

## Es. Benefits 1351

Chapter 1351: Why Does This Law Manifestation Look So Much Like the Ancestor's Law Manifestation?

As soon as Pei Tianlu finished speaking, a Quasi-Emperor hurriedly said, "Your Majesty, what are you saying? It is we who have failed to protect the Chiyue Dynasty and even surrendered to the enemy."

Pei Tianlu responded, "I am now loyal to the Heavenly Emperor and no longer your emperor. Do not address me like that in the future."

Everyone's gaze fell on Lu Chen. They knew that the person in front of them was a Great Emperor, but they were somewhat puzzled. How could Pei Tianlu, with his strength, willingly serve this young Great Emperor?

Pei Tianlu continued, "It is not your fault; after all, the Chiyue Dynasty wronged you first. Besides, the Daxia Dynasty should not be considered your enemy."

Everyone thought about it and found it made some sense. Since the founder of the Chiyue Dynasty had already pledged allegiance to the emperor of the Daxia Dynasty, as Pei Tianlu's followers, it seemed reasonable for them to do the same for this Heavenly Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty.

At this moment, those dozen Quasi-Emperors spoke in unison to Lu Chen, "We pay our respects to Your Majesty, the Heavenly Emperor!"

Lu Chen said, "Stand up, all of you."

"Thank you, Your Majesty!"

This bow from the Quasi-Emperors signified their official departure from the Chiyue Dynasty and their integration into the Daxia Dynasty.

At this moment, a Quasi-Emperor said, “Your Majesty, a few days ago, the entire Ye Family migrated from the Chiyue Dynasty. Is this related to the Daxia Dynasty?”

Pei Tianlu answered on behalf of Lu Chen, “The Ye Family, allied with the Qingyun Dynasty, attacked the Daxia Dynasty. After the Qingyun Dynasty was defeated, the Ye Family’s ancestor used a secret technique to escape the battlefield.”

Upon hearing Pei Tianlu’s answer, the Quasi-Emperors present were shocked. A previously unknown new dynasty had managed to defeat the Ye Family and the Qingyun Dynasty. No wonder the Qingyun Dynasty had not sent reinforcements to the Chiyue Dynasty frontlines.

It seemed this Heavenly Emperor was more formidable than they had imagined.

Indeed, anyone who could earn Pei Tianlu’s wholehearted allegiance could not be an ordinary person.

Lu Chen then said, “All right, we should make haste.”

The Chiyue Dynasty did not even have a Great Emperor. Lu Chen did not plan to waste much time here. He wanted to conquer the Chiyue Dynasty quickly so he could move on to the Qingyun Dynasty.

Subsequently, Lu Chen and his fleet continued their advance towards the Emperor Star of the Chiyue Dynasty.

A month later.

Chiyue Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

In the Imperial Study Room.

Pei Wenfu looked at the war reports sent from various star domains in recent days, his expression extremely grim.

In just one month, over half of the star domains under the Chiyue Dynasty's control had fallen into the hands of the Daxia Dynasty's army.

Pei Wenfu felt something was amiss. He remembered many domain lords were firm supporters of the Chiyue Dynasty, but according to the intelligence gathered, most domain lords had surrendered without any resistance.

This greatly unsettled Pei Wenfu. The mass surrender of domain lords meant that the public's support had crumbled. If they completely lost the public's support, the Chiyue Dynasty's Qi Fortune would easily be stripped away by the Daxia Dynasty.

Feeling anxious, Pei Wenfu muttered, "I wonder if the diplomatic envoy has met with the ruler of the Daxia Dynasty."

At the current pace of the Daxia Dynasty's offensive, it would not be long before their army appeared on the Emperor Star. By then, it would be too late for negotiations.

Pei Wenfu paced back and forth in the Imperial Study Room, desperately trying to think of a way to survive this crisis.

Just then, a guard entered the study with a piece of intelligence, "Your Majesty, something terrible has happened!"

Upon hearing those words, Pei Wenfu's face turned even paler. "Something terrible has happened" was the phrase he had heard most frequently over the past month.

Pei Wenfu impatiently asked, "Which star domain has fallen this time?"

The guard respectfully presented the intelligence, "A number of royal family members, along with a large number of soldiers, have appeared on the frontline, intending to fight the Daxia Dynasty to the death!"

Upon hearing the guard's report, Pei Wenfu's face turned ashen. He quickly took the jade slip from the guard's hands and infused it with spiritual power.

In an instant, the intelligence from the jade slip appeared in mid-air. Seeing the contents, Pei Wenfu's body trembled with fury.

"These old fools! What are they doing!"

"Are they trying to get me killed?"

He had just sent an envoy to the frontline for negotiations, but now these royal family members had taken troops to fight the Daxia Dynasty to the death. If the Daxia Dynasty discovered that these people were royal family members of the Chiyue Dynasty, would their emperor think it was all his doing?

In that case, the negotiations would become a farce.

Pei Wenfu quickly realized that these old folks clearly did not want him to negotiate; they wanted to provoke a war between the Daxia Dynasty and the Chiyue Dynasty.

Clenching his fists, Pei Wenfu made a decision. He could not let those old folks ruin his plans. He would personally go to the frontline to negotiate.

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Tianluo Star Domain.

Several Immortal Boats quietly hovered in the void, facing hundreds of starships glistening with metallic luster.

Pei Nian stood on the deck of an Immortal Boat, feeling a bit intimidated by the sight of such a vast starship fleet.

A soldier beside Pei Nian remarked, "Strange, why hasn't the Daxia Dynasty attacked yet?"

On their way to the frontline, they had heard that the situation at the front was dire: the Daxia Dynasty's army had already occupied half of the Chiyue Dynasty's star domains.

Logically, the Daxia Dynasty should be aiming to take down the entire Chiyue Dynasty at once. So why had they stopped?

Pei Nian was pondering this and was about to send someone to investigate when a figure suddenly appeared in front of their Immortal Boat.

“By order of the Heavenly Emperor, those of the Chiyue Dynasty's royal family who surrender will not be killed!”

Before Pei Nian and his group reached the frontline, Pei Tianlu had already sensed their presence through the Bloodline Power. He realized these Pei Family members did not come to surrender but to fight the Daxia Dynasty to the death.

This gave Pei Tianlu a glimmer of comfort, knowing that not all his descendants were like Pei Wenfu.

Hearing the message in the void, Pei Nian coldly snorted, “Even if we die, we will never surrender.”

As Pei Nian spoke, a Quasi-Emperor of the Pei Family loudly commanded, “Attack! Let these invaders know that our Pei Family's star domains are not so easily taken!”

Immediately, Pei Nian and several Pei Family Quasi-Emperors left the Immortal Boat and attacked the distant starships, intending to destroy them.

However, at that moment, a colossal Golden Body Dharma Form suddenly appeared in front of the Daxia fleet, and a tremendous pressure surged forth.

Feeling the Great Emperor's pressure, Pei Nian and the others gritted their teeth.

The Quasi-Emperors could barely withstand the pressure, but the Saints and cultivators below them suffered immensely, feeling as though their bones were being crushed by the weight.

At this moment, Pei Nian saw the Dharma Form in front of him and was momentarily dazed.

He raised his withered arm and rubbed his eyes.

He could hardly believe his eyes.

This Dharma Form looked astonishingly similar to their ancestral Dharma Form!

Chapter 1352: Great, the Ancestor isn't dead!

At this moment, a Quasi-Emperor of the Pei Family resisted the pressure, perhaps intending to strike at the distant Emperor Dharma Form. They hadn't planned to return alive, so even if they were to attack a Great Emperor, they had no fear.

But before this Quasi-Emperor made his move, Pei Nian hurriedly stopped him, saying, "Wait, don't you find this Dharma Form somewhat familiar?"

Upon hearing Pei Nian's words, the members of the Pei Family began to realize. Although the younger generation of the Pei Family might not have seen Pei Tianlu's Dharma Form, those like Pei Nian, who were Quasi-Emperors, had seen it several times.

At this moment, a Quasi-Emperor of the Pei Family murmured, "Strange, why does this Dharma Form look so much like the ancestor's Dharma Form?"

Upon hearing this, the members of the Pei Family finally realized why this Dharma Form seemed so familiar. Wasn't this exactly how their ancestor's Dharma Form looked?

What was going on? Why would their ancestor's Dharma Form appear in this place?

Several Quasi-Emperors of the Pei Family looked at each other, not knowing what to do next.

At that moment, an elderly voice echoed in the void, “You are commendable. You have not disappointed this old man!”

Upon hearing this voice, Pei Nian’s brain jumbled. If it was merely seeing the Dharma Form, he dared not be 100% sure. But after hearing the voice, he could virtually confirm that this Dharma Form was indeed their ancestor’s.

For a moment, Pei Nian connected all the events of recent times and suddenly understood, saying, “No wonder, no wonder...”

