Qi, don't blame this old man. I didn't expect such a killing god to be hiding here, and I paid a terrible price too."

Thinking about his use of the Fortune-Life Exchange Divine Skill made Ye Hongyun feel pained.

The so-called Fortune-Life Exchange meant that no matter what dangerous situation he found himself in, as long as he sacrificed all his life's fortune and wealth, he could instantly escape danger. Even a Ninth Layer Great Emperor couldn't hold him back.

This escape Divine Skill was indeed very powerful.

But for someone who pursued the Dao through commerce, wealth was extremely important to him.

Once the Fortune-Life Exchange Divine Skill was used, he would no longer be able to retain any wealth in the future, and his path would come to an end, making it impossible for him to further enhance his strength.

However, Ye Hongyun didn't regret it at all now. Although advancing his strength further would be difficult, at least he survived.

Soon, Ye Hongyun returned to the Chiyue Dynasty.

Back in the Chiyue Dynasty, he immediately gathered all the core members of the Ye Family and led them away from the Chiyue Dynasty.

Ye Hongyun didn't even explain to the Ye Family why they had to leave the Chiyue Dynasty. But seeing their ancestor so panic-stricken and covered in injuries, the Ye Family members quickly guessed that their attack on the Daxia Dynasty had failed and that they had most likely encountered an unmovable force.

The relocation of the entire Ye Family soon reached the ears of Pei Wenfu, the current Moon Emperor of the Chiyue Dynasty.

Chiyue Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

Pei Wenfu, seated in the grand hall, glanced at the officials present, "Who can tell Us why the Ye Family chose this moment to relocate their entire clan out of the Chiyue Dynasty?"

Hearing Pei Wenfu's question, the officials in the hall looked at each other, having heard no news at all.

Currently, the Chiyue Dynasty is merely a vassal state of the Qingyun Dynasty. The Qingyun Dynasty wouldn't notify the Chiyue Dynasty even if they passed through, and in addition, Pei Wenfu has been indulging in pleasures and lost interest in state affairs, leaving him completely unaware of the Ye Family's alliance with the Qingyun Dynasty to attack the Daxia Dynasty.

However, Pei Wenfu wasn't a fool. The Ye Family had existed in the Chiyue Dynasty for untold years, even before the dynasty was established.

How could they just decide to relocate all of a sudden? There must be trouble on their end. Pei Wenfu now feared that the trouble the Ye Family encountered might also become his own trouble.

Seeing no one in the hall answering his question, Pei Wenfu roared in anger:

“Investigate, search for Me!”

“I want to see what kind of trick the Ye Family is playing!”

At this moment, an official suddenly stepped forward and said, “Your Majesty, a member of the Ye Family mentioned something to this humble servant a few days ago. I’m not sure if it’s related to their entire clan’s relocation.”

Pei Wenfu immediately said, “Speak!”

That official immediately responded, “A member of the Ye Family told this humble servant that they planned to ally with another dynasty to attack the Daxia Dynasty. If they succeeded in conquering the Daxia Dynasty, all the Starship manufacturing methods would belong to the Ye Family.”

Upon hearing this, Pei Wenfu fell into deep contemplation. After a long while, his expression became extremely grim.

The Ye Family went to attack the Daxia Dynasty and ended up relocating their entire clan. What does this imply?

It means the Ye Family hit an unmovable force and fled.

The Ye Family is a clan of the Chiyue Dynasty. Even though they rarely interfered in state affairs, they had always been part of the Chiyue Dynasty. To the Ye Family’s enemies, the Chiyue Dynasty might seem like the backing force of the Ye Family.

Now that the Ye Family has been defeated and fled, will their enemies come seeking retribution, blaming the Chiyue Dynasty for everything the Ye Family did?

If that's the case, the Chiyue Dynasty will face yet another crisis, and his throne will be at risk.

Thinking of this, Pei Wenfu unhesitatingly ordered the eunuch in the hall, "Quickly, summon the envoy of the Qingyun Dynasty."

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A quarter of an hour later.

The Imperial Palace, within the Royal Garden.

Pei Wenfu sat on a stone bench in the garden, restless and uneasy. The throne he worked so hard to stabilize was something he didn't want to lose over the Ye Family's mess.

No matter who the Ye Family offended or what forces, he believed that as long as he sought the Qingyun Dynasty, everything could be resolved.

After all, the Qingyun Dynasty had three Great Emperors. In the surrounding Star Domain, no other dynasty had three Great Emperors. As long as the Qingyun Dynasty spoke, the force the Ye Family offended shouldn't come for him.

