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Chapter 1361: Are You Worried About Me?

Seeing that Lu Chen directly exposed her identity, Liu Qingyun immediately said, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

During her interactions with Lu Chen, Liu Qingyun had long since developed a thick skin. Although she did pause for a moment earlier, she quickly regained her composure.

She had used Liu Qingqiu’s body to manipulate Lu Chen so many times that she could quickly accept his teasing.

Lu Chen continued, “Yun’er, since you like me so much, why not just come to my side?”

“Why don’t we think together about how to get through this calamity and fight it together?”

At this point, Lu Chen gave Liu Qingyun a couple of heavy taps.

“Mmm mmm...”

“I... I’m not the main body, talking to me about this... won’t... won’t help.”

Seeing Liu Qingyun still pretending, Lu Chen suddenly stopped all movement. When Liu Qingyun noticed Lu Chen had stopped, her brain froze for a moment.

“What’s wrong...”

Lu Chen slowly lifted his upper body and looked down into Liu Qingyun’s eyes, “Are you really not Qingyun?”

Liu Qingyun insisted stubbornly, “No.”

Liu Qingyun believed Lu Chen couldn’t tell the difference between her and Liu Qingqiu. After all, she was using Liu Qingqiu’s body.

Moreover, she had spent so much time with Lu Chen that she had already learned the ways Liu Qingqiu interacted with him. It wouldn’t be easy for Lu Chen to tell them apart.

Lu Chen said, “Is that so?”

As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, a figure suddenly appeared in the room; it was Lu Chen’s Quasi-Emperor avatar.

Seeing that Lu Chen had brought out his avatar, Liu Qingyun’s heart tightened, and she cautiously asked, “What... what do you want to do?”

Lu Chen flashed a mischievous smile, “Nothing much, did you forget what I told you a while ago?”

Liu Qingyun was a bit confused. What was he talking about? Although she had read Liu Qingqiu’s memories, she ignored some unimportant details.

She believed what Lu Chen was referring to wasn’t anything significant.

Lu Chen continued, “Already forgotten? You seemed so excited back then.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Liu Qingyun suddenly remembered something and quickly said, “No way!”

It was hard enough dealing with Lu Chen’s main body in the Great Emperor Realm. If another Quasi-Emperor avatar joined in, her Divine Soul might be in trouble.

Even though it was just Liu Qingqiu’s body that could be tossed around, she was the one controlling it now, so all the sensations would transfer to her Divine Soul.

Lu Chen said, “Why not? You agreed before.”

Liu Qingyun knew Lu Chen was forcing her to admit her identity. At this point, she couldn’t keep pretending anymore, or Lu Chen might really take things further.

So Liu Qingyun said, “I am not Liu Qingqiu. It was Liu Qingqiu who agreed to it, not me!”

Seeing Liu Qingyun finally admit it, Lu Chen chuckled, “So you finally admitted it. It seems Yun’er truly loves me.”

Lu Chen didn’t really let his avatar proceed but instead made it leave the room. For such matters, one should proceed gradually; Lu Chen wouldn’t force it on her.

Unless his wives gave a clear answer that they were okay with it.

For this mischievous Lu Chen, Liu Qingyun was both angry and helpless. Fortunately, Lu Chen didn’t force it on her.

If Lu Chen insisted, she had no choice but to leave Liu Qingqiu’s body and let Liu Qingqiu handle it herself.

But even then, she would still feel it because of their connection.

Now that the mysterious power blocking her Divine Soul link with Liu Qingqiu had disappeared, their connection was very stable.

Whatever Liu Qingqiu did or felt, Liu Qingyun could sense it.

At this point, Liu Qingyun was too lazy to respond to Lu Chen, moving her body instead. Since she had already been exposed, there was nothing to hide.

Seeing that Liu Qingyun no longer responded to him, Lu Chen continued, “I’m quite curious, you’re not a Great Emperor, so how did you know the calamity was coming?”

“Only a Great Emperor can hear the voice of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, right?”

Liu Qingyun replied in a trembling voice, “This was told to me by an Elder... of Yunhua Palace.”

Lu Chen continued, “I see.”

“Since we have ten thousand years before the calamity, why not bring your main body here as well? We can face the calamity together.”

Liu Qingyun didn’t immediately respond. After grumbling for a moment, she said, “I’m currently imprisoned in... the Serenity Tower of Yunhua Palace and can’t leave.”

Lu Chen asked, “Aren’t you the Saintess of Yunhua Palace? Why are you imprisoned?”

Lu Chen remembered that Liu Qingyun’s initial profile showed she was the Saintess of Yunhua Palace, usually the successor to the leader. So why was she imprisoned?

Liu Qingyun replied, “I lost my Primordial Yin to you, so I lost the qualifications to be the Saintess.”

There was a noticeable trace of resentment in Liu Qingyun’s voice.

If not for this man, she would still be the Saintess of Yunhua Palace, and her Honored Master would likely allocate most of the palace’s cultivation resources to her within the next ten thousand years, possibly even using secret techniques to elevate her Realm.

But now, all of that was gone, just an illusion.

Of course, it was already done, and there was no going back. She couldn’t regret it, especially since she was forced by the Red Flower Sedan in the first place.

Nevertheless, she held some resentment towards Lu Chen in her heart.

Lu Chen chuckled softly, “Seems like I saved you from the sea of suffering.”

Lu Chen pieced together Liu Qingyun’s implication. The Palace Master of Yunhua Palace must have found out she had a man and locked her up after knowing she’d lost her Primordial Yin.

Such scenarios were commonly seen in novels and dramas.

Lu Chen said, “Do you have a way to leave the Serenity Tower? If not, I’ll come rescue you personally.”

Liu Qingyun hurriedly said, “That’s not necessary!”

Her voice suddenly became firm. She feared Lu Chen doing such a thing.

What kind of force was Yunhua Palace?

It was a Super Force in the Central Star Domain second only to the Shenyue Dynasty.

With Lu Chen’s current strength, going to Yunhua Palace would be suicidal.

Moreover, she believed her Honored Master hadn’t given up on capturing Lu Chen. Although her Honored Master hadn’t forced her to reveal details about Lu Chen, she didn’t think her Honored Master would spare him.

Her Honored Master might even be consulting with the Heavenly Mystery Maiden about Lu Chen’s whereabouts. If her Honored Master knew Lu Chen dared to come, he would surely be doomed.

Seeing Liu Qingyun’s strong opposition, Lu Chen gently stroked her cheek, gazing into her eyes, and asked, “Are you worried about me?”

Liu Qingyun bit her lip, “I’m worried that whenever I see this bastard of yours, I want to kill you!”

Lu Chen snickered, “Don’t worry, when I find you, I’ll seal your power, making you my pet so you won’t be able to kill me.”

After saying that, Lu Chen stopped moving, putting away his teasing expression, and said seriously, “Honestly, with only ten thousand years left before the calamity, don’t you want to spend the remaining time with me?”

Chapter 1362: You Are No Match for Yunhua Palace

Seeing Lu Chen’s serious expression, Liu Qingyun fell silent, a trace of worry flashing across her delicate face.

Deep within her heart, a voice kept urging her to stay with Lu Chen, though she wasn’t sure if it was because of some trick Lu Chen, that scoundrel, had pulled.

But now, she truly couldn’t leave Lu Chen, and with only ten thousand years left until the great calamity, if Lu Chen couldn’t survive the calamity, these ten thousand years would still leave her with many beautiful memories.

However...

Liu Qingyun thought of another problem: if she and Lu Chen created too many beautiful memories in these last ten thousand years, yet Lu Chen couldn’t survive the calamity,

how painful it would be for her to live alone in the new era.

The more beautiful things are now, the more painful it will be to live in the new era.

All the past beauty would fade away like a fleeting cloud, how could it not cause anguish?

Considering this, Liu Qingyun felt somewhat reluctant to continue entangling with Lu Chen. She was genuinely afraid that she would fall so deeply in love with this scoundrel that she couldn't extricate herself.

Of course, the most crucial point was that with her current ability, she couldn't be with Lu Chen.

And with Lu Chen's ability, he also couldn't rescue her from Yunhua Palace; if Lu Chen came to Yunhua Palace to rescue her, he might even lose his life.

So from any perspective, she and Lu Chen were unsuitable to be together.

After a long silence, Liu Qingyun spoke, "You are no match for Yunhua Palace."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "So you are indeed worried about me."

Liu Qingyun continued, "Yunhua Palace is a super force in the cosmos, no weaker than the Shenyue Dynasty. With your current strength, coming to Yunhua Palace looking for me is like trying to smash an egg against a stone."

