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Chapter 1371: Memories of a Former Life

Lu Chen still hadn't figured out the situation.

After being pulled into this world by the Reincarnation Stone, he immediately investigated to determine whether this was an Illusion Realm or reality.

After his probing, he found the world had complete Laws, which indicated it was a real world.

Why did that woman use the words "future darling"?

Lu Chen believed that when this woman referred to a future darling, she was talking about him.

Could it be that this wasn't the real world?

Was his perception distorted by the Reincarnation Stone, making him believe this was reality?

Just as Lu Chen was lost in confusion, the woman exhaled a long breath. She lifted her snowy neck, and after recovering, she said again, "Phew... I believe you've found me by now. I am Xuanyuan Yunki, though I don't know what my future name will be."

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Lu Chen was dumbfounded.

Xuanyuan Yunki?

He thought she looked familiar, a bit like Xuanyuan Yunqi, but he didn't expect it to really be her?

At that moment, the man spoke up, "If my future self can unravel this layer of sealing, you should have already reached the Quasi-Emperor Realm."

"Keep striving. The great catastrophe of the world I'm in is approaching, and a new Reincarnation is about to begin."

"It's a pity that in this lifetime, I only found Yunqi. I hope you can recover everything I've lost."

As the man finished speaking, Lu Chen noticed a floating stone suddenly appeared in the room. It looked like the Reincarnation Stone, especially with those golden patterns that were exactly the same as those on the Reincarnation Stone.

However, this stone was different from the Reincarnation Stone, at least in size; it was much larger.

Suddenly, Lu Chen's vision went dark. When he opened his eyes again, he found himself back in his cultivation chamber.

This...

Lu Chen had prepared for being trapped for millions of years, but he didn't expect to break the seal in less than a day.

As Lu Chen rejoiced at returning so quickly, a torrent of memories surged into his mind.

He saw himself battling countless Demons, ultimately earning the title of Heavenly Emperor. He saw the universe collapsing, and him hiding in a dark space with a stone. When the disasters passed, he arrived in a newly formed universe.

In that new universe, the Spiritual Energy was incredibly dense, forming numerous nebulae permeated with various Dao Charms, yet the world was still taking shape.

That Lu Chen used his power to help those nebulae condense into a new world, almost depleting his strength.

Later, he sealed his strength and lived on for countless years. When his final moment came, he decided to explore the universe.

During his travels, he saved the Skyfire Clan. Later, he heard that this universe collided with another, creating a new world. He ventured to the Outer Domain, ultimately dying there with regret.

After recovering this memory, Lu Chen was startled. It turned out he really had two lifetimes in this world.

As the Heavenly Emperor, he reincarnated as Emperor Shenwu's ninth son after his death.

In truth, he had died as the Heavenly Emperor tens of thousands of years ago.

The Skyfire Clan believed the Heavenly Emperor had only left roughly ten thousand years ago because the star domains around the Imperial Mountain Domain were actually part of the Heavenly Emperor's internal microcosm. When the Heavenly Emperor departed, he merged his internal microcosm with the outer universe.

Initially, the time flow rate of this star domain differed from the universe's. While tens of thousands of years passed outside, only ten thousand years passed here, making the Skyfire Clan believe the Heavenly Emperor had left only ten thousand years ago.

While tens of thousands of years of development occurred outside, only ten thousand years passed here. This was not advantageous for the Skyfire Clan, but there was nothing Lu Chen could do.

His own life was ending, and the time Laws of his internal microcosm followed the Ancient Era's pace. Complete integration with the outer universe required time.

Lu Chen looked at the Reincarnation Stone before him and muttered, “So the Tianchen World is the remnant of the microcosm within me. No wonder it grows larger as my power increases.”

Thinking of his previous lifetimes, Lu Chen couldn’t help but sigh. Even though he had reached the Heavenly Emperor Realm in his previous lifetimes, he never uncovered all the seals of the Reincarnation Stone.

The Reincarnation Stone wasn’t left over from his previous lives; it had existed in his mind since his birth each lifetime. In his previous lifetimes, he only broke parts of the seals to learn about prior existences.

The Reincarnation Stone seemed like a Russian nesting doll, sealing memories of each lifetime inside. He strove to break the seals in each life, but never succeeded.

After regaining memories of past lives, Lu Chen also recovered some memories of being Emperor Shenwu’s son.

Just like his previous lifetimes, he was born with the Reincarnation Stone. However, one day, he accidentally showed it to Emperor Shenwu, who noticed it immediately.

Emperor Shenwu, recognizing its extraordinary nature, demanded it, but Lu Chen refused, and Emperor Shenwu forcibly took it.

At that time, Lu Chen was only at the Returning Ruin Realm and no match for Emperor Shenwu, who easily obtained the Reincarnation Stone.

However, no matter how hard Emperor Shenwu tried, he couldn’t unlock the seals of the Reincarnation Stone. In his fury, he attempted to destroy it but only managed to split it in half with all his might.

To Emperor Shenwu’s surprise, after splitting the stone, one half vanished, and the other half possessed the power to evolve all things and control a person’s life to some extent.

Emperor Shenwu named this piece the Sky Evolution Stone.

Recalling this memory, Lu Chen felt a bit angry. That old man not only took his woman but also his stone.

If he had a system then, he might not have lost even this piece of the Reincarnation Stone, and he'd be even further from restoring his past life's memories.

Speaking of the system, Lu Chen was filled with doubts again. From his memories as the Heavenly Emperor in past lives, he had no system back then.

So where did the system come from?

How strange.

There was no system for two lifetimes, yet suddenly a system appeared in this life.

Could this system be connected to even earlier lifetimes?

To uncover the system's origins, he likely had to continue breaking the seals of the Reincarnation Stone.

Unluckily, the memories from the broken seals didn't stay with his past life's memories, so he couldn't access any older memories through them.

So complicated...

Lu Chen now felt overwhelmed.

He couldn't understand the Reincarnation Stone. Why hadn't the broken seals revealed any related memories? Why did he have to redo everything every lifetime, only to regain memories from the immediate past life? The deeper sealed memories seemed unreachable.

Wait, perhaps there was some hope after all?

Lu Chen recalled his previous life; without a system's aid, it had taken him ten thousand years in the Ancient Era to become a Great Emperor.

Yet, with the system's help, he achieved the same in under five hundred years this time.

Chapter 1372: Xuanyuan Yunqi Regains Her Past Life Memories

Lu Chen thought for a moment. At the current speed of cultivation improvement, he estimated that it would take less than a hundred years for him to return to the Heavenly Emperor Realm.

After breaking through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm, he would be able to break the deeper seals of the Reincarnation Stone and gain more memories.

This universe still has ten thousand years before a great calamity arrives. With the help of the system, he could entirely break through to a realm above the Heavenly Emperor within these ten thousand years. Once he broke through the Heavenly Emperor Realm, he might be able to break more seals of the Reincarnation Stone.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen regained his confidence.

But speaking of which, the current Reincarnation Stone isn't complete, with many abilities missing. He must retrieve the "Sky Evolution Stone" from Emperor Shenwu.

Only by recovering that part can the Reincarnation Stone exert its full function. For example, the true world that Lu Chen just saw is one of the abilities of the Reincarnation Stone.

The Reincarnation Stone can back up the events happening in the current world. Although these events cannot be interfered with, one can clearly see what happened.

The backup world has a complete set of laws, equivalent to a new world. At this moment, an idea struck Lu Chen's mind: if he were strong enough, could he directly back up the entire universe?

Every time a great calamity approached, he would live in the backup universe, thus never fearing the great calamity of the universe.

However, thinking of it, his previous lives might have thought of similar things, but it seems they never succeeded; otherwise, he wouldn't have fallen to this point.

Forget it, don't think about those unrealistic things. Better to see if he can break the next layer of the seal now.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen continued to infuse power into the Reincarnation Stone, wanting to break the next layer of the seal. As a result, after his spiritual power entered the Reincarnation Stone, there was no reaction at all.

Lu Chen couldn't help but sigh. From the memories of his previous lives, a Quasi-Emperor could barely break one layer of the seal, and at least the Heavenly Emperor Realm was needed for the next layer.

It seems that only by reaching the Heavenly Emperor Realm can he know what happened in his previous lives.

Forget it, let's put the Reincarnation Stone aside for now. He has another important thing to do.

That is to help Xuanyuan Yunqi restore her past life's memory. The Reincarnation Stone not only sealed Lu Chen's memory but also the memories of his past wives and concubines.