Clearly, this time Pei Wenfu's plan was bound to fail. He wouldn't always be lucky enough to find help.

After an unknown amount of time, a soft voice resounded in the pavilion, "Your Majesty seems quite urgent, may I know what for?"

A man in a long purple dress suddenly appeared, leaning against a pillar of the pavilion.

Feng Tengfei, having arrived in the Chiyue Dynasty, was seeing Pei Wenfu this frantic for the first time. Even when Pei Wenfu was trying to secure his throne, he hadn't been this panicked.

Seeing Feng Tengfei arrive, Pei Wenfu sighed with some relief and said directly, "The Ye Family has relocated their entire clan. I heard they recently allied with another dynasty to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Now they've relocated in a hurry, which probably means they hit an unmovable force."

"I'm worried that the Daxia Dynasty might come to attack the Chiyue Dynasty. I hope Envoy Feng can quickly relay this news to Emperor Yun."

Hearing this, Feng Tengfei was stunned. His expression quickly turned extremely serious, "What did Your Majesty say? The Ye Family relocated their entire clan from the Chiyue Dynasty?"

He had been in seclusion recently and wasn't aware of external events, but he had long heard about the Ye Family's plan to ally with the Qingyun Dynasty to attack the Daxia Dynasty.

Now that the Ye Family had fled, does it mean that even an alliance between the Ye Family and the Qingyun Dynasty wasn't enough to defeat the Daxia Dynasty?

Pei Wenfu said, "Yes, and they left in such a hurry, leaving many things behind."

After receiving Pei Wenfu's confirmation, Feng Tengfei didn't hesitate at all and said to Pei Wenfu, "Your Majesty, I have other matters to attend to. I'll take my leave now and will return with any news."

As soon as he finished speaking, Feng Tengfei's body disappeared on the spot. Seeing Feng Tengfei's panic after hearing about the Ye Family, Pei Wenfu was immediately filled with a sense of foreboding.

Chapter 1347: The Panicked Pei Wenfu

Feng Tengfei returned to his secret chamber for cultivation after leaving the palace of the Chiyue Dynasty, then took out the token of Emperor Yun, Qi Hongguang, and contacted Qi Hongguang directly through the token.

In just a moment, Qi Hongguang's projection appeared in the chamber.

Seeing it was Feng Tengfei, Qi Hongguang was somewhat curious. Feng Tengfei had been sent by him to the Chiyue Dynasty to monitor Pei Wenfu. Now that the Chiyue Dynasty had been completely controlled by the Qingyun Dynasty, theoretically, there shouldn't be anything amiss. Why was Feng Tengfei looking for him?

Qi Hongguang asked, "What is it?"

Feng Tengfei quickly said, "Your Majesty, Pei Wenfu just told me that the Ye Family has relocated the entire clan from the Chiyue Dynasty, and they left in a great hurry."

Upon hearing Feng Tengfei's report, Qi Hongguang's mind froze.

The Ye Family and the Qingyun Dynasty had joined forces to attack the Great Sum. Their old ancestor from Qingyun Dynasty hadn't sent back any news yet, and the Ye Family had already fled. What does that indicate?

It suggests that something has possibly gone wrong.

Qi Hongguang found it hard to believe; these are three Great Emperors. Even if their ancestor's guess was wrong, if the Great Sum truly had two Great Emperors, three against two, the chance of winning should be high.

Even if the three Great Emperors were not able to defeat the Great Sum, with their cultivation states, it shouldn't be difficult to withdraw from the battlefield and send out messages.

Why hadn't he received any news, while the Ye Family took such drastic action?

If they met some danger that even their ancestor couldn't send a message, then with Ye Hongyun's strength, he certainly couldn't either.

What exactly happened that made the Ye Family decide to relocate from the Chiyue Dynasty?

No, he must find out the reason.

Immediately, Qi Hongguang told Feng Tengfei, “Catch up with the Ye Family at once and find out why they fled the Chiyue Dynasty.”

Feng Tengfei said, “Yes, Your Majesty.”

As soon as Feng Tengfei finished speaking, Qi Hongguang’s projection swiftly dissipated.

After snapping back to reality, Qi Hongguang promptly dispatched someone to investigate the situation in the Great Sum.

In the following days, Qi Hongguang constantly lived in anxiety.

If even the three Great Emperors couldn’t defeat the Great Sum, and their ancestor couldn’t send back even a trace of information, it indicated that the Great Sum’s emperor’s strength far surpassed their ancestor.

If the Great Sum came knocking, alone, he might not be able to stand a chance.