“I wondered why the Star Domains fell so quickly...”

“It’s the ancestor... the ancestor has returned!!!”

As Pei Nian’s voice fell, the other members of the Pei Family also reacted, instantly exciting everyone.

“It’s the ancestor!!!”

“Great, the ancestor hasn’t died!!!”

“The ancestor has returned!!!”

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At this time, Pei Nian, along with several Quasi-Emperors of the Pei Family, respectfully knelt before Pei Tianlu’s Dharma Form and said, “Junior pays respects to the ancestor, welcoming the ancestor back to the court!!!”

Upon hearing this, Pei Tianlu on the Feihong Immortal Boat revealed a bitter smile. He knew the Pei Family hadn't realized he had joined the Daxia Dynasty; they probably still thought he had returned to reclaim power.

Then Pei Tianlu said, "Pei Nian, come here, the old man has something to discuss with you."

Pei Nian and these people were Pei Tianlu's descendants; naturally, Pei Tianlu wouldn't harm them. He needed to clarify his joining the Daxia Dynasty with his descendants.

Upon hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Pei Nian and another Quasi-Emperor did not hesitate at all, transforming into streams of light, arriving swiftly on the Feihong Immortal Boat.

When they saw Pei Tianlu on the deck of the Immortal Boat, free of Death Qi, they were stunned once again.

The ancestor had not only returned but even the Death Qi on his body had vanished. This implied that their ancestor had surpassed the terminal lifespan and reached an even higher Cultivation State?

Pei Nian rushed to Pei Tianlu and asked, "Ancestor, have you surpassed the terminal lifespan?"

Pei Tianlu replied, "More or less."

Pei Nian immediately kneeled and said, "Please, ancestor, return to the court and reclaim the throne!"

Since their ancestor had recovered and transcended the terminal lifespan, the traitor Pei Wenfu should be ousted.

After Pei Nian knelt, the other Quasi-Emperors followed suit, saying, "Please, ancestor, return to the court and reclaim the throne!!!"



Pei Tianlu sighed, saying, “Stand up first, let this old man finish speaking.”

Pei Nian then rose, curious about what Pei Tianlu wanted to say at this moment.

Pei Tianlu then walked to the edge of the Immortal Boat, gazing into the distant void, and sighed deeply.

After a long while, Pei Tianlu finally spoke, saying, “This old man has already pledged allegiance to the Emperor of Great Sum and serves him. From now on, there will be no more Chiyue Dynasty.”

Upon hearing this, Pei Nian and the others were instantly stunned.

They had thought that Pei Tianlu returned to reclaim the throne, but unexpectedly, he had come to help the Daxia Dynasty occupy Chiyue Dynasty.

For a moment, Pei Nian and the others felt complicated inside, unsure of what to say.

Although they were the royal family of Chiyue Dynasty, it was ultimately their ancestor who founded it. Now that the ancestor had joined another force, logically, they should follow him. But to abandon Chiyue Dynasty like this made them reluctant.

They didn’t do it entirely for themselves; if they were solely thinking of themselves, they wouldn’t have come to fight against the Daxia Dynasty.

Their main concern was that if they joined the Daxia Dynasty, the Dynast Qi Fortune on them would completely dissipate, bringing the possibility of their descendants suffering the repercussions.

Pei Nian and the rest fell into prolonged silence. After an unknown period, Pei Nian asked, “Ancestor, were you able to surpass the terminal lifespan with the help of the Emperor of Great Sum?”

Pei Nian believed their ancestor wasn’t someone content to live under others unless the other party provided great benefits.

The greatest benefit he could think of was a lifesaving favor, and it happened that the Death Qi on their ancestor had vanished.

Pei Tianlu answered, “Yes.”

Pei Nian said, “Junior understands. We’re willing to follow the ancestor and join the Daxia Dynasty.”

As Pei Nian’s voice fell, the other Quasi-Emperors also spoke, “We also are willing to follow the ancestor and join the Daxia Dynasty.”

As soon as they finished speaking, a young man in a white Dragon Robe with gold embroidery appeared before them. Pei Tianlu immediately said to Pei Nian and the others, “This is the Emperor of Great Sum.”

Pei Nian, along with several Quasi-Emperors, without hesitation, saluted Lu Chen, saying, “Greetings, Your Majesty. We vow to follow Your Majesty to the death!”

As soon as their words fell, everyone noticed their existing Qi Fortune dissipating rapidly until it was completely gone. But immediately afterward, a different Qi Fortune enveloped them, and it was even more grandiose.

With the new Qi Fortune enveloping them, they suddenly sensed faint signs of a breakthrough, something almost unbelievable.

For most Quasi-Emperors, without opportunities, they could only wait for their terminal lifespan in the Quasi-Emperor Realm.

Out of ten thousand Quasi-Emperors, not even one might prove the Dao successfully.

Unexpectedly, their simple expression of allegiance to the Emperor of Great Sum granted them a faint sense of breakthrough thanks to the Daxia Dynasty’s Qi Fortune.

No wonder their ancestor followed this young Great Emperor.

Now Pei Nian and the others were completely relieved. Joining the Daxia Dynasty immediately gave them the support of its Qi Fortune, benefiting their descendants as well.

From this standpoint, joining the Daxia Dynasty was far better than maintaining the declining Chiyue Dynasty, thus the choice was clear.

At this moment, Pei Nian asked, “Ancestor, how do you plan to deal with Pei Wenfu?”

Though Pei Tianlu and Pei Wenfu both joined other empires, Pei Wenfu had betrayed Chiyue Dynasty first.

Pei Tianlu sighed, not answering.

Honestly, he didn’t know how to handle Pei Wenfu.

As their ancestor, he himself had joined another empire and led the Daxia Dynasty to attack Chiyue Dynasty, which seemed like bringing a wolf into their house. What right did he have to say Pei Wenfu was wrong?

Pei Nian saw Pei Tianlu’s dilemma and suggested, “Why not expel his line from the Pei Family?”

Pei Tianlu thought for a moment, not responding, his gaze falling on Lu Chen.

Chapter 1353: I Am Not Wrong!!!

Pei Tianlu has now pledged his loyalty to Lu Chen. The Chiyue Dynasty and the Daxia Dynasty are currently in an adversarial state, and how Pei Wenfu handles it is not his decision to make.

As Lu Chen noticed Pei Tianlu looking at him, he understood that Pei Tianlu was seeking his opinion, so he said, “Pei Wenfu is your descendant. How to proceed is up to you.”

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

With Lu Chen’s words, it was as if Pei Wenfu had been granted a reprieve from death.

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After Pei Tianlu reunited with the Pei Family, they immediately began to prepare to spread the news of Pei Tianlu’s return.

The best way to gain the Dynast Qi Fortune of the Chiyue Dynasty was to announce Pei Tianlu’s return to the Chiyue Dynasty and then let Pei Tianlu take control of the Chiyue Dynasty once again.

In the presence of the Chiyue Dynasty’s commoners, Pei Tianlu publicly declared his loyalty to Lu Chen, integrating the Chiyue Dynasty into the Daxia Dynasty. In this way, the Qi Fortune of the Chiyue Dynasty would merge into that of the Daxia Dynasty.

Pei Wenfu was completely unaware of what was about to happen. He had already led the court ministers to the Tianluo Star Domain, planning to negotiate with the Daxia Dynasty.

Upon learning that Pei Wenfu had personally come to the Tianluo Star Domain, Lu Chen decided not to let the Daxia Army advance further. He waited in the Tianluo Star Domain for Pei Wenfu’s arrival for negotiations.

A month passed in the blink of an eye, and Pei Wenfu finally led the Chiyue Dynasty’s ministers to the Tianluo Star Domain.

As soon as Pei Wenfu’s Immortal Boat reached the Tianluo Star Domain, he perceived the presence of Starships within it.

He exited his cabin on the Immortal Boat and came to the deck, looking far into the distance. On the other side of the Tianluo Star Domain, hundreds of Starships emitting a metallic sheen were arranged in a line.

In front of these Starships was a golden, dazzling, luxurious Immortal Boat, adorned with array patterns emitting blue light, indicating its high grade.

At this moment, Pei Wenfu asked the guard beside him, “How are the negotiations between the delegation and the Daxia Dynasty going?”

The guard replied, “There has been no result yet. They haven’t met the ruler of Daxia. Some members of the delegation have already returned.”

Upon hearing the guard’s response, Pei Wenfu became increasingly worried.

At this moment, a member of the delegation came excitedly to Pei Wenfu’s Immortal Boat. “Your Majesty, wonderful news, great news!”

Upon hearing the minister’s words, Pei Wenfu curiously asked, “Minister Liu, what wonderful news do you speak of?”

The minister replied, “The Daxia Dynasty has agreed to negotiate. They will send a delegation tomorrow, and we can decide the location for the negotiations.”

A wave of joy washed over Pei Wenfu as he quickly asked, “Is this true?”

