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Chapter 1381: Conflict with Tianji Pavilion

Lu Chen regained his senses and said to the passerby who showed him the way, “Thank you, fellow Daoist.”

The passerby replied, “You’re welcome.”

At this point, the passerby suddenly thought of something and asked, “Judging by your appearance, you shouldn’t be a cultivator from the Silver Frost Dynasty, right?”

Lu Chen replied, “Yes, I come from another star domain.”

The passerby continued, “I don’t know what you seek from the Tianji Pavilion, but I must remind you, the origins of the Tianji Pavilion are extraordinary. Even the Great Emperors of the Silver Frost Dynasty dare not offend the Tianji Pavilion.”

“If you don’t have anything important, it’s best not to seek out the Tianji Pavilion. If you accidentally offend them, you’ll have no place to stand in the entire Silver Frost Dynasty.”

Lu Chen smiled and said, “Thank you for the reminder, fellow Daoist. I will be careful.”

“I shall take my leave now.”

With those words, Lu Chen flew directly towards the distant tall tower.

In just a moment, Lu Chen reached the base of the Tianji Pavilion’s tall tower. Standing under the tower, Lu Chen felt the sheer awe it inspired.

The entire tower was like a huge mountain peak, with countless pavilions and towers on it, each adorned with various formations, making the defense extremely sturdy.

Even if a Great Emperor struck, it might not be possible to break through this tall tower immediately.

Just as Lu Chen was about to enter the tower, a group of gray-robed people blocked his way, “Who are you! What are you here for at the Tianji Pavilion!”

With a smile on his face, Lu Chen said, “Fellow Daoists, I wish to use the Tianji Pavilion’s transmission array to go directly to the Shenyue Dynasty. I wonder if it would be possible?”

Hearing this, the few people looked at each other and then burst into laughter.

“You must be joking. Even the elders of our Tianji Pavilion don’t have the authority to use the Heaven Rank transmission array, and you want to borrow it?”

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned, then asked in confusion, “You mean the Heaven Rank transmission array is not usually for use?”

One of them replied, “Using the Heaven Rank transmission array requires a massive amount of spirit stones. It’s only used in critical situations. Who would use it just for travel!”

“If it’s nothing urgent, leave quickly. The Heaven Rank transmission array is impossible for you to use, don’t waste your time dreaming.”

Lu Chen frowned, this was troublesome.

If the Tianji Pavilion does not allow the use of the transmission array, then he would have to use the lower-tier transmission arrays and teleport star domain by star domain.

This would be too slow.

Lu Chen then said, “Fellow Daoists, could you make an exception? I will provide the spirit stones required for the transmission.”

A disciple of the Tianji Pavilion said, “You are strange indeed. We’ve already told you ordinary people aren’t allowed to use the Heaven Rank transmission array, yet you persist in pestering us.”

“If you don’t leave now, don’t blame me for being impolite!”

At this, the person immediately exerted the pressure of his cultivation state.

At this moment, one disciple’s expression suddenly changed drastically. Staring at Lu Chen in horror, he said, “Wait! He has karma related to the Tianji Pavilion on him! He has killed someone from the Tianji Pavilion!”

Immediately, the person shouted in a loud voice, “Alert! We have an enemy!”

With these words, numerous Saint auras appeared around Lu Chen, instantly surrounding him.

Lu Chen still did not take any action. If he acted now, it would lead to a complete fallout with the Tianji Pavilion. Borrowing their formation would be even more impossible then.

At this moment, a Quasi-Emperor in white robes approached, “What is happening?”

The previously mocking disciple quickly pointed at Lu Chen and said, “Elder, he is stained with the karma of the Tianji Pavilion. He killed a member of the Tianji Pavilion!”

Upon hearing this, the face of the white-robed Quasi-Emperor darkened instantly. Staring intently at Lu Chen, he found a trace of black thread entangling Lu Chen.

Lu Chen found himself speechless. He didn’t expect that the Tianji Pavilion in the Ziyang World really had connections with this Silver Frost Dynasty branch.

This was going to be a big problem.

Must he use force then?

Currently, only his Great Emperor avatar was here. Empress Tianhong was not by his side, and the few Great Emperors of the Silver Frost Dynasty also stood with the Tianji Pavilion.

If he acted now, he would most likely not be a match for the Tianji Pavilion.

At this time, Sikong Lingyue scrutinized Lu Chen and then coldly asked, “Why did you kill our Tianji Pavilion’s disciple?”

Lu Chen said, “It was a misunderstanding. I did not know he was a disciple of the Tianji Pavilion.”

Sikong Lingyue snorted and said, “Whether it was a misunderstanding or not, since you killed our disciple, you must repay with your life.”

Lu Chen sighed; it seemed he could only resort to force, wasting yet more time.

This avatar was most likely going to be sacrificed, and another would have to be dispatched from the Great Sum Dynasty.

Thinking this, Lu Chen released the Emperor’s Mighty pressure.

Instantly, the presence of the Tianji Pavilion members was suppressed, making them unable to stand up straight.

“He’s a Great Emperor! He’s a Great Emperor!!!”

“Quickly call the Pavilion Master!”

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In an instant, the entire Tianji Pavilion was thrown into chaos.

In just a moment, an Emperor's Mighty pressure also appeared over the Tianji Pavilion.

"Who dares invade our Tianji Pavilion!"

Just then, an Emperor Dharma Form appeared before Lu Chen. The Pavilion Master of the Silver Frost Dynasty's Tianji Pavilion glanced at Lu Chen and said, "You kill our Tianji Pavilion disciples and come here causing trouble. Do you take us for a pushover?"

Lu Chen replied, "Fellow Daoist, I accidentally killed a Tianji Pavilion disciple who had already turned to a demon. You should thank me for cleansing this menace for the Tianji Pavilion."

"You act without distinguishing right from wrong. Aren't you afraid of ruining the Tianji Pavilion's reputation?"

Shu Hanwen laughed coldly and said, "What a farce! Even if that disciple turned demon, it's still our Tianji Pavilion's matter. When did it become your place to intervene?"

"If you don't give me an explanation today, you won't leave here!"

With these words, the array patterns on the Tianji Pavilion's tower glowed blue. Lu Chen was immediately trapped within a barrier. This barrier contained strong restrictions, causing Lu Chen's cultivation state to decline rapidly.

Lu Chen frowned; this formation already rivaled the suppressive effect of the Flying Snow Formation.

It must have been created by a synchronized operation of over ten thousand formations. Regardless, these formations were incredibly advanced to suppress even a Great Emperor's cultivation state.

This avatar was indeed doomed!

However, he still intended to make one last effort. He was racing against time; sending out another avatar from the Daxia Dynasty would take a lot of time.

If he could keep this Great Emperor avatar alive, he would spare no effort.

Lu Chen then shook his divine soul, imparting a strand of Origin Power to the Great Emperor avatar. In the next moment, the avatar's strength surged, and the suppressed cultivation state instantly recovered.

Sensing the sudden recovery of Lu Chen's cultivation state, Shu Hanwen's face changed dramatically.

The Tianji Pavilion's formation could even suppress a fifth-layer Great Emperor, yet it was struggling against a first-layer Great Emperor!

Chapter 1382: He is an Old Friend of Mine

As Lu Chen's cultivation state was restored, the great array of the Tianji Pavilion also began to show signs of collapse. Lu Chen looked at Shu Hanwen's law manifestation and smiled: "Since you all have made your move, is it my turn now?"

"It is impolite not to reciprocate!"

As his words fell, Lu Chen's fingers intertwined and formed seals.

Flying Snow Formation!!!

In the next moment, a large white formation appeared beneath the Tianji Pavilion. Immediately, snow and wind filled the sky, and when the ice and snow landed on the members of the Tianji Pavilion, they instantly seemed to be frozen solid.

At this moment, not only was the cultivation state of the Tianji Pavilion members rapidly declining, but the spiritual power within their bodies also seemed to be frozen, making it difficult for them to perform any magic.

Lu Chen said, "I will say this one last time, I only intend to use the Tianji Pavilion's array to travel to the Central Star Region, and I do not have any intention to be an enemy of the Tianji Pavilion. If you all continue to be unreasonable, then don't blame me for doing the same."

Shu Hanwen laughed loudly and said, "I would like to see how you plan to be unreasonable!"

Seeing Shu Hanwen's relentless attitude, Lu Chen felt a headache coming on. Why were the people of the Tianji Pavilion so stubborn?

Forget it, since the other side wants to fight, then let's fight!

Then Lu Chen gathered all his spiritual power in his body, and in an instant, dark clouds covered the sky and thunder roared.

Heavenly Thunder Technique!!!

Thick bolts of lightning fell from the sky, and these lightning bolts converged to form a mighty and enormous Thunder Dragon.

The Thunder Dragon surged towards Shu Hanwen's law manifestation. Just as the Thunder Dragon was about to strike Shu Hanwen's law manifestation, Lu Chen suddenly felt his power being weakened again.

