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Chapter 1391: Revenge Is Revenge, I'm Not Afraid of You

After Chu Yunzhi opened her heart, her mood greatly improved, and her Dao Heart became more stable.

Chu Yunzhi said, "Yuqin, thank you for comforting me."

Chu Yuqin smiled and said, "We are one; if you can let go, I will feel at ease."

Just as Chu Yunzhi was about to express her gratitude, Chu Yuqin suddenly emitted a strong Dao Charm, followed by her aura becoming extremely chaotic.

Both Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin froze, wondering what was happening.

Chu Yunzhi immediately removed the small table from the soft bed and then sat beside Chu Yuqin, grabbing her wrist to personally check her body.

To her surprise, she found that Chu Yuqin's body was not only fine, but her cultivation was also rapidly increasing.

In just a moment, Chu Yuqin's cultivation had advanced to the Quasi-Emperor Realm, which left both women incredulous.

At this moment, a figure appeared in the bedchamber. Seeing Chu Yuqin's rapidly rising aura, Lu Chen immediately checked Chu Yuqin's body.

"Madam Chu, how did your cultivation increase so suddenly?"

Chu Yuqin was not even a Saint, but now she had directly broken through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm and even had signs of advancing to the Great Emperor Realm.

Moreover, to Lu Chen's astonishment, Chu Yuqin's Dao Charm was also the Path of Love, befitting her secondary body origin from Chu Yunzhi, sharing the same path.

Chu Yuqin said, "I don't know what happened. Just now, I suddenly felt as if a lock in my heart was opened, and then my cultivation began to surge wildly."

Lu Chen looked curiously at Chu Yunzhi. "Yunzhi, what were you discussing just now?"

Obviously, Chu Yuqin's rapid breakthrough was related to her state of mind; it must be that during their discussion, something in Chu Yuqin's heart was unlocked, allowing her cultivation to skyrocket.

Upon hearing Chu Yunzhi's question, Chu Yunzhi hesitated, worrying that if she said it, Lu Chen might think she was shirking responsibility and blaming everything on Emperor Shenwu.

Seeing Chu Yunzhi hesitate to speak, Chu Yuqin directly said, "We recently thought it was the Sky Evolution Stone affecting Yunzhi's personality, causing her to act out in retaliation against you."

Lu Chen instantly understood what had happened, and no wonder Chu Yuqin's knot in her heart was resolved.

Clearly, Chu Yuqin's heart knot stemmed from the main body's constant thoughts of retaliation against him, creating numerous troubles, believing all of this was the main body's fault. As the secondary body, she felt guilty, causing the knot to weigh heavily on her.

Now, having suddenly made sense of it, she found the real culprit, and the knot disappeared, resulting in a surge in her cultivation.

However, resolving a knot in the heart and allowing a cultivator who is not even a Saint to break through to the Quasi-Emperor Realm is indeed somewhat exaggerated.

It seemed like Chu Yunzhi's Dao Charm and Chu Yunzhi's cultivation breakthrough benefitted Chu Yuqin.

Lu Chen sat down beside the soft bed and embraced Chu Yuqin's soft body, "Qin'er, congratulations."

Chu Yuqin smiled gently, without saying much about the Sky Evolution Stone; she knew that as the one at fault, it was not suitable to continue mentioning the Sky Evolution Stone.

She had already spoken once; if she continued to raise it, it would appear as though she was exonerating the main body.

Whether Lu Chen believed it or not was up to him.

At this moment, Lu Chen looked at Chu Yunzhi beside Chu Yuqin and seriously said, "You were half right. When I approached Yunzhi, I indeed felt a special force influencing her, which I later dispelled using the Evergreen Longevity Technique."

"However, I don't believe this was caused by the Sky Evolution Stone; it should be my father employing some kind of heart-confounding magic."

The Sky Evolution Stone and Reincarnation Stone are one; Lu Chen didn't believe the Sky Evolution Stone would assist Emperor Shenwu. He now had reasons to suspect the system's background involved the Reincarnation Stone.

Of course, this was just his conjecture.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yunzhi's eyes slightly flickered, a haze in her beautiful eyes; it turned out Lu Chen understood.

He knew she did not hurt him intentionally.

Knowing was enough, knowing was enough...

As Chu Yunzhi thought this, Lu Chen gazed at her and fiercely said, “Vicious woman, even if I know this wasn’t your intention, you still did wrong by me. Do you think that’s the end of it?”

“How to retaliate against you, I will still do so, don’t think I will treat you like Qin’er!”

Chu Yunzhi snorted coldly, “Retaliate then, I’m not afraid of you.”

Lu Chen shouted, “Alright, mere female slave, how dare you speak to me this way! It seems that if I don’t do something today, you’ll overturn the heavens.”

Hearing the conversation between Lu Chen and Chu Yunzhi, Chu Yuqin couldn’t help but smile.

She could also see that the dialogue between Lu Chen and Chu Yunzhi was merely the little banter between husband and wife.

However, if Lu Chen said punishment, surely punishment there would be. Soon, Lu Chen summoned a secondary body to administer severe punishment to Chu Yunzhi.

While Lu Chen was punishing Chu Yunzhi, Chu Yuqin also steadied her Realm on the side.

At this moment.

In the Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu stood atop the Heavenly Palace, gazing into the depths of the universe, his face dark, his Power of Slaughter constantly raging uncontrollably.

Corpses were strewn all around, victims of his Power of Slaughter’s rampage.

At this moment, a Hidden Guard appeared behind Emperor Shenwu, trembling continuously, fearing to provoke Emperor Shenwu’s wrath.

If Emperor Shenwu was enraged, his Power of Slaughter would rampage uncontrollably, instantaneously killing the Hidden Guard tasked with reporting information.

The Hidden Guard trembled as he said, “Your Majesty, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden has severed ties with the Tianji Pavilion. She took many disciples and elders and left, seemingly intending to establish her own sect.”

“Hmm?”

Upon hearing this information, Emperor Shenwu froze, unable to comprehend the situation.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden was a core figure in the Tianji Pavilion; how could she sever ties with it?

Emperor Shenwu asked, “Was any reason discovered?”

The Hidden Guard responded, “Allegedly, it was due to ideological differences between the Heavenly Mystery Maiden and the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master, prompting her departure with her faction.”

“The specific reason has not been investigated yet.”

Emperor Shenwu did not continue probing. The conflict between the Maiden and the Master was likely beyond external investigation, thus further inquiry was futile.

Emperor Shenwu was curious whether the Tianji Pavilion targeted him or the Heavenly Mystery Maiden caused him trouble.

Emperor Shenwu then utilized the Deduction Technique to locate the Heavenly Mystery Maiden’s position, quickly pinpointing her in the Canghai Star Domain.