The minister nodded and said, “It’s true, it’s true. This was personally stated by the ruler of Daxia.”

Pei Wenfu breathed a sigh of relief. Since the ruler of Daxia had agreed to negotiate, his imperial throne was most likely secured.

He then said, “Immediately prepare to welcome the Daxia envoy tomorrow!”

Following Pei Wenfu’s orders, the ministers of Daxia quickly took action and soon decided on the location for the negotiations.

The negotiations would take place at the Domain Lord Mansion in the Tianluo Star Domain, with Pei Wenfu and the ministers of the Chiyue Dynasty attending.

Early the next morning.

Pei Wenfu changed into a new set of clothes, preparing early to wait for the Daxia delegation at the Domain Lord Mansion in the Tianluo Star Domain.

The scorching sunlight poured onto the earth, making it difficult to open one's eyes. By noon, the Daxia delegation had not yet arrived.

Pei Wenfu looked up at the sky, feeling increasingly anxious and fearing something might go wrong.

At that moment, Pei Wenfu suddenly recalled that since Pei Nian's group arrived in the Tianluo Star Domain, they had disappeared.

To prevent Pei Nian from thwarting his plans, Pei Wenfu had sent numerous people to search for Pei Nian's whereabouts, but found no traces. He thus concluded that Pei Nian's group had likely been dealt with by the Daxia Army.

However, thinking about it now, it seemed far more likely that Pei Nian's group was hiding in wait to sabotage the negotiations between the Chiyue Dynasty and the Daxia Dynasty.

Realizing this, Pei Wenfu's face dramatically changed, and he hurriedly instructed the guard behind him, "Quickly, send someone to check if the Daxia delegation has been ambushed!"

Just as Pei Wenfu's words fell, a familiar voice echoed, "Moon Emperor, fret not. Who would dare ambush the Daxia delegation at such a time?"

Upon hearing this familiar voice, Pei Wenfu's face instantly darkened, as he immediately recognized it as Pei Nian's.

Indeed, the next moment, Pei Nian appeared in the sky with his entourage. Seeing Pei Nian's group, Pei Wenfu's Quasi-Emperor-ranked guards immediately surrounded Pei Wenfu.

A Quasi-Emperor shouted angrily, "Pei Nian, what are you doing here? You are not welcome here today!"

Pei Nian promptly ordered his group, "Raise the flag!"

As his words fell, a giant court flag appeared in the sky, clearly the Daxia Dynasty's court flag.

Pei Nian continued, "Today, I am here as the envoy representing the Daxia Dynasty for the negotiations. There is no need for anyone to be alarmed."

The ministers of the Chiyue Dynasty were all stunned.

Representing the Daxia Dynasty in the negotiations?

When did Pei Nian pledge allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty?

Weren't those from the royal family supposed to staunchly refuse to surrender?

How could those in the royal family kneel faster than their own emperor?

Pei Wenfu was equally dumbfounded. He hadn't expected that while the royal family had been berating him as a traitor, they had secretly pledged allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty.

After some time, Pei Wenfu regained his composure. "Since Envoy Pei is here for negotiations, please proceed."

Pei Wenfu did not care about who came for the negotiations; as long as his imperial throne could be secured, it made no difference.

Seeing Pei Wenfu's sycophantic demeanor, Pei Nian let out a laugh, "Moon Emperor, do not be hasty. Before we commence negotiations, I wish to introduce someone to everyone."

Upon hearing this, everyone was puzzled. Introducing someone? Who could it be?

At this moment, there was a ripple in the space, and a figure appeared in the sky.

Seeing the sudden appearance of this person, Pei Wenfu and the ministers of the Chiyue Dynasty felt their minds go blank.

Pei Wenfu muttered, "No... impossible..."

"How could you still be alive..."

Feng Tengfei had once told him that Pei Tianlu was severely injured and nearing his end, unlikely to live much longer.

Yet Pei Tianlu was here now, Pei Wenfu couldn't believe his own eyes.

If Pei Tianlu had indeed returned, Pei Wenfu's fate was sealed.

The old ministers of the Chiyue Dynasty were equally shocked, especially those in Pei Wenfu's faction.

The death Qi surrounding Pei Tianlu had dissipated, indicating he had surpassed his end. Pei Tianlu's original strength was already formidable, and now having overcome his end, his Cultivation State had further improved. There was no one in the Chiyue Dynasty who could match him.

Not only the Chiyue Dynasty, but even the Great Emperor of the Qingyun Dynasty wouldn't dare provoke Pei Tianlu at his peak, let alone after his breakthrough.

At this moment, a hobgoblin-like minister suddenly recalled something and promptly knelt on the ground, shouting loudly, "Welcome back, Grand Emperor Ancestor!"



Hearing this, the other ministers of the Chiyue Dynasty snapped back to reality and quickly knelt on the ground, “Welcome back, Grand Emperor Ancestor!”

Seeing his faction all kneeling, anger surged through Pei Wenfu’s heart, “You all...”

Fury intertwined with fear emboldened Pei Wenfu. He stared intently at Pei Tianlu in the sky, “I have done no wrong!!”

#### Chapter 1354: Mysterious Immortal Ship

Seeing Pei Wenfu who had already fallen into madness, Pei Tianlu merely sighed. He had not come today to debate who was right or wrong with him.

Pei Wenfu had led wolves into the house, betraying the Chiyue Dynasty; that was an established fact.

However, Pei Tianlu had done the same thing; he had no right to accuse Pei Wenfu.

At this moment, Pei Tianlu said, “Take the descendants of this branch of the Pei family and leave the Chiyue Dynasty, never to return.”

Pei Wenfu, who was about to vent his anger, froze upon hearing this. He had not expected Pei Tianlu to actually let him go.

Coming back to his senses, Pei Wenfu asked in disbelief, “You’re not going to kill me?”

Pei Tianlu said coldly, “It was I who chose you back then; I was blind. But after all, you carry the bloodline of the Pei family. Now get lost before I change my mind.”

Pei Wenfu clenched his fists. Although he had lost the throne, at least he was still alive.

As long as he was alive, there was hope.

Pei Wenfu did not hesitate. He took out an Immortal Boat, jumped aboard, and left the Tianluo Star Domain without looking back.

Seeing him leave so simply, everyone present was incredulous. They had initially thought that Pei Tianlu would hold a trial for Pei Wenfu, but instead, he let him leave without saying a word.

As people were lost in thought, Pei Tianlu suddenly released the aura of a Great Emperor. A vast pressure instantly descended upon the entire Tianluo Star Domain.

Pei Tianlu coldly spoke to the ministers present who were loyal to Pei Wenfu's faction, "Pei Wenfu has left. Now it's time to settle accounts."

Just because Pei Tianlu didn't want to kill those who shared his bloodline, it didn't mean he was merciful. Pei Wenfu could betray him and the Chiyue Dynasty, but that didn't mean others could do the same.

Quickly, Pei Tianlu dealt with those of Pei Wenfu's faction. He then ordered others to spread the word, informing the people of the Chiyue Dynasty of his return to power.

When the various forces within the Chiyue Dynasty heard of Pei Tianlu's return, their first reaction was disbelief. After all, Pei Tianlu had long been enshrouded in Death Qi, making his survival seem impossible.

However, when spies from various factions confirmed that Pei Wenfu had fled the Chiyue Dynasty with his branch, and that Pei Tianlu had broken through his limits, they finally believed the rumors.

Soon, Pei Tianlu returned to the Emperor Star, reclaiming control of the Chiyue Dynasty, and the Dynast Qi Fortune of the Chiyue Dynasty returned to him.

After regaining control of the Chiyue Dynasty, Pei Tianlu did not immediately announce allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty. Instead, he first allowed various high-tech companies from the Daxia Dynasty to set up branch offices within his territory.

Getting the people of the Chiyue Dynasty to completely accept the Daxia Dynasty would take some time, but he believed it wouldn't take too long.

As long as he could persuade those Domain Lord-level figures from the Daxia Dynasty, the matter would be more than half resolved.

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After fleeing the Chiyue Dynasty with his family, Pei Wenfu wandered aimlessly through the void.

Pei Wenfu had no idea where to go. He could clearly feel that the Qi Fortune associated with him and his descendants had completely dissipated.

Without Qi Fortune, they would encounter various problems in the future and would need to quickly find a patron.

Pei Wenfu was still somewhat unwilling. After all, that throne was originally his. From his perspective, everything was Pei Tianlu's fault.

If Pei Tianlu hadn't wanted him to abdicate and pass the throne to Pei Shuhua, he wouldn't have allied with the Qingyun Dynasty.

To alleviate his frustration, Pei Wenfu now indulged in revelry in his room on the Immortal Boat every day.

At this moment, Pei Wenfu was holding a whip, viciously lashing the woman in front of him. His eyes were bloodshot, completely disregarding her pleas for mercy.