This time it wasn't the suppression of the Tianji Pavilion's array, but the suppression from the power of the heavenly path of the Silver Frost Dynasty's Emperor Star.

Lu Chen quickly realized that this was the action of the emperor of the Silver Frost Dynasty, which sided with the Tianji Pavilion.

Seeing someone attacking the Tianji Pavilion, the Silver Frost Dynasty aiding them was normal.

Feeling the suppression of the heavenly path, Lu Chen felt extremely uncomfortable. Seeing Lu Chen's embarrassed look, Shu Hanwen laughed heartily and said, "Daring to cause trouble in the Tianji Pavilion, you shall turn into nourishment for the Silver Frost Dynasty!"

As his words fell, Shu Hanwen's Dharma golden body instantly grew several times larger, and his cultivation state rapidly increased.

Great Emperor First Layer...

Great Emperor Second Layer...

Great Emperor Third Layer...

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In just a moment, Shu Hanwen's cultivation state had risen to the Great Emperor Fifth Layer.

Lu Chen immediately saw the trick: the Silver Frost Dynasty was using its dynastic qi fortune to temporarily enhance Shu Hanwen's cultivation state.

Why could the dynastic qi fortune of the Silver Frost Dynasty affect Shu Hanwen of the Tianji Pavilion?

Did the Tianji Pavilion belong to the Silver Frost Dynasty?

How should he deal with this now?

Just as Lu Chen was considering how to respond to Shu Hanwen's next attack, suddenly a strange wave of power passed through their bodies.

That power was like a ripple on the surface of the water.

Though that power was very weak, all the Great Emperors of the Silver Frost Dynasty sensed it, and the moment it touched them, none of the Great Emperors dared to move.

Including Shu Hanwen, whose expression changed drastically, showing a look of fear.

“Greet...Greet the Saintess!”

In the next moment, the voice of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden entered Shu Hanwen’s mind.

“He is an old friend of mine.”

Hearing this, Shu Hanwen was so frightened that his law manifestation dissipated, and his true body quickly knelt on the ground, continuously kowtowing and saying, “Saintess, please spare me, I know my mistake!”

Shu Hanwen felt immense regret; how could he have walked into the knife’s edge.

This was the first time he had heard that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had any friends.

But no matter if this man was a friend of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden or not, now that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had spoken, he could only be her friend.

He had offended the friend of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden and even collaborated with the Silver Frost Dynasty against him; this was disastrous.

Kneeling on the ground, Shu Hanwen trembled, awaiting the judgment of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

However, after waiting for a long time without hearing the voice of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden again, Shu Hanwen tentatively called, “Saintess?”

Seeing that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden still did not respond, Shu Hanwen breathed a sigh of relief. It seemed the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had no intention of punishing him.

Shu Hanwen hurriedly left the high tower of the Tianji Pavilion and came in front of Lu Chen, ingratiatingly saying, “Esteemed Daoist, it was my fault earlier, I apologize to you.”

Seeing Shu Hanwen’s sudden change in attitude, Lu Chen immediately guessed that it must be related to the power fluctuation just now, although he hadn’t heard the voice of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, he was very familiar with that power.

Back when the Heavenly Mystery Maiden spread the word about the impending cataclysm to the entire universe, he had come into contact with that power.

Lu Chen directly asked, “What is the relationship between the Tianji Pavilion and the Heavenly Mystery Maiden?”

Shu Hanwen smiled and said, “She is the Saintess of the Tianji Pavilion, and all the Tianji Pavilions in the universe belong to the Tianji Pavilion.”

Shu Hanwen continued, “You mentioned earlier that you intend to use the Tianji Pavilion’s teleportation array to travel to the Central Star Region?”

Lu Chen didn’t know what the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had said to Shu Hanwen, but judging by Shu Hanwen’s attitude, he could guess that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden was not hostile to him.

Just...

Would the Heavenly Mystery Maiden actually go out of her way to communicate with the Tianji Pavilion in the distant star region because of him?

So far, he could only be considered a minor figure in the vast universe.

He had no interaction with the Heavenly Mystery Maiden; why would he attract her attention?

Could it be that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden foresaw future events and was using this method to show kindness to him?

Hmm, it must be so!

No matter, I should quickly use the Tianji Pavilion's teleportation array to go to the Central Star Region.

Then Lu Chen said to Shu Hanwen, "Can I use the Tianji Pavilion's heaven rank teleportation array now?"

Shu Hanwen immediately said, "Of course, of course, please follow me."

Then Shu Hanwen led Lu Chen to the secret chamber where the heaven rank teleportation array was located.

The heaven rank teleportation array was located in the middle of the high tower of the Tianji Pavilion. Upon entering the secret chamber where the teleportation array was located, Lu Chen discovered that the entire high tower of the Tianji Pavilion was actually a teleportation array.

A heaven rank teleportation array of such scale required so many spirit stones to construct; it was unbelievable to Lu Chen.

In comparison, the advantage of the holy tier teleportation array was very obvious; it used at least ninety-nine percent less spirit stones than the heaven rank teleportation array of the Tianji Pavilion.

Items rewarded by the system are really excellent.

At this moment, Shu Hanwen said to Lu Chen, "Daoist, please stand in the center of the array, I will send you to the Tianji Pavilion of the Bai Cang Dynasty."

Lu Chen said, "Alright."

Lu Chen had seen the Cosmic Star Map and knew that the Bai Cang Dynasty was located in the Central Star Region, right next to the Shenyue Dynasty, and was a super force.

As soon as he reached the Bai Cang Dynasty, it would not take much time to head to the Shenyue Dynasty.

After Lu Chen entered the center of the heaven rank teleportation array, Shu Hanwen activated the array. For a moment, the high tower of the Tianji Pavilion emitted a dazzling blue light.

In the blink of an eye, Lu Chen disappeared from where he stood.

When Lu Chen opened his eyes again, he found himself still standing in the center of the teleportation array, but everything around him seemed to have changed.

What is this...

What's going on?

Lu Chen saw several corpses of Tianji Pavilion cultivators at the edge of the array center, their bodies fallen in the direction of the array, and one of the corpses seemed to have crawled for some distance, trying to use the array to escape this place.

Lu Chen immediately released his divine sense, intending to investigate the Tianji Pavilion to see what had happened, but as soon as he released his divine sense, he found that the high tower could actually shield divine sense.

Chapter 1383: Lu Chen Arrives at the Shenyue Dynasty

Seeing that his Divine Sense could not be released, Lu Chen had no choice but to walk directly outside. As soon as he stepped out of the high tower of the Tianji Pavilion, he saw the bodies of Tianji Pavilion cultivators strewn all over the ground.

This...

Lu Chen released his Divine Sense again, sensing into the distance.

Upon sensing, Lu Chen confirmed that he had indeed left the Silver Frost Dynasty.

Looking at the corpses all around, Lu Chen wondered in his heart, what kind of force would dare to make a move against the Tianji Pavilion?

And this was the Tianji Pavilion located on Baicang Dynasty's Emperor Star. Could it be that the Baicang Dynasty made a move against the Tianji Pavilion?

That shouldn't be possible?

As the Saintess of the Tianji Pavilion, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had the ability to predict the future and had spread the news of the approaching cosmic calamity. By all accounts, her status in the universe should be very high.

The status of the Tianji Pavilion should also be especially high. How could someone make a move against the Tianji Pavilion?

Unless it was like him in the beginning, not knowing the force backing the Tianji Pavilion. If he had known about the Tianji Pavilion's backing in the Ziyang World, he might not have dared to make a move against the Tianji Pavilion.

Just as Lu Chen was puzzled, a surge of Spiritual Power waves suddenly came from afar, and Lu Chen was stunned for a moment before realizing that someone was fighting.

Lu Chen immediately used his Divine Sense to probe the situation over there, and just as he released his Divine Sense, he heard someone shout.

“Come over here, there’s another remnant of the Tianji Pavilion!”

Hearing this, Lu Chen was stunned.

A remnant of the Tianji Pavilion?

They mistook him for someone from the Tianji Pavilion?

In a moment’s time, Lu Chen was surrounded by a group of soldiers in armor.

Seeing the armor on these soldiers, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

He had regained the memories of his previous lives, so he could tell at a glance that these soldiers were from the Shenyue Dynasty.

Why had soldiers of the Shenyue Dynasty come to the Baicang Dynasty and even exterminated the Baicang Dynasty’s Tianji Pavilion?

At this moment, a Quasi-Emperor Commander came in front of Lu Chen and arrogantly said, “Boy, confess honestly, where has your Pavilion Master run off to?”

Hearing this question, Lu Chen did not answer immediately. He glanced at everyone present, and an audacious idea suddenly popped into his mind.

Wasn’t he initially worried about how to infiltrate the Emperor Star of the Shenyue Dynasty?

Now that he thought about it, as a prince of the Shenyue Dynasty, there was no need for him to worry about it. He could just enter the Emperor Star openly and brazenly.