Without hesitation, Emperor Shenwu immediately projected a wisp of Great Emperor Divine Soul to the Canghai Star Domain.

Now, with the Heavenly Mystery Maiden weakened from severing ties, Emperor Shenwu felt more confident.

He wanted to see if the Heavenly Mystery Maiden still dared to reject him directly.

Chapter 1392: After this era, this universe should no longer exist.

Canghai Star Domain.

An Immortal Ship emitting purple light drifted aimlessly in the void.

At this moment, a surge of immense power rushed towards the Immortal Ship like a tide. However, the ship remained stable, unaffected.

Soon after, a space rift appeared in front of the Immortal Ship, and the Law Manifestation avatar of Emperor Shenwu emerged from it.

The Immortal Ship then slowly came to a halt.

Emperor Shenwu looked at Xuan Qingyun behind the purple curtains of the Immortal Ship and said, "I am curious, what kind of conflict do you have with the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion that made you leave in such a hurry?"

Xuan Qingyun replied expressionlessly, "Emperor Shenwu, you didn't come here just for that, did you?"

Emperor Shenwu said, "It seems you have already calculated my purpose. What will you choose next?"

Emperor Shenwu added, "You probably won't return to Tianji Pavilion, so why not find a strong ally?"

“If we join forces, we can certainly overcome the cosmic catastrophe.”

Xuan Qingyun said indifferently, “No need. After this era, this universe shall no longer exist.”

Hearing Xuan Qingyun’s words, Emperor Shenwu was stunned. It wasn’t that Xuan Qingyun’s refusal shocked him; he had expected to be rejected.

What Emperor Shenwu didn’t expect was Xuan Qingyun’s statement that the universe would cease to exist after this era.

Xuan Qingyun’s deduction skills were extremely powerful, and no one would doubt her words. If she said this, it meant that in her calculations, this universe indeed would be destroyed.

Previously, the cosmic catastrophes people experienced were merely the end of an era. The universe itself wasn’t destroyed. If the universe itself were destroyed, no one from the Ancient Era would have survived.

Xuan Qingyun’s words made Emperor Shenwu furrow his brows deeply.

After a long while, Emperor Shenwu asked again, “What have you deduced?”

“Why will this universe cease to exist?”

Xuan Qingyun did not answer Emperor Shenwu’s question. Instead, she said, “If you only seek to survive the Era Tribulation, you should cooperate with Xuan Tian, not me.”

“The greatest difference between me and Xuan Tian is that I prefer to see this universe destroyed, while Xuan Tian will protect it at all costs.”

This...

Emperor Shenwu was bewildered. Did the Heavenly Mystery Maiden really wish for the universe's destruction?

Only now did Emperor Shenwu realize he had indeed found the wrong person. The Heavenly Mystery Maiden was simply a madwoman.

Since she had already said this, there was no need to continue seeking her cooperation. He would go to Tianji Pavilion and ask the Tower Master directly.

Although the Tower Master's reputation was not as grand as the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's, to become the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion was no small feat. Otherwise, the Tower Master would not be that person but rather the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

But before leaving, Emperor Shenwu still had some questions.

"Did you hide Lu Yuanzheng?"

Since the Heavenly Mystery Maiden preferred to see this universe destroyed, it meant she did not want to see others resisting the cosmic catastrophe. Thus, it was more likely that she did it.

Xuan Qingyun did not deny it; she said directly, "It was I."

Upon hearing Xuan Qingyun's direct admission, Emperor Shenwu instantly released the power of slaughter from his body, a terrifying force sweeping towards Xuan Qingyun's Immortal Ship.

However, just as the power of slaughter was about to impact the Immortal Ship, a Tai Chi Diagram suddenly appeared below the ship.

The Tai Chi Diagram began to rotate.

As the Tai Chi Diagram rotated, it absorbed the power of slaughter completely.

The power of slaughter released by Emperor Shenwu was wholly absorbed by the Tai Chi Diagram.

The Immortal Ship remained calmly floating in the void.

Seeing this, Emperor Shenwu's face darkened.

Despite only one clash, Emperor Shenwu had roughly gauged Xuan Qingyun's strength.

He could gain no advantage over Xuan Qingyun, forming his judgment at that moment.

Emperor Shenwu then said, "It's surprising, not only are your deduction skills remarkable, but your strength is also extraordinary. Have you already taken that step?"

Xuan Qingyun did not respond to Emperor Shenwu's question. She directly controlled the Immortal Ship, leaving with the other Immortal Boats of Tianji Pavilion.

Watching those Immortal Boats departing, Emperor Shenwu felt extremely furious inside, but he did not make another move.

He had already judged Xuan Qingyun's strength. Even if he exerted his full power now, it was highly likely that he could not deal with Xuan Qingyun and might even get hurt by her.

Being already injured, if he got hurt again now, it could greatly affect his subsequent plans.

Since Xuan Qingyun had already fallen out with Tianji Pavilion, he would directly seek cooperation with the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion.

With this thought, Emperor Shenwu did not hesitate and headed straight for Tianji Pavilion.

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Yunhua Palace.

Palace Master's Residence.

The Life-saving Empress, dressed in a flowing blue dress, stood in a pavilion on the mountain, looking towards the distant Serenity Tower.

At this time, a woman in a red dress entered the pavilion, "Greetings, Honored Master!"

The Life-saving Empress hummed in response, then glanced at Lie Hongyun.

Seeing Lie Hongyun's unstable Realm, fluctuating between the Saint Realm and the Returning Ruin Realm, the Life-saving Empress frowned.

"Hongyun, why is your cultivation state so unstable?"

Lie Hongyun replied, "Honored Master, recently, I have been in closed-door cultivation, lacking experience. Although my Realm has broken through, my cultivation appears unstable without the nourishment of evil qi, as I practice the Slaughter Path."

Upon hearing Lie Hongyun's words, the Life-saving Empress fell into deep thought. After a while, she raised her hand, and a gentle spiritual power flew from her fingers into Lie Hongyun's body.

After checking, the Life-saving Empress found that the spiritual power inside Lie Hongyun's body was indeed restless, indicating her Realm had not stabilized.

This situation could not continue. Lie Hongyun was her chosen candidate for reincarnation. If something happened to Lie Hongyun, it would be difficult to find another woman with her talents.

Thinking for a while, the Life-saving Empress said, "In that case, I will assign you a Protector. You shall leave Yunhua Palace for training for the next thousand years."

Upon hearing this, Lie Hongyun immediately said, "Thank you, Honored Master!"

In fact, the reason Lie Hongyun's cultivation state was unstable was not due to her path but because of the influence of the marriage line.

She had been thinking a lot recently and ultimately decided to find a way to resolve the troubles brought by the marriage line by finding Lu Chen.

But she knew if the Life-saving Empress learned it was because of a man that her cultivation state was affected, she would not be permitted to leave Yunhua Palace.