Lu Chen now basically confirmed that women related to him were likely his women in a previous life. These women might not have had a relationship with him in the same life.

He reincarnated many times, and as the number of reincarnations increased, so did the number of his women.

Even if he only had one woman in each life, after countless reincarnations, he already had an unknown number of women.

But speaking of which, why did he never meet his previous women in past lives, but suddenly encountered so many women in this life?

Lu Chen pondered for a moment. On the one hand, he has the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings in this life, and on the other hand, there's the Red Flower Sedan. Many of his wives and concubines were brought to the Tianchen World by the Red Flower Sedan.

The System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings gave him the motivation to seek women, while the Red Flower Sedan brought those related to his past lives to the Tianchen World.

Combined, he reunited with the beauties from his past lives.

As for who is behind all this and why this change occurred in this life, Lu Chen does not know. He believes that when the seal of the Reincarnation Stone is completely lifted, he will know the answers to all these questions.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen immediately sent a message to Xuanyuan Yunqi, "Yunqi, return to the Tianchen World, I have something to discuss with you."

The current Xuanyuan Yunqi has become a commander of a legion in the War Dragon Army and is stationed in the Imperial Mountain Domain. Upon hearing Lu Chen's message, she immediately put down her tasks and headed towards the transmission array in the Skyfire World, quickly returning to the Tianchen World.

Just after returning to the Tianchen World, Xuanyuan Yunqi felt a force enveloping her. In the next moment, her body appeared in Lu Chen's training room.

Xuanyuan Yunqi immediately bowed and said, "Subordinate greets Your Majesty the Heavenly Emperor!"

Lu Chen said indifferently, "Rise."

Xuanyuan Yunqi curiously asked, “What is Your Majesty’s purpose in summoning your subordinate?”

She is the commander of the War Dragon Army, responsible for the security of the entire Imperial Mountain Domain. Usually, Lu Chen does not summon her back to the Tianchen World, since Lu Chen is not short of women.

Xuanyuan Yunqi did not believe Lu Chen summoned her back just to have her serve him in bed. For the past few years, Lu Chen’s avatar would inspect the Imperial Mountain Domain and would only let her serve him when inspecting the War Dragon Army, never just bringing her back deliberately.

Lu Chen unhesitatingly walked behind Xuanyuan Yunqi and directly embraced her waist, clad in white armor.

Feeling the heat from Lu Chen’s body, Xuanyuan Yunqi was slightly stunned. She couldn’t help thinking, could it be that His Majesty the Heavenly Emperor summoned her back for such an affair?

Just as Xuanyuan Yunqi was puzzled, Lu Chen suddenly grasped her delicate hand and placed it on a strange stone suspended in front of him.

In the next moment, Xuanyuan Yunqi saw the scene that Lu Chen had seen earlier.

When she saw someone identical to herself entwining with the Heavenly Emperor, she felt extremely shocked, especially after hearing what the woman said, she immediately understood.

Even though she hasn’t regained her memories yet, she already guessed what was going on.

When Xuanyuan Yunqi reopened her eyes, her Divine Sense had returned to her body, and a flood of memories poured into her mind the next moment.

Feeling those memories, Xuanyuan Yunqi thought, just as she had guessed, she had a relationship with His Majesty the Heavenly Emperor in her past life.

His Majesty asked her to return today to restore her past life's memories.

Thinking that she was also His Majesty's woman in a past life, Xuanyuan Yunqi suddenly felt a sense of gratitude.

From her past life's memories, she knew that Lu Chen had been searching for some of his past life's cherished women throughout the end of the Ancient Era but had not found them.

This shows how difficult it is to find past life's reincarnations in the vast universe. And in this life, just as Lu Chen began to rise, he found her.

She was so fortunate.

But thinking of what had happened in her past life, a faint blush appeared on Xuanyuan Yunqi's icy face.

In her past life, she was the only woman around Lu Chen, who was a man with a strong desire. As a deputy general by Lu Chen's side, she endured a lot of hardship while following him in battles.

Fortunately, in this life, Lu Chen already has many cherished women by his side, so she doesn't have to serve him as she did in her past life.

Regarding Lu Chen having many confidantes, Xuanyuan Yunqi did not feel any discomfort. Instead, she felt that this truly befits the life of a Heavenly Emperor.

While Xuanyuan Yunqi was distracted, Lu Chen's mouth moved close to her ear, and he softly said, "Yunqi, today you need not return. You've just regained your past memories, and your mind is still a bit chaotic. Let me help you stabilize your memories."

Chapter 1373: Xuanyuan Yunqi is Pregnant

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Xuanyuan Yunqi's body trembled slightly.

Help her stabilize her memory?

What Lu Chen wanted to do, she could still understand; merging with the memories of her past life, she had become more familiar with Lu Chen.

In her past life, she was only a killing machine, lacking almost any emotion. After staying by Lu Chen's side, she was soon completely conquered by him.

For tens of thousands of years thereafter, she served as Lu Chen's bed warmer.

Even though she knew that Lu Chen had bad intentions, she would still agree to whatever he wanted.

"I understand, then I'll trouble Your Majesty."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "It's no trouble at all, just a lift of a finger."

"Alright, let's change locations."

With that, Lu Chen waved his hand, and their bodies instantly disappeared from the spot, reappearing in Xuanyuan Yunqi's bedchamber in Black Dragon City.

Xuanyuan Yunqi had not returned to Black Dragon City for a long time. Her bedchamber had been empty, but maidservants still cleaned it daily.

When Lu Chen and Xuanyuan Yunqi appeared in the chamber, a few maidservants were cleaning. Seeing the sudden appearance of Lu Chen and Xuanyuan Yunqi, they hurriedly bowed to them.

Lu Chen directly said, "You may leave now."

The maidservants knew what was about to happen, so they quickly put away their cleaning tools, left the room, and closed the door behind them.

After the maidservants had left, Lu Chen scrutinized Xuanyuan Yunqi's body adorned in platinum armor.

Being stared at so intently by Lu Chen, Xuanyuan Yunqi's body quickly warmed up.

Lu Chen raised his hand, lightly touching the armor on Xuanyuan Yunqi's body and said, "This armor suits you very well."

Wearing this armor, Xuanyuan Yunqi looked heroic and valiant, embodying the demeanor of a female general.

Though it had its charm, the armor was too heavy, severely affecting what they were about to do.

Lu Chen then snapped his fingers lightly, and Xuanyuan Yunqi's armor instantly disappeared, revealing the white clothing underneath.

Suddenly, Xuanyuan Yunqi looked much more refreshed.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen pulled Xuanyuan Yunqi into his arms and kissed her red lips.

Soon, this female general was completely subdued by Lu Chen, the great tyrant.

After regaining his memories from his previous previous life, Lu Chen had developed some special feelings for Xuanyuan Yunqi, deepening their bond.

After all, Xuanyuan Yunqi had been with him for an era, and thinking of this woman who remained by his side until her death touched Lu Chen deeply, causing him to pour all his feelings into Xuanyuan Yunqi at this moment.

Facing Lu Chen's Emperor Realm presence, Xuanyuan Yunqi had no ability to resist, allowing Lu Chen to do as he pleased.

For the next month, Xuanyuan Yunqi served Lu Chen in Black Dragon City.

A month later.

Considering that Xuanyuan Yunqi was the Commander of the War Dragon Army, only then did Lu Chen stop his tyrannical behavior.

As the sunset cast a ray of red light into the bedchamber from the window, the red glow fell on Xuanyuan Yunqi's cold yet shy cheeks, adding a few more flavors to her appearance.

Lu Chen moved slightly as he gently stroked Xuanyuan Yunqi's hair. At this moment, Xuanyuan Yunqi stared into Lu Chen's eyes and said, "Your Majesty, I should return."

When she left the War Dragon Army, she had not given much explanation. Although for the current Daxia Dynasty, it meant that her departure for a year would not have significant consequences.

But if she wasn't in the Imperial Mountain Domain for a long time, some people might develop unseemly thoughts.

Feeling refreshed, Lu Chen was about to agree to let Xuanyuan Yunqi return when the system prompt sounded in his ear.

"Congratulations to the host for helping Xuanyuan Yunqi conceive, awarding Holy Tier Star Destroyer manufacturing technology."

Hearing this prompt, Lu Chen was stunned.

In his previous past life, living with Xuanyuan Yunqi for countless tens of thousands of years had not resulted in her conceiving. He did not expect that after helping Xuanyuan Yunqi recover her past life memories, it had only taken a month for her to get pregnant.