Lu Chen said lightly, "I may not be a match for Yunhua Palace now, but the future is uncertain."

Liu Qingyun said, "I admit your talent is strong, but even if your talent is incredible, you won't be able to grow to counter Yunhua Palace within ten thousand years."

She had seen Lu Chen's talent with her own eyes, truly impressive. From Liu Qingqiu's memories, she knew Lu Chen took less than five hundred years to become a Great Emperor from birth.

But the main reason for Lu Chen's rapid growth was probably that he was a Reincarnated Emperor. After breaking through to the Great Emperor Realm, his strength might have difficulty growing further.

Of course, if given more time, even ten thousand years, Lu Chen might still grow to the point of contending with Yunhua Palace.

But now, time was the most lacking resource, with only ten thousand years left until the great calamity. For Lu Chen to grow strong enough to contend with Yunhua Palace in ten thousand years was nearly impossible.

The strength of Yunhua Palace was not just because of its powerful inherent strength—it also had many subsidiary forces and countless allies.

How could Lu Chen's Great Sum Dynasty contend with Yunhua Palace?

Lu Chen said, "How can you be so sure I can't do it? You look down on your man too much."

Liu Qingyun no longer spoke. It wasn't that she looked down on Lu Chen; she was just analyzing from a realistic perspective.

She also understood that men sometimes cared about face. If she directly said these things, Lu Chen would find it hard to accept. But what would that change?

When Lu Chen saw Liu Qingyun stop talking, he understood that deep down, Liu Qingyun didn't believe he could do it. Honestly, he wasn't very confident either.

But a man can't say he can't do it, especially not in front of his woman. Even if he doesn't achieve it in the end, he has to try.

Moreover, he had a system. If he didn't dare to challenge the seemingly impossible with the system, then what was the system for?

Then Lu Chen said, "How about this? Let's make a bet. If I don't achieve it, we are done, but if I do it, and one day I really rescue you from Yunhua Palace, what will you do then?"

Liu Qingyun thought, talking about these things with Lu Chen now was useless. Lu Chen, being at the edge of the cosmos, couldn't see his own strength, nor could he see the gap between the Great Sum Dynasty and Yunhua Palace.

Forget it, when he someday reaches the Central Star Domain and sees the difference between the Great Sum Dynasty and Yunhua Palace, he will realize rescuing her is utterly impossible.

By then, Lu Chen will naturally give up. There was no need to persuade him further now; let Lu Chen run into the brick wall himself.

Then Liu Qingyun said, "If one day you really rescue me from Yunhua Palace, whatever you want me to do, I'll do it."

Lu Chen said, "Alright, it's a deal."

"Enough, let's not talk about this anymore. Let's get back to what we were doing."

Lu Chen then busied himself once again.

Meanwhile.

In the Qingyun Dynasty, on the Emperor Star.

Qi Hongguang, clad in a golden dragon robe, stood at the entrance of the Imperial Study Room, his hands behind his back, looking out at the pouring rain.

Recently, it had been raining heavily, with floods and no sunshine for over a month. The sky had been gloomy, almost like night.

At this moment, a bolt of purple lightning flashed across the dark clouds, illuminating Qi Hongguang's stern face, making it look even more terrifying.

At that time, a guard appeared at the Imperial Study Room's entrance, "Your Majesty, we still haven't received any news about the Grand Ancestor."

Upon hearing this, Qi Hongguang didn't speak, just waved his hand.

The guard then said, “Your servant takes leave.”

Clearly, Qi Hongguang was in a foul mood, having already guessed that something had happened to Qi Zong.

A few days ago, news came that the Chiyue Dynasty had officially come under the rule of the Great Sum Dynasty. Most crucially, Pei Tianlu not only didn’t die, but the death qi on him also dissipated, and he even voluntarily swore allegiance to the Great Sum Dynasty’s Emperor.

These pieces of intelligence made Qi Hongguang realize that the Qingyun Dynasty had bumped into a steel plate.

Just the fact that the Great Sum Dynasty could heal the dying Pei Tianlu showed that the Great Sum Dynasty’s strength was not simple, and the Great Sum Emperor could not be an ordinary Great Emperor.

Now that Pei Tianlu had regained his strength, during his peak, the combined strength of the three Great Emperors of the Qingyun Dynasty was only about equal to Pei Tianlu’s.

Now, the Qingyun Dynasty had lost two Great Emperors, making it impossible to be a match for Pei Tianlu.

Though it was their home ground, with the boosting effect of the emperor’s qi fortune, Qi Hongguang still had no confidence, especially with the mysterious Great Sum Emperor.

No one knew what level of strength the Great Sum Emperor had.

If the opponent was at the Fifth Layer of the Great Emperor Realm, even with the qi fortune boost, they wouldn’t be able to resist.

At this moment, Qi Hongguang already had the idea of giving up Qingyun Dynasty and fleeing.

However, the emperor's qi fortune was tied to him. If he fled, the sudden loss of qi fortune would bring him great trouble.

The emperor's qi fortune wasn't something you could abandon at will. If the emperor left the dynasty and the dynasty was destroyed, the emperor would surely face the backlash of the qi fortune, which would follow him for life, likely preventing any future breakthroughs.

As Qi Hongguang was fretting, a figure appeared beside him, "Greetings, Your Majesty!"

Qi Hongguang glanced at Feng Tengfei with the corner of his eye, then asked, "What is it?"

Feng Tengfei said, "A scout's message: the Great Sum Dynasty is already mobilizing troops, preparing to attack us. Some of their starships are already on their way."

Chapter 1363: You Qi Family people are really impressive

Upon hearing Feng Tengfei's report, Qi Hongguang frowned. The Daxia Dynasty has indeed arrived.

At first, he still harbored a glimmer of hope, thinking that perhaps after the Daxia Dynasty occupied the Chiyue Dynasty, they would not continue to attack the Qingyun Dynasty. After all, the great disaster was imminent, with only ten thousand years left, and now strength should be accumulated to think about how to counter the disaster.

Moreover, the Qingyun Dynasty still had a Great Emperor, one who held the dynasty qi fortune. Even if he were to die, he would cause great trouble for the enemy.

If the Great Emperor were driven to desperation and self-destructed, even if the opponent did not die, they would be severely injured. With the great disaster only ten thousand years away, being gravely wounded at this time and not recovering before its arrival would mean certain death.

Feng Tengfei tentatively asked, "Your Majesty, what should we do now?"

The Qingyun Dynasty was already in chaos, with many Domain Lords fleeing after hearing the news.

In the eyes of most, since even the old ancestor of the Qingyun Dynasty was defeated by the Daxia Dynasty, with only one Great Emperor left, how could they possibly be a match for the Daxia Dynasty?

The Qingyun Dynasty was beyond saving.

Qi Hongguang did not immediately answer Feng Tengfei's question. He continued to clasp his hands behind his back and looked up at the thick black clouds in the sky.

After a long while, Qi Hongguang finally sighed and said, "Heaven wishes for my demise!"

Qi Hongguang had already made up his mind. With the great disaster only ten thousand years away, it was almost impossible for him to survive it with his current strength. But he had to live until the disaster arrived.

Fear of death is common to all, even the Great Emperor. Why die if one can live?

Qi Hongguang planned to pass the throne to his offspring and then flee the Qingyun Dynasty alone, letting his offspring bear the backlash of the qi fortune. This way, even if he could not make a breakthrough in the next ten thousand years, he could still live comfortably.

Thinking of this, Qi Hongguang said to himself, "Do not resent me. You wouldn't survive the disaster anyway, it's better for you to be released early."

Then, Qi Hongguang said to Feng Tengfei, "Announce that in three days, a Great Court Assembly will be held. I have important matters to declare, and all Domain Lords must attend."

Hearing this, Feng Tengfei immediately guessed Qi Hongguang's intentions, "Understood!"

“Your subordinate takes his leave!”

Three days passed in the blink of an eye.

Inside the Jinluan Hall, it was dead silent. The Domain Lords from various Star Domains bowed their heads, not daring to speak.

Although most Domain Lords had the intention to flee the Qingyun Dynasty, at such a crucial moment, they had to remain calm.

No one knew if the Emperor would go mad at this moment. If he decided the dynasty was beyond saving and intended to take everyone down with him, it was not impossible.

In the universe, such occurrences were common.

At this moment, outside the hall, black clouds still pressed down on the city, making the Jinluan Hall exceptionally dark and oppressive.