Qi Hongguang was unwilling to believe the outcome he anticipated. How could an emperor with such overpowering strength appear in the edge of the universe star domain?

Once an emperor’s strength reaches a certain level, they would either go to the Central Star Domain or the Outer Domain; they wouldn’t lurk in such a fringe star domain.

Qi Hongguang comforted himself inwardly: maybe the Ye Family’s relocation from the Chiyue Dynasty was simply an order from their ancestor before leaving.

Actually, within Qi Hongguang's heart, he was well aware that Ye Hongyun would never issue an order for the clan's relocation while attacking the Great Sum, unless something happened. But Qi Hongguang was unwilling to believe that there was indeed an incident.

Meanwhile.

In the void, more than a dozen Immortal Boats were flying towards the distant horizon at the fastest speed.

On the Immortal Boats, people's expressions appeared very bewildered. Though the Ye Family had already guessed that something might have gone wrong during the attack on the Great Sum.

They still couldn't understand how three Great Emperors attacking a dynasty with supposedly only two Great Emperors could result in such trouble, even causing their ancestor to order a complete clan relocation.

The Ye Family had taken root in the Chiyue Dynasty for countless years, their history even longer than that of the Chiyue Dynasty.

Ye Hongyun stood on the deck of the Immortal Boat, his face full of melancholy. At that moment, a Ye Family disciple approached Ye Hongyun and asked, "Ancestor, what exactly happened? Why are we in such a hurry to leave the Chiyue Dynasty?"

Ye Hongyun sighed deeply, "The Great Sum has an Emperor who proves Tao through slaughter."

Upon hearing this, all the Ye Family disciples present were stunned.

Just Ye Hongyun's single sentence was enough to make them understand why Ye Hongyun returned so wretchedly.

No wonder their ancestor fled without a word, relocating the entire clan. Offending an Emperor who proves Tao through slaughter, if they didn't escape quickly, it wouldn't be long before the Ye Family would be thoroughly exterminated.

How could an Emperor possessing the Power of Slaughter end up hiding in such a remote star domain? Their luck must have been terribly bad!

For a moment, a depressive atmosphere shrouded the entire Immortal Boat.

After a while, another Ye Family disciple asked, “Ancestor, where should we go next?”

Ye Hongyun swept his gaze over the Ye Family disciples present, about to speak. Suddenly, someone shouted, “Everyone look, what is that?”

Upon hearing this, Ye Hongyun immediately looked in the direction the person pointed, only to see some blood-red threads appearing in the void.

Feeling the Curse Power within those blood-red threads, Ye Hongyun’s face changed dramatically, “This is bad, it’s Curse Power!”

He immediately left the Immortal Boat, manifesting his Law Manifestation, intending to resist the Curse Power. But soon, the blood-red threads flew into the bodies of the Ye Family members.

Some Ye Family members couldn’t withstand the Curse Power, their bodies exploded and died outright.

Seeing this scene, Ye Hongyun’s eyes turned blood red. From the aura of this power, he instantly understood who cast the curse on the Ye Family.

Watching one Ye Family disciple after another perish before him, Ye Hongyun roared loudly.

“Qi Zong!!!”

Ye Hongyun exerted all his strength, eventually managing to block a small portion of the Curse Power.

When Ye Hongyun's gaze fell on the Ye Family disciples, he found that most of them had a red mark on their foreheads.

Ye Hongyun grabbed someone's hand, inspecting that person's body, intending to use Spiritual Power to dispel the curse.

But quickly he found that the curse had deeply penetrated the Divine Soul; even as an emperor, it was very difficult to completely remove the curse.

Seeing the Ye Family disciples suffering one by one, Ye Hongyun's heart was burning with rage, but there was no way to vent this anger.

Judging by the strength of the Curse Power, Qi Zong must have exhausted all his power. Likely, Qi Zong was already killed by that crazy woman. Even if he wanted revenge, he couldn't find anyone to take it out on.

Should he just let it go?

Ye Hongyun clenched his withered hand, but after a moment, his fist slowly relaxed.

A flood of rage ultimately transformed into a deep sigh.

The mastermind was dead, and he couldn't afford to offend that crazy woman wielding the Power of Slaughter. Now the priority was to find a new settlement for the Ye Family.

Thinking of this, Ye Hongyun helped the Ye Family disciples temporarily suppress the curse and then led the Ye Family deeper into the universe.

The Chiyue Dynasty, the Imperial Palace.

Pei Wenfu walked back and forth in the hall. Some days had passed already, but there was no news from Feng Tengfei.