After all, the previous Saintess of Yunhua Palace had been abolished for having an affair with a man and remained locked in Serenity Tower ever since.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun felt relieved. Fortunately, she practiced the Slaughter Path, or she wouldn't know what excuse to use for leaving.

As for the Protector assigned by the Life-saving Empress, she didn't take it to heart.

Chapter 1393: I Will Find Him

After Lie Hongyun returned from the Life-saving Empress's residence, she prepared to leave Yunhua Palace and search for Lu Chen according to the marriage line.

However, as she passed by the Serenity Tower, she suddenly noticed a red line that she could see extending from the depths of the Serenity Tower.

Seeing this red line, Lie Hongyun was slightly taken aback.

She stopped and looked towards the Serenity Tower.

At that moment, behind Lie Hongyun stood a woman dressed in gray cloth, simply adorned, with faint wrinkles on her face, looking very humble.

Though she appeared to be an ordinary woman, she was actually a true Great Emperor.

She was the Protector arranged by the Life-saving Empress for Lie Hongyun, known as Emperor Yanyue.

Emperor Yanyue saw Lie Hongyun suddenly stop and look in the direction of the Serenity Tower expressionlessly, and she asked, "Saintess, what's wrong?"

Lie Hongyun came to her senses and then said, "I remember the previous Saintess is now imprisoned in the Serenity Tower, right?"

Emperor Yanyue replied, "Yes."

Lie Hongyun said, "I wonder if I may go see her."

Emperor Yanyue asked in confusion, "What does the Saintess want to see her for?"

Currently, Liu Qingyun was a criminal, most likely confined until the Era Tribulation arrived, never to emerge.

Emperor Yanyue couldn't understand why Lie Hongyun would be interested in a criminal.

Lie Hongyun asked, "Is it not allowed?"

Emperor Yanyue thought for a moment and said, "It's not that it's not allowed, but I must ask the Palace Master."

Then Emperor Yanyue used Divine Thought to ask the Life-saving Empress if Lie Hongyun could visit the Serenity Tower.

When the Life-saving Empress heard that Lie Hongyun wanted to visit the previous Saintess in the Serenity Tower, she was somewhat astonished.

However, the Life-saving Empress ultimately agreed, thinking it might be good for Lie Hongyun to see Liu Qingyun as a cautionary example to avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

Seeing that the Life-saving Empress had agreed, Emperor Yanyue said to Lie Hongyun, “Saintess, the Palace Master has agreed.”

Lie Hongyun said nothing more and headed directly towards the Serenity Tower.

Under the guidance of Emperor Yanyue, Lie Hongyun quickly entered the Serenity Tower.

The environment of the Serenity Tower was quite good, not like a place meant for confinement.

Each level of the Serenity Tower had its own small world, each with relatively complete laws, picturesque landscapes, and a melody of birds and fragrance of flowers.

The level where Liu Qingyun was located was a sea of flowers, within which she had built a thatched cottage, tending to the flowers and plants daily, seemingly living a very leisurely life.

When Lie Hongyun appeared outside Liu Qingyun’s thatched cottage, Liu Qingyun was watering the flowers near her cottage.

Seeing someone suddenly appear, Liu Qingyun immediately stopped her actions and gazed at Lie Hongyun.

Seeing that it was Lie Hongyun, Liu Qingyun was slightly puzzled and asked, “What brings you here?”

There was no grudge between her and Lie Hongyun, after all, her position as Saintess was not taken by Lie Hongyun.

Even without Lie Hongyun, the Life-saving Empress would have stripped her of her Saintess title once she discovered she had lost her purity.

Lie Hongyun did not answer immediately. Instead, she glanced at Liu Qingyun, noticing that Liu Qingyun was entwined with more red lines than herself, and then asked, “Do you regret it?”

Again, Liu Qingyun was taken aback, unable to understand why Lie Hongyun came to ask her this question at this moment.

Then Liu Qingyun said, “There is nothing to regret. What’s done is done; there’s no medicine for regret in this world, and even if there were, it wouldn’t change anything.”

“I just don’t understand why you would ask this question. It shouldn’t concern you, right?”

“There’s no enmity between us, and I don’t believe you’re here to mock me.”

When Lie Hongyun first came to Yunhua Palace, Liu Qingyun could tell she was someone who focused all her thoughts on cultivation and was not the type to kick someone when they were down.

Using the corner of her eye, Lie Hongyun glanced at Emperor Yanyue beside her; with Emperor Yanyue present, she could not say much.

By now, Lie Hongyun had already figured out who Liu Qingyun’s man was.

Clearly, Liu Qingyun’s man was Lu Chen.

Lie Hongyun did not expect such a coincidence in this world.

But thinking it through, if Liu Qingyun had that kind of relationship with Lu Chen, could it mean that Liu Qingyun knew Lu Chen's whereabouts?

Thinking of this, Lie Hongyun said, "Emotions only hinder cultivation. I can kill him for you."

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun frowned, "There is no need; it is none of your business."

Liu Qingyun never expected this Lie Hongyun to interfere; she wasn't even that familiar with her, and this Lie Hongyun really seemed to have too much idle time.

At this moment, a trace of impatience appeared on Liu Qingyun's face.

Seeing Liu Qingyun's expression, Lie Hongyun said lightly, "I will find him."

After speaking, Lie Hongyun turned and left. Having confirmed her suspicion, there was no need to stay any longer.

As she watched Lie Hongyun's departing figure, Liu Qingyun's face darkened. She never thought that such a situation would bring trouble to Lu Chen.

This Lie Hongyun, what on earth was she thinking?

Wait...

Suddenly, Liu Qingyun thought of something.

She had a bold guess in her heart.

Logically speaking, she had no connection with Lie Hongyun, and Lie Hongyun had no reason to harbor murderous intent towards Lu Chen because of her.

Unless...

Lie Hongyun already knew Lu Chen?

Thinking of Lie Hongyun's stunning beauty, slender waist, and long legs, Liu Qingyun became more convinced of her guess.

This Lie Hongyun must have a connection with Lu Chen.

Without hesitation, Liu Qingyun linked her Divine Sense and projected herself onto Liu Qingqiu.

Tianchen World.

Black Dragon City Imperial Palace.

In Liu Qingqiu's bedchamber, after projecting herself onto Liu Qingqiu, Liu Qingyun asked the maid in the courtyard, "Is Your Majesty in Black Dragon City?"

The maid replied, "He is not."

Currently, Lu Chen had only six bodies, and with so many wives and concubines, he couldn't always have a body in Black Dragon City.

Liu Qingyun thought for a moment, then took out a Q-version statue of Lu Chen from her bosom.

The Q-version Lu Chen statue carried a wisp of Lu Chen's Divine Thought. By using spiritual power on the statue, she could directly converse with Lu Chen.