After a long time, Qi Hongguang, sitting on the Dragon Throne, finally spoke, “I intend to abdicate the throne.”

Hearing this, everyone in the hall was stunned, especially Qi Hongguang’s several offspring.

Qi Hongguang’s abdication meant that the throne would fall to one of them. With the Qingyun Dynasty on the brink of destruction, who dared to be the Emperor now?

At this moment, the eldest Prince stepped forward and said, “Father Emperor, Second Brother has both virtue and talent, wisdom and courage. I recommend him as the new Emperor.”

Hearing this, the second Prince panicked and quickly stepped forward, “Father Emperor, Eldest Brother is benevolent and capable, skilled in both civil and martial arts. Under his leadership, the Qingyun Dynasty will flourish.”

Soon after, several other princes also stepped forward, expressing their support for either the eldest or second Prince to become the new Emperor.

Qi Hongguang did not speak, merely sitting quietly on the Dragon Throne, watching his sons shirk the responsibility.

Unknown time passed before a flash of lightning streaked across the sky, followed by a thunderous roar that reached the hall. The princes, realizing their loss of composure, stopped speaking.

It was then that Qi Hongguang spoke again, “As princes of the Qingyun Dynasty and my offspring, you should bear the responsibility of protecting the dynasty. If you lack even this basic awareness, you are unworthy to be my children.”

“I am deeply disappointed in you.”

Qi Hongguang’s words did not bring them any shame. At this moment, the princes secretly hoped Qi Hongguang would expel them from the royal family.

Qi Hongguang swept his gaze across the princes once more, finally resting on the eldest Prince. Then he said, “Draft an edict: The eldest Prince is virtuous and talented, proficient in both civil and military affairs. From this day forth, he will be the Crown Prince of the Qingyun Dynasty. Three days later, I will formally abdicate and pass the throne to him.”

Upon hearing Qi Hongguang’s words, the eldest Prince felt a blackness before his eyes and fainted on the spot.

The other princes immediately showed schadenfreude on their faces, relieved that they were not the eldest, otherwise the throne would have fallen upon them.

Qi Hongguang did not care about the princes’ thoughts. He raised his hand, and a surge of power flowed into the eldest Prince’s body, gradually waking him up.

Upon awakening and finding himself still in the hall, the eldest Prince was enveloped in despair. But he quickly thought of a solution: if his father could pass the throne to him, he could pass it to his own son before the Daxia Dynasty's invasion.

The eldest Prince, several thousand years old, had many children. It wouldn't be hard to throw the throne away.

With that thought, he felt much better.

Three days later, Qi Hongguang abdicated, passing the throne to the Crown Prince, then promptly left the Qingyun Dynasty.

After inheriting the dynast qi fortune, the new Emperor's power rapidly increased, directly breaking through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm.

However, the increase in power did not make the new Emperor Yun cherish his position. He announced his abdication the following day.

Thus, the Qingyun Dynasty saw its Emperor change daily. By the time the Daxia Dynasty's army entered, the Qingyun Dynasty had gone through over a dozen emperors in a single day.

Three months later.

In the Emperor Star of Qingyun Dynasty.

At the palace gate, Lu Chen looked at the pregnant woman before him, falling into silence.

After a long while, Lu Chen finally asked the Qingyun Dynasty minister beside him, "Are you saying your Emperor is still in the womb?"

The ministers knelt on the ground, trembling, not daring to answer.

Lu Chen was also bewildered, encountering such a situation for the first time.

He looked again at the heavily pregnant woman and sighed, “Just give birth.”

The woman promptly knelt, kowtowing repeatedly, “Thank you, Heavenly Emperor!”

Lu Chen said no more, directly walking into the palace.

In the past three months, their invasion of the Qingyun Dynasty faced no resistance, leading them directly to the Emperor Star. Lu Chen initially thought the Qingyun Dynasty intended to surrender, expecting Qi Hongguang to follow Qi Shi’s example and pledge loyalty to him.

But upon reaching the capital, he found the Qi Family almost entirely fled, leaving only a pregnant woman.

As he walked into the palace, Lu Chen remarked to Qi Shi beside him, “Your Qi Family is truly impressive!”

Chapter 1364: Empress Tianhong: I Want You to Help Me with My Cultivation

Hearing Lu Chen’s “praise,” Qi Shi just felt ashamed and didn’t know what to say.

He hadn’t expected that the Qi Family, in order to save their lives, would come up with such a troublesome scheme. Originally, he had planned to persuade Qi Hongguang to surrender to the Daxia Dynasty and then pledge loyalty to Lu Chen to preserve the Qi bloodline.

As a result, Qi Hongguang had already fled.

At this time, Lu Chen stopped in his tracks, released his Divine Sense, and scanned the entire Qingyun Dynasty. He discovered that most of the Qingyun Dynasty’s Dynastic Qi Fortune had gathered into the belly of the pregnant woman just now.

Now, to fully obtain the Qi Fortune of the Qingyun Dynasty, he would have to wait for that pregnant woman to give birth to the child and for the child to grow up to the point where it could voluntarily pledge allegiance to him.

Of course, he could also forcefully seize the Qi Fortune by directly killing the pregnant woman. In that case, the Qingyun Dynasty's Qi Fortune would enter his body instantly.

However, Lu Chen was clearly not willing to kill a pregnant woman.

Moreover, doing so would result in a significant loss of the Qi Fortune he acquired.

He could afford to wait a few years; after all, it was just a matter of time.

In the following year, Lu Chen's Great Emperor incarnation stayed at the Qingyun Dynasty. To gather information about the outside world, especially news about Yunhua Palace, Lu Chen sent out numerous spies.

However, the universe was vast, and despite the large number of spies, the information they brought back was mostly scattered and of little use.

There was one piece of information that was particularly important for the Daxia Dynasty. Since the Heavenly Mystery Maiden publicly announced the impending great calamity, the entire universe had been thrown into turmoil.

More and more Great Emperors, in an attempt to resist the calamity, began to frantically expand their Empires, trying to use Dynastic Qi Fortune to help them survive the disaster.

This piece of information was crucial to the Daxia Dynasty because, as a burgeoning Empire, once those Great Emperors discovered its existence, they would undoubtedly choose to attack it.

The current situation for Daxia had become even more dire.

Due to this news, Lu Chen felt a sense of urgency. To receive more rewards from the system, he had been diligently working throughout the year, but to no avail.

Among his wives and concubines, only Empress Tianhong and Chu Yuqin were pregnant.

What puzzled him was that although Empress Tianhong and Chu Yuqin had been pregnant for a year, their bellies showed no signs of growth and still appeared normal in size.

If he hadn't frequently checked their bodies, he would have suspected that his children had been aborted.

This made Lu Chen realize that siring offspring as a Great Emperor was indeed no easy task.

Qingyun Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

Empress Tianhong, dressed in a red long gown, stood atop the grand and majestic palace roof, gazing into the deep space of the universe. A hint of fatigue appeared in her beautiful eyes.

Over the past year, the child in her belly had been frantically absorbing her Power of Slaughter, causing her body to become increasingly weak and her strength to decline.

Initially, she thought of replenishing her Power of Slaughter by slaughtering people of the Qingyun Dynasty, but Lu Chen forbade her from doing so. Dissatisfied with the various restrictions Lu Chen imposed on her, she had not let him touch her body for the past year.

Lu Chen could only see her when he insisted on checking her body.

Lu Chen had hinted at wanting to engage in some activities with her many times, but she pretended not to understand his hints.

As Lu Chen's Contracted Artifact Spirit, she was fully aware of his vile thoughts, but the very idea of this man constantly controlling her made her feel uncomfortable.

Under such circumstances, she naturally wouldn't let Lu Chen touch her.

But as a result, her Power of Slaughter did not get replenished, and her strength deteriorated even faster.

Feeling her cultivation state becoming unstable, Empress Tianhong knew she couldn't go on like this.

The talent of this child was simply too heaven-defying. It had been in her belly for a year and was still not fully developed.

No one knew how long Lu Chen's child would remain in her womb. If it stayed for thousands of years, her cultivation might drop below the Saint Realm, or even lower.

With the great calamity approaching in ten thousand years, any decline in strength at this critical time would make it impossible for her to survive the disaster.

She had to come up with a plan. Since Lu Chen wouldn't allow her to kill at will, to restore her strength, she could only resort to killing Lu Chen's undeveloped offspring.

It was the only method currently available to quickly restore her strength.

Although she harbored some resentment towards Lu Chen, she had to do this to regain her strength.

With this in mind, Empress Tianhong's figure flashed and the next moment, her graceful silhouette appeared in Lu Chen's cultivation chamber.