Suddenly, the Immortal Boat shook. Soon, a guard's voice came from outside his room.

"Your Majesty, something terrible has happened. We've encountered a space turbulence."

Upon hearing this, Pei Wenfu sobered up instantly. Disheveled, he rushed outside to the Immortal Boat's deck.

Standing on the deck, he could clearly see the void of the star domain they were in rippling like waves. In front of them, black vortices had appeared, sucking in all the surrounding world fragments.

Pei Wenfu wasn't too concerned. After all, he was a Saint, and he had also brought along some trusted Quasi-Emperors when he left the Chiyue Dynasty.

With Quasi-Emperors around, escaping space turbulence was no problem. Pei Wenfu immediately sent a message, "Honored Tributors, it's up to you now."

However, there was no response from any Quasi-Emperors in the vacuum. Pei Wenfu was stunned for a moment, then quickly sent another message, "Tributor Zhang, Tributor Zhao, if not now, then when?"

After his words fell, a trusted aide came up to him, "Your Majesty, the tributors have already left."

Hearing this, Pei Wenfu instantly felt a blackness before his eyes. The trusted aides rushed to support him, "Your Majesty, please take care of your health!"

Pei Wenfu struggled to calm his emotions. He had long anticipated that these tributors might leave, so he quickly adjusted his mindset.

It was only space turbulence; as a Saint, he could also escape it.

Pei Wenfu immediately released his power, enveloping the entire Immortal Boat, and worked hard to steer it out of the space turbulence.

At that moment, a few Saints among his descendants also launched their assaults, and their Immortal Boat was slowly escaping the influence of the space turbulence.

Just as they were about to leave, a black vortex suddenly appeared beneath their Immortal Boat.

Sensing the black vortex, Pei Wenfu attempted to escape alone by traversing space. But soon, he found his power was being constrained, his released power unable to escape the black vortex, all being sucked in.

Soon, their Immortal Boat and everyone aboard were sucked into the black vortex, and Pei Wenfu fell into unconsciousness.

When Pei Wenfu next opened his eyes, he found himself floating in an unknown star domain.

Hastily, he surveyed the star domain he was in.

Upon his survey, he discovered it was a prosperous star domain. Immortal Boats were coming and going everywhere, and all the Life Worlds in this star domain were high-level, full of dense Spiritual Energy.

Pei Wenfu was overjoyed. Where there is life, there is hope. Cultivating in such a star domain, his strength would surely grow rapidly.

Sooner or later, he would reclaim everything he had lost!

Just as Pei Wenfu was fantasizing about becoming stronger and regaining everything he had lost, a massive Immortal Ship appeared in the distance.

Wherever the Immortal Ship passed, all other Immortal Boats made way. Dao Charm flowed from the Immortal Ship, accompanied by waves of zither music.

Pei Wenfu looked up to see a purple gauze curtain on the deck of the Immortal Ship, within which a graceful figure was faintly visible.

For a moment, Pei Wenfu was entranced, completely unaware that his Divine Sense was wantonly prying into an unimaginably terrifying existence.

Just then, the zither music suddenly ceased, and a terrifying power instantly enveloped Pei Wenfu.

## Chapter 1355: Heavenly Mystery Maiden

Pei Wenfu felt as if his body and divine soul were about to be crushed. He hurriedly pleaded, “Spare me, senior! I had no intention of intruding!!!”

The woman on the Immortal Boat ignored Pei Wenfu’s pleas. She gently raised her jade-like hand, and a purple beam of light shot from her hand, instantly entering Pei Wenfu’s forehead.

The woman’s cold voice echoed in the Immortal Boat, “It’s his aura.”

The next moment, Pei Wenfu felt his divine soul being torn apart, “Se... senior, sp...”

Bang...

Before Pei Wenfu could finish his sentence, his body exploded into countless fragments.

At the same time.

Chiyue Dynasty, Emperor Star.

Within the Imperial Palace, Pei Tianlu was reporting information about the Qingyun Dynasty to Lu Chen. Suddenly, Pei Tianlu felt a surge of panic and severe pain in his divine soul.

Pei Tianlu lost his balance for a moment and fell to the ground.

Seeing this sudden scene, Lu Chen was taken aback and quickly used the Evergreen Longevity Technique to check Pei Tianlu’s body.

“Elder Pei, what’s wrong?”

Upon his examination, Lu Chen found that Pei Tianlu’s body had no major issues and showed no hidden injuries.

Pei Tianlu did not immediately answer Lu Chen. He looked pale, sweating profusely from his forehead. After a moment, he finally calmed down.

“Your Majesty, someone is using bloodline power to track my location.”

Pei Tianlu had clearly felt through the bloodline power that Pei Wenfu was dead, and someone was using Pei Wenfu’s bloodline as a catalyst to track him.

Fortunately, a mysterious power had appeared suddenly, severing the other person’s perception. Otherwise, his location would likely have been found.

Hearing Pei Tianlu’s words, Lu Chen asked in confusion, “Tracking your location?”

Pei Wenfu pondered for a moment and then continued, “Yes, that woman is incredibly powerful. She killed Pei Wenfu and then used his bloodline power to try to find my location.”

“Fortunately, a mysterious force interrupted her.”

Lu Chen asked again, “How do you know that person is a woman?”

Pei Tianlu replied, “When she used the secret technique to lock my location, my divine sense vaguely perceived her.”

Lu Chen frowned slightly and continued to ask, “What does that woman look like?”

Pei Tianlu thought for a moment and replied:

“She was sitting on an Immortal Boat, wearing a purple veil, and her face was unclear.”

Recalling the oppressive aura that woman exuded, Pei Tianlu felt a chill down his spine.

Lu Chen then said, “You said earlier that a mysterious force interrupted her tracking you. What was that mysterious force?”

Pei Tianlu stated, “I don’t know. Just when the woman was about to lock my position, that mysterious force suddenly appeared, severing the connection between me and Pei Wenfu’s bloodline power.”

Lu Chen had a strong suspicion that the mysterious force was likely related to the system.

He still didn’t know if that woman was an enemy or an ally.

As Lu Chen pondered, Pei Tianlu reminded, “Your Majesty, that woman’s power is terrifying. Just sensing her existence sealed my powers. She must have learned about the Daxia Dynasty through a soul search. We must prepare to face this.”

Lu Chen’s expression turned very serious. He had just taken the first step, yet another major problem had already arisen.

“I understand.”

Lu Chen planned to keep a low profile after conquering the Qingyun Dynasty. He intended to send scouts to gather information about the surrounding Star Domain before making further plans.

There are always stronger individuals in the universe. He did not believe that achieving the Great Emperor level would make him invincible.

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At this moment.

In a prosperous Star Domain, an Immortal Boat was aimlessly drifting through the void.

On the deck of the Immortal Boat, a woman wearing a purple veil looked into the distance and murmured to herself, "I've found you."

At that moment, a golden Emperor Dharma Form suddenly appeared in front of the Immortal Boat.

The Great Emperor in the void stared intently at the woman on the Immortal Boat, "Heavenly Mystery Maiden, the great calamity is imminent. Are you really unwilling to join forces with this Emperor to face it together?"

The moment the words left the Great Emperor's mouth, the woman's cold voice replied from the Immortal Boat, "Emperor Shenwu, do you really think you can survive the great calamity?"

Upon hearing the woman's words, Emperor Shenwu's expression changed instantly, "What do you mean by that?"

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden's Deduction Technique could peer into the past and future. Whatever she said, Emperor Shenwu took very seriously.

The woman spoke indifferently, "A great calamity also brings new beginnings. No one can stop it."

Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly, "This Emperor's fate is in this Emperor's hands alone!"

The woman continued, "All your efforts will ultimately be in vain."

Emperor Shenwu snorted once more and, without further words, his Dharma Form dissipated instantly.

After Emperor Shenwu's Dharma Form vanished, the woman's gaze returned to the edge of the universe. "The variables have emerged, and the grand spectacle is about to unfold."

As the woman finished speaking, her delicate jade fingers once again touched the ancient zither in front of her, gently plucking its strings.

The zither strings did not produce any sound but emitted waves of purple light that spread quickly.

In the Star Domain where the woman resided, there existed a vast Life World. This Life World was not spherical but had a hemispherical shape.

This Life World was very prosperous, with numerous Immortal Boats coming and going, and Spiritual Energy was abundant, even the rain was Spiritual Rain. In this Life World, ordinary people had Cultivation States at the Yin-Yang Realm.

At the center of this world stood a towering mountain, covered with countless city fortresses.

Atop the mountain was a Super Force called Yunhua Palace.

At this moment, in the Palace Master Hall of Yunhua Palace.

A beautiful woman in a green gown was sitting on the crystal throne in the grand hall. She was stunning and carried an air of royalty.

In the hall, a peerless beauty knelt on the ground.