Seeing Feng Tengfei's urgent expression last time, he realized that something significant might be about to happen. But after so many days, there hadn't been any movement from the Qingyun Dynasty.

Pei Wenfu muttered to himself, "The Ye Family must have heard something; certainly some enemy is coming."

The more Pei Wenfu thought, the more anxious he became. He then said to the guard at the door, "Tell the Envoy that I have something to discuss."

Pei Wenfu intended to inquire further about the Ye Family from Feng Tengfei. Seeing Feng Tengfei leaving in such a hurry, he must have known some inside information.

Chapter 1348: The Daxia Dynasty Advances

Pei Wenfu had just sent a guard to summon Feng Tengfei when another guard rushed into the grand hall, "Your Majesty, something terrible has happened!!!"

Seeing the guard's panicked expression, Pei Wenfu's heart jolted. He hurriedly asked, "Quick, what's the matter?"

The guard replied, "A large number of Immortal Boats have appeared in the Biyun Star Domain!!!"

Hearing this, Pei Wenfu's face turned pale, "It's over... The Ye Family has indeed provoked a powerful enemy..."

Pei Wenfu quickly realized that this enemy must be targeting the Ye Family and had little to do with the Chiyue Dynasty. If he lowered his stance a bit, could he possibly get through this crisis?

Besides, he had the Qingyun Dynasty backing him. Even if the Ye Family's enemies truly intended to attack the Chiyue Dynasty under the Ye Family's pretext, wouldn't they need to seek the Qingyun Dynasty's consent?

With this thought, Pei Wenfu personally went to Feng Tengfei's residence, planning to ask Feng Tengfei to request aid from the Qingyun Dynasty.

Upon arriving at Feng Tengfei's residence, Pei Wenfu immediately said to the household staff, "Where is Envoy Feng? I have urgent matters to discuss with Envoy Feng."

The servant answered, "Your Majesty, Envoy Feng has already left the Imperial Capital."

Upon hearing this reply, Pei Wenfu felt as if the sky had fallen. Of all times, Feng Tengfei had left now.

Without Feng Tengfei, how could he establish contact with the Qingyun Dynasty?

Pei Wenfu quickly asked, "Did Envoy Feng leave any words before he departed?"

The servant thought for a moment before saying, "Envoy Feng said he would return soon."

Pei Wenfu fell into contemplation. Could it be that Feng Tengfei had long been aware of the impending crisis for the Chiyue Dynasty?

Just as Pei Wenfu was in a daze, one of his trusted aides rushed over to him, "Your Majesty, something terrible has happened. The Daxia Dynasty has launched an attack against us, and several star domains surrounding the Biyun Star Domain have already been occupied by the Daxia Dynasty's army."

Pei Wenfu was startled. How could it be so fast?

He snapped back to reality and asked, "How many Great Emperors does the Daxia Dynasty have?"

In Pei Wenfu's estimation, for the Daxia Dynasty to capture the Biyun Star Domain and surrounding domains so quickly, they must have mobilized their Great Emperors.

Without Great Emperors, considering the strengths of the Quasi-Emperors near the Biyun Star Domain, they should have been able to hold out for some time.

However, the trusted aide replied, “Your... Your Majesty, the Daxia Dynasty... hasn’t... hasn’t mobilized any Great Emperors!”

Hearing his trusted aide’s response, Pei Wenfu was completely stunned.

The Daxia Dynasty hadn’t even mobilized their Great Emperors, yet the Chiyue Dynasty had already lost several star domains?

Is the Daxia Dynasty really that powerful? He recalled the intelligence report stating that the Daxia Dynasty was merely a newly established empire.

How could a newly established dynasty possess such formidable combat power without mobilizing their Great Emperors?

Seeing Pei Wenfu’s gloomy expression, the trusted aide hesitated to speak further. Pei Wenfu’s gaze was fixed intensely on the face of the guard reporting the battle news.

Seeing the trusted aide still holding something back, Pei Wenfu coldly said, “Any more bad news? Speak!”

The trusted aide stammered, “According to our intelligence, the Domain Lords and Realm Masters of those star domains offered no resistance... They... they just surrendered outright.”

Pei Wenfu was first stunned, then a burst of fury overtook him, his gloomy face turning visibly red.

“Traitors, a bunch of traitors!!!”

He knew that without mobilizing their Great Emperors, how could the Daxia Dynasty advance so quickly? It turned out his own people had directly surrendered.

Pei Wenfu roared, “I gave them autonomy, allowed them to act as they pleased within their star domains, what more dissatisfaction could they have, to betray me at this critical moment!!!”