Seeing Lu Chen stop and gaze deeply at her, Xuanyuan Yunki was about to say something when Lu Chen said mysteriously, "I have good news to tell you."

Curiously, Xuanyuan Yunki asked, "What is the good news that Your Majesty speaks of?"

Lu Chen said, "You're pregnant."

Xuanyuan Yunki was stunned for a moment, not understanding Lu Chen's words.

Pregnant?

Pregnant with what?

Having merged with her past life memories, Xuanyuan Yunki knew she hadn't conceived Lu Chen's child despite being with him for an era, so she didn't think of children.

Conceiving for someone in the Emperor Realm was not easy, and the higher the talent, the more it depended on luck.

For someone like Lu Chen, conceiving a child in the Emperor Realm was even more challenging, so Xuanyuan Yunki had never imagined she could have a baby with Lu Chen.

Seeing Xuanyuan Yunki's bewildered expression, Lu Chen stated directly, "You're pregnant."

Hearing this, Xuanyuan Yunki was dumbfounded.

Pregnant?

She was pregnant with Lu Chen's child?

Could it be true?

Reacting, Xuanyuan Yunqi immediately confirmed, “Is Your Majesty telling the truth?”

Lu Chen replied, “Indeed, you’re pregnant. But it might take quite a few years to give birth.”

Xuanyuan Yunqi’s emotions were complex, fluctuating between excitement and bewilderment. She couldn’t tell. She had never been pregnant, nor raised a child.

Most importantly, with the upcoming disaster in ten thousand years, their child would likely only live for ten thousand years.

Noticing Xuanyuan Yunqi’s seemingly unhappy expression, Lu Chen asked, “What’s the matter? Do you not want to have my child?”

Xuanyuan Yunqi quickly responded, “No...It’s not that. It’s just that the disaster is near, and the child might only live for ten thousand years after birth...”

From Xuanyuan Yunqi’s past life memory, she knew when the disaster struck, all of Lu Chen’s subordinates, including herself, perished, leaving only Lu Chen seemingly alive.

Lu Chen possessed methods to survive the disaster, but others did not, meaning their child would die as well when the disaster arrived.

Lu Chen stroked Xuanyuan Yunqi’s hair and reassured, “Don’t worry. In this life, I’ll find a way for everyone to survive the disaster.”

Feeling comforted by Lu Chen’s reassurance, Xuanyuan Yunqi didn’t say much more; the child would be born, as it was their first.

However...

Xuanyuan Yunqi suddenly remembered she was still the Commander of the War Dragon Army's third legion. If pregnant, her strength would significantly decrease, making her unqualified to continue holding the position.

Thinking this, Xuanyuan Yunqi said, "Your Majesty, when I become pregnant, my strength will greatly decline. I plan to resign from the position of the third Legion Commander of the War Dragon Army!"

Although Xuanyuan Yunqi preferred showing her worth on the battlefield, to avoid any accidents with the child, she was willing to temporarily give up her dream and raise her child first.

Chapter 1374: Chu Yuqin's Child is Born

Hearing Xuanyuan Yunqi's words, Lu Chen smiled and said, "Alright, after the child grows up, you can return to the Third Legion."

At this point, Lu Chen suddenly remembered that whether it was Chu Yuqin or Empress Tianhong, as long as they were pregnant with his child, their strength would decrease.

The child in their wombs would absorb their power.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen started moving again. Seeing Lu Chen start again, Xuanyuan Yunqi was a bit bewildered. Hadn't she already been hit? Why was His Majesty still...

While working, Lu Chen operated the Dual Cultivation Technique, "I forgot to tell you, before my offspring are born, they will absorb the mother's power, causing your strength to decline."

"To prevent your cultivation state from falling, I need to help you enhance your strength."

This...

Xuanyuan Yunqi immediately understood Lu Chen's intention, meaning that in the following days, they would need to frequently use this method to cultivate. After all, Dual Cultivation Skill was currently the only way to quickly increase her strength and cultivation state.

Thinking of how she would have to be Lu Chen's warmth baby every day like in her previous life, Xuanyuan Yunqi couldn't help but tremble.

"I understand, then I will trouble Your Majesty."

Lu Chen laughed and said, "It's no trouble, it's all for our child."

Xuanyuan Yunqi murmured a light "Hmm," and didn't say anything further.

After cultivating with Xuanyuan Yunqi for another month, Lu Chen reluctantly parted from her.

At this moment, in the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen stared at the system interface before him, deep in thought.

[Holy Tier Star Destroyer: The starship is equipped with numerous destructive symbols, and the Star Destroyer on the starship can kill a Quasi-Emperor and has a high probability of heavily injuring a Great Emperor, but creating a Holy Tier Star Destroyer requires a large amount of xianjin.]

Seeing the description of the Star Destroyer, Lu Chen's mind was completely blown.

Even in his previous two lives' memories, there was no such thing as a Holy Tier Star Destroyer. This thing seemed more like a product of the fusion between Earth's technology and the Cultivation World.

If they could create this Star Destroyer, it would be too powerful. Not only could it kill a Quasi-Emperor, but it could also heavily injure a Great Emperor. If they could mass-produce these Star Destroyers, which other empire in this universe could be a match for the Daxia Dynasty?

But then again, the materials to create a Star Destroyer were indeed a big problem.

The Daxia Dynasty was located on the edge of the universe, and even after annexing two empires, it still didn't have much xianjin.

All the xianjin in several star domains combined might not be enough to create a single Star Destroyer, making it impossible to compare Star Destroyers to starships.

Ordinary starships could be created with relatively common metals, but their power wasn't as strong. Of course, using an ordinary starship to kill a Quasi-Emperor would still be difficult.

In Lu Chen's eyes, the primary function of the Star Destroyer was to deal with Great Emperors. Battles between the super forces in the universe often depended on who had more Great Emperors and stronger Great Emperors.

If the number of Star Destroyers reached a certain level, they could suppress the Great Emperors of these super forces with firepower. Even if the Daxia Dynasty had fewer Great Emperors, they wouldn't be at a great disadvantage during wars.

The most important point was that the captain controlling a Star Destroyer only needed to be a Saint. A Saint could hold off a Great Emperor, which was highly cost-effective in a war.

Lu Chen rubbed his chin; it seemed they had to expand outward.

Staying at the edge of the universe, the scant amount of xianjin was only enough to create two Holy Tier Star Destroyers.

He had a feeling that the system rewarded him with the Star Destroyer for a purpose. The system never gave him anything useless.

Perhaps in the future, the Star Destroyer would play a crucial role during a great catastrophe.

Moreover, because of the impending catastrophe, the entire universe was already in chaos. Even if he didn't go to attack other empires, those empires would sooner or later target him.

Only by expanding quickly and possessing more Star Destroyers could the Daxia Dynasty have the power to protect itself.

Rowing upstream, not advancing means retreating.

After making up his mind, Lu Chen immediately issued an order to cease the use of any cargo-carrying Immortal Boats within Daxia's borders and replace them with starships. All the Immortal Boats would be recovered by the Imperial Court, and the mining of xianjin in various star domains would be intensified.

No force within the Daxia Dynasty opposed this order. For most forces, their Immortal Boats were not as comfortable as the starships made by Daxia.

Due to the limited quantity of xianjin, manufactured Immortal Boats were generally small, but starships were constructed to be large, capable of carrying many people or cargo.

The only downside might be that their defenses were not as strong as Immortal Boats, but with the Empress who mastered the art of killing in charge, no super forces in the universe had the safety of the Daxia Dynasty.

As the stockpile of xianjin increased, the plan to create Holy Tier Star Destroyers officially began. In the following years, most of the efforts of Daxia's Ministry of Works and Cosmic Development Company were focused on creating Star Destroyers.

Five years passed in the blink of an eye. On this day, Lu Chen's main body was helping Xuanyuan Yunqi cultivate when suddenly a system notification sounded in his mind.

"Chu Yuqin successfully gave birth to the host's offspring. Congratulations to the host for receiving the Immortal Spirit Umbrella as a reward."

Hearing the system's notification, Lu Chen was stunned. After waiting for over a decade, the first child born after he became a Great Emperor had finally arrived.

Unexpectedly, the child in Chu Yuqin's womb was born before Empress Tianhong's child.

After coming back to his senses, Lu Chen immediately rose from Xuanyuan Yunqi, "Yunqi, I have some matters to attend to. I will let my clone accompany you."

After all, it was his own child being born; as the main body, he needed to see it. Sending his clone to see his wives and concubines wouldn't be appropriate.

Soon, Lu Chen's main body arrived at Chu Yuqin's room. Upon entering, he saw the child in Chu Yuqin's arms emitting a golden aura.