The beautiful woman glanced at the kneeling woman and asked coldly, "Speak, who is he?"

Liu Qingyun kept her head down and did not answer.

The beautiful woman continued, “Do you really think you can hide it from everyone?”

Liu Qingyun remained silent. She had become inseparable from Lu Chen. If she mentioned Lu Chen, the Palace Master’s temperament might lead her to directly send people to kill Lu Chen.

Yunhua Palace was a Super Force of the cosmic Holy Land level, with no less than fifty Great Emperors. With Yunhua Palace’s strength, destroying a new emerging Empire would be a simple task.

As Liu Qingyun still did not answer, the beautiful woman’s imposing aura intensified, pressing down on Liu Qingyun with overwhelming pressure.

Liu Qingyun spat out a mouthful of blood and bit her lip, struggling to support herself.

The Life-saving Empress harshly said, “As the Saintess of Yunhua Palace and the future Palace Master, you know full well that you cannot have any romantic entanglements, yet you let a man take your Primordial Yin!”

“Do you know what you have done?”

Liu Qingyun bit her lip and said, “This disciple has failed Yunhua Palace and my Honored Master’s teachings. Please punish me!”

The Life-saving Empress stated coldly, “You haven’t just failed Yunhua Palace or me; you’ve failed yourself!”

At this, the Life-saving Empress’ aura grew even stronger, and with a wave of her hand, Liu Qingyun was sent flying by a powerful force.

After falling to the ground, Liu Qingyun quickly got up again and knelt down.

At this moment, the pressure in the grand hall vanished instantly. “Enough, since you’ve already lost your purity, from this day forth, you are no longer the Saintess of Yunhua Palace. The title of Saintess will be handed over to Lie Hongyun.”

#### Chapter 1356: Reminder from the Heavenly Mystery Maiden

Upon hearing the Life-saving Empress’s words, Liu Qingyun immediately kowtowed and said, “Thank you, Honored Master, for fulfilling my wish!”

Without the position of Saintess, it meant that from now on, she could have a couple. This seemed like a punishment to her, but in reality, it was a blessing.

The Life-saving Empress coldly rebuked, “What, you think this is me fulfilling your wish?”

“From today on, you are to stay in the Serenity Tower, and you are not allowed to leave for ten thousand years.”

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun’s face showed no expression, as if she didn’t care at all.

With Liu Qingqiu’s clone at Lu Chen’s side, even if her main body didn’t leave Yunhua Palace, she could still use Liu Qingqiu’s body to create waves with Lu Chen.

Seeing Liu Qingyun’s indifferent expression, the Life-saving Empress frowned slightly but said no more. She waved her hand, “You can go to the Serenity Tower now.”

Liu Qingyun promptly stood up, “Disciple takes leave!”

As her words fell, Liu Qingyun turned and left the hall.

Watching Liu Qingyun’s departing figure, the Life-saving Empress’s face grew uglier. The body she painstakingly cultivated was ruined just like this; how could she not be angry?

Fortunately, Heaven sent another highly gifted woman to Yunhua Palace. With Lie Hongyun's talent, it wouldn't be long before her strength surpassed Liu Qingyun's.

However, the Life-saving Empress did not intend to let it go. She would find a way to deal with the person who broke Liu Qingyun's Primordial Yin.

Even if Liu Qingyun didn't tell her, she could find out through other means who the person was.

Just as the Life-saving Empress was distracted by Liu Qingyun's departing figure, she suddenly felt a special power pass through her body.

Immediately after, a cold female voice sounded in her mind, "The great calamity will begin, ten thousand years to come."

Upon hearing this, the Life-saving Empress's expression changed drastically.

"How could it be..."

"How could the great calamity come early?"

The Life-saving Empress knew very well who could send such a message to all the Great Emperors in the universe; it was the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

She had no doubt about the truth of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's words. The Heavenly Mystery Maiden could see the past and the future; if she said it, it would definitely happen.

One hundred thousand years ago, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden calculated that the universe would not face another great calamity for at least a million years. Although a million years is still a short time for a Great Emperor,

at least it was a million years, enough time for the Great Emperors to prepare for the great calamity.

Now the great calamity had come so much earlier, with only ten thousand years to prepare. How could they deal with it?

The Life-saving Empress thought that she must let Lie Hongyun grow up quickly.

If Lie Hongyun couldn't break through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm within ten thousand years, without a seizing body, she might not survive the great calamity.

With this in mind, the Life-saving Empress sent a message to all Yunhua Palace disciples and elders, "From now on, Liu Qingyun will no longer be the Saintess of Yunhua Palace. The new Saintess will be Lie Hongyun. In three days, a coronation ceremony will be held for the new Saintess."

Upon hearing this, all the disciples and elders of Yunhua Palace were stunned.

Everyone in Yunhua Palace knew how well the Life-saving Empress treated Liu Qingyun; it could be said that she treated Liu Qingyun like her daughter. Now she had abolished Liu Qingyun's position as Saintess.

What happened? Why did the Life-saving Empress make such a decision?

Although it was hard to believe, the fact remained that it was the Life-saving Empress's decision, and no one dared to oppose it.

Liu Qingyun, who was already in the Serenity Tower, heard the Life-saving Empress's message and exhaled deeply. She was finally free from this identity and no longer bound by it.

However, thinking of not being able to see Lu Chen for the next ten thousand years, she still felt a bit of loss in her heart.

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Yunhua Palace.

Direct Disciple's residence.

Amidst a bamboo forest, there was a small courtyard where a woman in a red dress was wielding a long spear.

Upon hearing the Life-saving Empress's message, Lie Hongyun stopped and expressionlessly looked in the direction of the Meeting Hall.

She didn't care about the identity of Saintess. On the contrary, she thought it was a burden for her.

Compared to the matter of the Saintess, she was more concerned about the eight words she heard just now.

Although not yet at the Great Emperor Realm, with her Great Emperor Divine Soul, she could still sense the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's message.

Lie Hongyun murmured, "Only ten thousand years, it seems I must hurry."

Having already reached the Saint Realm, even though the earlier cultivation stages were fast, each subsequent breakthrough might take thousands of years.

Ten thousand years was too short for her.

After speaking, Lie Hongyun glanced at the marriage line intertwined on her body.

Seeing these marriage lines, Lie Hongyun frowned slightly. To quickly improve her cultivation state, she needed to be undistracted,

but ever since meeting that man, she had been occasionally influenced by the marriage lines, preventing her from focusing on cultivation.

Originally, she could ignore these marriage lines until she reached the Great Emperor Realm when she could cut them off.

But now, with only ten thousand years left before the great calamity, letting these marriage lines stall her could mean not breaking through to the Great Emperor Realm by then.

At that time, she wouldn't be able to cut off the marriage lines, and even her life would be at risk.

Now, to deal with these marriage lines, there was only one way: to find that man, either kill him or become a couple with him, ensuring her cultivation wouldn't be hindered by the marriage lines.

Either way, she had to find that man first.

She was unsure if the man was still in the Chaotic Star Sea. Though she could follow the marriage lines to find him, the universe was vast, and if he was too far, it would take a long time.

Moreover, as a reincarnated Great Emperor, he wouldn't stay in one place, making it harder to find him.

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In the Chiyue Dynasty's Imperial Palace.

In the Royal Garden, Lu Chen kept sneezing.

"Ah-choo..."

"Ah... Ah-choo..."

"Strange, who is thinking about me?"

"Surely, I, a Great Emperor, can't catch a cold?"



Just as he finished speaking, he sensed a peculiar power passing through his body, swiftly spreading towards the edge of the universe like a wave.

Immediately after, a cold female voice appeared in his mind.

“The great calamity will begin, ten thousand years to come.”

Lu Chen froze slightly. Who sent this message?

Soon, Pei Tianlu also heard the voice and appeared in the Royal Garden the next moment.

Seeing Pei Tianlu equally astonished, Lu Chen tentatively asked, “Elder Pei, did you hear it too?”

Chapter 1357: After all, he is our Father Emperor

Seeing Lu Chen asking him, Pei Tianlu knew that Lu Chen must have heard it too, so he nodded and said, “I heard it.”

Without saying a word, Lu Chen released his divine sense, and in an instant, his divine sense enveloped the entire Chiyue Dynasty.

However, she did not perceive the woman who transmitted the message within the Chiyue Dynasty, proving that the voice came from a more distant place.

Soon, Lu Chen realized that the voice must have come along with that mysterious power earlier.

This power should come from a very distant place, and the woman transmitting the message was not just sending information to a specific person but to everyone in the cosmos.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen immediately turned his head and asked Bai Qingqing beside him, “Bai, did you hear that voice?”

Hearing Lu Chen's question, Bai Qingqing looked at him with a full face of confusion.

"What voice did Your Majesty say?"

Seeing Bai Qingqing's bewildered look, Lu Chen was stunned for a moment. It seemed that his guess was wrong; not everyone could hear this voice.