Pei Wenfu drew his sword and started slashing at the things in Feng Tengfei’s courtyard.

But at that moment, a stern voice rang out, “Who has angered Your Majesty to provoke such fury?”

Hearing the voice, Pei Wenfu immediately stopped. He turned toward the direction of the voice.

Seeing that Feng Tengfei had returned, Pei Wenfu looked as if he’d seen a lifeline. He quickly approached and said, “Envoy Feng, you finally returned. I thought the Qingyun Dynasty was planning to abandon the Chiyue Dynasty.”

Feng Tengfei said, “What are you talking about, Your Majesty? Since the Chiyue Dynasty is a vassal of the Qingyun Dynasty, no matter what happens to the Chiyue Dynasty, the Qingyun Dynasty will assist.”

“Tell me, Your Majesty, what happened during my absence?”

Pei Wenfu replied, “The Daxia Dynasty has launched an attack on the Chiyue Dynasty, already occupying the Biyun Star Domain and several nearby star domains, and now they seem to be advancing toward the Emperor Star.”

Feng Tengfei was momentarily stunned, his previously stern expression becoming even more grave.

The Daxia Dynasty has advanced this quickly?

Then Feng Tengfei told Pei Wenfu, “Your Majesty, I need to report to Emperor Yun immediately. We will continue our conversation later.”

With that, Feng Tengfei's body vanished, and he quickly entered his secluded chamber, activating Qi Hongguang's token upon arrival.

As Qi Hongguang's projection appeared in the chamber, Feng Tengfei immediately said, "Your Majesty, the Daxia Dynasty has suddenly launched an attack on the Chiyue Dynasty, and several star domains under the Chiyue Dynasty's rule have already been occupied."

Like Feng Tengfei, Qi Hongguang was stunned upon hearing this news.

But he quickly collected himself and asked, "Have you found out the reason for the Ye Family's mass migration?"

Feng Tengfei immediately knelt and said, "Forgive me, Your Majesty; I moved as quickly as possible toward the direction of the Ye Family's migration but found no trace of them. Concerned about leaving the Chiyue Dynasty unattended for too long, I had my clone continue searching for the Ye Family while I returned to the Chiyue Dynasty."

Qi Hongguang did not blame Feng Tengfei. Given the Ye Family's long-established status, possessing means to hide their tracks was normal. It was expected that Feng Tengfei would not easily find the Ye Family's Immortal Boats.

Qi Hongguang had not expected Feng Tengfei to uncover the exact reasons for the Ye Family's migration. He anticipated that his own intelligence agents would soon return with the Royal Ancestor's information.

Even if his agents did not return, he had already realized that his ancestors were likely in dire straits.

Initially, the Ye Family allied with the Qingyun Dynasty to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Now, however, their ancestor had lost contact, the Ye Family had fled, and the Daxia Dynasty's army had redirected to attack the Chiyue Dynasty.

Clearly, their ancestor had been defeated, or else how could the Daxia Dynasty muster strength to attack the Chiyue Dynasty at this time?

Qi Hongguang fell silent for a moment. The chamber grew cold and quiet, sweat streaming down Feng Tengfei's back.

After a while, Qi Hongguang spoke, "Enough, you may return."

Feng Tengfei quickly asked, "Your Majesty, what should we do about the Moon Emperor?"

Qi Hongguang, with an expressionless demeanor, replied, "Let him fend for himself."

If his suspicions proved correct, then even the Qingyun Dynasty would struggle to protect itself, leaving no resources to aid the Chiyue Dynasty.

Since the Daxia Dynasty aimed to first attack the Qingyun Dynasty, it fitted well for the Qingyun Dynasty to utilize this time and prepare sufficiently while the Daxia Dynasty engaged the Chiyue Dynasty.

With the support of Dynast Qi Fortune, no matter how strong the Daxia Dynasty was, there would still be some resistance.

Chapter 1349: The Chiyue Dynasty Seeks a Truce

Pei Wenfu at this moment had no idea he'd been abandoned. Once Feng Tengfei received Qi Hongguang's order, he immediately left the Chiyue Dynasty without even informing Pei Wenfu. Pei Wenfu was still foolishly waiting in the courtyard.

However, as night fell, Pei Wenfu noticed that Feng Tengfei had yet to emerge. He started to panic and hurriedly said to the servants at Feng Tengfei's residence, "Where is Envoy Feng? Why hasn't he come out yet? Go see what Envoy Feng is doing."

Pei Wenfu sensed that something was wrong. Feng Tengfei was merely reporting some matters to Emperor Yun; it shouldn't have taken this long.