Feeling Empress Tianhong's presence, Lu Chen immediately opened his eyes.

"What is it, Honghong?"

Empress Tianhong glanced coldly at Lu Chen without saying a word.

Lu Chen looked at her quizzically, knowing she had been discontented with his control over her in the past year.

Precisely because of this, Empress Tianhong almost never sought him out. Every time he mentioned checking her body to see how the child was developing, she would delay for a long time before appearing.

Why did Empress Tianhong take the initiative to find him today?

Lu Chen didn't think of anything romantic; after all, Empress Tianhong, being a Great Emperor, could easily control her desires.

Maybe she thought that romantic affairs were purely a waste of her time. Lu Chen had long stopped hoping for any such moments with her.

After all, he had many women, and even if he couldn't touch Empress Tianhong, it wouldn't affect his mindset.

Seeing Empress Tianhong silent, Lu Chen continued to ask, "Did something happen outside?"

Empress Tianhong finally spoke, "I need you to help me cultivate."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen's face instantly showed a look of disbelief.

He never expected Empress Tianhong to ask him to cultivate with her.

Regaining his composure, Lu Chen was about to respond when Empress Tianhong suddenly gestured, using Space Teleportation to bring them both to her bedchamber in an instant.

Although Lu Chen had many women, and even if he couldn't be with Empress Tianhong, it wouldn't affect him much.

But Empress Tianhong was, after all, an Empress, and Lu Chen still had a desire to conquer her again, although this desire had been suppressed due to her cold demeanor over the past year.

Now, with Empress Tianhong taking the initiative, his desire instantly rekindled, and the thought of conquering her again made his inner heat surge.

Without hesitation, he said, “Alright, but I…”

Before he could finish his sentence, Empress Tianhong waved again, causing Lu Chen’s clothes to disappear instantly.

Empress Tianhong’s red gown also gradually faded away.

The next moment, her body appeared before Lu Chen, their noses almost touching. Her slender hand then pushed him onto the soft bed.

Empress Tianhong then placed herself on top of Lu Chen.

Chapter 1365: It’s Truly Not Easy for the Great Emperor to Conceive an Heir

For Lu Chen, there was nothing surprising about the actions of Empress Tianhong.

With Empress Tianhong’s assertive personality, she indeed preferred to hold the initiative.

Lu Chen also showed no resistance, as he had nothing to lose, and Empress Tianhong’s abilities surpassed all his other wives and concubines.

As long as Empress Tianhong utilized his Dual Cultivation Technique, his life force would be continuously drawn by her, and this process would persist.

The two of them did not need to make any movements.

Feeling the loss of life force within him, Lu Chen gazed at Empress Tianhong's cold yet blushing face and smiled, "Why did you suddenly think of cultivating with me?"

"I remember hinting at you at least five times this year, yet you always seemed disinterested."

Empress Tianhong slightly opened her orchid-like mouth, exhaled a little, and raised her elegant head like a noble white swan.

Lu Chen tentatively said, "How about we change positions? Staying still like this seems quite boring."

Although it felt right, the motionlessness left Lu Chen feeling incomplete, lacking a sense of conquest.

Empress Tianhong continued to ignore Lu Chen's words, remaining still.

Lu Chen sighed inwardly, realizing she wasn't going to agree.

Never mind, he had nothing to lose anyway.

In the following month, Empress Tianhong cultivated with Lu Chen, without making any movements.

Empress Tianhong even closed her eyes, remaining stationary, so Lu Chen closed his eyes as well, quietly feeling the unique cultivation.

After a month of cultivation, Lu Chen vaguely guessed why Empress Tianhong took the initiative to find him for cultivation.

When his spiritual power connected with Empress Tianhong's, he discovered the child inside her was continuously absorbing her power of slaughter.

Through killing undeveloped lives, Empress Tianhong quickly converted the power of slaughter. Lu Chen was a bit surprised, was this possible?

For a moment, Lu Chen felt a bit guilty, as he felt he was doing those lives a disservice.

But there was no other way. To help Empress Tianhong cultivate, those lives had to be sacrificed.

Thus, Lu Chen's Emperor's avatar continued to cultivate with Empress Tianhong.

Fortunately, Lu Chen had enough physical forms now, not only his main body but also two Quasi-Emperor avatars. Even if Empress Tianhong occupied one Emperor's avatar, his other wives and concubines could still receive his attention.

Even if Lu Chen's Emperor's avatar cultivated with Empress Tianhong for decades, there would be no issues.

Time flew by, and in the blink of an eye, five years passed.

Tianchen World.

Yancheng Imperial Palace, Chu Yuqin's bedchamber.

Lu Chen's broad chest pressed against Chu Yuqin's alabaster back. He softly said in her ear, "It's strange; how can a Great Emperor take so long to conceive a life? Five years have passed, and there's still no sign."

Lu Chen had hoped both Chu Yuqin and Empress Tianhong would conceive children soon so he could see what rewards the system would give him at this stage. Yet, the children inside them were still developing.

Several years had passed, and their bellies hadn't even shown the slightest bulge. Lu Chen had checked them countless times and found the children developing well with no issues.

The problem was they just wouldn't grow.

This troubled Lu Chen. If these two children stayed in their mothers' wombs for a thousand or even ten thousand years before being born, how could he become stronger?

Lu Chen was hoping to gain more strength through the system to combat the Great Calamity.

If only Empress Tianhong needed many years to conceive a life, Lu Chen could barely accept it, considering she was also a Great Emperor.

But Chu Yuqin wasn't a Great Emperor. Why did even her conception take so long? Lu Chen couldn't understand.

As Chu Yuqin felt Lu Chen's confusion, she said, "I sense nothing wrong with their bodies."

Lu Chen replied, "I've checked numerous times; they're fine. The key is, they just won't grow."

Chu Yuqin speculated, "Could it be because I am just a secondary body, and my strength can't support a child's growth, which is why it hasn't grown?"

Although she had given birth to Lu Chen's child before, it was an ordinary child. After Lu Chen became a Great Emperor, the energy required for the growth of an Imperial offspring was definitely different from an ordinary child.

Lu Chen said, "I've thought about that reason too. But it's not just you; Honghong's child is the same."

"She's a Great Emperor. A Great Emperor's strength should be enough for a child's growth. Yet, that child hasn't grown at all."

Lu Chen's secondary body, still in close contact with Empress Tianhong, could easily sense the state of the child inside her.

The children in Chu Yuqin's and Empress Tianhong's wombs were the same; they almost stopped developing after reaching a certain size.

Lu Chen even considered using life force to accelerate the growth of the two children. But, this method was definitely not viable. Who knew what congenital deficiencies artificially accelerated children might have?

He wouldn't treat his children as mere means for system rewards. But still, the children staying indefinitely in their mothers' wombs wasn't an option either.

Lu Chen asked his system in his mind, "System, these two kids have been in their mothers' wombs for years. Why is there no sign of progress? Is this normal?"

The system replied, "It's normal. It's not unusual for a Great Emperor to conceive a life for a thousand years. Some Great Emperors even use secret techniques to seal their children's growth, allowing them to develop in their wombs for ten thousand years to ensure better foundations."

Lu Chen was speechless. If these children stayed in the wombs for ten thousand years, he wouldn't be able to survive the Great Calamity.

Moreover, he had to help his wives and children combat the Great Calamity too.

With his current power at the Third Layer of Great Emperor, he felt no sense of security at all.

Lu Chen rose from Chu Yuqin's back, turned her over, and then pressed down on her again.

Chu Yuqin instinctively raised her jade arms, embracing Lu Chen, their eyes meeting.

Chu Yuqin asked, "Besides me and Sister Honghong, isn't anyone else pregnant?"

Lu Chen said, “Currently, only you two are pregnant.”

Sighing, Lu Chen lamented, “It seems that it’s really not easy for a Great Emperor to conceive a child.”

Gently stroking Chu Yuqin’s slightly flushed cheeks, Lu Chen smiled, “If only they were like you, able to conceive as long as they wanted to.”

Hearing this, the beauty’s face flushed hotly. What did he mean by being able to conceive as long as they wanted to?

Continuing, Lu Chen said, “Alright, let’s not talk about this anymore. Let’s continue, striving to help you reach the Great Emperor’s realm. Maybe when you’re stronger, the child will grow faster.”

Chu Yuqin softly murmured “Mm” and said no more as they resumed their cultivation.

Chapter 1366: Shouldn’t You Repay Me?