At this time, Pei Tianlu proposed a hypothesis, "Your Majesty, perhaps only a Great Emperor can hear that woman's voice."

Hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Lu Chen realized that the power was indeed very special, containing a trace of Origin Power. If it were ordinary cultivators, they might really not be able to sense the presence of that power.

If one could not sense that power, naturally, they would not be able to receive the voice relying on that power.

To verify this hypothesis, Lu Chen asked several more people and got the answer that they had not heard any voice, which basically confirmed Pei Tianlu's guess.

But to make the final verification, Lu Chen still transmitted his voice to Empress Tianhong, "Honghong, did you just hear that woman's voice as well?"

As soon as Lu Chen transmitted the message, he heard Empress Tianhong's cold voice, "That is the voice of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden."

Hearing Empress Tianhong's reply, Lu Chen murmured, "Heavenly Mystery Maiden?"

Hearing Lu Chen say "Heavenly Mystery Maiden," Pei Tianlu suddenly thought of something, and a look of sudden realization appeared on his face.

Lu Chen looked at Pei Tianlu and asked, "Elder Pei, have you ever heard of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden?"

Pei Tianlu replied, “I have heard of this person when I was in the Outer Domain. It is rumored that she can deduce the past and future events.”

“And her strength is incredibly powerful. If she is warning the entire cosmos, it would make sense.”

Lu Chen pondered for a moment, no longer dwelling on whose voice it was. Regardless of whose voice it was, he could not contact the other party at the moment.

The most important thing now was to figure out whether what the other party said was true or false.

If it was true, and only ten thousand years remained before a great catastrophe, they would have to make preparations.

Lu Chen asked, “Elder Pei, how likely do you think this is true?”

Pei Tianlu thought for a moment, “If this message really came from the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, then it is highly likely to be true.”

Although they knew that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden could deduce past and future events, they could not yet confirm that the owner of the voice just now was the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

Pei Tianlu continued, “But on the other hand, if it wasn’t the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, there would be no need for the other party to spread such a rumor about the impending great catastrophe, right?”

The message just now was very likely to have spread throughout the entire cosmos. If someone dared to spread such a rumor, a Great Emperor would surely seek out the Heavenly Mystery Maiden for verification.

With the Heavenly Mystery Maiden’s deduction ability, she would definitely be able to find the person who spread the rumor. In that case, the rumor-spreader would

become the target of everyone, and the entire cosmos would not tolerate the rumor-monger.

Pei Tianlu believed no one would do such a thing as bringing a stone down upon their own foot.

Lu Chen thought for a moment and felt that what Pei Tianlu said made sense. Since even Empress Tianhong believed that the voice was that of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, they should treat the message as true.

But on the other hand, how were they going to fight against the great catastrophe?

Speaking of fighting the great catastrophe, a cold and dignified figure flashed through Lu Chen's mind.

Yun Qingshu was the only person he knew who had clearly survived the cosmic catastrophe of the previous era, so she must have experience.

It seemed necessary to have a good chat with Yun Qingshu.

Speaking of the cosmic catastrophe, Lu Chen thought of something else.

Some memories of his past life were still sealed in the Reincarnation Stone, and he hadn't tried to unseal it for a long time.

If he could completely unseal the Reincarnation Stone, he might be able to find a way to survive the catastrophe through the memories sealed within it.

Since Yun Qingshu believed that he was also one of those who might have survived the cosmic catastrophe of the Ancient Era, perhaps his past life also existed in the Ancient Era.

However, before unsealing his memories, Lu Chen planned to annex the Chiyue Dynasty and Qingyun Dynasty first. By merging the Qi Fortune of both dynasties, his power would become stronger, which might help in unsealing the Reincarnation Stone.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen said to Pei Tianlu, “Since the great catastrophe is approaching, we should make preparations earlier.”

Ten thousand years might be a long time for ordinary cultivators, but for a Great Emperor, it was rather short.

Lu Chen was not sure if he would be able to find a way to survive the catastrophe within these ten thousand years.

Pei Tianlu also understood the underlying meaning of Lu Chen’s words, and he immediately said, “The Domain Lords of the Chiyue Dynasty have all clearly expressed their loyalty to Your Majesty. The Qi Fortune of our dynasty can be merged into the Daxia Dynasty at any time.”

Lu Chen said, “Alright, let’s complete the merger this month.”

“Yes, Your Majesty!”

“Subordinate takes leave!”

After saying this, Pei Tianlu turned and left to prepare for the merger ceremony of the dynasties.

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Central Star Domain.

Tianji Pavilion.

The Tianji Pavilion was located on a piece of Original Continent, which was larger in area than some high-level star domains.

The Tianji Pavilion was millions of kilometers tall, and from the outside of the Central Star Domain, it looked like a towering mountain on the Original Continent.

Currently, a luxurious and exquisite Immortal Ship was slowly approaching the highest level of Tianji Pavilion. After sticking close to Tianji Pavilion, a woman wearing a purple veil stepped off the Immortal Ship.

As soon as the woman landed, a maid came up to her and said, “Saintess, Prince Lu Yi of the Shenyue Dynasty requests an audience.”

Hearing this, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden said softly, “Let him come up.”

As soon as her words fell, a middle-aged man dressed in golden ornate clothes appeared at the top of Tianji Pavilion.

The man saluted the Heavenly Mystery Maiden and said, “Greetings, Saintess!”

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden said coldly, “Since you have already guessed, why do you still come to me?”

Hearing her words, Lu Yuanzheng was slightly stunned.

Apparently, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden already knew why he was here.

Lu Yuanzheng said, “I just can’t believe he would actually do such a thing. After all, he is our father.”

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden said indifferently, “He has already killed you once, do you still think he cares about your lives?”

“The only thing he cares about is how to survive the cosmic catastrophe.”

Chapter 1358: Formal Annexation of the Chiyue Dynasty

Upon hearing the words of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, Lu Yuanzheng fell into a prolonged silence, pondering deeply.

At first, he truly believed that their father sent them to various worlds for training in order to choose the successor. If it weren't for him awakening the ability to foresee the future during the trials, he might still be in the dark.

He had long since reached the Saint Realm, but whenever he thought of the future he deduced, where his father slaughtered all his offspring and then reincarnated into his body, he was terrified.

Fortunately, he had learned some secret techniques to shield his presence from the Heavenly Mechanism, preventing Emperor Shenwu from sensing through bloodline power that he had become a Saint.

Otherwise, he might have already been reincarnated by Emperor Shenwu.

It wouldn't just be him; none of his siblings would escape.

Now, Lu Yuanzheng was lost, unsure of what to do.

At this moment, something occurred to him. He stared directly at the Heavenly Mystery Maiden and said, "Saintess, if I am not mistaken, the reason I could awaken the ability to deduce Heavenly Mechanism is because of the Tianji Pavilion's assistance?"

Lu Yuanzheng was no fool. He had not been pursuing the Path of Deduction, so how could he suddenly awaken such an ability?

In retrospect, if he hadn't awakened this deduction technique, he wouldn't have concealed his cultivation. Likely, his father would have already reincarnated into his body and become even stronger.

A person who had not studied deduction techniques suddenly awakened one and thwarted his father's plans; such techniques were closely tied to the Tianji Pavilion. Coupled with the inherent conflicts between the Tianji Pavilion and his father—

It was hard not to think that all of this was orchestrated by the Tianji Pavilion.

Furthermore, another aspect that made Lu Yuanzheng suspect the Tianji Pavilion's involvement was the ability to shield from the Heavenly Mechanism.

He didn't believe that, with his ability, he could fully conceal himself from the Heavenly Mechanism, preventing his father from sensing through bloodline power that he had reached the Saint Realm.

Most likely, someone from the Tianji Pavilion helped him shield himself from the Heavenly Mechanism.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden said indifferently, "You are very clever; indeed, all of this is related to the Tianji Pavilion."

"If it weren't for the Tianji Pavilion's intervention, you would have been reincarnated by your father by now."

Lu Yuanzheng immediately asked, "Since the Tianji Pavilion can change my fate, I suppose with its capability, it can also help me completely escape this crisis?"

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden turned and walked to a high platform in the Tianji Pavilion, her back to Lu Yuanzheng, and said, "The Tianji Pavilion will not engage in direct conflict with Emperor Shenwu."

Lu Yuanzheng was stunned; the Tianji Pavilion had already interfered with his future, but now it said it would not face Emperor Shenwu directly.

Merely by disrupting Emperor Shenwu's plan, the Tianji Pavilion had already offended him. If Emperor Shenwu found out, direct conflict would be inevitable.

The Tianji Pavilion was trying to extract itself from the situation, which seemed too naive. Did it really think Emperor Shenwu would never discover what they had done?

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden continued, "A new variable has appeared. As long as you leave the Shenyue Dynasty, your life will be safe."