At this moment, Liu Qingyun activated the Q-version wooden carving of Lu Chen with a trace of spiritual power.

Soon, the wooden carving came to life, smiling mischievously at Liu Qingyun and said, "Qiuqiu, you missed me?"

Liu Qingyun said directly, "I am Liu Qingyun."

As soon as Liu Qingyun spoke, she sensed the aura of a Quasi-Emperor outside the courtyard, and in the next moment, Lu Chen appeared before her.

"Oh, it's Yun'er. Why are you looking for me today?"

With complicated feelings, Liu Qingyun knew that Lu Chen had a strong desire to conquer her. Knowing she was embodying Liu Qingqiu, Lu Chen would surely act against her.

As he spoke, Lu Chen hugged Liu Qingqiu's body, his broad chest pressed tightly against her back.

Liu Qingyun did not beat around the bush and said directly, "Lie Hongyun is looking for you."

Hmm?

Hearing this, Lu Chen's mind froze.

Lie Hongyun?

Chapter 1394: I Plan to Rescue You from Yunhua Palace

When Liu Qingyun mentioned Lie Hongyun, Lu Chen's mind conjured the image of the cold and stunningly beautiful woman he saw in the Lieyan World.

Initially, he and Lie Hongyun's strength were about equal; he wasn't sure if he could keep her, so he didn't forcefully try to detain her and let her leave.

Lu Chen was not lacking in women, but for him, as long as a woman made his heart flutter and he hadn't yet slept with her, he would always have some thoughts.

It perfectly confirmed the saying, “What you can’t have always creates a stir.”

However, Lu Chen firmly believed he would meet Lie Hongyun again one day.

After all, Lie Hongyun was a woman meeting the system conditions.

Hearing Lie Hongyun’s name from Liu Qingyun’s mouth, Lu Chen was slightly surprised internally.

Catching himself, Lu Chen curiously asked, “How did you know I know Lie Hongyun?”

Liu Qingyun responded, “A hunch.”

Lu Chen chuckled, “A scary hunch.”

It had to be said that Liu Qingyun’s intuition was incredibly accurate. He had never mentioned Lie Hongyun in front of Liu Qingyun or Liu Qingqiu, yet Liu Qingyun immediately figured out there might be some connection between Lie Hongyun and him.

Lu Chen leaned close to Liu Qingyun’s ear and whispered, “Could it be you think she’s beautiful and so figures she has something to do with me?”

Liu Qingyun replied, “Partly.”

Lu Chen laughed, “Do all beautiful women in the universe have something to do with me in your eyes? You seem to think I’m some kind of lecherous person.”

Liu Qingyun said, “Not all beautiful women necessarily have something to do with you, but if she’s inquiring about you, she must be related to you.”

Curious, Lu Chen asked, “You mean to say Lie Hongyun is inquiring about me?”

“She asked you about me?”

“Strange, how does she know you and I are connected?”

Lu Chen remembered only meeting Lie Hongyun once in the Lieyan World and never seeing her again.

How would Lie Hongyun know Liu Qingyun and he are connected unless...

Lie Hongyun awakened memories of her previous life?

Nowadays, any woman scoring over ninety points in the system Lu Chen considered a former wife from a previous life.

Liu Qingyun said, “She said she wants to kill you.”

This...

Unbelievably, Lu Chen asked, “Kill me?”

Lu Chen suspected perhaps in his previous life he betrayed Lie Hongyun, causing her to awaken her past life memories and immediately want to kill him.

Liu Qingyun said, “I don’t know your relationship with her, but maybe she was just talking. When she said it, there wasn’t any killing intent in her.

Thinking for a moment, Lu Chen pressed his large palm on Liu Qingqiu’s lower abdomen, pulling her body closer to his.

Laughing, Lu Chen said, “If she wants to find me, she can come. Let’s not talk about this. Since you’re here, let’s talk about us.”

While speaking, Lu Chen performed a Space Teleportation, bringing both their bodies to Liu Qingqiu’s sleeping palace.

Entering the sleeping palace, Lu Chen buried his face in Liu Qingqiu's hair, taking a deep breath to fill his senses with the mature woman's fragrance.

Liu Qingyun didn't resist. She just said coldly, "What's there to talk about between us?"

Despite Liu Qingyun's icy words, her cheeks were already flushing, a hint of sunset climbing up her neck to her exquisitely beautiful face.

Lu Chen freed a hand and roamed her body, whispering in her ear, "I plan to rescue you from Yunhua Palace."

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun's heart skipped a beat.

Coming to her senses, Liu Qingyun turned slightly, looking at Lu Chen's face with a serious expression, "No!"

Lu Chen smiled, "You're worried about me?"

Blushing, Liu Qingyun did not deny it, "Yunhua Palace has many strong individuals, and the Serenity Tower is close to the Palace Master's quarters. If you come, there's no way you could escape Yunhua Palace."

Lu Chen said, "I can bring my woman out from the Imperial Palace of Shenyue Dynasty. Yunhua Palace is nothing."

This...

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun clearly wasn't convinced. Shenyue Dynasty was far stronger than Yunhua Palace. How could Lu Chen bring someone out of the Imperial Palace?

Knowing Liu Qingyun didn't believe him, Lu Chen said, "Empress Shenwu is my woman. I brought her out from Shenyue Palace a year ago."

Suddenly realizing, Liu Qingyun said, “You’re a prince of Shenyue Dynasty. Of course, it’s easy to return there.”

“But not just anyone can enter Yunhua Palace. If you risk entering, Life-saving Empress might spot you immediately.”

Lu Chen knew this too, but he had a good plan. He had many clones and could make one at Saint Realm, Returning Ruin Realm, or even Yin-Yang Realm to enter Yunhua Palace.

As long as his clone could enter Serenity Tower, he could use the Holy Tier Transmission Array to bring Liu Qingyun back to Tianchen World.

While loosening Liu Qingyun’s belt, Lu Chen said, “Don’t worry about that. I’ll use my clone to infiltrate Yunhua Palace. Even if discovered, it’s just the loss of one clone.”

Thinking for a bit, Liu Qingyun figured if it was a clone, it shouldn’t be much of a problem.

Even if Lu Chen used a clone to sneak into Yunhua Palace, it would be very difficult for him to approach the Serenity Tower.

Not everyone can access Serenity Tower.

During Liu Qingyun’s distraction, she suddenly felt Lu Chen’s hand slip inside her dress, giving him an indifferent glance.

This lecherous guy wastes no time.

Lu Chen seriously said, “Infiltrating Yunhua Palace might not be too hard. The question is whether anyone can access Serenity Tower.”

Lu Chen appeared to have no evil intentions, though his hand kept moving, impressing Liu Qingyun that he could discuss serious matters while teasing her.