Lu Chen’s main body was in Chu Yuqin’s room handling matters, while Lu Chen’s secondary body of the Great Emperor was in Empress Tianhong’s sleeping palace helping Empress Tianhong cultivate. Meanwhile, Lu Chen’s two Quasi-Emperor avatars were also not idle.

Currently, all four of his bodies were in a state of intense work.

However, the secondary body of the Great Emperor was the most relaxed, lying there with his eyes closed, quietly feeling.

Qingyun Dynasty.

Empress Tianhong’s sleeping palace.

A surge of magnificent Spiritual Power erupted from Empress Tianhong's body, sweeping across the entire Qingyun Dynasty in an instant.

Upon sensing this terrifying Power of Slaughter, the cultivators of Qingyun Dynasty couldn't help but tremble.

"Heavens, what kind of power is this? Why does it make me feel uneasy and flustered?"

"This... this is the Power of Slaughter!!!"

"This must be that Empress of Daxia Dynasty who has mastered the Power of Slaughter breaking through!"

"It's over, it's over. After that Great Emperor who has mastered the Power of Slaughter breaks through, will she slaughter the people of Qingyun Dynasty to cultivate?"

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For a moment, Qingyun Dynasty was in a state of panic.

Over the years, Daxia Dynasty hadn't troubled Qingyun Dynasty's people, but what concerned Qingyun Dynasty wasn't the Emperor of Daxia Dynasty. Their greatest fear was the rumored Empress wielding the Power of Slaughter.

An Empress who has mastered the Power of Slaughter must be extremely mad. Qingyun Dynasty had not yet formally merged with Daxia Dynasty and was still not Daxia Dynasty's people, nor sheltered by Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune. That Empress wielding slaughter might likely boost her power through massacring them.

Of course, this was just the belief of a part of Qingyun Dynasty. Their thoughts were mostly due to Lu Chen continuously delaying and not bringing Qingyun Dynasty under Daxia Dynasty's rule.

Logically speaking, from the moment Lu Chen occupied Emperor Star, he already had the capability to absorb Qingyun Dynasty's Qi Fortune, but he hadn't done it yet, which inevitably led people to speculate.

The ability to annex a dynasty but not doing so implied that Daxia Dynasty needed this dynasty for certain purposes, things that couldn't be done within Daxia Dynasty itself, else it might harm Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune.

Coincidentally, Daxia Dynasty had an Empress with the Power of Slaughter. Having a Great Emperor massacre a dynasty would undoubtedly greatly elevate that Emperor's strength.

Thinking of this possibility, the cultivators of Qingyun Dynasty trembled, and to prevent their anticipated disaster, the Domain Lord of Qingyun Dynasty and the officials in Qingyun Imperial Court started to take action.

Meanwhile, inside Empress Tianhong's sleeping palace.

Lu Chen opened his eyes, gazed at Empress Tianhong's cold and stunning jade-like face. Empress Tianhong was still stabilizing her cultivation state and adjusting her condition.

A while later, Empress Tianhong opened her phoenix eyes and slightly lowered her head to look at Lu Chen. Their gazes intertwined.

With a smile, Lu Chen said, "Congratulations."

Empress Tianhong didn't speak, she just quietly watched Lu Chen.

Lu Chen asked, "Do you want to continue cultivating?"

Currently, all four of his bodies were handling intense work, he needed to free up one body for significant tasks.

Another five years had passed; Qingyun Dynasty's child born with great Qi Fortune was a few years old by now, capable of speaking. It was time for that child to transfer Qingyun Dynasty's Qi Fortune to him.

Empress Tianhong responded coldly, "No need."

Although cultivating with Lu Chen could rapidly enhance strength, consecutive years of such cultivation, even for a Great Emperor, were somewhat overwhelming.

At this moment, Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and said, "I've helped you elevate your cultivation state, shouldn't you repay me?"

Empress Tianhong's brows furrowed slightly, then she asked, "What do you want to do?"

Lu Chen said, "I prefer being proactive."

Upon hearing this, memories of Lu Chen's actions while she was suppressed by the Red Flower Sedan, especially the animal-like imitation, immediately surfaced in Empress Tianhong's mind.

Remembering that scene, the Power of Slaughter surged uncontrollably from Empress Tianhong, filling the sleeping palace within moments.

Seeing Empress Tianhong's anger, Lu Chen hurriedly said, "If you don't want to, forget it."

Lu Chen didn't expect Empress Tianhong to comply. He could tell Empress Tianhong's personality was rather cold, unlike his other wives and concubines.

Those wives and concubines, initially cold to him, eventually warmed up over time and care. Their external coldness masked an interior melted by his warmth.

Empress Tianhong was different. No matter what he did, her heart couldn't be warmed. As someone who wielded the Power of Slaughter, her interior harbored only slaughter, indifferent to romantic emotions.

Although Empress Tianhong's favor towards him had reached ninety, it was hard to say her feelings amounted to love.

Empress Tianhong gazed into Lu Chen's eyes for a long time before slowly saying, "Alright."

Lu Chen couldn't quite believe Empress Tianhong agreed.

A Great Emperor was not to be humiliated, yet Empress Tianhong had agreed?

Lu Chen asked, "Did you really agree?"

Without unnecessary words, Empress Tianhong stood up, but as soon as she moved, she realized she couldn't rise.

Empress Tianhong immediately understood that they had been in this state too long; their Spiritual Powers had interconnected, and their cultivation techniques were autonomously running.

Stopping her cultivation technique, Empress Tianhong severed the connection with Lu Chen and then switched positions to lie down.

Seeing Empress Tianhong lie down, Lu Chen hesitated no longer, immediately flipping over to press Empress Tianhong beneath him.

Empress Tianhong's expression remained indifferent, eyes silently fixed on Lu Chen, seeming to await his next move.

Seeing no reaction from Empress Tianhong, Lu Chen didn't hesitate and started taking action.

His intention was merely to feel gratified, not intending to spend excessive time on this matter, especially since cultivation with Empress Tianhong often left him dissatisfied.

Next, Lu Chen refrained from running any cultivation techniques, purely focusing on the task. Empress Tianhong understood his mindset as he didn't engage his Spiritual Powers.

Thinking of Lu Chen's help in her breakthrough and future cultivation reliance, this small sacrifice seemed insignificant.

Just as Empress Tianhong contemplated, Lu Chen suddenly suggested, "How about you kneel?"

Empress Tianhong's brain halted, recalling again the scene of suppression by the Red Flower Sedan, her aura rising sharply, releasing the Power of Slaughter once more.

Lu Chen laughed, "We've already done everything, why mind these small details."

Empress Tianhong coldly questioned, "What do you take me for?"

Lu Chen calmly replied, "My woman."

Empress Tianhong continued, "I'm not your plaything."

Lu Chen said, "It's a normal thing people do, it has nothing to do with being a plaything."

"Forget it, if you don't want to, then fine."

Lu Chen dropped the topic, continuing his business.

Suddenly, Empress Tianhong said, "Get up."

Lu Chen paused, then rose, and Empress Tianhong surprisingly complied with his request.

Chapter 1367: I Want to Go to Tianchen World

Inside the Jinluan Hall.

A little girl around six years old sat on the Dragon Throne. The girl was delicate and adorable, with bright eyes and white teeth, extremely cute.

Next to the Dragon Throne sat a mature and beautiful woman. The woman wore a Phoenix Crown and an elegant dress, exuding a noble aura.

The beautiful woman glanced around the hall, sighed deeply, and showed a look of helplessness on her face. "This day has finally come."

At this time, the little girl looked at the woman beside her and asked, "Mother, I never wanted to be emperor, it's not fun at all."

In the hall, a Domain Lord stood up and said, "Empress Dowager, for the sake of the people of the Qingyun Dynasty, we should voluntarily join the Great Sum Dynasty."

Another official also stood up and said, "Yes, now that the Great Emperor who holds the power of slaughter has broken through again, no one knows what she might do next."

For a moment, the hall was filled with the voices of officials and Domain Lords advising Mao Yulan, the Empress Dowager, to voluntarily surrender her power.

Mao Yulan did not speak; she just listened quietly.

She had long known this day would come, and she was not greedy for the power in her hands. She was just worried that if the Great Sum Dynasty officially annexed the Qingyun Dynasty, her daughter would become useless, and the Great Sum Dynasty would most likely kill both her and her daughter. After all, they were considered remnants of the previous dynasty.

She did not care about her own death, but she couldn't bear to see her child die so young.

However, all of this was not something she could decide.