Lu Chen exclaimed in surprise, "Is this Dao Charm? To be born with such a strong Dao Charm, my child surely has the potential to become a Heavenly Emperor!"

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen approached the bed and took the child from Chu Yuqin.

Chu Yuqin also practiced the Evergreen Longevity Technique, as did all of Lu Chen's wives and concubines, so giving birth was painless for them, and they could recover immediately after delivering the child.

Lu Chen gazed at the child in his arms for a moment, then looked at Chu Yuqin, "Qin'er, you've worked hard."

Chu Yuqin smiled gently, "Your Majesty, have you thought of a name for the child?"

Lu Chen pondered for a moment and then said, "Let's call him Lu Yongsheng!"

Then, looking down at the baby in his arms, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Sheng'er, you've really given your mother a hard time these past years, but finally, you're here."

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen checked Lu Yongsheng's body and was once again stunned by what he saw.

Within Lu Yongsheng's body, there was a burning flame.

Lu Chen asked the system in confusion, "System, what is this flame?"

Chapter 1375: The Function of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella

Lu Chen could feel that the fire within Lu Yongsheng's body didn't harm him; it was likely the innate spiritual fire that existed within Lu Yongsheng.

However, he was curious about the function of this fire.

Although he had regained the memories of his past lives and recognized many spiritual fires, this was the first time he had seen such a fire.

The flame was crimson red, flickering constantly as if it was alive.

Just as Lu Chen was lost in thought, the system's prompt sounded.

"This is the Red Love Spirit Fire. Those who possess this flame can perceive people's love and hatred and influence their emotions to a certain extent."

Hearing the system's answer, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned. Didn't this spiritual fire seem a bit underwhelming?

No, wait...

If it could detect love and hatred, it could predict potential enemies around him. For someone without a system like Lu Yongsheng, this would be an incredible advantage.

If someone with ulterior motives approached Lu Yongsheng, he would immediately sense it.

Lu Chen thought to himself, with the system, he could discern friends from foes. In this dangerous cultivation cosmos, determining allies and enemies was crucial. Any day, so-called friends might backstab him.

Good stuff, really good stuff.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen's face revealed a smile, and he said, "My son indeed has the potential of a Heavenly Emperor!"

As Lu Chen's words fell, he saw Lu Yongsheng flash a brilliant smile at him. Lu Chen thought, it seemed Sheng'er had already sensed his father's love.

After comforting Lu Yongsheng for a while, Lu Chen handed him back to Chu Yuqin. Lu Chen spent the whole day with Chu Yuqin and didn't go to the cultivation room to check the rewards until evening.

[Immortal Spirit Umbrella: Low-tier Immortal Artifact, can infinitely expand and contract, can withstand ten full-power attacks from a Heavenly Emperor Realm expert, and can ignore all attacks below a Great Emperor.]

Seeing the description of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, Lu Chen suddenly wondered if his eyes were playing tricks on him. He rubbed his eyes and continued reading the description of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella.

Seeing the description of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella again, confirming its extraordinary nature, Lu Chen was sure he hadn't seen wrong.

Was the Immortal Spirit Umbrella really an Immortal Artifact?

Wasn't this the first Immortal Artifact he had obtained?

Previously, he had received only Spiritual Artifacts that were powered by spiritual power. Now, he had gotten an Immortal Artifact.

Come to think of it, did Immortal Artifacts even exist in this universe?

Being able to withstand ten full-power strikes from a Heavenly Emperor Realm expert and infinitely adjust its size—this was simply overpowered. If used to protect the Daxia Dynasty, it would be safe from any danger as long as no Heavenly Emperor realm experts attacked.

With the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, there would be no further worries, and his plans for external expansion could proceed.

At this thought, Lu Chen grew very excited.

Lu Chen quickly realized that the artifact lacked a detailed grade, only indicating low-tier. How low for low-tier was unknown. If this was the lowest tier for Immortal Artifacts, and it still had such powerful defenses, how much more overpowered would a high-tier Immortal Artifact be?

He had two more children yet to be born. What kind of rewards would the system give upon their birth? Lu Chen's heart filled with anticipation.

Coming back to his senses, Lu Chen immediately took out the Immortal Spirit Umbrella. It emitted a faint blue glow, and under it, Lu Chen felt remarkably invigorated.

Lu Chen was a bit surprised. He hadn't expected the umbrella to not only provide defense but also enhance his energy, making him feel more energized.

Immediately after, Lu Chen, carrying the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, used the Space Teleportation Skill to move into the void, then infused power into the umbrella.

In an instant, the Immortal Spirit Umbrella rapidly expanded at a speed visible to the naked eye. Soon, the cultivators within the Daxia Dynasty felt a gentle force pass through them.

This force was the virtualized surface of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella.

In just a moment, the Immortal Spirit Umbrella covered the entire Daxia Dynasty, and the faint blue halo it emitted enveloped the entire dynasty like a sphere.

Under the blue halo of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, everyone within the Daxia Dynasty was protected.

Feeling the presence of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, some cultivators of the Daxia Dynasty grew nervous, thinking that some enemy had sealed off the dynasty and was preparing to attack.

Even Empress Tianhong gripped the Emperor's Sword tightly. Moments later, Empress Tianhong sensed the Dao Charm of the Creation Dao emanating from the umbrella.

Empress Tianhong immediately understood that this peculiar magic treasure was something Lu Chen had conjured.

At this moment, Empress Tianhong glanced at the Emperor's Sword in her hand, which seemed to be trembling uncontrollably.

Empress Tianhong's brows furrowed slightly. She sensed the extraordinary nature of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella but couldn't determine its grade.

However, from the Emperor's Sword's reaction, it was clear that this magic treasure's grade surpassed that of the Emperor's Sword. Empress Tianhong was very curious about where Lu Chen had obtained a magic treasure of such high grade.

With a space teleportation, Empress Tianhong arrived directly in the room where Emperor Luchen's avatar was cultivating.

Feeling Empress Tianhong's presence, Lu Chen opened his eyes and said with a smile, "Honghong, you want to cultivate again?"

Empress Tianhong looked at Lu Chen expressionlessly and asked, "What magic treasure did you use just now?"

Lu Chen replied calmly, “The Immortal Spirit Umbrella.”

Empress Tianhong continued coldly, “What’s its grade?”

Lu Chen answered, “Low-tier Immortal Artifact.”

“Immortal Artifact?”

Empress Tianhong’s heart skipped a beat.

Being crowned with the name “Immortal,” no wonder the Emperor’s Sword, an artifact of the Holy Tier, trembled. No matter how high its grade, the Emperor’s Sword was still just a Spiritual Artifact.

She initially thought it was just an Emperor Tier Spiritual Artifact but was surprised to learn it was an Immortal Artifact.

Seeing Empress Tianhong’s astonished expression, Lu Chen was a bit surprised. He hadn’t expected the usually indifferent Empress Tianhong to show such a surprised expression.

Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and added, “Oh, by the way, when I said low-tier, I meant ‘low’ as in low-grade, not ‘Emperor’ tier.”

The expression on Empress Tianhong’s face instantly returned to indifference as she said coldly, “I know.”

Even just being low-tier was shocking enough. If this Immortal Artifact could reach the Emperor Tier, the universe might not even be able to contain its existence.

Hearing Empress Tianhong’s words, Lu Chen was a bit surprised. He had thought her amazed reaction was due to misunderstanding low-tier as Emperor Tier. It turned out just knowing it was an Immortal Artifact had already stunned her.

Empress Tianhong fixed her sharp gaze on Lu Chen and asked, “This magic treasure shouldn’t exist in this universe. Who exactly are you?”

Empress Tianhong had once briefly reached the Heavenly Emperor Realm and had some understanding of this universe.

This was a lower-level universe, making it impossible for anything related to “Immortal” to appear.

Chapter 1376: Emperor Shenwu Emerges from Seclusion

Upon hearing Empress Tianhong’s words, Lu Chen smiled faintly and then replied, “Your man.”

Seeing that Lu Chen was unwilling to speak, Empress Tianhong did not press further; everyone had their own secrets, and it was fine if Lu Chen didn’t want to share.

Empress Tianhong’s cold gaze swept over Lu Chen’s entire body, and she directly approached him, “Recently, my cultivation state has declined.”

As soon as she finished speaking, Empress Tianhong unhesitatingly pushed Lu Chen down onto the cultivation mat.