Feeling restless, Liu Qingyun twisted slightly, “Serenity Tower is only for disciples who have committed infractions and must be crucial disciples. Ordinary ones can’t enter Serenity Tower.”

“I see. It seems rescuing you will take some effort.”

With this, Lu Chen pulled Liu Qingyun’s body to the bedside, pressing her underneath him.

Liu Qingyun’s eyes shimmered, face flushed, she gazed at Lu Chen and asked, “What are you planning?”

Lu Chen slightly pushed forward, “Phew... It’s simple, I’ll use a clone to become a disciple in Yunhua Palace and show enough talent to attract an elder’s attention.”

“Mmm... comfortable... Once I become a direct disciple of an elder, I’ll find a way to commit an infraction and get locked in Serenity Tower. Then I’ll have a chance to approach you.”

Breathing heavily, Liu Qingyun said, “Mm-hmm... This plan... Uh... could work, but it would consume much of your time.”

Chapter 1395: The Shenyue Dynasty Allies with the Tianji Pavilion

“It’s just my doppelganger, no matter how much time is consumed, it won’t affect what I need to do.”

With Lu Chen’s current Divine Soul strength, multi-tasking is no longer an issue. For instance, while his doppelganger is handling matters with Liu Qingyun, his main body and other doppelgangers are simultaneously engaged in other tasks.

Seeing Lu Chen say this, Liu Qingyun didn’t say anything further. She thought for a moment, if Lu Chen’s doppelganger infiltrated Yunhua Palace, there indeed shouldn’t be any significant danger.

Of course, it's still challenging for Lu Chen to approach the Serenity Tower. It depends on his performance after entering Yunhua Palace.

As long as Lu Chen's main body is safe, she supports whatever he does.

The thought of Lu Chen coming personally to rescue her made Liu Qingyun's heart warm, her spirits lifted, and she couldn't help but let out a soft hum from her lips.

Lu Chen, thinking that it wouldn't be long before he could once again be intimate with Liu Qingyun's main body, grew more excited, then increased his intensity with Liu Qingyun.

While Lu Chen was handling matters with Liu Qingyun, his main body had already produced a doppelganger in the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm and instructed the Great Emperor's doppelganger to take this Fifth Layer doppelganger to the Star Domain where Yunhua Palace was located.

Simultaneously.

Tianji Pavilion.

Emperor Shenwu's Dharma Golden Body suddenly appeared outside Tianji Pavilion, instantly causing the disciples to panic upon seeing him.

"It's Emperor Shenwu!"

"Quick, relay the message to Tower Master!"

"Why has Emperor Shenwu come to Tianji Pavilion!"

"Could he be planning to strike against Tianji Pavilion!"

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After hearing about what the Shenyue Dynasty did to Tianji Pavilion, the disciples knew that troops from the Shenyue Dynasty had consecutively annihilated several Tianji Pavilions, signaling a potential war against Tianji Pavilion.

Now, with Emperor Shenwu's sudden appearance, it's hard not to suspect his intentions towards Tianji Pavilion.

In the sky, Emperor Shenwu noticed the chaotic state within Tianji Pavilion and let out a chuckle.

“Has Tianji Pavilion become so pathetic after Heavenly Mystery Maiden left?”

Tianji Pavilion, a super force in the cosmos, used to disregard him entirely due to the presence of Heavenly Mystery Maiden. She held such authority that they didn't even acknowledge him.

But now that Heavenly Mystery Maiden has left, everyone in Tianji Pavilion seemed like cowards. Emperor Shenwu still came to seek a partnership with them. Seeing his potential partner in such a state deeply disappointed him.

Despite the disappointment, Emperor Shenwu did not leave immediately. He looked down at the Heavenly Mechanism World and transmitted his voice: “Is the Tower Master present?”

Soon, an elder's voice emerged from the depths of Heavenly Mechanism World, “Come in.”

Seeing Xuan Tian's agreement, Emperor Shenwu hesitated no further and entered Heavenly Mechanism World, guided by Tianji Pavilion disciples, reaching the deepest part of the Heavenly Mechanism Tower.

As soon as he entered the deepest section, Emperor Shenwu was astounded by the scene before him. The depths of Tianji Pavilion seemed to form a world of its own, with complete laws.

Being in this space felt like being in the cosmic void, and Emperor Shenwu suddenly felt that this space was a microcosm of the universe.

At its center, an elder sat cross-legged. For the first time, Emperor Shenwu saw Tianji Pavilion's Tower Master and directly asked: "Are you the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion?"

Xuan Tian replied: "Yes."

Just as Emperor Shenwu was about to speak, Xuan Tian interrupted: "I already know why you're here."

Emperor Shenwu asked, "Between you and the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, whose Deduction Technique is superior?"

Xuan Tian answered: "I do not practice Deduction Technique."

This...

Stunned by Xuan Tian's response, Emperor Shenwu found it hard to believe that the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion wouldn't practice Deduction Technique?

He then said, "Are you joking with me?"

Xuan Tian continued: "I do not practice Deduction Technique."

Looking at Xuan Tian's back, Emperor Shenwu frowned. From Xuan Tian's tone, it seemed he wasn't lying.

But how did someone who doesn't practice Deduction Technique become the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion?

Xuan Tian then said: "The Heavenly Mystery Maiden spoke the truth. Seeking cooperation from her was indeed unwise."

“She despises everything in this universe, longing for its complete destruction. To her, anyone attempting to resist the Era Tribulation is an enemy.”

Confused, Emperor Shenwu asked: “She herself is part of this universe. Why would she despise everything within it?”

Xuan Tian said: “When the Era Tribulation arrives, you will understand the reason.”

Emperor Shenwu frowned, dissatisfied with Tianji Pavilion’s cryptic nature.

He learned Deduction Technique himself because whenever he sought deductions from Tianji Pavilion, they spoke in riddles, leading him to study on his own.

However, compared to Tianji Pavilion’s techniques, Emperor Shenwu’s Deduction Technique was far inferior, unable to foresee concrete future events.

Emperor Shenwu then said: “Enough. Since you already know my purpose, let’s discuss cooperation.”

Xuan Tian said: “Even if you didn’t mention cooperation, I stand by your side. Do whatever you wish.”

Surprised by Xuan Tian’s words, Emperor Shenwu didn’t expect such division within Tianji Pavilion.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden outright refused cooperation, while the Tower Master quickly pledged allegiance.

Emperor Shenwu then said: “Given this, I will announce our alliance to the cosmos upon returning.”

Xuan Tian said: “Very well.”

Though Xuan Tian agreed swiftly, Emperor Shenwu sensed something amiss but couldn’t pinpoint it.

Is Tianji Pavilion genuinely on his side?