Now that the Great Emperor of the Great Sum Dynasty had broken through and felt the power of slaughter, the entire Qingyun Dynasty was in a state of panic, fearing that the Great Emperor might slaughter the entire Qingyun Dynasty.

The officials and Domain Lords of the Qingyun Dynasty came to the Imperial Palace, urging Mao Yulan to voluntarily negotiate with Lu Chen to join the Great Sum Dynasty and test Lu Chen's attitude.

The little emperor was now able to speak, and the Qingyun Dynasty had long lost the people's support. It could now seamlessly transfer its Qi Fortune to the Great Sum Dynasty.

If, at this time, the ruler of the Great Sum Dynasty did not agree, then it could be seen that the Great Sum Dynasty regarded the Qingyun Dynasty as cultivation material for the Great Emperor who held the power of slaughter.

After a long time, the noise in the hall gradually subsided, and Mao Yulan finally spoke, "You don't need to say more. I know what to do."

Upon hearing Mao Yulan speak, the conversations in the hall ceased, and all eyes fell on her.

Mao Yulan continued, "Tomorrow, I will take the emperor to the Heavenly Emperor's sleeping palace. If the Heavenly Emperor agrees, the ceremony will be held in a few days."

Seeing Mao Yulan agree, everyone in the hall breathed a sigh of relief. What they feared most now was that Mao Yulan did not see the situation clearly and was still greedy for her power as the Empress Dowager.

At this moment, a Domain Lord said, "Since the Empress Dowager has made her decision, we will await the good news on the Emperor Star."

Mao Yulan then stood up expressionlessly, “That’s it for today.”

She then took the young Empress Qi Qinghan out of the Jinluan Hall.

Back in the palace, Mao Yulan was full of worry. Seeing her mother looking anxious, Qi Qinghan asked, “Mother, what’s wrong?”

Mao Yulan shook her head and stroked Qi Qinghan’s chubby cheek, saying, “Mother is fine, just recalling some unpleasant memories.”

Qi Qinghan innocently asked, “What unpleasant things?”

Mao Yulan forced a smile and said, “Alright, let’s not talk about this.”

“Qinghan, if you are no longer the emperor, what would you like to do?”

Qi Qinghan raised her hand and placed a finger on her lips, tilting her head as she thought, then said, “I want to eat lots and lots of delicious food.”

Hearing Qi Qinghan’s answer, Mao Yulan was surprised. Although Qi Qinghan was just a puppet emperor, she was still an emperor.

In the Imperial Palace, Qi Qinghan could eat any delicacy she wanted. Mao Yulan did not expect Qi Qinghan to still be interested in food.

Mao Yulan continued to ask, “Qinghan, don’t you have any other interests?”

Qi Qinghan replied, “No.”

Mao Yulan then asked, “Is there any place you want to go?”

Mao Yulan was thinking that after the Great Sum Dynasty annexed the Qingyun Dynasty, she would take Qi Qinghan away from the Emperor Star, to another dynasty or another Star Domain.

Qi Qinghan then said, "I want to go to the Tianchen World!"

Mao Yulan was taken aback, not knowing what to say.

Tianchen World was the Emperor Star of the Great Sum Dynasty. She never thought Qi Qinghan would be interested in Tianchen World. Mao Yulan then asked, "Why do you want to go to Tianchen World?"

Qi Qinghan said, "Sister Rong'er told me that Tianchen World has lots of delicious and fun things."

Hearing this response, Mao Yulan felt a bit complicated. Rong'er, whom Qi Qinghan mentioned, was from the Great Sum Dynasty.

After conquering the entire Emperor Star, the Great Sum Dynasty had dispersed all the maids in the palace and replaced them with people from the Great Sum Dynasty.

Although they all behaved very friendly, Mao Yulan knew very well that they were just monitoring her and her daughter.

Under the influence of those maids, Qi Qinghan had developed a good impression of the Great Sum Dynasty and was interested in Tianchen World.

Mao Yulan did not dare to tell Qi Qinghan too much about the Great Sum Dynasty. With so many Great Sum Dynasty maids watching, speaking carelessly could cost her her life.

Mao Yulan could only watch her daughter being brainwashed by those maids.

The thought of Qi Qinghan being the last emperor of a fallen kingdom, yet having a favorable view of the dynasty that destroyed her own, was extremely ironic to Mao Yulan.

She did not continue the conversation. Whether they could survive was a pressing issue, let alone escaping the Qingyun Dynasty.

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The next morning.

Early in the morning, Mao Yulan took the young Empress Qi Qinghan, who was dressed in a Phoenix Robe, to Lu Chen's sleeping palace.

As the emperor, Qi Qinghan was supposed to wear a Dragon Robe, but considering that the Qingyun Dynasty had already been occupied by the Great Sum Dynasty, and Qi Qinghan was merely a puppet emperor, wearing a Dragon Robe would be highly disrespectful to the Heavenly Emperor.

Mao Yulan stood at the entrance and said to the maid, "I wish to see Your Majesty. Would you please inform him?"

The maid glanced at Mao Yulan and Qi Qinghan, "His Majesty is not here."

Mao Yulan was slightly stunned, not here?

Where could he have gone?

Mao Yulan was about to ask the maid more questions when suddenly, a cold and elegant woman in a white long dress, holding a sword, passed by the courtyard.

Mao Yulan immediately remembered that this woman seemed to be the Heavenly Emperor's personal maid, so she quickly said, "Please wait, miss!"

Bai Qingqing stopped and looked at Mao Yulan in confusion, "What is it?"

Mao Yulan quickly said, "I wish to see the Heavenly Emperor."

Bai Qingqing said, “The Heavenly Emperor is in seclusion.”

Mao Yulan sighed inwardly. A Great Emperor’s seclusion could last decades. It seemed impossible to see the Heavenly Emperor today.

Just as she was about to leave, Bai Qingqing suddenly said, “Follow me.”

Chapter 1368: Heavenly Emperor Brother, I Want to Go to Tianchen World

While talking to Mao Yulan, Bai Qingqing suddenly received a voice transmission from Lu Chen. He asked her to take Mao Yulan and Qi Qinghan to the Imperial Study Room, where he would meet them later.

Lu Chen was a Great Emperor, and the entire Emperor Star was under his divine sense. He was aware of the recent happenings on Emperor Star.

He planned to annex the Qingyun Dynasty and then break the seal of the Reincarnation Stone as soon as possible, hoping to completely lift the seal.

Upon hearing Bai Qingqing’s words, Mao Yulan asked, “Isn’t His Majesty in seclusion?”

Bai Qingqing replied, “His Majesty sent a voice transmission, asking you to wait in the Imperial Study Room.”

Mao Yulan realized, hastily thanked her, and said, “Thank you, lady.”

Bai Qingqing didn’t say much, and took Mao Yulan and her daughter to the Imperial Study Room.

When the three arrived at the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen was not there. Bai Qingqing continued, “You should wait here. His Majesty might take some time to arrive.”

Bai Qingqing knew what Lu Chen was doing and was aware that he wouldn't finish quickly at this moment.

Mao Yulan said, "I understand."

Mao Yulan then held Qi Qinghan's hand and waited inside the Imperial Study Room.

At this time, Lu Chen was also in a berserk state, and even Empress Tianhong couldn't help but make some noise.

In recent years of cultivation with Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong and Lu Chen had always been in a static state. Even if there were sensations, they were relatively mild.

But Lu Chen was different. Once he took control, he became wild. Moreover, the other party was Empress Tianhong, which made Lu Chen even more violent.

Empress Tianhong gritted her teeth, cursing Lu Chen in her heart.

This bastard, he really treats her as a plaything!

Though displeased, Empress Tianhong did not stop Lu Chen. She knew that he wouldn't last long, and her divine sense also detected that someone was searching for Lu Chen outside.

It was a long time before Lu Chen finished his business. After taking a deep breath, he smiled at Empress Tianhong.

Empress Tianhong glared coldly at Lu Chen, the power of slaughtering faintly showing signs of going berserk. Lu Chen smiled and said, "Sorry, I couldn't control myself for a moment."

Empress Tianhong said nothing, the power of slaughtering in her hands becoming even stronger. Lu Chen immediately pulled back, saying, "I have things to do today, let's cultivate together next time."

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen waved his hand, instantly dispelling the sweat and grime on his body and putting on a white dragon robe with golden edges.

Then, Lu Chen used Shadow Shifting and appeared in the Imperial Study Room.

Mao Yulan and Qi Qinghan were talking, and suddenly, a figure appeared in front of them, startling both mother and daughter.

Seeing it was Lu Chen, Mao Yulan quickly saluted and said, "I greet the Heavenly Emperor!"