Lu Chen did not resist at all. Over the years, Empress Tianhong had always been more proactive; perhaps because the child in her womb was too restless, her power was being excessively absorbed by the child, forcing her to continuously cultivate just to maintain her current state.

Entering a cultivation state with Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong closed her eyes and felt Lu Chen’s heat.

At this moment, Lu Chen released his power to check on the child in Empress Tianhong’s womb. Compared to Chu Yuqin, Empress Tianhong had conceived quicker, yet Chu Yuqin’s child was already born, while there was still no movement from the child in Empress Tianhong’s womb.

Even Empress Tianhong's abdomen had not yet shown any sign of swelling, which puzzled Lu Chen.

After a thorough examination, Lu Chen found that there was no problem with the child in Empress Tianhong's womb; just like years ago, the child's body hadn't grown much and continued to absorb Empress Tianhong's power of slaughter incessantly.

This made Lu Chen a bit worried. Starting to absorb the power of slaughter from such a young age, who knows what this child will turn out to be after birth?

Will the child be full of evil qi and want to kill right after being born?

Lu Chen sighed slightly, not thinking further. Only when the child was born would they know if it was normal. Worrying too much now was useless.

If this child could control the power of slaughter after birth, it might actually be a good thing for them, as it would mean another Great Emperor mastering the power of slaughter in their future.

Empress Tianhong's combat strength was already terrifying. If this child's talent exceeded that of Empress Tianhong in the future and became even stronger, they would be more confident in facing the Heavenly Demon and other threats to the Daxia Dynasty.

Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Star, Heavenly Royal Palace.

Emperor Shenwu, dressed in a yellow dragon robe, stood in front of a cracked purple cauldron with an extremely solemn expression, muttering to himself, "I didn't expect it to fall apart so quickly."

"It seems we must continue to expand. I need more dynast qi fortune."

Emperor Shenwu then instructed the hidden guard beside him, "Immediately summon the domain lords of all major star domains; I will hold a Great Court Assembly."

Hearing this, the hidden guard was momentarily stunned. Emperor Shenwu had not dealt with imperial affairs for a long time; in recent years, it had always been Empress Shenwu managing everything.

Now, Emperor Shenwu actually wanted to hold a Great Court Assembly.

The hidden guard quickly responded, “Yes, Your Majesty!”

Then, the hidden guard spread the news that Emperor Shenwu was to hold a Great Court Assembly. Within a month, this news had spread throughout the entire Central Star Domain.

Emperor Shenwu holding a Great Court Assembly signified that he was also preparing to resist the great calamity. Various dynasties had already been attacking other dynasties to acquire their qi fortune in preparation for the calamity.

Emperor Shenwu ending his seclusion at this time likely had a similar purpose. Realizing this possibility, super forces throughout the universe fell into panic.

Given Emperor Shenwu’s strength, if he truly intended to rekindle war, there would be few dynasties in the universe capable of opposing the Shenyue Dynasty.

Two months later.

Shenyue Dynasty, Jinluan Hall.

The grand and majestic Jinluan Hall stood a full hundred meters high. The entire hall had one hundred pillars crafted from xianjin, each weighing thousands of tons, exuding extreme luxury.

At the top of the hall were two glittering chairs, both made from xianjin; one was the Dragon Throne, the other the Phoenix Chair.

The massive figure of Emperor Shenwu sat on the Dragon Throne. Compared to Emperor Shenwu, Chu Yunzhi in her Phoenix Robe looked exceptionally petite, her willow-like waist not even as thick as one of Emperor Shenwu's legs.

Emperor Shenwu glanced at the domain lords present and then said coldly, "I have been in seclusion for too long, and some have forgotten the existence of the Shenyue Dynasty. Now, with the great calamity approaching, some dynasties not only refuse to unite to discuss countermeasures against the calamity but are instead waging wars everywhere."

"As a super force of the universe, the Shenyue Dynasty must maintain the order of the entire universe."

Upon hearing this, the domain lords in the hall immediately became excited. They had been dormant for too long; finally, Emperor Shenwu was going to wage war again.

In the next moment, the hall resonated with the voices of the domain lords.

"We are willing to be Your Majesty's sword; wherever Your Majesty points, we shall sweep away all obstacles for Your Majesty!"

Seeing this scene, Chu Yunzhi on the Phoenix Chair couldn't help but have a bead of sweat slide down her neck.

Emperor Shenwu preparing for war likely implied that one of Emperor Shenwu's children was about to break through to the Saint Realm.

In other words, Emperor Shenwu was about to initiate a reincarnation process. Once successful, she would become his furnace cauldron.

She had to find a way to escape from the Shenyue Dynasty!

Emperor Shenwu, pleased with the domain lords' response, then declared, "Convey my orders: effective immediately, march against the Baicang Dynasty!"

With that, the hall once again echoed with the domain lords' battle cries, "War!!!"

“War!!!”

“War!!!”

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After the court was dismissed, a pale-faced Chu Yunzhi returned to her chambers.

Standing by the bed, she anxiously looked into the distance. At this moment, she instructed her maid, “Immediately find out which prince has broken through to the Saint Realm!”

After entwining with Lu Chen many times using Chu Yuqin’s body, her heart was filled only with Lu Chen. She could not allow herself to become another’s furnace cauldron.

Chu Yunzhi was also clear that with her quasi-emperor cultivation, escaping the cage set by Emperor Shenwu was nearly impossible.

But if she could find the prince who had become a Saint and eliminate him, preventing Emperor Shenwu from seizing a new body, he wouldn’t act against her for a while.

After the maid left the room, Chu Yunzhi immediately used her divine sense to inform Chu Yuqin of the changes within the Shenyue Dynasty.

At that moment, Chu Yuqin was in her chamber feeding her child. Realizing the severity of the situation after hearing Chu Yunzhi’s words, she quickly sent a message to one of Lu Chen’s clones.

Upon receiving the message from Chu Yuqin, Lu Chen’s quasi-emperor clone instantly appeared in her chamber. Seeing Chu Yuqin’s anxious expression, Lu Chen asked puzzledly, “What’s wrong?”

“Did something happen to Sheng’er?”

Lu Chen thought the child was in trouble.

Chu Yuqin directly said, “Emperor Shenwu has left seclusion and intends to wage war externally. He likely has a seizing body that has broken through to the Saint Realm and is preparing for reincarnation.”

This...

Lu Chen was taken aback.

If Emperor Shenwu successfully reincarnated, he would probably use Chu Yunzhi’s Chaotic Spirit Body to restore his cultivation.

This was bad news for him; Chu Yunzhi was his designated pet, meant to be his female slave to repay her debt in the future. How could she become Emperor Shenwu’s furnace cauldron?

However, rescuing Chu Yunzhi would not be an easy task.

Chapter 1377: I Will Spend a Lifetime Forgiving Sins

Lu Chen did not immediately respond to Chu Yuqin. He fell into deep thought, pondering how he could rescue Chu Yunzhi.

Seeing Lu Chen’s silence, Chu Yuqin continued, “The main body plans to find the prince who has broken through to the Saint Realm and then kill him to buy us some time.”

Lu Chen snapped out of his reverie, “That is indeed a strategy.”

“However, if a prince has indeed broken through to the Saint Realm, it’s very likely that Emperor Shenwu would have had him protected by now. Trying to kill that prince won’t be easy.”

That prince is Emperor Shenwu's reincarnation, so Emperor Shenwu would be extremely cautious, possibly even keeping that reincarnation close by his side.

Lu Chen felt a bit anxious; this was truly troublesome. It seemed he would have to make a personal trip to the Shenyue Dynasty to see if it could be done in time.

As long as his secondary body could successfully enter the Emperor Star and find Chu Yunzhi, he could use a Holy Tier transmission array to return directly to the Daxia Dynasty. Once back in the Daxia Dynasty, he could destroy the transmission array, making it impossible for Emperor Shenwu to follow.

With the Immortal Spirit Umbrella in place, it wouldn't be easy for Emperor Shenwu to invade the Daxia Dynasty.

If he could rescue Chu Yunzhi from the Shenyue Dynasty this time, he could use the same method to rescue Liu Qingyun in the future.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen immediately said to Chu Yuqin, "Tell Yunzhi to try and stall as much as possible. I will send a secondary body to the Shenyue Dynasty to rescue her."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yunzhi was slightly stunned. She hadn't expected Lu Chen to be willing to personally come for her. Even though it was just a secondary body, she was deeply moved.

This meant that Lu Chen was willing to directly oppose Emperor Shenwu for her, a condemned woman.

If Emperor Shenwu learned that Lu Chen had taken her away, he would surely send troops to attack the Daxia Dynasty.