With this thought, Lu Chen coldly said to the soldiers present, “You must be blind as bats!”

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the soldiers present were stunned, as it was the first time they had encountered such an arrogant enemy.

In their current attack on the Baicang Dynasty, their enemies either knelt down to surrender or were so terrified that they blew themselves up.

Now they had encountered someone who dared to scold them.

A soldier couldn't help but draw his sword, "What did you say?! If you have the guts, say it again!"

"Wait..."

The Quasi-Emperor Commander immediately stopped the sword-drawing soldier. He glanced at Lu Chen and asked, "You're not from the Tianji Pavilion, are you?"

Lu Chen replied, "No."

The Quasi-Emperor Commander continued to ask, "Which dynasty are you from?"

Lu Chen replied, "You truly are blind, not recognizing me."

With these words, the Quasi-Emperor Commander's brain stalled for a moment. He suddenly thought of something and quickly said politely, "Please wait a moment, Your Highness. I will have the General come to escort you."

The Quasi-Emperor Commander already had a guess about Lu Chen's identity, but he couldn't confirm which prince he was.

Someone who referred to himself as "Gu" was likely to be a prince. Moreover, the other party's composed demeanor, showing no fear of them, indicated that this person was really likely to be a prince of the Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu was about to appoint an Imperial Prince, and he didn't dare to offend any prince at this time. If this one became the Imperial Prince, he would be the first to be purged.

With the transmitted sound of the Quasi-Emperor Commander, within moments, Lu Chen felt a powerful aura approaching them swiftly.

Soon, a Great Emperor appeared above them. Seeing Lu Chen below, the Great Emperor was momentarily stunned.

The next moment, he transformed into a stream of light and flew directly in front of Lu Chen.

"Greetings, Your Highness! Your Highness, you've finally returned!"

Lu Chen glanced at the Great Emperor in front of him. The newcomer was the Thunderbolt Emperor, who could barely be considered one of his own in his past lives.

Seeing the Thunderbolt Emperor refer to the young man in front of him as "Your Highness," the soldiers hastily knelt on one knee, "We welcome Your Highness's return!!!"

At this moment, the soldiers felt cold sweat running down their backs. Thinking about how they had surrounded a prince as an enemy just now, they felt as if a catastrophe had befallen them.

As they believed their lives were over, Lu Chen merely said indifferently, "Rise."

Seeing that Lu Chen did not intend to punish them, everyone breathed a sigh of relief. At this moment, Lu Chen asked, "What is the current situation with the Shenyue Dynasty? Why did it make a move against the Tianji Pavilion?"

Hearing this question, the Thunderbolt Emperor was momentarily stunned, then replied, "This matter has something to do with His Majesty. We don't know the specifics."

Lu Chen thought, never mind, this matter has nothing to do with him anyway. The priority was to rescue Chu Yunzhi as quickly as possible.

The Thunderbolt Emperor sized up Lu Chen at this moment and asked curiously, “Your Highness, have you broken through to the Saint Realm?”

Lu Chen had hidden his aura, currently displaying only the pressure of the Saint Realm.

Lu Chen answered, “Yes, I’ve broken through.”

The Thunderbolt Emperor was overjoyed and immediately said to Lu Chen, “Congratulations, Your Highness!”

Lu Chen feigned curiosity and asked, “Congratulations? Why congratulate Gu?”

The Thunderbolt Emperor explained, “Your Highness might not know, His Majesty has decreed that whoever breaks through to the Saint Realm first will be appointed as the Crown Prince.”

Upon mentioning this, the Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly thought of something and quickly said, “Your Highness, time is of the essence. We should hurry back to the Shenyue Dynasty.”

As someone who was relatively close to Lu Chen, the Thunderbolt Emperor naturally hoped that Lu Chen would become the next Emperor.

The Thunderbolt Emperor had always thought that something had happened to Lu Chen, making it impossible for him to return. He was even considering whether to pledge allegiance to other princes. But unexpectedly, this expedition allowed him to encounter Lu Chen, and more importantly, Lu Chen had broken through to the Saint Realm.

Lu Chen said, “Very well, let’s go then.”

Under the lead of the Thunderbolt Emperor, they returned to the Shenyue Dynasty's Emperor Star.

Upon reaching the Emperor Star, Lu Chen tried to locate where Chu Yunzhi was.

He had to hurry. Before Emperor Shenwu saw him, he needed to take Chu Yunzhi and leave the Shenyue Dynasty.

If Emperor Shenwu met with him, the Emperor would likely discern that he had already achieved the Great Emperor realm. At that point, Emperor Shenwu would undoubtedly become suspicious of his motives, making the rescue of Chu Yunzhi even more difficult.

Upon arriving in the Shenyue Dynasty, Lu Chen conveyed through Divine Sense to Chu Yunzhi in the child world, "Yunzhi, I've arrived at Shenyue Dynasty's Emperor Star. I'll come to rescue you soon."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yunzhi found it hard to believe, "You... You've arrived so quickly?"

Chapter 1384: The Opportunity to Save People

These days, Chu Yunzhi had been rather pessimistic. In his view, even if Lu Chen used a transmission array, it would still take him several months to reach the Shenyue Dynasty.

Yet it didn't take long before Lu Chen actually arrived at the Emperor Star of the Shenyue Dynasty.

However...

Reaching the Emperor Star of the Shenyue Dynasty was just the first step in rescuing her. The real trouble was just beginning.

For Lu Chen to enter the Imperial Palace, and then the Harem, it wouldn't be easy to dismantle the Forbidden Spirit Array set up by Emperor Shenwu.

Just a small mistake, and Emperor Shenwu might discover him.

If he fails the first time, it will undoubtedly alert Emperor Shenwu, making it even harder to take Emperor Shenwu away then.

In the child world, Chu Yunzhi worriedly said to Lu Chen, “Don’t act recklessly, try to avoid attracting his attention.”

Lu Chen said, “Don’t worry, I know.”

Chu Yunzhi sighed slightly and then said, “If you encounter any danger, just flee immediately. Yuqin is by your side. As long as she is there, it’s as if I’m there, and I’ll be content.”

Chu Yunzhi had complicated feelings towards Lu Chen, having loved and hated him. Now she just wanted him to live well.

As for her own fate, Chu Yunzhi no longer cared.

In her view, her wishes had long been fulfilled. She once wanted to marry Lu Chen, become his spouse, and if possible, bear him a child or two.

Although these wishes weren’t fulfilled by her main body, her avatars had achieved them, and she had enjoyed unprecedented joy through them. Thus, death wasn’t scary to her anymore.

Upon hearing Chu Yunzhi’s words, Lu Chen smiled lightly, “From what you say, it seems you’ve given up hope that I could rescue you?”

Chu Yunzhi fell silent. What kind of power did Emperor Shenwu possess? He was a Ninth Layer Emperor mastering the Power of Slaughter.

Even if Emperor Shenwu was injured for some reason, he wasn’t someone Lu Chen’s emperor-level avatar could defeat.

As long as Lu Chen's emperor-level avatar was discovered, it would undoubtedly perish. Moreover, it would reveal that Lu Chen was still alive, and Emperor Shenwu might then directly attack the Daxia Dynasty.

Seeing Chu Yunzhi's silence, Lu Chen said, "You just wait in peace."

With that, Lu Chen's Divine Sense exited the child world.

After returning to his mansion from his previous life, Lu Chen immediately summoned the people who had served him before to inquire about the recent situation in the Shenyue Dynasty.

After some probing, Lu Chen discovered that Emperor Shenwu recently wasn't in the Shenyue Dynasty, but seemed to have gone somewhere. This made Lu Chen very happy.

With Emperor Shenwu absent, his opportunity had come.

Now the problem was, what excuse should he use to enter Emperor Shenwu's Harem?

To sneak in quietly?

That's not easy. Even if Emperor Shenwu wasn't there, the Imperial Palace still had many Hidden Guards, and there were emperor-level guards. If he was discovered sneaking in, it would alert the enemy.

This made Lu Chen a bit distressed. He hadn't thought that after finally reaching the Emperor Star of the Shenyue Dynasty, he had no way to enter the Imperial Palace.

Lu Chen stayed at his mansion for a few days but found no way to infiltrate the palace. During these days, he also attempted to enter the palace, only to be turned away by the guards.

Emperor Star of the Shenyue Dynasty, Lu Chen's mansion.

Lu Chen sat in the courtyard, gazing at the direction of the palace with a face full of melancholy.

Just then, a bolt of lightning flashed from afar, and soon the Thunderbolt Emperor descended into Lu Chen's yard.

Seeing it was the Thunderbolt Emperor, Lu Chen asked, "What's the matter?"

The Thunderbolt Emperor said, "Your Highness, recently there have been remnants of the Baicang Dynasty infiltrating the Shenyue Dynasty, seemingly planning to take revenge on the dynasty. You should stay cautious."

Hearing this, Lu Chen's eyes brightened. It was like someone offering a pillow to a sleepy person. This was his chance.