Despite Pei Wenfu's order, the servants at Feng Tengfei's residence didn't act on it. After all, Feng Tengfei was an envoy from the Qingyun Dynasty, and even Pei Wenfu,

the Emperor, didn't dare to disturb him casually. How could these servants dare to disobey Pei Wenfu?

Seeing the servants standing still, Pei Wenfu was infuriated. "What? After becoming Envoy Feng's servants, you no longer fear me? You don't listen to my orders anymore?"

The servants quickly knelt down upon hearing this, but still, none went to look for Feng Tengfei.

Seeing the frightened expressions on the servants' faces, Pei Wenfu's anger surged. Yet, since they served Feng Tengfei, he truly didn't dare to do anything to them.

Pei Wenfu coldly snorted, deciding not to trouble the servants any further. He walked straight to the main hall of Feng Tengfei's residence and called out loudly, "Envoy Feng, are you there?"

"Envoy Feng?"

Pei Wenfu became more anxious with each call. Given Feng Tengfei's status as a Saint, he should have heard Pei Wenfu calling for him in the Imperial Palace. How could there be no response for so long?

Pei Wenfu then instructed his trusted aide, "Immediately send someone to find Envoy Feng!"

"Yes, Your Majesty!"

Shortly after, Pei Wenfu and his trusted aides searched the entire residence of Feng Tengfei, but still, they did not find any trace of him.

They even searched Feng Tengfei's secret chamber but found nothing.

Standing at the doorway of the secret chamber late at night, Pei Wenfu's face darkened. He now realized that the Qingyun Dynasty had abandoned the Chiyue Dynasty.

With a face full of resentment, Pei Wenfu muttered, “Damn it, that Feng must have escaped!”

“I can’t just sit and wait for death.”

Since the Qingyun Dynasty could no longer be relied upon, he could only depend on himself. Turning to his trusted aide, Pei Wenfu commanded, “Immediately gather all the ministers!”

In his mind, Pei Wenfu thought it was simply a matter of changing allegiance. As long as he was sincere enough, he believed the Daxia Dynasty would accept his loyalty as the Qingyun Dynasty had.

After all, stripping an empire of its complete Qi Fortune wasn’t an easy task.

Dynast Qi Fortune was closely linked to the empire’s citizens. Without the majority of the people’s consent, the gained Qi Fortune would be significantly reduced. This was why the Qingyun Dynasty hadn’t immediately eradicated the Chiyue Dynasty.

As long as the Chiyue Dynasty had loyalists and people unwilling to surrender, other dynasties couldn’t completely strip its Qi Fortune.

The Qingyun Dynasty had allowed Pei Wenfu to remain emperor to turn him into a foolish ruler, making the people completely lose their sense of belonging to the Chiyue Dynasty. This way, the Qingyun Dynasty could easily strip away the Chiyue Dynasty’s Qi Fortune.

Pei Wenfu understood that the people’s will was key to the empire’s Qi Fortune. He believed that if he could help the Daxia Dynasty shift the Chu Yue Dynasty’s people’s hearts towards them, the Daxia Dynasty would likely support him as a puppet emperor.

As for his descendants, he didn’t care. As long as he remained emperor during his lifetime.

Deep into the night, in Xuanzheng Hall.

In the grand hall, the ministers whispered among themselves. Most of the ministers already knew why Pei Wenfu had called them to court so late.

The Daxia Dynasty had conquered several star domains in a short span of time. Pei Wenfu couldn't possibly remain unshaken.

Soon, the eunuch's voice rang out, "His Majesty arrives!"

Instantly, the grand hall fell silent. All eyes turned to the Dragon Throne. After Pei Wenfu walked from the side hall to sit on the Dragon Throne, he immediately declared, "Dear ministers, I summoned you at this late hour because the Chiyue Dynasty faces a life-and-death crisis. Some of you might have heard about the incident in the Biyun Star Domain."

At this moment, a minister who didn't know what happened in the Biyun Star Domain asked, "Your Majesty, what happened in the Biyun Star Domain?"

Pei Wenfu replied, "The Ye Family angered the Daxia Dynasty, leading the Daxia Dynasty to attack the Chiyue Dynasty. Now, the Daxia army has already occupied the Biyun Star Domain and its neighboring domains."

As soon as Pei Wenfu finished speaking, the grand hall erupted in chaos.

"What? The Biyun Star Domain has fallen?"

"How could it fall so quickly? There are at least ten Quasi-Emperors near the Biyun Star Domain. How could it fall so quickly? Could it be a Great Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty intervened?"

"What should we do now?"