In terms of resisting the Era Tribulation, Tianji Pavilion should indeed be in his camp since the Era Tribulation poses a crisis for every being.

Yet, the thought of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden leaving Tianji Pavilion with hopes for the universe's destruction made Emperor Shenwu wonder if there were hidden truths he was unaware of.

For now, this wasn't the time to dwell on such matters. Urgent tasks demanded his attention, including reincarnation, using a new body for cultivation, and nurturing his wounded Divine Soul.

After verbally allying with Xuan Tian, Emperor Shenwu left Tianji Pavilion, returning to Shenyue Dynasty.

Six months later, Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion jointly announced to the cosmos that from this day forth, Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion formed an alliance, pledging mutual support, and united resistance against the Era Tribulation.

Upon hearing this news, the super forces across the cosmos grew tense.

Shenyue Dynasty had just annihilated a super force, and now with Tianji Pavilion's alliance, their strength had magnified.

To further his power, Emperor Shenwu, wielding the Power of Slaughter, would inevitably wage more wars, making other super forces potential targets for the Shenyue Dynasty.

This accelerated the alliance formations among various super forces, plunging the cosmos into greater chaos, foreboding an imminent storm.

Lu Chen had been keeping a close eye on cosmic events, although he had no immediate inclination to involve himself. His focus remained on expanding the Daxia Dynasty.

Chapter 1396: Seeing Lie Hongyun Again

Lianhua Star Region.

Outside the Tianji Pavilion.

The Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer's avatar of Lu Chen looked at the Heavenly Mechanism Tower before him and sighed deeply.

The last time he was able to reach the Central Star Domain and return to the Shenyue Dynasty in a short time, he had used the Heaven Rank transmission array of the Tianji Pavilion.

Originally, Lu Chen planned to continue to use the transmission array of the Tianji Pavilion to travel to the star domain where Yunhua Palace is located. However, he heard along the way that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had fallen out with the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master, and she had left the Heavenly Mechanism Tower with a group of people from the tower.

The last time he could use the transmission array was because of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden. Now that she was no longer in the Tianji Pavilion, he naturally had no way to use the transmission array there again.

Perhaps, if he went to the Tianji Pavilion now and revealed his connection with the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, it might even anger the people of the Tianji Pavilion.

Lu Chen muttered to himself, "Forget it, I'll just use the star domain's transmission array, traveling one star domain at a time."

With that, Lu Chen turned and prepared to leave the Tianji Pavilion.

The moment Lu Chen turned around, a woman in a red dress on the street instantly caught his attention.

Her face was icy, her figure tall and slender, with long legs. She held a longsword in her hand, looking like a female hero.

Following the woman was an old woman exuding a strong aura, making others dare not approach the red-dressed woman.

When Lu Chen's gaze fell on the red-dressed woman, her gaze happened to meet his, and their eyes locked.

In an instant, their eyes seemed to spark with electricity, causing their minds to jolt.

Lu Chen hadn't expected to meet Lie Hongyun in the Lianhua Star Domain. It seemed Lie Hongyun was about to return to the Chaotic Star Sea to find him.

Lie Hongyun glanced at Lu Chen and noticed that he was only at the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer. Seeing that the marriage line on her body was only partially intertwined with Lu Chen, she immediately realized that this was just an avatar of Lu Chen.

Seeing Lie Hongyun suddenly stop, Emperor Yanyue, who was beside her, asked, "Saintess, what's wrong?"

Lie Hongyun came back to her senses and said expressionlessly, "It's nothing."

With that, Lie Hongyun continued walking towards the Tianji Pavilion, brushing past Lu Chen without acknowledging him.

Seeing that Lie Hongyun ignored him, Lu Chen also did not speak to her. He could see that the emperor beside her was likely sent by the Life-saving Empress to monitor Lie Hongyun.

With someone monitoring, Lie Hongyun indeed could not speak with him conveniently. However, once Lie Hongyun returned to the Chaotic Star Sea, he could block Emperor Yanyue's perception, and Lie Hongyun could meet with him privately.

Lu Chen did not pay much attention to it and continued towards the distance.

At this moment, Emperor Yanyue suddenly stopped, “Saintess, wait a moment.”

Hearing this, Lie Hongyun frowned slightly and asked expressionlessly, “What’s wrong?”

Emperor Yanyue did not immediately answer her question but turned to look at Lu Chen’s back, “Young man up ahead, please wait a moment.”

Lu Chen did not realize that Emperor Yanyue was calling him and continued walking. However, the next moment, a powerful force descended upon him, immobilizing him.

Seeing Emperor Yanyue suddenly attack Lu Chen, Lie Hongyun’s face sank. Did her lingering gaze at Lu Chen moments ago arouse Emperor Yanyue’s suspicion?

While Lie Hongyun was lost in thought, Lu Chen forced himself to turn and squeezed out a slight smile, asking, “What can I do for you, senior?”

Emperor Yanyue asked, “I observe that you have substantial qi fortune. May I ask which empire’s prince you are?”

Lu Chen replied, “Senior, I come from an ordinary family, not from any empire’s royal family.”

Emperor Yanyue asked suspiciously, “Is that so?”

Then, Emperor Yanyue used her spiritual power to examine Lu Chen’s body and found that this body was not an avatar. She was instantly overjoyed.

What a treasure! To meet someone with such high talent in such a remote star domain.

Emperor Yanyue then asked, “From the bone age, you should only be sixteen years old this year.”

Lu Chen replied, “Yes, senior.”

Emperor Yanyue turned to Lie Hongyun and said, “Saintess, a sixteen-year-old at the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer. Yunhua Palace hasn’t seen such a highly talented Immortal Seed in tens of thousands of years.”

Hearing Emperor Yanyue’s words, Lie Hongyun was puzzled. She could tell Lu Chen was just an avatar, so why did Emperor Yanyue think this body was not?

With an emperor’s spiritual power, she should easily discern an avatar, right?

Lie Hongyun asked, “Do you not suspect that he might be an avatar of a Saint Realm cultivator?”

Emperor Yanyue said, “Saintess, you jest. If he were an avatar of a Saint Realm cultivator, I would see it immediately. His body and divine soul are complete, and there are no strong divine soul fluctuations, making it clear that he is merely an ordinary Returning Ruin Realm cultivator.”

Lu Chen smirked inwardly. It was no surprise she couldn’t tell it was an avatar.

His body was created using Origin Power in combination with the Evergreen Longevity Technique, completely a new body. In reality, he lacked the concept of an avatar as all his bodies were controlled by a single divine soul, effectively making all his bodies his main body.

Typically, when cultivators create avatars, they separate a strand of their divine soul into the avatar, which is much stronger than the divine souls of cultivators at the same realm.

Additionally, incomplete divine souls, especially strong ones, would easily reveal the body as an avatar.