He had been worried about how to get into the palace. As long as the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty attacked the palace, he could enter under the guise of rescuing them.

However...

He didn't know if the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty would actually attack the palace.

Returning to his senses, Lu Chen feigned a serious expression, "Alright, I understand."

Then he asked, "By the way, where did His Majesty go? Why hasn't he returned yet?"

Lu Chen's biggest concern now was Emperor Shenwu suddenly returning to the Shenyue Dynasty.

Seeing Lu Chen inquire about Emperor Shenwu, the Thunderbolt Emperor thought Lu Chen was worried that his position as Crown Prince was unstable due to Emperor Shenwu's prolonged absence. He reassured Lu Chen, "Your Highness need not worry.

His Majesty went to chase the Baicang Lord. With His Majesty's strength, it should not take long to annihilate him."

Lu Chen, looking relieved, said, "I see, then I am at ease."

"Alright, you go about your business. With His Majesty away, we mustn't let the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty take advantage."

The Thunderbolt Emperor said, "Yes, Your Highness."

With those words, the Thunderbolt Emperor left Lu Chen's mansion.

After the Thunderbolt Emperor left, Lu Chen thought to himself, the Baicang Lord had better hold on. If I can rescue Chu Yunzhi, I will definitely light a few incense sticks for you guys.

And so, Lu Chen waited for another two days.

The entire Emperor Star was under lockdown, many of the Shenyue Dynasty's great emperors had returned to the star to guard against any threats from the Baicang Dynasty's remnants.

Lu Chen patiently awaited the Baicang Dynasty's remnants to hurry up and exact their revenge on the Shenyue Dynasty.

On the third night.

Having seen no sign of an attack from the Baicang Dynasty's remnants, Lu Chen was rather disappointed with them.

Emperor Shenwu wasn't even present, and they were taking so long to plan just a small incursion. If Emperor Shenwu returned, how would they even manage to invade?

As Lu Chen pondered whether to use another method to enter the palace, suddenly, he felt the ground of the Emperor Star shaking.

Soon after, a deafening roar echoed throughout the Emperor Star.

“Vermin of the Shenyue Dynasty, prepare to die!!!”

Lu Chen was initially stunned, then grew excited.

“They’re here, they’re finally here!”

“After waiting so long, they didn’t disappoint!”

Lu Chen immediately looked towards the source of the sound and saw three powerful energy fluctuations above the palace.

Lu Chen was somewhat surprised. The Baicang Dynasty still had three great emperors alive, and they even infiltrated the Emperor Star?

For some reason, Lu Chen felt something was off.

Were those three great emperors really remnants of the Baicang Dynasty? Somehow, they didn’t seem quite right to him.

As Lu Chen was in deep thought, the three great emperors simultaneously attacked the palace, and in an instant, three waves of destructive energy swept towards the palace.

As the three great emperors attacked, the palace guards reacted, and the palace’s great emperors also made their moves.

Seeing the great emperors in the palace taking action, Lu Chen didn’t hesitate and rushed directly towards the palace.

When Lu Chen entered the palace, he found that the soldiers' attention was entirely on the three great emperors in the sky, which delighted him even more.

Chapter 1385: Escape from the Shenyue Empire

Just as Lu Chen was about to enter the Harem, a Quasi-Emperor guard suddenly blocked his way.

“Your Highness, this is the forbidden area of the Harem. Without a decree from His Majesty, no one is allowed to enter!”

This...

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned. Regaining his composure, he prepared to make a move. However, in order to avoid alerting the enemy, he refrained and instead spoke sternly, “Do you not see that the enemies have already invaded the Imperial Palace?”

“If enemies enter the Harem and kill my father's women, when my father holds someone accountable, who will bear the responsibility?”

At this point, Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and continued, “I heard that my father has been especially fond of the Empress lately. The remnants of the Baicang Dynasty attacking the Imperial Palace are clearly targeting the Empress. If anything happens to her, your entire clan won't be enough to pay for it!”

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the Quasi-Emperor guard broke out in a cold sweat and suddenly felt that Lu Chen's words made sense.

Besides the Empress, the Shenyue Dynasty had no other significant figures. For the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty to attack the Imperial Palace at this time could only mean they were after the Empress.

Moreover, there were rumors that Emperor Shenwu was immensely fond of Empress Shenwu, entrusting the entire Shenyue Dynasty to her management even while in seclusion. This alone proved Emperor Shenwu's love and trust for her.

If Empress Shenwu were killed by the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty, Emperor Shenwu would surely be furious, and all the guards in the Harem would be doomed.

Thinking of this, the Quasi-Emperor guard quickly stepped aside, allowing Lu Chen to pass.

Lu Chen did not immediately enter the Harem. Instead, he asked, "Where is the Empress? Take me to her at once!"

The Quasi-Emperor guard hurriedly replied, "Your Highness, please follow me!"

Under the guidance of the Quasi-Emperor guard, Lu Chen quickly arrived at the chamber where Chu Yunzhi was imprisoned.

Seeing the Forbidden Spirit Array outside the chamber, Lu Chen fell into deep thought. This array did not seem easy to break, and breaking it now would undoubtedly draw the attention of the palace guards.

After contemplating for a moment, Lu Chen said to the guards, "There is something wrong with this Forbidden Spirit Array. The Empress might be in danger."

Upon hearing this, the guards' faces changed drastically. They had been guarding the Harem all this time without leaving. How could there be something wrong with the Forbidden Spirit Array?

The Quasi-Emperor guard from earlier asked, "Your Highness, could you be mistaken?"

Lu Chen said nothing more. He stepped to the edge of the Forbidden Spirit Array, pretending to inspect it. After a while, he said again, "There is definitely something wrong."

"If you don't believe me, open it and see if the Empress is still inside. I suspect she has long left this place."

At this, Lu Chen made a show of leaving. Seeing his back, the guards exchanged glances.

At this moment, a guard cautiously asked, “Could Prince Lu Chen be telling the truth?”

“But we haven’t gone anywhere. How could there be an issue with the Forbidden Spirit Array?”

A Quasi-Emperor guard then said, “Let’s join forces to open the Forbidden Spirit Array and see what’s inside.”

“If the Empress is still inside, she would be able to escape if enemies attack later.”

“Vice Commander Wang has a point. Even if the Empress is still inside, if the Forbidden Spirit Array remains and enemies attack, how would we protect her?”

Acting swiftly, the Harem guards approached the Forbidden Spirit Array and began to break it together.

Though the Forbidden Spirit Array was personally set up by Emperor Shenwu, it was not difficult to break from the outside as long as the positions of the array were found.

Lu Chen did not expect the Forbidden Spirit Array to be so easily broken. He had sensed its formidable power and thought it would be difficult to unravel.

As soon as the Forbidden Spirit Array was broken, before the Harem guards could react, Lu Chen turned into a stream of light and entered the chamber.

Upon entering, Lu Chen saw a stunningly beautiful woman exuding an aura of dignity and grace, sitting on a soft couch with a flushed face.

The woman wore a white robe that clung tightly to her curvaceous body, exuding the charm of a mature woman.

Seeing Lu Chen, her heart trembled with disbelief. “Lu...Lu Chen...”

“Is it really you...”

Chu Yunzhi wept with joy. She had never imagined she would one day see Lu Chen again.

Feeling the battle outside grow more intense, Lu Chen knew it wasn't the time for a reunion. He leaped to the couch and, in a single motion, lifted Chu Yunzhi in a princess hold.

Chu Yunzhi was momentarily stunned and did not react. In the next moment, Lu Chen used Shadow Shifting to return to his own residence.

He had set up a Holy Tier Transmission Array in the secret chamber of his residence a few days earlier, precisely for today.

As he left, Lu Chen did not forget to transmit a message to Thunderbolt Emperor, “I'm leaving. Thunderbolt Emperor, take care. If you have nowhere to go, you can come to join me.”

Thunderbolt Emperor, in the midst of battling the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty, was stunned upon hearing this.

What did Prince Lu Chen mean?

Leave?

Where to?

Wasn't he about to become Crown Prince? Why run now?

Did he not want the position of Crown Prince?

Before Thunderbolt Emperor could react, a Quasi-Emperor guard rushed to him in a panic, “General, something terrible has happened! Prince Lu Chen has taken the Empress!”

Hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor felt his mind go blank.

He finally understood why Lu Chen had told him to take care.

Evidently, Lu Chen had returned not for the position of Crown Prince but simply to elope with Empress Shenwu.

Thunderbolt Emperor was somewhat aware of Lu Chen’s past with Empress Shenwu as he belonged to Lu Chen’s faction.

However, he had always believed Lu Chen had little interest in women, so even when Emperor Shenwu forcefully married Empress Shenwu, it shouldn’t have mattered much to Lu Chen.

Yet now Lu Chen’s first act upon returning was to kidnap her...

Thunderbolt Emperor felt helpless.

It was he who brought Lu Chen back, and now Lu Chen had eloped with Empress Shenwu. Emperor Shenwu would surely come after him.