In such a situation, Lu Chen was still willing to come and rescue her. How could this not move her?

However, Chu Yunzhi still felt somewhat conflicted inside. She didn't want to disrupt Lu Chen's plans because of her.

After countless contacts with Lu Chen through Chu Yuqin's body, she could see that Lu Chen was extraordinary and knew he was no ordinary person.

Lu Chen undoubtedly had his own important matters to attend to. If his presence was exposed prematurely, it might ruin all of his plans.

Thinking of this possibility, Chu Yunzhi finally said to Chu Yuqin, "Tell Lu Chen not to come. It's not worth disrupting his plans because of me."

Hearing Chu Yunzhi's words, Chu Yuqin was slightly stunned, but she quickly understood why Chu Yunzhi felt that way.

To Chu Yunzhi, she was already fortunate enough. Thinking of Lu Chen in their past life, he had always ignored her.

In this life, although her main body hadn't been with Lu Chen, through her secondary body, she had entwined with him countless times. Many of her fantasies had already been fulfilled, leaving her with no regrets.

Seeing Chu Yuqin's expression suddenly turn serious, Lu Chen immediately asked, "Qin'er, what's wrong? Did something happen to Yunzhi?"

With complex emotions, Chu Yuqin looked at Lu Chen and said, "She told you not to come. She doesn't want to disrupt your plans because of her."

"If Emperor Shenwu learns of your existence prematurely, he might send troops to attack the Daxia Dynasty."

Hearing this, Lu Chen said, "Tell her not to worry. I have already prepared for this. Even if it's not because of her, a war between the Daxia Dynasty and the Shenyue Dynasty is inevitable."

“She caused me so much trouble back then. Dying to escape responsibility is not an option!”

“For the rest of her life, she will obediently be my pet and my female slave.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Chu Yunzhi’s heart trembled. Then she directly controlled Chu Yuqin’s body, stared into Lu Chen’s eyes, and said, “Alright, I promise you. I will wait for you in the Shenyue Dynasty. If you can bring me out, I will spend my life atoning for my sins.”

Seeing Chu Yunzhi personally controlling Chu Yuqin’s body to speak to him, Lu Chen smiled and said, “That’s more like it.”

As Lu Chen’s words fell, he had his Great Emperor secondary body leave Empress Tianhong’s bed, and he rushed towards the Shenyue Dynasty from the Green Cloud Star Domain as fast as he could.

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The news of the Shenyue Dynasty sending troops to the Baicang Dynasty caused panic among all the super forces. The Baicang Dynasty was also a super force, with seven Great Emperors at the Eighth Layer.

Emperor Shenwu had just come out of seclusion and immediately targeted a super force!

If Emperor Shenwu dared to attack a super force like the Baicang Dynasty, eliminating those weaker forces would be even easier for him.

For a time, the whole universe was in a state of anxiety.

Emperor Shenwu, who wielded the Power of Slaughter, was rumored to be at the Ninth Layer of the Emperor Realm, leaving few in the universe capable of matching him.

Engaging in an open war with the Shenyue Dynasty would likely result in being swept away.

Some forces, fearing an attack by the Shenyue Dynasty, chose to directly submit and become vassals of the Shenyue Dynasty.

Meanwhile, some super forces, dissatisfied with the actions of the Shenyue Dynasty, began to unite and form an anti-Shenyue Dynasty alliance.

Shenyue Dynasty, Heavenly Emperor Palace.

Emperor Shenwu stood at the edge of the Imperial Palace, gazing into the endless starry sky.

At this moment, a shadow appeared behind Emperor Shenwu, nervously saying, "Your... Your Majesty, we have a... a problem."

Emperor Shenwu frowned and glanced at the shadow behind him with the corner of his eye, "What is it?"

The shadow hesitated for a moment but eventually reported, "The first prince... has left the Shenyue Dynasty."

Emperor Shenwu was stunned. He clearly hadn't expected any of his children to be uninterested in the position of the Emperor and choose to leave at such a critical time.

Why would Prince Lu Yi leave without knowing what he was supposed to do?

With a dark expression, Emperor Shenwu coldly asked, "What's going on?"

The shadow hurriedly said, "The hidden guards, following Your Majesty's command, delivered cultivation resources to the first prince to help him break through to the Saint Realm quickly. But a few days ago, we noticed that the cultivation state of the person in the cultivation chamber had regressed. We suspect he had gone astray in his cultivation, so we forcibly checked his body and found that the person in the chamber was not the first prince but someone who looked very similar to him."

Emperor Shenwu's expression became even darker. Above the Imperial Palace, dark clouds gathered, lightning flashed, and thunder roared. The air became stifling and oppressive.

After a while, Emperor Shenwu finally asked, "Have you found out where he went and why he left?"

The hidden guard replied, "According to our investigation, the first prince left without informing anyone, and no one knows where he has gone."

Emperor Shenwu couldn't be bothered to question the hidden guard further. He immediately used his bloodline power to sense Prince Lu Yuanzheng's whereabouts.

Chapter 1378: Heavenly Mystery Maiden, What Exactly Do You Want To Do!

Hmm?

After using his Bloodline Power to investigate Luo Yuanzheng's whereabouts, Emperor Shenwu's expression grew even graver.

He found that he couldn't trace Luo Yuanzheng at all using his Bloodline Power. By right, as long as Lu Yuanzheng was still alive and within this universe, the Bloodline Power should not fail.

Could it be that Luo Yuanzheng has been killed?

No, that's not it...

There's another possibility.

That is that Luo Yuanzheng possesses a Magic Treasure capable of concealing Heavenly Mechanism, or someone has helped him shield it.

To block an emperor's Bloodline Perception, the person aiding him must be extremely powerful, especially in the art of Deduction Technique.

A woman with a purple face veil immediately surfaced in Emperor Shenwu's mind.

It's her!

But why would she do this?

Although he had invited her many times to fight against the calamity together, they were not adversaries. She had no reason to offend a Great Emperor who wields the Power of Slaughter because of a prince who hadn't even reached the Saint Realm.

Emperor Shenwu then said, "Find him! Search for him immediately! Whether he's dead or alive, you must bring him to me. Even if he's turned to ashes, you will find him for me!"

Seeing Emperor Shenwu enraged, the hidden guards trembled in fear and said, "Yes, Your Majesty!"

When the Great Emperor gets angry, bodies would pile up in billions. Because of Luo Yuanzheng's escape, everyone related to him, even those in his trial Star Domain, were slaughtered to the last.

Despite having suspicions, Emperor Shenwu did not immediately go to Tianji Pavilion to confront the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

He believed that if it was indeed the Heavenly Mystery Maiden who had concealed Luo Yuanzheng's Heavenly Mechanism, his next actions would make her reveal the truth voluntarily.

Half a month later.

In Chu Yunzhi's palace within the Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu coldly gazed at Chu Yunzhi before him, “Did you truly think I wouldn’t know your deeds?”

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu, Chu Yunzhi broke into a cold sweat, but she still forced herself to remain calm, “Your Majesty, I do not understand what you are saying.”

Emperor Shenwu replied icily, “I can overlook the fact that you used the power of the Sky Evolution Stone to harm Lu Chen, but you shouldn’t have harbored thoughts about other princes.”

During their investigation, the hidden guards discovered another force also investigating matters related to the princes. Emperor Shenwu’s hidden guards were more powerful and quickly traced that force back to the palace, identifying it as controlled by the Empress.

The hidden guards immediately reported this to Emperor Shenwu. Upon hearing that Chu Yunzhi had been investigating whether the other princes had broken through to the Saint Realm, Emperor Shenwu quickly realized she might know something and is planning to thwart him.

Clearly, Chu Yunzhi had touched upon Emperor Shenwu’s reverse scale.

At this point, whoever tried to sabotage his reincarnation plan would be his enemy.

Emperor Shenwu then unleashed the Emperor’s Mighty aura, and Chu Yunzhi couldn’t withstand it, her body collapsing to the ground.

“Speak! Why are you investigating the princes’ realms? Do you know something?”

Chu Yunzhi dared not defy Emperor Shenwu. She knew that if she lied now, it could arouse even more suspicion, and Emperor Shenwu might resort to using the Soul Searching Technique on her.

If Emperor Shenwu used the Soul Search and discovered the matters between her and Lu Chen, it would be disastrous.

Chu Yunzhi displayed a painful expression and quickly said, “Your Majesty, please have mercy, I recognize my fault.”

“Recently, I heard some rumors that Your Majesty had the princes breakthrough quickly with ulterior motives, so I became curious and sent people to investigate their cultivation.”