The unique aspect of Lu Chen’s bodies was that their divine sense matched the strength suitable for their cultivation state. Hence, the divine sense in his Returning Ruin Realm body matched that of a typical Returning Ruin Realm cultivator.

Even Emperor Yanyue, Life-saving Empress, or Emperor Shenwu might not realize that this is just one of many bodies of Lu Chen.

Emperor Yanyue was extremely excited. A sixteen-year-old at the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer, this person entering Yunhua Palace might one day become the Saint Heir of Yunhua Palace.

Emperor Yanyue unhesitatingly said to Lu Chen, “I am from Yunhua Palace, and this is our Saintess. You have immense talent. I wish for you to join Yunhua Palace. Would you be willing?”

In her mind, she thought, a talent of this caliber cannot be allowed to join other factions. If he cannot join Yunhua Palace, he must be eliminated before he grows stronger.

If Yunhua Palace cannot have this Immortal Seed, neither should any other force.

Lu Chen, with a confused expression, asked, “Senior, I have never heard of Yunhua Palace. What kind of force is it?”

Lu Chen dared not appear too eager, lest Emperor Yanyue become suspicious.

Emperor Yanyue then said, “You come from a remote star domain. Not having heard of Yunhua Palace is understandable.”

Chapter 1397: Becoming a Disciple of Yunhua Palace

Lu Chen pretended to look at Emperor Yanyue with a suspicious expression.

Seeing the disbelief in Lu Chen’s eyes, Emperor Yanyue continued, “Yunhua Palace is located in the Central Star Domain and is a super force in the universe. Its overall strength is even stronger than many Holy Land-level forces.”

“With your talent, if you can enter Yunhua Palace, I guarantee that in the future, at the very least, you will be able to become an Inner Sect Elder of Yunhua Palace.”

Lu Chen showed an expression of disbelief, “Pr... Predecessor, is what you said true?”

“Is Yunhua Palace really a super... super force?”

Emperor Yanyue said, “Do you think a Great Emperor like me needs to lie to a little brat of the Returning Ruin Realm?”

Lu Chen no longer hesitated and immediately said, “If what the predecessor says is true, then I am willing to join Yunhua Palace and become a disciple of Yunhua Palace.”

At this point, Lu Chen asked, “Predecessor, are you planning to return to Yunhua Palace now?”

That...

Emperor Yanyue paused for a moment, then looked at Lie Hongyun. Emperor Yanyue wished she could take Lu Chen back right now to avoid any unexpected events.

If Lu Chen was discovered by other forces, he would definitely be snatched away by them.

However, she was currently the Protector of Saintess Lie Hongyun and could not leave recklessly.

Lie Hongyun saw Lu Chen’s eager expression and instantly understood what was going on.

It seemed that Lu Chen wanted to go to Yunhua Palace to rescue the woman in the Serenity Tower.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun said to Emperor Yanyue, “Senior Yanyue can send a thread of Divine Sense and use it to send this person to Yunhua Palace.”

Seeing Lie Hongyun had spoken, Emperor Yanyue immediately said, “Thank you, Saintess!”

Since Lie Hongyun had agreed, there was nothing to worry about.

Emperor Yanyue had initially worried that Lie Hongyun might mind Lu Chen’s presence because, with Lu Chen’s talent, he could potentially become a Saint Heir if he went to Yunhua Palace.

The Saint Heir and Saintess of Yunhua Palace were somewhat in a competitive relationship.

At this time, Emperor Yanyue looked at Lu Chen and asked, “What is your name?”

Lu Chen respectfully said, “Returning to Predecessor, this junior is named Lu Chen.”

The universe was so vast that Lu Chen saw no need to hide his name, as it was unlikely for Emperor Yanyue to know him.

Emperor Yanyue said, “Good, next you will follow my avatar to Yunhua Palace.”

Lu Chen said, “Yes, Predecessor.”

In the next moment, Emperor Yanyue divided a strand of her Divine Soul, which then transformed into the likeness of Emperor Yanyue.

Subsequently, Emperor Yanyue’s avatar led Lu Chen to the Tianji Pavilion.

Lu Chen rejoiced in his heart, what a stroke of luck.

He had just been worried about not finding a way to use the Tianji Pavilion’s Transmission Array, and unexpectedly, he found an identity that could use the Tianji Pavilion’s Transmission Array so soon.

Lu Chen pretended to ask out of curiosity, “Predecessor, why are we going to the Tianji Pavilion?”

Emperor Yanyue replied, “Yunhua Palace maintains a good relationship with the Tianji Lounge, so we can directly use the Heaven Rank Transmission Array of Tianji Pavilion to travel to the Central Star Domain.”

Lu Chen said, “So that’s how it is.”

Under the guidance of Emperor Yanyue, Lu Chen soon reached the Star Domain governed by Yunhua Palace through the Tianji Pavilion’s Transmission Array.

For a super force like Yunhua Palace, they generally governed over a hundred Star Domains. On his way to the main world of Yunhua Palace, Lu Chen saw countless Yunhua Palace Immortal Boats.

Although Lu Chen himself was a Prince of a super force, he was still deeply shocked by the prosperity of Yunhua Palace.

Lu Chen even felt that Yunhua Palace might be stronger than the Shenyue Dynasty.

Of course, the strength of a super force depends on how many Great Emperors it has and not its level of prosperity.

After bringing Lu Chen to the main world, Emperor Yanyue did not take him to see the Life-saving Empress immediately but instead took him to her own territory.

The Elders under Emperor Yanyue, upon seeing her return with a young man, were instantly curious about Lu Chen’s identity.

Inside the Imperial Palace of Emperor Yanyue, an Elder asked, “Your Reverence, who is this young man?”

Emperor Yanyue said, “This is an Immortal Seed I brought back, he will temporarily stay in my territory for now.”

Immortal Seed?

Upon hearing Emperor Yanyue’s words, the Elders looked at each other. What kind of Immortal Seed warranted Emperor Yanyue personally bringing him back?

Suddenly, all the Elders in the Imperial Palace focused their attention on Lu Chen, curious to know what was so special about him that Emperor Yanyue brought him back personally.

In no time, those Quasi-Emperor Elders realized Lu Chen was extraordinary.

One Elder exclaimed in surprise, “My heavens! His bone age is actually only sixteen!”

Upon hearing this Elder’s words, the other Elders couldn’t help but express their amazement.

“What? Only sixteen?”

“A cultivator of the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm, only sixteen years old?”

“What incredible talent!”

“No wonder Your Reverence brought him back personally!”

“This youth has the potential of a Great Emperor!”

“He might even become the Saint Heir in the future!”

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For a while, the entire hall was abuzz with discussion, and the Elders' gazes towards Lu Chen changed significantly, as if they were looking at some treasure.