Lu Chen said faintly, "Rise."

At this moment, Qi Qinghan tilted her head, staring curiously at Lu Chen. Lu Chen also looked down at the girl slightly.

The girl had chubby cheeks and was very adorable, which immediately reminded Lu Chen of Huanhuan when she was little.

Seeing Lu Chen staring at Qi Qinghan, Mao Yulan felt a chill down her spine, breaking into a cold sweat. She quickly said to Qi Qinghan, "Qinghan, quickly pay your respects."

Mao Yulan was afraid Qi Qinghan would offend Lu Chen. Their lives now were in Lu Chen's hands, and if they offended him, their chances of survival would be even slimmer.

Lu Chen said faintly, "It's all right."

Even after Lu Chen spoke, Qi Qinghan still obediently paid her respects, saying, "Greetings to the Heavenly Emperor."

Lu Chen walked towards the chair in the Imperial Study Room, saying, "You may rise."

When they looked up, Lu Chen was already sitting in the chair.

Lu Chen asked, “Why are you looking for me?”

Although he already knew their purpose, Lu Chen decided to ask proactively, so they could speak their mind.

Mao Yulan said, “Heavenly Emperor, Qinghan is too young to manage the Qingyun Dynasty. We plan to fully integrate the Qingyun Dynasty into the Daxia Dynasty and hope the Heavenly Emperor will agree.”

Saying this, Mao Yulan knelt down again, and Qi Qinghan quickly followed suit.

However, from the beginning, Qi Qinghan’s gaze never left Lu Chen’s face.

In Qi Qinghan’s heart, she just thought this big brother was very handsome and looked kind, so she couldn’t understand why her mother was so afraid of the Heavenly Emperor.

After hearing Mao Yulan’s words, Lu Chen didn’t immediately respond. His gaze fell on Qi Qinghan again, noticing she had been staring at him. Lu Chen smiled at her.

Seeing Lu Chen smile at her, Qi Qinghan also smiled.

Lu Chen asked Qi Qinghan, “Little girl, what’s your name?”

Mao Yulan was momentarily stunned when Lu Chen didn’t respond to her but instead asked her daughter’s name, uncertain of Lu Chen’s intentions.

Qi Qinghan replied, “My name is Qi Qinghan.”

Lu Chen said, “That’s a nice name.”

As he said this, his gaze returned to Mao Yulan. “Stand up.”

“Since Qinghan can speak, I will agree to your request.”

“But you must understand, from now on, you will no longer be of the royal family and will not receive any royal treatment.”

Mao Yulan quickly nodded, “I understand.”

Lu Chen then asked, “After the ceremony, where do you plan to go with Qinghan?”

Mao Yulan was slightly stunned; she didn’t expect Lu Chen to ask this question.

The Heavenly Emperor asked where they were going, so did he intend to let them go? If he wanted to kill them, he wouldn’t have asked. After all, they couldn’t go anywhere if they were dead.

After a moment of silence, Mao Yulan replied, “I haven’t decided yet.”

Just as Mao Yulan finished speaking, Qi Qinghan suddenly said, “Heavenly Emperor Brother, I want to go to Tianchen World.”

Qi Qinghan’s unexpected words stunned both Mao Yulan and Lu Chen.

As Mao Yulan recovered, her face changed, never expecting her daughter to be so bold as to call him Brother.

Mao Yulan quickly kowtowed, “Heavenly Emperor, please forgive Qinghan. She is young and ignorant, and has offended Your Majesty.”

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned. This little girl was not only bold but also called him Brother?

As he recovered, Lu Chen quickly understood. Qi Qinghan grew up influenced by his maid, naturally having a good impression of him.

Besides, she was young and ignorant, thinking he seemed like a kind big brother, especially since he smiled at her earlier, which made her think that he wasn't a bad person.

Lu Chen then smiled, "You can't call me Brother."

Qi Qinghan tilted her head and asked, "What should I call you then?"

Before Lu Chen could answer, Mao Yulan quickly said to Qi Qinghan, "Qinghan, do not be rude. Apologize to the Heavenly Emperor immediately!"

Chapter 1369: Hope to Break the Sealing at Once This Time

Seeing her mother scold her, Qi Qinghan froze for a moment. From childhood to adulthood, her mother had never spoken to her in such a harsh tone.

This was the first time her mother had scolded her.

Qi Qinghan immediately felt a bit aggrieved in her heart.

When Lu Chen saw the aggrieved expression on Qi Qinghan's face, he quickly said to Mao Yulan, "You know the child is still young. Why scold her?"

Mao Yulan was stunned once again.

The Heavenly Emperor would actually speak up for his daughter.

At this moment, Lu Chen looked at Qi Qinghan with a smile and said, "Little Qinghan, if you want to go to Tianchen World, I'll have someone take you there after the ceremony."

Upon hearing this, Qi Qinghan's eyes lit up and she immediately asked, "Heavenly Emperor brother... Your Majesty, is it true?"

Lu Chen replied, “Of course it’s true. The Heavenly Emperor never lies.”

Qi Qinghan happily said, “Thank you, Heavenly Emperor!”

Mao Yulan also reacted at this time. The Heavenly Emperor allowing them to go to Tianchen World meant he wasn’t planning to take their lives.

Even though, as remnants of the Qingyun Dynasty, they would likely have no freedom in Tianchen World, it was still better than death.

Thinking of this, Mao Yulan quickly kowtowed and said, “Thank you, Heavenly Emperor!”

Lu Chen then said, “Alright, if there’s nothing else, go prepare for the ceremony.”

Mao Yulan responded, “Yes, I shall take my leave.”

With that, Mao Yulan stood up, taking Qi Qinghan’s hand and preparing to leave the Imperial Study Room.

As Qi Qinghan left, she turned her little head slightly and looked at Lu Chen with reluctance.

Seeing Qi Qinghan turning back to look at him, Lu Chen gave her a warm, sunny smile once more.

After Mao Yulan returned to her palace, she immediately summoned the ministers and domain lords of the Qingyun Dynasty to discuss the merger ceremony.

When the ministers heard Mao Yulan say that Lu Chen had agreed to the merger of the Qingyun Dynasty into the Daxia Dynasty, the stone in their hearts was finally set down.

For the Heavenly Emperor to agree to the merger, it meant he did not intend to use the common people of the Qingyun Dynasty as cultivation materials for the Slaughter Empress.

Next, they just needed to quickly facilitate the merger of the Qingyun Dynasty into the Daxia Dynasty.

The ministers quickly finalized the time for the ceremony, which was set for two days later. To avoid any unforeseen complications, they wished the ceremony could be held immediately, but some arrangements couldn't be completed so quickly.

After all, it was a merger ceremony of two empires, it couldn't be done too shabbily.

Two days later.

Qingyun Dynasty, Imperial Palace.

Qi Qinghan carried a wooden tray with the Jade Seal on it, walked up to Lu Chen, knelt down as Mao Yulan had taught her over the past two days, and recited an oath of loyalty to the Daxia Dynasty.

As Qi Qinghan's words fell, countless streams of Dynast Qi Fortune from the Qingyun Dynasty poured into Lu Chen's body, making him feel immensely comfortable.

However, this time, Lu Chen's main body did not break through like it did last time. He felt that he was still lacking a bit, but he had a premonition that within five years, his main body could break through to the Fourth Layer of the Great Emperor Realm.

Although his main body's cultivation state did not stir, the massive influx of Dynast Qi Fortune into his divine soul caused his two quasi-emperor avatars to show faint signs of breaking through, which Lu Chen did not expect.

At this moment, his two quasi-emperor avatars were still engaging in dual cultivation with his concubines, feeling the accumulation of a large amount of spiritual power in their bodies. Lu Chen then began to accelerate the cultivation of his avatars.

If the two quasi-emperor avatars broke through, his strength would rise to another level. Just as Lu Chen was thinking this, the system prompt sounded.

“The strength of the host’s avatars has nothing to do with the host’s avatars themselves. Only when the host’s divine soul strength reaches a certain level, can the host’s avatars’ cultivation state break through to higher realms.”

Upon hearing the system’s reminder, Lu Chen suddenly realized he had almost forgotten this matter.

Without sufficient divine soul strength, he couldn’t sustain simultaneously controlling multiple powerful physical bodies. Once his divine soul strength increased, the physical bodies’ strength would naturally rise as well.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen no longer continued paying attention to the cultivation of his quasi-emperor avatars.

After the ceremony, all eyes were on Lu Chen, everyone from the Qingyun Dynasty wanted to see how Lu Chen intended to deal with Mao Yulan and her daughter.