“Hmm? Rumors? Why haven’t I heard of these rumors?”

Emperor Shenwu found it strange but didn’t want to use the Soul Searching Technique on Chu Yunzhi at that moment, fearing it might harm her Spiritual Body.

Damaging Chu Yunzhi’s Spiritual Body at such a critical moment would be a loss.

Then Emperor Shenwu addressed the hidden guard concealed in the shadows, “What’s going on? Why have I not heard of these rumors?”

A hidden guard hurriedly emerged from the shadows, knelt before Emperor Shenwu, and said, “Please forgive me, Your Majesty, those rumors existed only within the Star Domain managed by Prince Lu Yi. Your servant had already obliterated that Star Domain, hence did not report it.”

Emperor Shenwu scowled and asked, “What rumors? Speak!”

The hidden guard froze.

Emperor Shenwu’s pressure intensified, pinning the hidden guard to the ground, blood streaming from his mouth, yet he still did not speak.

“Sub... subordinates dare not say...”

Seeing the hidden guard’s fear, Emperor Shenwu immediately realized his reincarnation plan might have been exposed.

Emperor Shenwu's gaze fell on Chu Yunzhi, "Empress, you tell me."

Chu Yunzhi had no choice but to say, "The rumor says Your Majesty wants the princes to quickly become Saints, so you can reincarnate into their bodies."

With Chu Yunzhi's words, Emperor Shenwu's presence surged, and everything inside the palace was reduced to dust.

In that instant, Emperor Shenwu was extremely furious.

It had been years since he was this enraged.

After a while, Emperor Shenwu calmed down, then looked at the hidden guard and asked, "Was it this rumor the Empress mentioned?"

The hidden guard trembled and said, "It... it is."

Emperor Shenwu coldly glared at Chu Yunzhi, "So, you wanted to find out if any prince reached the Saint Realm. If there were any, you'd kill them and ruin my plans, correct?"

Chu Yunzhi quickly responded, "Your Majesty, I wouldn't dare to think that way!"

Emperor Shenwu immediately unleashed a force that sent Chu Yunzhi flying, her body slamming into the golden pillar in the palace, vomiting blood.

"Whether you thought that or not, you are aware yourself."

Emperor Shenwu flicked his sleeve and walked out of the palace, saying, "From this day forth, the Empress will be confined, and no one is to visit her!"

Hearing this, Chu Yunzhi breathed a sigh of relief. Fortunately, she managed to muddle through, and Emperor Shenwu did not use the Soul Searching Technique.

Chu Yunzhi felt somewhat fortunate. Luckily, she had heard about the rumor regarding Emperor Shenwu's reincarnation plan from the Star Domain under Prince Lu Yi's management. Otherwise, she wouldn't have known what excuse to give today.

However, she still didn't know who spread that rumor and why there were others aware of Emperor Shenwu's reincarnation plan.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu was also curious about this.

After returning to the Imperial Palace in the sky, Emperor Shenwu conducted another deduction to find out who was spreading the rumors, but yielded nothing.

Emperor Shenwu looked up at the Star Domain where Tianji Pavilion was located, a fierce glint in his eyes, and said, "Heavenly Mystery Maiden, what exactly are you trying to do!"

"If you're unjust, don't blame me for being unkind!"

In Emperor Shenwu's view, causing these concealing Heavenly Mechanisms to this extent was most likely related to Tianji Pavilion again.

Moreover, his reincarnation plan wasn't something everyone could know, except for the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, who excels in Deduction Technique.

Even though he hadn't disclosed his plan to the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, with her skills, she probably knew from the moment he conceived the plan.

Chapter 1379: Establishing Contact with Chu Yunzhi

After being imprisoned by Emperor Shenwu, it became even more difficult for Chu Yunzhi to escape.

Previously, she could still communicate with people outside and knew what was happening outside.

However, after being imprisoned, Emperor Shenwu set up a Forbidden Spirit Array in her palace. Whether it was transmitting messages or using divine sense, nothing could get out, and even the telepathic link with Chu Yuqin was cut off.

After the telepathic link between Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin was cut off, Chu Yuqin became very worried, thinking that something had happened to Chu Yunzhi. So she immediately sent a message to Lu Chen.

“Chen’er, come over here, something has happened.”

In Chu Yuqin’s palace, she paced back and forth in her room, her expression incredibly anxious.

Upon hearing Chu Yuqin’s message, Lu Chen’s quasi-emperor avatar immediately appeared by her side, “Madam Chu, what happened?”

Chu Yuqin immediately replied, “My telepathic link with Yunzhi has been cut off. She might be in trouble.”

Hearing this, Lu Chen was taken aback. Did something happen so quickly?

Could it be that Emperor Shenwu has already succeeded in reincarnation?

Lu Chen fell silent for a moment, then comforted her, “Madam Chu, don’t worry. My great emperor’s secondary body is already heading to the Shenyue Dynasty at full speed. We will soon know Yunzhi’s situation.”

Although Lu Chen said this, he was unsure, as traveling from the Shenyue Dynasty to Tianchen World by immortal boat would take nearly ten years.

Even if his great emperor’s secondary body were to travel to the Shenyue Dynasty at the fastest speed, it would still take about a year. Lu Chen doubted that Yunzhi would still be alive when his secondary body arrived.

Lu Chen then said, “If the connection suddenly cut off, it might be because Yunzhi was worried that Emperor Shenwu would discover your link, so she cut it off herself...”

“Wait a minute...”

Suddenly, Lu Chen thought of something and then his divine sense entered Chu Yuqin’s child world.

Seeing Lu Chen’s divine sense enter her child world, Chu Yuqin was puzzled, not knowing what Lu Chen was doing at this moment.

At this time, Lu Chen communicated with the Heavenly Dao of the child world, “Can you contact your other mother?”

Back then, after Chu Yunzhi severed ties with Chu Yuqin, she was still able to contact Chu Yuqin through the child world. Lu Chen suspected that the child world was an entity beyond causality, or a kind of undisturable causality.

If they could contact Chu Yunzhi through the child world, they could find out what had happened to her.

As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, the Heavenly Dao of Chu Yuqin’s child world immediately activated its power and contacted Chu Yunzhi.

At this moment, in Chu Yunzhi’s palace, she lay weakly on a soft couch, her face full of worry, with the light of hope gone from her eyes.

She had just estimated the distance from Tianchen World to the Shenyue Dynasty. Even if Lu Chen were a great emperor, it would probably take him a year to get there.

Now that Emperor Shenwu knew that his reincarnation plan had been leaked, he would undoubtedly do everything possible to ensure one of the princes breakthrough and proceed with the reincarnation.

If Lu Chen really needed a year to reach the Shenyue Dynasty, it would likely be too late...

Was she destined to become Emperor Shenwu's furnace cauldron?

Perhaps death would be her best outcome...

Just as Chu Yunzhi was giving in to despair, she suddenly felt a strange power surging into her body, making her feel incredibly comfortable, and she even sensed that she was on the verge of a breakthrough.

This is...

Origin Power?

Chu Yunzhi suddenly became clear-headed.

The only known source of Origin Power was the child world of Chu Yuqin.

Since the Origin Power of the child world could directly enter her body, could her divine sense also directly enter the child world?

Without any hesitation, Chu Yunzhi immediately attempted to let her divine sense enter the child world, and indeed, it went in easily, completely bypassing the Forbidden Spirit Array.

As soon as Chu Yunzhi's divine sense entered the child world, she sensed Lu Chen's divine sense. Before Chu Yunzhi could speak, Chu Yuqin and Lu Chen's divine sense appeared before her.

Chu Yuqin asked, "Yunzhi, what happened? Why did your divine sense suddenly disconnect from mine?"

Chu Yunzhi replied despondently, “Emperor Shenwu discovered that I was investigating the cultivation state of the princes and guessed what I was planning to do, then used the Forbidden Spirit Array to imprison me.”

“Under the influence of the Forbidden Spirit Array, I couldn’t contact the outside world at all, and even our telepathic link was cut off.”

Chu Yuqin sighed in relief, “So that’s what happened. We thought something had happened to you.”

Although something did indeed happen to Chu Yunzhi, as long as she was alive, it was not considered a major issue.

Chu Yuqin’s divine sense projection looked at Lu Chen. Now that Chu Yunzhi was imprisoned, rescuing her had become even more difficult. Chu Yuqin couldn’t think of a good plan and could only rely on Lu Chen.

Staring at Chu Yunzhi, Lu Chen asked, “Did my father guess that you were planning to assassinate those princes?”