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Seeing the chaos in the grand hall, just as Pei Wenfu was about to speak, a minister stood up and said, “Your Majesty, we must immediately inform Envoy Feng and request the Qingyun Dynasty to send a Great Emperor. Otherwise, with our current strength, we can’t possibly resist a force with a Great Emperor.”

Pei Wenfu glanced at the speaker and then, with no expression, said, “I informed Feng Tengfei of this news immediately, but upon hearing it, he left the Chiyue Dynasty at once and is now missing.”

With these words, the grand hall fell utterly silent. Feng Tengfei was the observer sent by the Qingyun Dynasty to monitor the Chiyue Dynasty’s royal family. Now, upon hearing of the Daxia Dynasty’s attack, not only did he not assist, but he also fled directly.

What did this indicate?

It suggested that Feng Tengfei likely knew some intelligence about the Daxia Dynasty and that the Daxia Dynasty’s strength had reached a level that even the Qingyun Dynasty dared not provoke. Otherwise, why would Feng Tengfei, as an envoy of the Qingyun Dynasty, flee so swiftly?

For a moment, the entire hall was dead silent. The Ye Family had fled long ago, and now that the Ye Family was gone, the Daxia Dynasty would undoubtedly vent its anger on the Chiyue Dynasty.

The fact that the Daxia Dynasty could occupy the Biyun Star Domain and its neighboring domains so swiftly demonstrated that they had enough power to conquer the entire Chiyue Dynasty.

Seeing the silent ministers, Pei Wenfu asked, “Does anyone have a plan to resolve this crisis?”

At this point, the previously speaking minister said, “Your Majesty, since this incident was caused by the Ye Family and they have already fled, it has nothing to do with us.”

“Why don’t we proactively propose a truce and apologize to the Daxia Dynasty? With enough sincerity, I believe the Daxia Dynasty will agree.”

As soon as he finished speaking, an elderly man with white hair coldly snorted and said, “A truce? Ridiculous! Guardian Li, why don’t you simply suggest we become the Daxia Dynasty’s lackeys?”

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Upon hearing the peculiar tone in the elder’s voice within the grand hall, Pei Wenfu’s face instantly darkened.

How could he not discern that this old thing was mocking him?

Pei Wenfu glanced at the elder, then coldly asked, “I wonder what good solutions Minister Pei has?”

Pei Nian, unperturbed, said, “The Great Sum Dynasty is coming with great force, occupying the Biyun Star Domain in such a short time, clearly aiming to annihilate us.”

“Even if Your Majesty proposes negotiations, the other side won’t agree. We should abandon our illusions, not think of compromising again like we did with the Qingyun Dynasty.”

Pei Nian was a follower of Pei Shuhua and also a member of the royal family. When Pei Shuhua’s coup failed, Pei Wenfu purged many of Shuhua’s associates but left some.

Most of the royal family stood with Pei Shuhua. If Pei Wenfu had purged them all, there would be no one left in the royal family.

It was because Pei Wenfu spared some that these royal members would occasionally jump out to disgust him, which greatly annoyed Pei Wenfu.

He had killed countless members of the royal family, yet there were always more, fearless of death.

Seeing Pei Wenfu's face sink to the extreme, the guardian envoy who was previously reprimanded by Pei Nian hurriedly spoke, "Pei Nian, what do you mean by this? Are you questioning His Majesty's authority?"

"If not for His Majesty's mercy back then, you would have long been dead. How dare you spout such nonsense here!"

"You know the strength of the Great Sum Dynasty, yet you want the Chiyue Dynasty to confront them head-on? What is your true intent?"

At this, the guardian envoy made a deep bow towards Pei Wenfu on the dragon throne, saying, "Your Majesty, Pei Nian harbors ill intentions. I implore Your Majesty to investigate Pei Nian thoroughly!"

As his words fell, many ministers in the hall echoed, "We implore Your Majesty to investigate Pei Nian thoroughly!"

Pei Nian looked coldly at the guardian envoy, not caring about his impeachment.

Pei Wenfu glanced at Pei Nian and said expressionlessly, “Minister Pei, your days are numbered. It’s best to stay home and enjoy your remaining years. No need to worry about state affairs.”

Hearing this, Pei Nian did not argue and directly said, “Thank you, Your Majesty, for your grace. The old minister takes his leave.”

With that, Pei Nian turned and left the hall.

Seeing that this hardliner had already left, the remaining ministers naturally understood their emperor’s current stance. Soon, Pei Wenfu and the ministers reached a consensus for the Chiyue Dynasty to submit to the Great Sum Dynasty.