Hearing these words, Lu Yuanzheng was dumbfounded. It was that simple to escape the crisis just by leaving the Shenyue Dynasty?

What was this new variable that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden mentioned?

Lu Yuanzheng pondered for a while but could not figure out what the new variable was. He decided to stop thinking about it. Since the Heavenly Mystery Maiden said that leaving the Shenyue Dynasty would ensure his safety, he decided never to return.

After all, with the Tianji Pavilion's help in shielding him from the Heavenly Mechanism, his father should not be able to find him.

Lu Yuanzheng quickly expressed his gratitude, "Thank you, Saintess!"

"I can never repay Tianji Pavilion's great kindness. If there is anything I can do for Tianji Pavilion in the future, I will surely help."

Lu Yuanzheng's words were merely polite; he knew very well that with the Tianji Pavilion's power, it would never need someone like him, a mere Saint.

If it weren't for the fact that he was the son of Emperor Shenwu, he wouldn't even qualify to meet the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden said coldly, "If there's nothing else, you may leave."

Lu Yuanzheng bowed again and said, "Then I shall take my leave."

As he finished speaking, Lu Yuanzheng's body vanished on the spot.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden still stood on the high platform, gazing at the distant scenery of the Original Continent.

She muttered to herself, "I didn't expect this pawn to become useless so quickly. Had I known about that variable back then, I wouldn't have spent such effort on this pawn."

Just then, a maid appeared behind the Heavenly Mystery Maiden and said, “Saintess, the Tower Master requests your immediate presence upon your return.”

As soon as the maid finished speaking, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden’s body disintegrated into starlight and scattered from the high platform.

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Chiyue Dynasty, Emperor Star.

Today marked the day the Chiyue Dynasty merged into the Daxia Dynasty. The domain lords of all the major star domains within the Chiyue Dynasty had gathered early in the Imperial Palace Square, awaiting the start of the merger ceremony.

There was no dissent among the factions within the Chiyue Dynasty regarding the merger with the Daxia Dynasty. Even the ancestors who founded the dynasty chose to pledge allegiance to the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty; what waves could these Quasi-Emperors stir?

Pei Tianlu, dressed in a dragon robe, stood on the broad path within the square, holding a wooden tray. Within the tray were the Jade Seal and a sword symbolizing imperial power.

At this moment, a voice resounded from the sky, “The Heavenly Emperor has arrived!”

Upon hearing this, everyone in the square knelt down.

Subsequently, Lu Chen slowly walked towards Pei Tianlu from the other end of the path.

The sound of the people echoed in the square.

“Hail the Heavenly Emperor!!!”

When Lu Chen reached Pei Tianlu, Pei Tianlu immediately knelt and said, “I, Pei Tianlu, founder of the Chiyue Dynasty, hereby entreat the Heavenly Dao to witness my oath. I willingly abdicate the throne and pledge allegiance to the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty. From this moment on, I shall be the sword of the Daxia Emperor. Wherever the sword points, I shall sweep away all obstacles. If I betray, may I suffer the wrath of heaven.”

Lu Chen took the Jade Seal and sword symbolizing imperial power from Pei Tianlu’s tray and then declared, “I accept your allegiance!”

As soon as Lu Chen spoke, he felt a surge of boundless Qi Fortune flow into his body, while the people in the square felt their Qi Fortune rapidly drain.

But soon, a new wave of Qi Fortune enveloped everyone present. With this influx of Qi Fortune, some Quasi-Emperors at the scene entered into Enlightenment, and some Saints even broke through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm.

For a moment, everyone was ecstatic. They hadn’t expected that merely changing allegiance, merging with the Daxia Dynasty, would bring them such great benefits.

Given their innate cultivation talent, many would never achieve such breakthroughs in their lifetimes, but the infusion of the Daxia Dynasty’s Qi Fortune instantly gave everyone hope.

The people’s voices once again filled the square.

“We vow to follow the Heavenly Emperor to the death!”

Lu Chen turned and glanced at everyone present before saying, “Rise!”

“Thank you, Heavenly Emperor!”

At that moment, Lu Chen sensed the sign of a breakthrough. He promptly announced to the crowd, “In three months, we march on the Qingyun Dynasty!”

The people instantly responded in unison, “Where the sword points, we shall be invincible!!!”

“Where the sword points, we shall be invincible!!!”

“Where the sword points, we shall be invincible!!!”

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### Chapter 1359: Lu Chen Breaks Through Again

After the grand ceremony of the Chiyue Dynasty merging into the Daxia Dynasty, Lu Chen’s main body immediately entered a mysterious state.

At this moment, in Tianchen World.

In the cultivation room of the Black Dragon City Imperial Palace, Dao Charm circulated.

Countless plants grew around Lu Chen, and in an instant, the entire cultivation room transformed into a sea of flowers.

Immediately after, Lu Chen felt the universe within him expanding crazily, and his Sea of Consciousness rapidly expanding.

Lu Chen knew he was about to break through. He tried hard to stabilize his excited emotions and used his power to calm the skyrocketing spiritual power within him.

After an unknown amount of time, he felt the aura on his body rapidly increasing. In the next moment, a beam of green power transformed into a pillar of light, shooting straight into the sky from the top of his head.

When that green power entered the sky of Tianchen World, it instantly dispersed, enveloping the entire Tianchen World with that life force.

For a moment, all the cultivators in Tianchen World were affected by this power, becoming more and more energetic.

Some people who were on the verge of death instantly regained their vitality after absorbing the life force that overflowed when Lu Chen broke through.

The World Tree of Tianchen World also crazily absorbed the life force contained in the air. As more life force poured into the World Tree, the gravitational pull of Tianchen World became increasingly large.

Soon, the nearby Lieyan World, originally several light-years away from Tianchen World, was also attracted close by the huge gravitational pull of Tianchen World.

Immersed in the joy of his breakthrough, Lu Chen's main body immediately sensed the approach of Lieyan World and hastily controlled his Quasi-Emperor avatar to fly outside of Tianchen World to check the situation.

Seeing Lieyan World crashing towards Tianchen World at an extremely fast speed, Lu Chen frowned slightly, but soon he thought of the previous Ziyang World.

Nowadays, Tianchen World could have such a vast area because it merged with Ziyang World. If Tianchen World fused with another world again, its area would become even larger, and the spiritual power might also become more abundant.

However, the merging of two worlds still needed to be done cautiously, especially when the two worlds were about to collide. The collision point could cause a massive number of casualties.

Lu Chen was not a cold-hearted person; they were all citizens of the Daxia Dynasty. Even for ordinary people, he didn't want to see them lose their lives due to world fusion.

Immediately, Lu Chen's main body left the cultivation room and went into the sky. He glanced at the direction of the World Tree and then spoke to it, "Swallow Lieyan World as gently as possible."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the World Tree immediately conveyed feelings of joy and excitement.

Feeling the joy of the World Tree, Lu Chen waved his hand. A vast power held Lieyan World, and its speed slowed down.

The people of both worlds panicked when they saw Lieyan World quickly approaching Tianchen World, especially those living on the edge of the worlds.

But soon, they spotted Lu Chen in the sky. Seeing the Heavenly Emperor take action personally, the people calmed down.

Once Lieyan World's speed completely slowed down, Lu Chen withdrew his power, letting Lieyan World collide with Tianchen World.

Immediately after, Lu Chen made another move, directly cutting off the land at the collision point between Tianchen World and Lieyan World, then used his Law Manifestation to hold these two pieces of land in the void.

When the two worlds collided, the people on those two pieces of land wouldn't be affected at all.

As the two worlds merged, Tianchen World's area expanded again by one-fold. After seeing the fusion completed, Lu Chen placed the previously cut-off land back onto Tianchen World.

Although there were some earth-shaking tremors during the repositioning process, they did not cause any casualties, at most causing some old and poorly maintained houses to collapse.

However, this minimized the losses. As for those collapsed houses, the Daxia Dynasty would provide compensation and help the affected people build better homes.

After the fusion of the two worlds, Lu Chen's main body returned to the cultivation room to stabilize his realm.

In the blink of an eye, a week passed. Emperor Luchen's Third Layer cultivation state finally stabilized, and Lu Chen's main body walked out of the cultivation room, taking a breath of fresh air outside.

Just as Lu Chen walked out of the cultivation room, he saw a beautiful woman pacing back and forth outside his bedchamber, seeming to have something on her mind.

Liu Qingqiu wore a long cyan gauze dress. Her fair skin was vaguely visible, and a waistband accentuated her curvaceous body, making her figure tantalizingly suggestive.

In Liu Qingqiu's phoenix eyes, there was a trace of urgency, suggesting she was eager to talk with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen walked out the door and with a smile said, "Qingqiu, what's the matter?"

Lu Chen was not sure whether Liu Qingqiu or Liu Qingyun was looking for him.