However...

Even so, he could not betray Emperor Shenwu. He knew what kind of person Emperor Shenwu was and understood that betrayal would not end well for him.

Thunderbolt Emperor then commanded, “Immediately send someone to find Prince Lu Chen and the Empress. Spare no expense to bring them back!”

As his words fell, Thunderbolt Emperor’s gaze returned to the remnants of the Baicang Dynasty. He had sensed something amiss.

The cultivation techniques of these three emperors were nothing like those of the Baicang Dynasty's royal family. They didn't seem like remnants at all.

Thunderbolt Emperor charged at one of the emperors, striking with thunder, and demanded, "You are not from the Baicang Dynasty. Where do you come from?"

"Attacking the Shenyue Palace, have you considered the consequences?"

Chapter 1386: Today, I will let you know the consequences of opposing me

The three Great Emperors above the Shenyue Palace immediately saw that Thunderbolt Emperor had deciphered they were not remnants of the Baicang Dynasty, so they did not continue to entangle.

The three Great Emperors acted simultaneously, and a gigantic Yin-Yang Formation instantaneously encased Thunderbolt Emperor and several Great Emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty inside.

Feeling the suppressive force from this cage, one of the Shenyue Dynasty's Great Emperors shouted, "Not good, this is Yin-Yang Power, they are from Tianji Pavilion!"

Although the three trapped Thunderbolt Emperor and the Great Emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty, they did not attack them again but rushed towards Lu Chen's residence.

Thunderbolt Emperor immediately reacted and said, "Those three Great Emperors aim for Prince Lu Chen!"

At this moment, Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly figured out how to deal with Emperor Shenwu next.

Thunderbolt Emperor then, as if possessed by an actor, roared, "Prince Lu Chen, flee quickly!"

Saying this, Thunderbolt Emperor also urged the nearby Great Emperors, “Quick, find a way to break the formation, we cannot let them harm Prince Lu Chen!”

Subsequently, the several Great Emperors joined forces to break the formation.

Meanwhile, upon arriving at Lu Chen’s residence, the three Great Emperors did not find Lu Chen. When they entered Lu Chen’s Cultivation Chamber, they only saw a shattered array door.

The three, unwilling to accept defeat, then destroyed Lu Chen’s entire residence.

After they destroyed Lu Chen’s residence, they left the Shenyue Dynasty, and at that moment, Thunderbolt Emperor and others also broke through the Yin-Yang Formation.

Thunderbolt Emperor promptly arrived at Lu Chen’s residence and immediately instructed the guards, “We must hurry to find Prince Lu Chen. If Tianji Pavilion finds Prince Lu Chen first, he will be in grave danger.”

Thunderbolt Emperor then personally led soldiers to search for Lu Chen and specifically spread the news that Tianji Pavilion had sent Great Emperors to assassinate the dynasty’s prince.

Lu Chen’s Great Emperor avatar, carrying Chu Yunzhi, passed through the Holy Tier Transmission Array and directly returned to Tianchen World.

Looking at the distant gigantic World Tree, Chu Yunzhi couldn’t recover for a long time; she could hardly believe she had actually escaped from the Shenyue Dynasty.

After a while, Chu Yunzhi finally realized she was still clinging to Lu Chen. She quickly said to Lu Chen, “Alright, you can put me down now.”

Since she had just left the Shenyue Dynasty, Chu Yunzhi hadn’t transformed her mindset, and her tone was still somewhat aloof.

“I?” Lu Chen said in a questioning tone.

“This isn’t Shenyue Dynasty anymore. Outside of Shenyue Dynasty, you’re no longer Empress Shenwu, you need to understand your identity.”

Chu Yunzhi’s heart skipped a beat; how did she forget this matter?

In the past, she had grown to hate because of love and did many bad things to Lu Chen for revenge. Lu Chen had long said that once she fell into his hands, he would turn her into a female slave and torment her harshly.

After hesitating for a moment, Chu Yunzhi softly said, “Since I’ve fallen into your hands, I accept my fate. Deal with me however you see fit.”

Lu Chen smiled and said, “No need for you to say; I’ve long thought about how to handle you.”

With that, Lu Chen warped space and directly landed at Yancheng Imperial Palace.

As soon as Lu Chen entered Yancheng Imperial Palace, Chu Yuqin sensed the presence of the main body.

Chu Yuqin was overjoyed; sensing the main body in Tianchen World meant Lu Chen had successfully rescued Chu Yunzhi.

Chu Yuqin quickly followed the direction of the Divine Sense link to where Chu Yunzhi was.

As soon as she arrived, Chu Yuqin heard Lu Chen’s fierce voice coming from Chu Yunzhi’s room:

“Poisonous woman, you’ve opposed me multiple times. Today, I will let you know the consequences of opposing me!”

“Ah!”

Lu Chen didn't care about Chu Yunzhi's current state. He had said from the start, as long as he brought Chu Yunzhi back, she would be his pet, his female slave.

Now that he had brought back Chu Yunzhi, it was time for him to exercise his right as the master.

Lu Chen decisively allowed the main body to come forward. The main body now was at the third layer of the Great Emperor Realm, more than capable of handling the venomous Chu Yunzhi.

Upon hearing the commotion from the room, Chu Yuqin's lips slightly curled into a smile; now she and Lu Chen could be fulfilled.

However, the days of the main body ahead might be challenging, but this was also a punishment for her, for causing trouble to Lu Chen in the first place.

Chu Yuqin did not disturb Lu Chen but directly turned around and left Chu Yunzhi's courtyard, allowing Lu Chen to punish Chu Yunzhi as he pleased.

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The news of the Shenyue Dynasty being attacked quickly reached Emperor Shenwu's ears. Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu immediately abandoned the pursuit of Baicang Lord and swiftly returned to the Shenyue Dynasty.

The moment Emperor Shenwu returned to the Shenyue Dynasty, he discovered that Chu Yunzhi's aura had vanished, causing him to explode in fury.

Chu Yunzhi was crucial for him to restore strength after reincarnation, and now she was gone!

Without Chu Yunzhi, it was nearly impossible for him to rapidly recover after reincarnation.

Who had taken Chu Yunzhi!

Emperor Shenwu immediately summoned Emperor Nandou, who was guarding the palace.

Upon seeing the Power of Slaughter emanating from Emperor Shenwu, Emperor Nandou trembled in fear.

Emperor Shenwu didn't even glance at Emperor Nandou, asking expressionlessly, "What did I tell you before I left?"

Emperor Nandou quickly replied, "Forgive me, Your Majesty! I didn't expect Tianji Pavilion to launch a surprise attack at this time on the Shenyue Palace."

Upon hearing "Tianji Pavilion," Emperor Shenwu sneered, "Tianji Pavilion truly can't bear any losses."

"I merely destroyed one of their sub-pavilions, and they directly target my furnace cauldron."

At this point, Emperor Shenwu glanced at Emperor Nandou with the corner of his eye, and then instantly released the Power of Slaughter surrounding him. In an instant, the entire Emperor Star was flooded with the Power of Slaughter from Emperor Shenwu.

Emperor Nandou, being too close to Emperor Shenwu, was impacted by the Power of Slaughter and was sent flying, spitting blood.

"I heard that besides you, there were several other Great Emperors present at the time. Yet, even combined, they couldn't guard a Quasi-Emperor. What use is there for you to exist!"

As he said this, the aura of Emperor Shenwu became even more fierce, terrifying Emperor Nandou into silence.

After a while, Emperor Shenwu asked, "Who took the empress?"

Emperor Nandou stammered, "It... it was Prince Lu Chen."

Hmm?

Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu's expression grew even darker.

In his memory, Lu Chen was already dead, and he had long lost the ability to sense Lu Chen's presence through bloodline power.

Now, Emperor Nandou told him Lu Chen was not only alive but had returned to steal his furnace cauldron???

Emperor Shenwu coldly demanded, "What's the matter? Explain the whole process to me."

Chapter 1387: The Minor Maneuvers of Tianji Pavilion

Facing the furious Emperor Shenwu, Emperor Nandou dared not hide anything.

He immediately recounted how Thunderbolt Emperor took Lu Chen back, and how Lu Chen rescued the Empress.

After hearing the entire story, Emperor Shenwu became even angrier, even smiling in his rage.

"Heh, good, good, good! Tianji Pavilion has truly calculated this well, scheming to have my child go against me!"

The next moment, Emperor Shenwu shouted angrily, "Thunderbolt, get over here!"

Emperor Shenwu's voice instantly spread throughout the Shenyue Dynasty. Hearing his voice, Thunderbolt Emperor, though somewhat afraid, still braved himself to head towards Emperor Star and appeared before Emperor Shenwu.

Upon seeing Emperor Shenwu, Thunderbolt Emperor immediately saluted and said, “Greetings, Your Majesty!”

Emperor Shenwu coldly asked, “Did you bring Chen back? Do you have anything to say?”