Chu Yunzhi replied, “Yes, he did.”

“Moreover, the reincarnation plan seems to have been exposed. According to the information I received, there are already rumors in Prince Lu Yi’s star domain about a great emperor planning to reincarnate into a prince.”

Although a great emperor’s reputation is sacrosanct, and Emperor Shenwu would likely sense any disrespect, those spreading the rumors would naturally avoid directly mentioning his name, so certain rumors had been circulating for a long time without Emperor Shenwu knowing.

Chu Yunzhi continued, “Next, he will probably try all means to enhance the cultivation state of a particular prince to hasten reincarnation.”

Lu Chen fell into deep thought. This was troublesome. If it would take him so long to reach the Shenyue Dynasty, would he arrive too late?

At this time, Lu Chen immediately had his avatar summon Pei Tianlu. When he was young, Pei Tianlu had traveled the universe and visited the Outer Domain. He was quite knowledgeable about the universe and might know a faster way to reach another place.

Upon receiving the summon from Lu Chen's avatar, Pei Tianlu immediately returned to Tianchen World from Emperor Star of the Qingyun Dynasty using a Holy Tier Transmission Array, and arrived at Lu Chen's Imperial Study Room.

In the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen's avatar sat on the Dragon Throne, his hands clasped together, supporting his forehead, seemingly deep in thought.

After entering the Imperial Study Room, Pei Tianlu immediately asked, "What important matter does Your Majesty have?"

From the urgency in Lu Chen's summon, Pei Tianlu could tell that it was something very important.

Lu Chen snapped back to reality, looked up at Pei Tianlu, and asked, "Elder Pei, besides the Holy Tier Transmission Array, are there any other ways in this universe to quickly transport someone from one place to another?"

Hearing this, Pei Tianlu was taken aback and thought for a moment before responding, "Your Majesty, aside from the Transmission Array, the only thing that could quickly transport someone from one place to another might be spatial turbulence."

"But spatial turbulence is unstable, and its location is random. Once you enter spatial turbulence, no one can predict where you will be transported to next."

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After hearing Pei Tianlu's response, Lu Chen sighed deeply. What should he do now?

Even though he had already reached the Emperor Realm, he still worried about the vastness of the universe.

Under normal circumstances, an Emperor traveling from one place in the universe to another would feel like the span of one hundred years was just an instant.

But now it was different. Lu Chen was on a rescue mission, and even one month felt extraordinarily long.

He was racing against time, not space.

Seeing Lu Chen's troubled expression, Pei Tianlu tentatively asked, "Your Majesty, where do you intend to go?"

Lu Chen replied directly, "I need to rescue someone from the Shenyue Dynasty, but at my current speed, it will take at least a year to reach the Shenyue Dynasty."

Upon hearing this, Pei Tianlu immediately thought of an idea, "Your Majesty, I have a good suggestion!"

Lu Chen became interested, "What suggestion, tell me."

Pei Tianlu said, "Some Super Forces have Transmission Arrays within their territories. Although their Transmission Arrays are not as spectacular as Your Majesty's Holy Tier Transmission Arrays, they are numerous and can be connected."

"Your Majesty can use the Transmission Arrays from these forces to teleport from one place to another until you reach the Shenyue Dynasty."

Upon hearing Pei Tianlu's words, Lu Chen suddenly realized—how could he have forgotten that some forces have Transmission Arrays? By planning his route and using those Transmission Arrays, he could speed up his journey to the Shenyue Dynasty.

Pei Tianlu continued, "However, borrowing the Transmission Arrays of these Super Forces is not easy."

Transmission Arrays within Super Forces are generally not available for outsiders to use. If Lu Chen intends to use those Transmission Arrays, he would need to think of a way.

Lu Chen pondered for a moment and then said, "Let's give it a try first."

Lu Chen planned to use Spirit Stones to see if he could buy the right to use the Transmission Arrays.

At this moment, Lu Chen's Emperor avatar summoned the Cosmic Star Map and scanned the various star domains on the map.

Soon, Lu Chen determined his next destination.

The cosmic structure of this universe is divided roughly into worlds, star domains, star domain groups, and super star domain groups.

The Daxia Dynasty is located within a large-scale structure named the Scorpion King Star Domain Group, which contains tens of millions of star domains and dozens of dynasties.

Lu Chen thought that forces capable of having Transmission Arrays spanning star domain groups must be the Super Forces. Therefore, Lu Chen decided to visit the Silver Frost Dynasty, the largest dynasty in the Scorpion King Star Domain Group.

The area of a Star Domain Group is incredibly vast; even at Lu Chen's fastest speed, it took him about half a month to reach the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Moreover, during this half-month, Lu Chen used some inter-star-domain Transmission Arrays; otherwise, he could not have traveled so quickly.

What surprised Lu Chen was that those inter-star-domain Transmission Arrays could be used with just a few Spirit Stones, as many of the Transmission Arrays were commercial in nature.

From this, he realized that using Transmission Arrays was not as difficult as he had imagined; he only wondered if the Silver Frost Dynasty had a Transmission Array to other star domain groups.

If he had to teleport from one star domain to another, it would still take a lot of time.

But if he could teleport directly from one star domain group to another, it would save considerable time.

Soon, Lu Chen arrived at the Emperor Star of the Silver Frost Dynasty.

The Emperor Star of the Silver Frost Dynasty was colossal, with an area greater than the Imperial Mountain Domain of the Daxia Dynasty.

This was the largest world Lu Chen had seen on his journey. He thought that if the laws of this world and those of Earth's universe were the same, the life on the Emperor Star of the Silver Frost Dynasty would have been crushed into atoms by gravity.

Driven by curiosity, Lu Chen prepared to enter the Emperor Star, but just as he approached, a booming voice sounded in his mind.

“Who goes there? What is your purpose?”

Lu Chen, as an Emperor, entering the Silver Frost Dynasty so openly and attempting to enter the Emperor Star naturally drew the attention of the Emperors of the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Lu Chen immediately transmitted his purpose, “I intend to travel to the Central Star Domain. I want to know if the Silver Frost Dynasty has a Transmission Array directly to the Central Star Domain or to other star domain groups.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen's transmission, the robust voice replied, “Tianji Pavilion has a direct Transmission Array to the Central Star Domain.”

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned, then overjoyed, “Thank you!”

As Lu Chen's words ended, he felt the force blocking him disappear. Without hesitation, Lu Chen entered the Emperor Star of the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Once inside the Emperor Star, Lu Chen felt the restrictions of the Heavenly Dao suppress his powers thoroughly. On the Silver Frost Dynasty's Emperor Star, Lu Chen could only exert Saint Realm strength.

Lu Chen was a bit surprised by the terrifying suppression of the Heavenly Dao.

Without further thought, he walked down a street, casually grabbing a passerby, and asked, "Excuse me, do you know where Tianji Pavilion is?"

The passerby was momentarily stunned; evidently, he did not expect that someone on the Emperor Star would not know where Tianji Pavilion was.

In fact, with Lu Chen's current perception, he could quickly find Tianji Pavilion's location by releasing his Divine Sense.

But since he was on someone else's territory, casually releasing his Divine Sense might cause misunderstandings with the Emperors of the Silver Frost Dynasty. To avoid unnecessary complications, Lu Chen chose to ask for directions.

After regaining composure, the passerby pointed to a distant towering spire, saying, "That high tower is where Tianji Pavilion is located."

Upon hearing the passerby's response, Lu Chen looked towards the direction he pointed, seeing the towering spire reaching into the clouds, and felt somewhat surprised.

On the Emperor Star of the Silver Frost Dynasty, Tianji Pavilion could build such a high tower, indicating the pavilion's significant standing in the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Talking about Tianji Pavilion reminded Lu Chen of the Tianji Pavilion in Ziyang World.

Lu Chen thought that there might be some connection between the two Tianji Pavilions.

Recalling the books he had seen in the Tianji Pavilion of Ziyang World, Lu Chen increasingly felt that there was some connection between the two.

The founder of the Tianji Pavilion in Ziyang World was not a native of Ziyang World. Judging by the universe-related books he left behind, the founder likely came from this Tianji Pavilion in the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Lu Chen frowned slightly, thinking that if the Tianji Pavilion in Ziyang World was related to the one in the Silver Frost Dynasty, then by destroying the Tianji Pavilion in Ziyang World, he had likely made an enemy of the Tianji Pavilion.

If the Tianji Pavilion of the Silver Frost Dynasty learned of this, they probably wouldn't allow him to use the Transmission Array.