After the court meeting, some royal family members came to Pei Nian’s residence. A member with a bitter expression asked, “Uncle, what should we do now? His Majesty has decided to submit to the Great Sum Dynasty.”

Anyone with eyes could see that the Great Sum Dynasty aimed to destroy the Chiyue Dynasty, yet that foolish emperor still thought of selling out the country for personal gain.

Pei Nian sighed deeply, “His decisions are beyond our control.”

“He knows better than anyone what the Great Sum Dynasty intends. The so-called negotiation is just a ploy to use the Dynast Qi Fortune to secure his throne.”

A royal member spoke, “Once His Majesty truly submits to the Great Sum Dynasty, the Chiyue Dynasty will completely lose the people’s heart. His action will only hasten the downfall of the Chiyue Dynasty.”

As members of the royal family, they could sense the rapid decline of the Chiyue Dynasty’s fortune. The people were increasingly disappointed in the dynasty and the royal family.

Once disappointment turned into despair, and the Chiyue Dynasty lost the people’s heart, its fortune would be easily stripped by other dynasties. Without the Dynast Qi Fortune, the Chiyue Dynasty would collapse.

They knew a dynasty without a Great Emperor could hardly resist an attack from a power that had one, but they did not want to see the Chiyue Dynasty fall to ruin.

Even if there was a sliver of hope, they were willing to try. As royal members, their fortune was tied to the Dynast Qi Fortune.

Once the Chiyue Dynasty perished and the Dynast Qi Fortune dissipated, their fortune would also quickly fade. Without it, even if the Pei Family survived, their future would be increasingly difficult.

This is why the descendants of most fallen dynasties have bleak fates.

After a moment of contemplation, Pei Nian said, “No, we cannot let His Majesty succeed. I must personally go to the front line to resist the Great Sum invasion!”

Since Pei Wenfu dared not wage war with the Great Sum Dynasty, the royal family must step forward. They must not bow to another dynasty again; they had to rally the hearts of the Chiyue Dynasty and stabilize its Dynast Qi Fortune.

Pei Nian thought, since he had no hope of breaking through to the Great Emperor Realm in this life and his time was almost up, he might as well die on the battlefield.

For the past few years, Pei Wenfu had the backing of the Qingyun Dynasty, and he did not dare openly oppose him.

But now, even Feng Tengfei had fled, and it was clear that the Qingyun Dynasty could not afford to offend the Great Sum Dynasty. With no one behind Pei Wenfu, why should he fear such a minor Saint?

Immediately, Pei Nian gathered a large group of royal family members and led troops to the front line overnight. They knew they were unlikely to be a match for the Great Sum Dynasty, but they could not let Pei Wenfu's plan succeed. Their deaths did not matter.

As long as these royal members appeared on the battlefield, they would be seen by the people of the Chiyue Dynasty, and those loyal to them, preventing the complete loss of their hearts.

With the people's heart in place, the Dynast Qi Fortune would remain, and their descendants would continue to be protected by it.

Meanwhile.

Biyun Star Domain.

The Feihong Immortal Boat floated silently above the Wind Sea World. On the deck, Lu Chen glanced at the dozen or so Quasi-Emperors before him and asked with a smile, “Aren’t you afraid Moon Emperor will let the Qingyun Dynasty hold you accountable for betraying the Chiyue Dynasty?”

A Quasi-Emperor replied, “What’s there to fear? If His Majesty Pei Wenfu, the ruler of the dynasty, can surrender to another, why can’t we?”

“Your choice is very wise. I accept your allegiance. Just so, I have someone I want you to meet.”

At this, Lu Chen turned and said, “Elder Pei, you may come out now.”

As Lu Chen’s words fell, Pei Tianlu’s figure slowly materialized.

Seeing Pei Tianlu, the Quasi-Emperors present were stunned.

Many of them had been personally trained by Pei Tianlu. After Pei Shuhua’s failed coup, Pei Wenfu had exiled them to the edges of the Chiyue Dynasty.

They all thought Pei Tianlu was undoubtedly dead, never expecting to see him again at this moment.

Moreover, the death qi around Pei Tianlu had dissipated, indicating he had survived his death tribulation.

A Quasi-Emperor asked in disbelief, “Your Majesty... Is it really you? Are you still alive?”

Seeing these Quasi-Emperors, Pei Tianlu felt conflicted. Many were his trainees, and now they had betrayed the Chiyue Dynasty. But then again, he had also betrayed the dynasty, so how could he blame them?

Pei Tianlu sighed deeply, “I have wronged you; the Chiyue Dynasty has wronged you.”