Thunderbolt Emperor showed a puzzled expression, “I don’t understand what Your Majesty means by this?”

Emperor Shenwu’s aura suddenly erupted, directly sending Thunderbolt Emperor flying.

“I don’t believe you have no idea what he intended to do.”

Thunderbolt Emperor was indeed aligned with Lu Chen’s faction and happened to bring Lu Chen back this time. It was met with disbelief that Thunderbolt Emperor knew nothing by Emperor Shenwu.

After landing, Thunderbolt Emperor quickly stabilized himself, “Your Majesty, please calm down. If Your Majesty wishes to know something, your servant will tell everything he knows.”

Emperor Shenwu directly said, “When Chen took the Empress away, you should have been in the Imperial Palace!”

Hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor seemed to suddenly realize something, feigning enlightenment, “I was indeed in the Imperial Palace.”

“At that time, three thieves from Tianji Pavilion attacked the palace. Prince Lu Chen thought their target was the Empress, so he entered the palace to protect her.”

“Perhaps, to avoid implicating the Empress, Prince Lu Chen took her out of the palace.”

“But who would have thought that the target of the three thieves was Prince Lu Chen? With no choice, he had to escape with the Empress from the Shenyue Dynasty.”

Hmm?

Hearing Thunderbolt Emperor's explanation, even Emperor Shenwu began to suspect its truth but was not easily fooled.

He looked at Thunderbolt Emperor coldly, saying nothing for a long time.

Thunderbolt Emperor felt as if needles were piercing his back and throat, sweating profusely.

Regardless of whether Emperor Shenwu believed him, he explained as much as he could.

After a while, Thunderbolt Emperor continued, "Your Majesty, the thieves from Tianji Pavilion are likely pursuing Prince Lu Chen and the Empress now. We need to find them quickly."

Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly and said, "If I find out you lied, you know the consequences."

Given the situation, blaming Thunderbolt Emperor wouldn't help. The urgent task was to find Lu Chen and Chu Yunzhi.

If Chu Yunzhi's purity was tainted by Lu Chen, it would be troublesome.

Suddenly remembering something, Emperor Shenwu asked, "Where did you encounter Chen?"

Thunderbolt Emperor replied, "In Tianji Pavilion of Baicang Dynasty, Your Majesty."

Emperor Shenwu coldly said, "As expected, Tianji Pavilion!"

Emperor Shenwu now had a suspicion. His inability to sense Lu Chen's presence through their bloodline must be due to Tianji Pavilion shielding him.

To prevent him from using Chu Yunzhi, they decided to eliminate Chu Yunzhi. Given Tianji Pavilion's actions against Chu Yunzhi, Lu Chen, moved by past feelings, took her away.

Piecing all these events together, Emperor Shenwu's anger towards Tianji Pavilion reached its peak.

Mobilizing his spiritual power, he tried to deduce Lu Chen and Chu Yunzhi's location. They were shielded, unable to be traced.

Emperor Shenwu considered waging war against Tianji Pavilion.

After a long time, he slowly calmed down.

Due to the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, Tianji Pavilion had a high status. If he attacked, they would ally with other super forces to attack Shenyue Dynasty.

Even wielding the Power of Slaughter, he might be outnumbered.

In such times, calmness was essential.

Emperor Shenwu continued, "What is Chen's current strength?"

Thunderbolt Emperor replied, "He is a Saint."

Emperor Shenwu's eyes narrowed, confirming his suspicions. Tianji Pavilion shielded everything about Lu Chen because he reached Saint Realm, preventing his bloodline reincarnation.

Emperor Shenwu muttered, "Seems one pavilion's destruction is insufficient to deter Tianji Pavilion. It's time for more drastic measures."

If one pavilion wasn't impactful, multiple attacks were necessary.

Emperor Shenwu addressed everyone present, “Spread the news that Tianji Pavilion attacked Emperor Star.”

Evenly matched forces call for justified conflict. Whichever side could secure more allies would prevail.

By spreading Tianji Pavilion’s opportunistic actions, it would tarnish their sacred image and attract discontented forces.

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Shenyue Dynasty.

Lu Yanghua’s residence.

In the secret chamber, Lu Yanghua suddenly opened his eyes, then exited, entering the meeting hall.

Three Great Emperors awaited him.

Lu Yanghua glanced at the emperors and asked, “How did it go?”

One emperor replied, “Couldn’t find him, he seemingly blocks heavenly mechanisms.”

Hearing this, Lu Yanghua frowned, anticipating an easy elimination of Lu Chen. Seeing three emperors fail signaled possible Tianji Pavilion interference.

This complicated matters...

Thinking of Lu Chen still alive made Lu Yanghua clench his fists.

He neared Guixu Realm Ninth Layer, just short of Saint Realm. With the Crown Prince position almost his, news came of Lu Chen's return and breakthrough to Saint Realm.

Unsettled, he dared not act against Lu Chen, especially under Emperor Shenwu's watchful eye, wielding deduction techniques.

Unexpectedly, shortly after Lu Chen's return, Tianji Pavilion approached, offering to eliminate Lu Chen and support his claim as the next emperor.

Thrilled, Lu Yanghua welcomed the alliance, seeing three emperors deployed by Tianji Pavilion.

Believing Lu Chen's elimination was assured, frustrations mounted hearing he escaped.

Chapter 1388: Pei Shuhua's Breakthrough

Although feeling uncomfortable, Lu Yanghua did not dare to say anything to the three Great Emperors of Tianji Pavilion.

He still needed to rely on Tianji Pavilion to ascend to that position. Falling out with Tianji Pavilion at this moment was not a wise move.

Moreover, if this matter were known to his father, he would surely be punished by him, possibly even stripped of his candidacy for Crown Prince.

Now, the problem was that Lu Chen could block the heavenly mechanism, making it even more difficult to eliminate him. If his father found Lu Chen, then Lu Chen's position as Crown Prince would be practically secured.

Speaking of blocking the heavenly mechanism, Lu Yanghua's heart skipped a beat, and he suddenly had a guess.

Could it be that there are people from Tianji Pavilion beside Lu Chen?

Those who could block the calculations of a Great Emperor seemed to be only from Tianji Pavilion. Normal Great Emperors couldn't completely block the heavenly mechanism.

Lu Yanghua furrowed his brows and looked at the three Great Emperors in front of him, asking, "Could it be that there are Great Emperors from Tianji Pavilion beside Lu Chen?"

Upon hearing this, one of the Great Emperors immediately said, "Your Highness, rest assured. Tianji Pavilion supports Your Highness and would never send people to assist Lu Chen."

Seeing the Great Emperor's certainty, Lu Yanghua felt relieved.

At this moment, one of the Great Emperors spoke, "Lu Chen has already left the Shenyue Dynasty. He probably doesn't dare to come back. Your Highness only needs to seize the time to break through to the Saint Realm, and the next ruler of the empire will surely be Your Highness."

Lu Yanghua thought for a moment and realized that breaking through to the Saint Realm was the most important task for him now.

Then, Lu Yanghua said to the three Great Emperors, "I will trouble you three to find Lu Chen."

One of the Great Emperors from Tianji Pavilion said, "Your Highness, rest assured. We will keep a constant watch on Lu Chen's movements. As long as Lu Chen dares to appear in the Shenyue Dynasty, we will take action immediately."

Hearing the Great Emperor's response, Lu Yanghua's lips curled up slightly. With Tianji Pavilion on his side, his position as Crown Prince was secured, and no one could compete with him for that position.

Meanwhile.

Tianji Pavilion.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden, wearing a purple veil, stood in the starry room of Tianji Pavilion. This room formed its own space, with the mountain slopes on the left and right resembling a starry sky.

Standing in the room felt like being in the middle of the universe.

In the center of the starry room stood an elder in a bagua robe, with his back to the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, rapidly calculating something with his fingers.

After a while, the elder finally spoke, “Heavenly Mystery Maiden, you have gone too far.”

Hearing the elder’s words, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden asked with a blank expression, “In the eyes of the Tower Master, shouldn’t this world be destroyed?”

Xuan Tian said, “Whether this world should be destroyed is determined by fate, not by you or me.”

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden turned and walked towards the depths of the starry sky, speaking as she walked, “This universe has gone through countless eras. It should end.”

Xuan Tian asked, “Heavenly Mystery Maiden, are you seriously going to oppose me?”

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden calmly said, “It is you who are opposing me.”

Xuan Tian said, “If so, from now on, you are no longer the Saintess of Tianji Pavilion.”

Xuan Qingyun did not say more. The identity of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden was not important to her at all.

She then left Tianji Pavilion, taking all her supporters with her.

After Xuan Qingyun left, Xuan Tian sneered and said, “Xuan Qingyun, do you really think you can succeed? My plans cannot be disrupted by you!”

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Daxia Dynasty.

Yancheng Imperial Palace.

Chu Yunzhi was hung up by a rope, enduring harsh punishment from Lu Chen.

However, there was no sign of pleading in Chu Yunzhi’s eyes; instead, she looked very excited.