After putting away the Jade Seal of the Qingyun Dynasty, Lu Chen smiled at Qi Qinghan and said, “Qinghan, I will now have someone take you to Tianchen World, okay?”

Seeing Lu Chen speaking so kindly to Qi Qinghan, everyone present was stunned. When the Heavenly Emperor spoke to Qi Qinghan, he did not refer to himself as ‘we,’ but as ‘I,’ showing how deeply he cared for Qi Qinghan.

Why would the Heavenly Emperor favor the remnants of the Qingyun Dynasty?

At this moment, people’s eyes suddenly focused on Mao Yulan, and seeing her mature and voluptuous figure, they immediately understood.

A lone mother and daughter, Mao Yulan would do anything to protect them; it was not surprising.

After guessing the relationship between Mao Yulan and Lu Chen, those who originally wanted to kill Mao Yulan and her daughter as a pledge of loyalty let go of their ideas.

If Mao Yulan had already climbed into the Heavenly Emperor's bed, making a move against her and Qi Qinghan would be foolish.

At this moment, Lu Chen had not realized that his casual words had led people to misunderstand his relationship with Mao Yulan.

Of course, for the current Lu Chen, such a misunderstanding did not negatively affect him in any way.

Lu Chen then called in Qi Shi, instructing him to personally escort Mao Yulan and her daughter to Tianchen World.

After everything was settled, Lu Chen's main body began to retreat, planning to break the seal of the Reincarnation Stone to see how many memories of his past life had not yet been recovered.

In the cultivation chamber, the Reincarnation Stone emitting a blue glow floated in front of Lu Chen.

Gazing at the Reincarnation Stone, Lu Chen recalled the first time he used it. He was taken to a sea of flowers and saw a pair of treacherous lovers. It took him at least a hundred years to leave that sea of flowers.

Though the hundred years in the sea of flowers passed in an instant in reality, Lu Chen's mental state was still significantly affected.

For this reason, Lu Chen hesitated to break the seal of the Reincarnation Stone.

After breaking through to the Great Emperor, he had gained the ability to remove one layer of the Reincarnation Stone's seal, but he had not done so yet.

Lu Chen sighed deeply, “I hope I can break the seal all at once. I don’t want to be imprisoned for a hundred years every time I break a seal.”

With that, Lu Chen began infusing spiritual power into the Reincarnation Stone.

In the next moment, the blue glow of the Reincarnation Stone faded, replaced by green radiance.

Lu Chen was about to investigate the structure of the Reincarnation Stone using his divine soul when his vision went black. When he opened his eyes again, he found himself on a battlefield.

What the...

Immediately, Lu Chen released his divine sense to explore whether he was in an illusion realm or truly in another world.

After his investigation, he found that the laws of this world were complete, and it was not an illusion but a real world.

Chapter 1370: Have you found me now?

Is this actually a real world?

Lu Chen stood there, his face blank with astonishment.

That means, the sea of flowers he experienced the first time he broke a seal could also be a real world?

Just as Lu Chen was lost in thought, a woman suddenly leaped from his side.

The woman was dressed in a red tight suit, with her hair tied in a high ponytail, holding a long spear that she thrust towards the giant skull not far away.

At this moment, countless demons floating in the air charged at the woman, and witnessing this, Lu Chen instinctively moved to help.

As soon as he acted, he realized his body passed through one of the demons; it appeared he couldn't touch anything or anyone in this world.

Lu Chen pondered, could it be because of the laws of this world? That as an outsider, he could only observe the people and events here but not intervene?

As Lu Chen was deep in thought, a man dressed in black gold armor appeared on the city wall. As soon as this man appeared, the soldiers on the wall cheered loudly.

"It's the General! The General is here!"

"Great! The General has finally come!"

"The Great Sum will surely win!!!"

This...

Lu Chen turned to look at the man in black gold armor beside him and found that he looked exactly like him.

Moreover, even he couldn't gauge the man's strength.

So strong?

He was already at the Third Layer of the Great Emperor's cultivation, yet he couldn't see through the man's cultivation. How powerful must this man be?

However, if he couldn't sense the man's cultivation, the man should be able to sense his, right?

Just as Lu Chen had this thought, the man indeed turned his head towards him, their gazes meeting.

After giving Lu Chen a faint smile, the man took a sword and slowly flew into the air.

Then the man slashed out with his sword, and in an instant, the whole world seemed to freeze.

Next, eight sword lights flashed in the distance.

Lu Chen's pupils shrank, his mind went blank—this was the Ice-Eight Level Sword?

The other person also knew the Ice-Eight Level Sword?

A person who looked exactly like him and even knew his swordsmanship made Lu Chen's scalp tingle.

The key point was, this was a real world. Wasn't the Reincarnation Stone supposed to seal his memories? How could breaking the seal bring him to another world each time?

After the man slashed out, the distant demons were instantly frozen, and as the eight sword lights flashed past, all the demons exploded and turned into ice flowers, reflecting the sunlight and looking very beautiful against the clear sky.

Seeing the man resolve the attacking demons with one slash, the woman in red immediately stowed her spear and turned away coolly, passing by the man.

The soldiers began to clean the battlefield, but Lu Chen paid no attention to them. He followed the man who looked exactly like him back to the General Mansion.

After returning to the General Mansion, the man instructed the servants to prepare some wine and food, and then drank alone.

After an unknown amount of time, a woman in a white long dress entered the man's room.

Lu Chen immediately recognized her as the woman who had fought demons outside the city with a spear earlier.

Although she had changed into a white dress, she still looked as cold as ever. She went to the man in armor and sat directly on his lap.

Observing all this, Lu Chen suddenly felt this scene was very familiar, as if he had experienced it himself.

He thought the woman resembled Bai Qingqing a bit. Bai Qingqing often followed him and even helped relieve his desires when necessary.

But Bai Qingqing didn't use a spear. Speaking of spear users, this woman looked a bit like Xuanyuan Yunqi, who mainly used a spear.

At this moment, the man began to move his hands while drinking, one hand wandering within the woman's long dress.

Uh, this...

Lu Chen couldn't help but think, not only did this man look like him, their behaviors were similar too.

If he hadn't felt this was a real world with complete laws, he would've thought it was a memory of his past life.

Lu Chen paused for a moment. Did the Reincarnation Stone bring him here just to watch this man who looks exactly like him engage in lewd acts?

That shouldn't be the case, right?

The Reincarnation Stone sealed his memories. If it brought him here, it must have some connection to his past life memories.

But now it seemed that, apart from looking exactly like him, the happenings in this world had nothing to do with his past life memories.

As Lu Chen pondered in confusion, the man had already removed his armor and was now on the bed with the woman in the red dress.

Thinking about his first memory recovery, watching that couple's debauchery in the sea of flowers for a hundred years, Lu Chen immediately felt uneasy.

Could this couple be the same as the one from the sea of flowers?

Lu Chen hurriedly intervened, "Wait!"

"I have something to ask you!"

Lu Chen thought, when they were on the city wall earlier, since the man looked in his direction, he should be able to see him.

Since that's the case, he should be able to stop him from doing this.

However, the man ignored Lu Chen's words entirely and continued being intimate with the woman. Soon, the room was filled with their heavy breathing.

Lu Chen's face turned dark. He didn't expect the man to completely disregard his existence.

During such acts, men usually don't want other males watching, as they have possessiveness over their women. This guy dared to do this in front of him without a care.

He said, "You must be able to see me, right? Who are you people?"

Nonetheless, the couple continued to ignore Lu Chen, doing their own thing. Soon, the cold woman was flushed, her eyes drifting.

At this moment, the woman glanced in Lu Chen's direction, then weakly spoke, "Dar...ling... in the next life, I'll still be your woman."

Lu Chen looked at the woman in confusion. Was she speaking to him?

Though her eyes were drifting, Lu Chen clearly saw her gaze was focused on him.

Did these two truly not see him, or did they just pretend he wasn't there?

Lu Chen felt utterly bewildered, what was up with the Reincarnation Stone's seal?

Just as his mind was shrouded in confusion, the woman spoke again, "Dar...ling... umm... has he left?"

Upon hearing this question, Lu Chen was dumbfounded.

This woman couldn't truly see him, but knew he would come?

The man who looked like Lu Chen then said, "Not yet, I suppose."

The woman glanced at Lu Chen again, placing her hands on the man's shoulders and straddling him, "Future... darling, have you found me now?"

Once more, Lu Chen was filled with questions.

Future?

Isn't this happening now?