Nowadays, Liu Qingyun didn't hide at all. Whenever she missed him, she would unhesitatingly take over Liu Qingqiu's body and have intimate moments with him.

Sometimes, when Lu Chen and Liu Qingqiu were having a good time, Liu Qingyun would quietly replace her. This made it difficult for Lu Chen to distinguish between the two.

Initially, Lu Chen could easily differentiate between them. At that time, Liu Qingyun wasn't familiar with the sensations and appeared somewhat shy.

But now, Liu Qingyun was equally experienced. Additionally, she used Liu Qingqiu's body, and their memories were shared, making it truly hard to tell them apart.

Of course, Lu Chen didn't care about this anymore. Whether it was Liu Qingqiu or Liu Qingyun, they were both his women, and he would treat them as he wished.

Seeing that Lu Chen had come out, Liu Qingqiu was slightly stunned, and her delicate face flushed with a tinge of red.

Lu Chen smiled softly, then walked up to Liu Qingqiu and embraced her softly around her slender waist. "What's the matter, my love?"

Liu Qingqiu lightly coughed and asked, "Do you know about the impending disaster?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen asked in confusion, "How do you know about the impending disaster?"

Soon, Lu Chen realized that Liu Qingyun must have told Liu Qingqiu, or perhaps the person in front of him was Liu Qingyun.

Liu Qingqiu did not pretend anymore and directly replied, "Qingyun told me."

After being locked in the Serenity Tower, Liu Qingyun initially thought of waiting ten thousand years to come out and find Lu Chen. After all, Lu Chen had already become an emperor, and ten thousand years was nothing to a Great Emperor.

But just as she entered the Serenity Tower, she heard from the Elder guarding the Tower that the impending disaster was coming.

Though her status as a Saintess was abolished, she was still raised by the Life-saving Empress since childhood. The Life-saving Empress's love for her was evident to the entire Yunhua Palace. Therefore, even after entering the Serenity Tower, the Elder and Disciples guarding the Tower remained polite and respectful to her.

It was precisely because of this that Liu Qingyun learned about the impending disaster from the Elder.

Upon learning that the news came from the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, Liu Qingyun grew anxious.

With only ten thousand years left before the cosmic disaster, she would still be imprisoned in the Serenity Tower for ten thousand years.



Wouldn't that mean she would never see Lu Chen again until she died?

Of course, this was secondary. Her biggest concern was whether Lu Chen could survive the impending disaster.

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After hearing Liu Qingqiu's words, Lu Chen smiled faintly and touched her exquisite jade-like face, saying, "I also heard the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's voice."

"There are still ten thousand years until the impending disaster. I believe we can find a way to deal with it. You needn't worry too much."

Although Lu Chen wasn't entirely sure if they could survive the disaster, as a man, he couldn't amplify his anxiety in front of his woman.

Seeing that Lu Chen was aware of the impending disaster, Liu Qingyun inwardly breathed a sigh of relief. It seemed the Elder of the Serenity Tower was right; as long as one was a Great Emperor, no matter how far they were from the Central Star Domain, they could hear the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's warning.

Since Lu Chen knew about the disaster, she didn't need to worry too much. She believed Lu Chen would know what to do.

The Red Flower Sedan related to Lu Chen was comparable to a Holy Artifact. Anyone associated with a Holy Artifact must have an extraordinary background.

Liu Qingqiu then said, "Since you already know, I won't disturb your cultivation."

With that, Liu Qingqiu intended to break free from Lu Chen's grasp and leave his bedchamber.

But in the next moment, she realized that Lu Chen's hand was firmly wrapped around her slender waist, making it impossible for her to move.

Liu Qingqiu turned her head and looked at Lu Chen with a hint of melancholy in her phoenix eyes. Lu Chen said, "Speaking of which, my true self has been cultivating recently and hasn't fed for a long time."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu immediately understood Lu Chen's implication, but she still pretended to be clueless and said, "I will have the Imperial Kitchen prepare some food for you."

Lu Chen laughed and said, "No need. The Imperial Kitchen's food is nowhere near as delicious as yours."

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen pulled Liu Qingqiu close, using Shadow Shifting to appear directly on the large bed in the bedchamber.

As soon as they entered the bedchamber, Lu Chen pressed Liu Qingqiu beneath him, his gaze burning as he looked at her.

His hand gently moved down from Liu Qingqiu's jade-like cheek, slowly sliding to her delicate collarbone and then to her fragrant shoulder.

Liu Qingqiu knew what was about to happen, so she didn't struggle at all. She merely asked, "Does Your Majesty have a way to counter the disaster?"

Liu Qingqiu was actually asking on behalf of Liu Qingyun. Though Liu Qingyun was just a Saint, she controlled a method to counter the disaster, but it could only be used by her.

She was worried that even if she survived the disaster and lived into a new era, Lu Chen, the lecherous man, might be gone. Living without him would be a curse, no matter how long it lasted.

The longer Liu Qingyun spent with Lu Chen, the more she felt they were connected in a past life.

The memories she saw in the Red Flower Sedan had become increasingly clear.

At first, she thought those memories belonged to someone else, but now she increasingly felt they were her own.

Though she hadn't fully awakened her past life's memories, she could tell an important part was missing from them.

She used to be unaware of what was missing, but ever since the incident with the Red Flower Sedan, she felt the missing part had returned.

When Liu Qingqiu asked Lu Chen about the disaster, he was simultaneously displaying his skill at disrobing others and replied, "I haven't thought of anything yet."

As Lu Chen finished speaking, Liu Qingqiu's green gauze outer garment was peeled away, revealing her perfectly sculpted shoulders.

Liu Qingqiu ignored Lu Chen's actions and continued, "That Red Flower Sedan should be Your Majesty's Magic Treasure, right? With that Holy Artifact, Your Majesty should easily pass the disaster."

In this universe, Liu Qingyun had not heard of other Holy Artifacts existing.

Of course, it was impossible for a universe to have no Holy Artifacts, but they were too powerful. Even if a faction had one, they wouldn't let others know.

Hearing Liu Qingqiu mention the Red Flower Sedan, Lu Chen paused slightly and chuckled, saying, "To be honest, I also feel that the Red Flower Sedan might have some connection to me. But it always comes and goes without a trace. On the day of the disaster, I fear it won't be by my side."

With that, Lu Chen's large hand moved down, starting to incite Liu Qingqiu's interest.

At this point, Liu Qingyun's Divine Sense entered Liu Qingqiu's body, taking control of her body personally.

“Has Your Majesty now broken through to the Great Emperor Realm, but still hasn’t... fully recovered your past life’s memories?”

Liu Qingyun felt Liu Qingqiu’s spiritual power becoming chaotic, and her breathing became more rapid.

Feeling Lu Chen’s mischievous hand, Liu Qingyun didn’t hold back. If she did, she wouldn’t have come to take Liu Qingqiu’s place at this moment.

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something, Liu Qingyun gave a soft hum.

In the next moment, there was a tearing sound, followed by Lu Chen’s voice, “I haven’t completely recovered. My memories are sealed somewhere and need time to fully restore.”

Lu Chen planned to gain the Qi Fortune of the Qingyun Dynasty first, to break all the seals on the Reincarnation Stone in one go.

He had a hunch that once he broke all the seals on the Reincarnation Stone, he would understand the origin of his system.

After all, being an Earthling and having read numerous novels, he knew many tropes.

He used to wonder if he was someone’s pawn, with someone behind the system controlling everything.

But as his life went more and more smoothly over the years, and with his awakening past life’s memories, Lu Chen increasingly felt that the system might be a manifestation of his past self using some special power.

As for the purpose of his past self, it was most likely to guide his reincarnated self to grow.

Of course, all this remained Lu Chen’s speculation. Without enough evidence to prove the system was left by his past self, he remained cautious.

At that moment, Lu Chen lowered himself, becoming intimate with Liu Qingyun.

Liu Qingyun wrapped her arms around Lu Chen's neck and continued, "Huff... Do your past life memories... mmm... include me?"

As Lu Chen's actions intensified, it became difficult for Liu Qingyun to speak.

Lu Chen said, "Not for now, but once all my memories return, I might see you in my past life memories."

With that, Lu Chen smiled and asked, "Why do you suddenly ask this question?"

Liu Qingyun embraced Lu Chen's body, "Just... asking... casually..."

Lu Chen naturally knew why Liu Qingyun would ask that. He believed she had sensed some connection in their past lives.

Suddenly thinking of something, Lu Chen softly whispered in Liu Qingyun's ear, "By the way, I have a question for you too."

Liu Qingyun distractedly said, "What question?"

Lu Chen gently blew in her ear, increased his movements, and asked, "Are you Liu Qingyun or Liu Qingqiu?"

Hearing this question, Liu Qingyun's body tensed slightly. Noticing this subtle change, Lu Chen instantly knew the answer.

He then continued, "So it's Qingyun."