Seeing Chu Yunzhi like this, Lu Chen fell silent. He had been punishing Chu Yunzhi for some time, and although she passed out several times from the pain, she always looked happy upon waking up.

Lu Chen wondered if her mind was broken.

At this moment, Chu Yunzhi’s hair was messy, the phoenix hairpin was askew, and her fair skin was covered with red marks.

Lu Chen coldly shouted, “Vicious woman, do you realize your mistake now?”

Chu Yunzhi did not answer but said, “Kill me!”

Lu Chen was speechless.

This vicious woman truly didn’t understand remorse. It seemed the punishment was not severe enough.

Just as Lu Chen was about to continue punishing her, he suddenly sensed a strange force wave in the universe, passing through his body like a wave, without causing him any harm.

Lu Chen was curious. This force should be from the Heavenly Mystery Maiden. Could it be that something had happened?

However, he did not hear any message from the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

Lu Chen didn't think much about it. His attention returned to Chu Yunzhi. Dealing with this vicious woman was his priority now.

Days passed, turning into a year in the blink of an eye.

Lu Chen finally finished punishing Chu Yunzhi. Chu Yunzhi lay in Lu Chen's arms, feeling infinite happiness in her heart.

She wrapped her arms around Lu Chen's strong waist, fearing he would leave. Lu Chen gently stroked her messy hair, smoothing it out slowly.

"Looking at you, it seems you haven't realized your mistake."

Chu Yunzhi, lying on Lu Chen's chest, said, "So, does Your Majesty plan to continue punishing me?"

Lu Chen chuckled, "Punishment? I think you see it as a reward."

Saying this, Lu Chen slapped Chu Yunzhi's buttocks, making her hum softly.

Lu Chen's gaze then turned to one side, where a system prompt appeared.

[Congratulations to the host for obtaining a wife, rewarding the Holy Tier swordsmanship Heaven and Earth Slash.]

Lu Chen glanced at it and didn't pay much attention.

At that moment, waves of surging energy spread out from the Black Dragon City Imperial Palace. Feeling this energy, Lu Chen was stunned, then used Divine Sense to probe the palace.

The Black Dragon City Imperial Palace was filled with Dao Charms, and the energy was still rising. Lu Chen immediately realized that Pei Shuhua was about to break through.

At this time, a vision appeared in the sky, with pavilions and towers emerging, and countless world shadows appearing, as if people were in the cosmic void.

Lu Chen's Quasi-Emperor avatar immediately went to the courtyard where Pei Shuhua was. He did not enter directly but waited for Pei Shuhua to stabilize her realm.

Meanwhile, Chu Yunzhi in Lu Chen's arms asked, "Is someone proving the Dao to become a Great Emperor?"

Lu Chen said, "Yes."

Chu Yunzhi said, "Congratulations, Your Majesty, for gaining another capable person."

Lu Chen smiled faintly, thinking indeed a capable person.

While Lu Chen was distracted, suddenly, the spiritual power within Chu Yunzhi also started to riot. Perhaps influenced by the Dao Charm from Pei Shuhua's breakthrough, Chu Yunzhi also felt something.

Feeling the rioting spiritual power in Chu Yunzhi, Lu Chen was stunned. He immediately asked, "Are you also about to break through?"

Chu Yunzhi said, "The Dao Charm from the breaking-through emperor who follows the Guardian Path is greatly beneficial to me."

Chapter 1389: It Seems I Have Become Your Weakness

Hearing Chu Yunzhi's words, Lu Chen was curious. What did Pei Shuhua's Guardian Path have to do with her?

Lu Chen asked curiously, "Are you also on the Guardian Path?"

Chu Yunzhi sat up at this moment, sitting on Lu Chen, and then looked down into his eyes, her cheeks slightly red, "I am on the Path of Love."

"The Dao Charm emitted by that Great Emperor's Guardian Path possesses Guardian Power, which protected my Path of Love."

After Chu Yunzhi became Lu Chen's woman, her wish was fulfilled. She was only one step away from breaking through to become a Great Emperor, and Pei Shuhua's Guardian Path solidified Chu Yunzhi's anxieties, allowing her to make the breakthrough in one go.

Feeling the surge of Spiritual Power within her body, Chu Yunzhi couldn't help but let out a soft moan. In the next moment, her face turned completely red, and her gaze towards Lu Chen became hazy.

At this moment, Chu Yunzhi looked as if she were in a daze and murmured:

"Lu Chen, I finally... have you..."

Um, this...

Lu Chen possessed Origin Power within him, and looking at the power emanating from Chu Yunzhi, it was clear that she was being influenced by her Path of Love.

Her Dao object was himself; as long as he was by her side, Chu Yunzhi couldn't help but think of matters between men and women.

Lu Chen smiled faintly, then said, "It seems I've found a way to punish you."

Chu Yunzhi was on the Path of Love and succeeded in her Dao breakthrough because of him. This meant he was now her weakness.

At this time, Lu Chen flipped Chu Yunzhi over, pressing her beneath him, then he withdrew, quietly looking at her.

Chu Yunzhi was momentarily stunned, then hurriedly wriggled her body, "Lu Chen, what... are you doing?"

Lu Chen laughed and said, "Indeed, it seems I have become your weakness."

"I've decided, starting today, I will never touch you again."

As soon as these words came out, Chu Yunzhi panicked instantly and hurriedly said, "No!"

"Lu Chen, I know I was wrong. I shouldn't have sought revenge on you back then. Please forgive me..."

As she spoke, Chu Yunzhi kept wriggling her body, trying to continue cultivating with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen tightly restrained Chu Yunzhi's arms, pressing down her body, not letting her act out.

Lu Chen was just trying to scare her. He certainly wouldn't leave this venomous woman alone; his real revenge was to make her bear his child.

Simultaneously, after solidifying her Cultivation State as a Great Emperor, Pei Shuhua emerged from the secret room. She looked at the sky filled with Dao Charm and the residual cosmic phenomena, feeling somewhat dreamy.

Pei Shuhua wondered if she was dreaming.

Why didn't she encounter Heavenly Tribulation during her breakthrough?

Breaking through to a Great Emperor should involve a cosmic Heavenly Tribulation. Did she just muddle through it?

This breakthrough was too easy, wasn't it?

At that moment, Pei Shuhua saw Lu Chen's figure. Lu Chen's avatar was sitting on a stone bench in the courtyard pavilion, holding a cup of tea, seemingly waiting for her.

Although she didn't know what was going on, Pei Shuhua felt that her lack of Heavenly Tribulation was probably related to Lu Chen. She directly approached him and bowed, saying, "Thank you, Your Majesty!"

Lu Chen said directly, "You have been in seclusion for these years, and many things have happened in the Chiyue Dynasty. You can go back and have a look."

Pei Shuhua followed the Guardian Path, and Lu Chen knew her breakthrough's catalyst was likely connected to the Chiyue Dynasty. The cosmic phenomena in the sky were depicting the Life World of the Chiyue Dynasty.

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Pei Shuhua's heart skipped a beat, but she quickly understood his meaning.

If she could return to the Chiyue Dynasty, it meant that the Chiyue Dynasty had probably been annexed by the Daxia Dynasty. But this was something she had long anticipated.

Pei Shuhua bowed to Lu Chen again, saying, "Thank you, Your Majesty."

As soon as the words fell, Pei Shuhua's body disappeared on the spot. In the next moment, she appeared in the void.

Soon, Pei Shuhua returned to the original Star Domain of the Chiyue Dynasty. When she saw the bustling commercial starships, her heart felt incredibly calm.

As a Great Emperor, her sensing ability now spanned several Star Domains, and she could perceive everything happening within the Chiyue Dynasty's Star Domain.

She sensed the smiles on people's faces, sensed the praise of the Chiyue Dynasty's citizens for the Heavenly Emperor, and sensed all the wonderful changes happening in the Chiyue Dynasty.

Although the Chiyue Dynasty was gone, the people of the Chiyue Dynasty now lived happier lives. Perhaps for the people of the Chiyue Dynasty, the Heavenly Emperor was their most trustworthy ruler.

As Pei Shuhua was lost in thought, a familiar voice suddenly resounded behind her, "How does it feel? Do you think this Chiyue Dynasty is more beautiful this way?"

Pei Shuhua came back to her senses and slightly turned her head to look at Pei Tianlu, asking in return, "Ancestor, do you feel reluctant?"

Pei Tianlu smiled and said, "Why would I feel reluctant? Living a few more years is all thanks to the Heavenly Emperor."

"Without the Heavenly Emperor, I might have already been swallowed by darkness and turned into a monster."

"To me, the Chiyue Dynasty was just a dynasty I created out of boredom. It's worth trading a dynasty for a life."

Speaking of this, Pei Tianlu remembered something and continued, "Congratulations on your successful Dao breakthrough."

"What do you plan to do in the future?"

Pei Tianlu didn't want Pei Shuhua to force herself to do something because of him. If Pei Shuhua wanted to leave, he would support her.

After all, Pei Shuhua was his descendant and the best among them. He also wanted to see how far Pei Shuhua could go in the future.

Pei Shuhua looked at the countless Life Worlds in the distance and then asked, “If I ask the Heavenly Emperor to let me manage the previous Star Domain of the Chiyue Dynasty, will he agree?”

Hearing this, Pei Tianlu laughed and said, “Based on my understanding of the Heavenly Emperor, he likely will. To him, the Star Domain of the Chiyue Dynasty is nothing. His ambition is the entire universe.”

Pei Shuhua fell into deep thought.

Pei Tianlu continued, “By the way, there’s one more thing you probably don’t know since you just broke through to a Great Emperor.”

Pei Shuhua asked, “What is it?”

Pei Tianlu said, “In ten thousand years, the great calamity will arrive.”

Pei Shuhua was instantly stunned in the void.

She had just broken through to become a Great Emperor, and now she was told that this era had only ten thousand years left?

This...

Seeing Pei Shuhua’s shocked expression, Pei Tianlu continued, “So, if you have anything you want to do, go ahead and do it.”

Pei Shuhua said, “Thank you for the reminder, Ancestor. I understand.”

Although Pei Shuhua said so, she was actually very confused about the future in her heart. She followed the Guardian Path; even if the Chiyue Dynasty was gone, she could continue to protect the Star Domain of the Chiyue Dynasty.

But now, being suddenly told that this era was ending, she didn't know what to do with the remaining time.

She didn't think that as a newly ascended Great Emperor, she could protect all beings under the great calamity. She had a clear understanding of her own strength.

Chapter 1390: These words wouldn't happen to be spoken by the Heavenly Emperor's order, would they?

Pei Shuhua gazed into the depths of the universe, and Pei Tianlu stood by her in the void. After a long while, Pei Shuhua finally asked, "Did the ancestor have any wishes to fulfill before the great calamity?"

Pei Tianlu thought for a moment and replied, "There is one."

Pei Shuhua asked, "What is it?"

Pei Tianlu said, "You are the most outstanding of my descendants. As your ancestor, I naturally wish to see you find a good partner and become a couple."

Pei Tianlu paused for a moment and then quickly added, "Of course, I know this is difficult. After all, ten thousand years is too short to find a suitable partner easily."

Pei Shuhua slightly turned her head, looking at Pei Tianlu with suspicion.

"Ancestor, could it be that His Majesty the Heavenly Emperor asked you to say this?"

Pei Shuhua knew about the master-servant contract between Lu Chen and Pei Tianlu. Hearing the mention of a partner, Pei Shuhua immediately thought of Lu Chen.

Thinking of Lu Chen's lecherous tendencies, Pei Tianlu's mention of a partner inevitably led Pei Shuhua to suspect that Pei Tianlu wanted her to marry Lu Chen and become his woman.

Pei Tianlu knew that Pei Shuhua had misunderstood, so he quickly said, "His Majesty the Heavenly Emperor did not ask me to tell you this. Moreover, His Majesty does not need me to speak on such matters. He is a direct person; if he likes someone, he will tell them personally."

"Besides, as long as you find a partner who can make you happy, your ancestor will approve. It doesn't necessarily have to be His Majesty the Heavenly Emperor."

Pei Shuhua's face still showed a hint of skepticism; she still had some doubts about her ancestor's words.

However, thinking back, although Lu Chen was somewhat lecherous, he didn't seem to have other significant flaws apart from this one.

Lu Chen treated his women very well, unlike some men who abandoned them after sleeping with them.

But...

Just the thought of sharing a husband with so many women made Pei Shuhua feel a bit repulsed.

Pei Shuhua then said, "If I find a suitable partner, I will let the ancestor know."

Hearing Pei Shuhua's words, Pei Tianlu showed a comforting smile and then said, "Your ancestor was merely saying it casually. You don't need to find someone just to complete a task."

Pei Shuhua said, "I understand."

At this moment, Pei Tianlu glanced at the star domains of the Chiyue Dynasty and said, “Alright, I’ll head back first. If you ever want to manage the former star domains of the Chiyue Dynasty, just speak to the Heavenly Emperor. He will agree.”

“Alright, ancestor, take care.”

As soon as Pei Shuhua finished speaking, Pei Tianlu’s body turned into a stream of starlight and left this star domain.

After Pei Tianlu left, Pei Shuhua remained silent in the void for a long time. For some reason, Lu Chen’s image reappeared in her mind.

She raised her delicate fingers and rubbed her forehead, trying hard not to think wildly.

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A month later.

Tianchen World.

Lu Chen’s main body had already left Chu Yunzhi’s room and went to attend to his duties with other concubines. Taking this opportunity, Chu Yunzhi came to Chu Yuqin’s chamber and met Chu Yuqin’s child.

Chu Yuqin was, after all, a part of Chu Yunzhi. Thus, Chu Yuqin’s child was equivalent to Chu Yunzhi’s child. When Chu Yuqin’s child first saw Chu Yunzhi, they felt a deep sense of closeness.

In the chamber, Chu Yunzhi held Chu Yuqin’s hand as they sat on the soft couch, causing it to slightly sink under their weight.

Chu Yuqin smiled and said, “Have you realized your mistake now?”

Chu Yunzhi's lips curved slightly, "I suddenly feel that without the mistakes of the past, we wouldn't have today's everything."

Although she felt that her actions back then were somewhat absurd, upon reflecting calmly recently,

If she hadn't sought revenge on Lu Chen, hadn't let her secondary body stay by his side, wouldn't it also mean that their fate would have been entirely cut off?

Lu Chen wouldn't have come to save her, and her final fate would have likely been to become Emperor Shenwu's Furnace Cauldron.

Hearing Chu Yunzhi's words, Chu Yuqin seemed helpless, "It seems you still haven't realized your mistake. If Lu Chen hears this, you'll be in for more hardships next year."

Chu Yunzhi, with an unchanged expression, said, "Let him come. Now that I am a Great Emperor, what is there to fear?"

Chu Yuqin said, "Oh? Is that so? Then I'll have him not visit your room for the next year."

Chu Yunzhi was taken aback, then said, "You are my secondary body; how can you take Lu Chen's side?"

Chu Yuqin said, "Back then, you were the one who severed our ties. Now, we are no longer considered the same person."

Chu Yunzhi said, "Enough, enough, this is fine too."

At this point, Chu Yunzhi picked up a wine jug from the small table on the couch, poured herself a cup of wine, and took a gentle sip.

After a sip of wine, Chu Yunzhi continued, "If that guy had been enlightened earlier, none of those things would have happened later on."

The enlightenment Chu Yunzhi referred to was Lu Chen's lecherous nature. If Lu Chen had been lecherous in his past life, he might have taken her completely. She would have lost her Spiritual Body, and Emperor Shenwu wouldn't have targeted her.

Seeing Chu Yunzhi bring up Lu Chen again, Chu Yuqin said, "Didn't you just say enough? Why bring it up again?"

Chu Yunzhi was startled and said, "I don't know why, but there's always a thorn in my heart."

Although it appeared that she was avenging herself on Lu Chen back then, wasn't it also a form of self-punishment? She loved Lu Chen so much, yet did such things to the one she loved. It was something she couldn't forgive herself for.

Her Guardian Path was the Path of Love, closely tied to Lu Chen. Avenging herself on Lu Chen was against her path, which inherently made it hard for her to let go.

Thus, the harsher Lu Chen's retribution, the happier she might feel, as it provided a sense of atonement.

It was this sense of atonement that made Chu Yunzhi very enthusiastic when Lu Chen punished her, leading Lu Chen to suspect that there was something off about her attribute.

Chu Yuqin sighed and said, "Your Majesty probably doesn't mind. If he did, he wouldn't have gone so far to save you."

As Chu Yunzhi's secondary body, Chu Yuqin knew well what Chu Yunzhi was really struggling with.

Chu Yunzhi fell silent and continued drinking. At this moment, Chu Yuqin suddenly thought of something and continued, "Actually... I suspect the reason you wanted to avenge yourself on Lu Chen was because that person used something on you—something to confuse you, making those thoughts not genuinely your own."

Hearing this, Chu Yunzhi was stunned. She put down her wine cup and asked, “Why do you say that?”

Chu Yuqin said, “Think about it. You loved Lu Chen so much; how could you grow so hateful to the point of wanting him dead? You are not that kind of person.”

Chu Yunzhi was silent for a moment and found some sense in that.

At this moment, she suddenly thought of something, “It seems he used the Sky Evolution Stone on me.”

The Sky Evolution Stone had the ability to change one’s thoughts. Chu Yunzhi suddenly realized why Emperor Shenwu would have felt so confident leaving the Sky Evolution Stone with her for a period of time.

It must have all been because of Emperor Shenwu. He wanted her to give up on Lu Chen, so he used the Sky Evolution Stone to influence her personality, making it become twisted.

At this thought, Chu Yunzhi felt a lot better.