Yunhua Palace has thirteen halls under it, with the Heart Moon Hall, Emperor Yanyue's domain, being the weakest among them.

If the Saint Heir were to come from their Heart Moon Hall, its status would significantly rise in the future!

Emperor Yanyue then looked at Lu Chen and said, "Lu Chen, from today, you are a disciple of the Heart Moon Hall. If you have any questions about your cultivation or need anything, you can approach the elders of the Heart Moon Hall."

Seeing how highly Emperor Yanyue valued him, Lu Chen's lips curled slightly, pleasantly surprised that he gained Yunhua Palace's recognition so easily. It seemed it would be easier to gain access to the Serenity Tower.

At this moment, Emperor Yanyue looked at a middle-aged man in the hall, "Yue Zhengze, take Lu Chen around the Yunhua Palace and explain the rules to him."

Yue Zhengze promptly said, "Yes, Your Reverence."

Then Yue Zhengze respectfully said to Lu Chen, "Lu Chen, come with me."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Sorry to trouble you, Senior."

Yue Zhengze hurriedly said, "Not at all, it's an honor to guide you."

Joking aside, Lu Chen could potentially become a Yunhua Palace Saint Heir in the future, and many people would be eager to guide him and build a good relationship, so it couldn't be considered troublesome.

Under Yue Zhengze's guidance, Lu Chen toured various parts of Yunhua Palace. Along the way, Yue Zhengze tried to gather information about Lu Chen, attempting to find out his preferences to better please him.

“Lu Chen, which Star Domain do you come from?” Yue Zhengze asked as they walked.

Yue Zhengze thought that someone as talented as Lu Chen might come from a super force.

Lu Chen answered, “I come from a Barbaric Star Domain, nothing worth mentioning.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s answer, Yue Zhengze was taken aback, from a Barbaric Star Domain?

A youth from a Barbaric Star Domain who could cultivate to the Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen was far more terrifyingly talented than they had imagined.

Chapter 1398: What Kind of Mistake Must Be Made to Be Imprisoned in Serenity Tower?

Yue Zhengze took a deep breath.

Sixteen years old, and not even born in a Super Force.

Not even from a regular Star Domain, but born in the Barbaric Star Domain.

Coming from the Barbaric Star Domain meant that Lu Chen had extremely scarce cultivation resources. In such a situation, to break through to the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer at sixteen was astonishing.

This talent...

Neither the former Saintess nor the current Saintess could compare.

Returning to his senses, Yue Zhengze was overjoyed. When their Palace Master emerged from seclusion, Lu Chen would certainly be chosen as the Saint Heir!

He must seize the opportunity now to build a good relationship with Lu Chen. When Lu Chen truly became the Saint Heir, he might not even get a chance to meet him.

Thinking of this, Yue Zhengze said, "Truly, heroes emerge early."

"To break through to the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer at sixteen, the position of Saint Heir of Yunhua Palace is surely yours."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Senior is joking, I just had a stroke of luck."

Yue Zhengze replied, "Even if you had some opportunities, without the corresponding talent, it would be impossible to reach the Returning Ruin Realm at this age."

"Many Heavenly Prides with opportunities find it hard to seize them if their talents are lacking."

"You could seize the opportunities because your talent is sufficient."

With a look of regret, Yue Zhengze continued.

"Unfortunately, you arrived a few days late. If you had come earlier, before the Palace Master entered seclusion, perhaps you would have been immediately made the Saint Heir upon entering Yunhua Palace."

Lu Chen asked curiously, "Isn't there already a Saintess in Yunhua Palace? Why select a Saint Heir?"

Yue Zhengze answered, "Compared to your talent, the Saintess's talent is nothing. Yunhua Palace encourages competition; the roles of Saintess and Saint Heir are not fixed."

"The current Saintess was only recently chosen."

Lu Chen said, "I see. Thank you for the explanation, senior."

Yue Zhengze smiled and said, “No need for courtesy, we belong to the same hall. Introducing Yunhua Palace to you is my duty.”

As they walked, Yue Zhengze continued explaining the various aspects of Yunhua Palace to Lu Chen, like force distribution and rules.

Soon, they arrived near Serenity Tower. Lu Chen stopped and gazed at the silver tower in the distance.

Seeing Lu Chen’s fixed gaze, Yue Zhengze also stopped and asked in confusion, “What’s the matter?”

Lu Chen feigned curiosity, “What is that tower for? It seems quite special.”

Near Serenity Tower, a unique Dao Charm emanated, making anyone who looked at the tower feel an inner peace.

Yue Zhengze glanced at Serenity Tower before responding, “That is Serenity Tower.”

Lu Chen continued asking, “Serenity Tower? Is it a place for cultivation?”

Yue Zhengze replied, “You could say it’s a place for cultivation, but not anyone can enter.”

“Only Direct Disciples who have made mistakes have the qualification to enter Serenity Tower for reflection.”

Lu Chen said, “So it’s a place for imprisoning wrongdoers, I thought it was for cultivation.”

Yue Zhengze laughed, “Serenity Tower can certainly be used for cultivation. It has a Heaven Rank Serenity Array that calms emotions, making it ideal for breakthroughs.”

Lu Chen asked, “If that’s the case, why is Serenity Tower only used for imprisoning disciples instead of being opened for cultivation by Yunhua Palace disciples?”

Yue Zhengze said, “That I don’t know.”

“The previous Saintess proposed to the Palace Master that Serenity Tower be used for cultivation, but the Palace Master did not agree.”

“Perhaps the Palace Master is worried that too many disciples entering Serenity Tower might affect it. Serenity Tower absorbs negative thoughts, and too many might cause it to collapse.”

Lu Chen said, “I see.”

Without lingering on the topic, Lu Chen asked, “What kind of actions usually result in being sent to Serenity Tower?”

This...

Yue Zhengze hadn’t expected Lu Chen to be so interested in Serenity Tower, thinking Lu Chen might be planning something irresponsible by gauging Yunhua Palace’s punishment standards.

After pondering, Yue Zhengze replied, “It’s hard to say, but rest assured, as long as you don’t harm fellow disciples, Yunhua Palace won’t confine you in Serenity Tower.”

Then, Yue Zhengze leaned closer to Lu Chen’s ear and whispered, “Even if you commit such acts, if no one knows or the victim isn’t a significant disciple, you won’t be confined.”

Hearing this, Lu Chen smiled knowingly and said, “Thank you for the reminder, senior.”

Yue Zhengze also smiled and said, “Alright, let’s continue exploring other places.”

As they wandered further, suddenly, a middle-aged man's voice echoed.

“Yoh, isn't this Elder Yue? What brings Elder Yue to Heavenly Mountain Hall?”

The moment he heard the voice, Yue Zhengze's face darkened. He immediately said to Lu Chen, “Lu Chen, let's go.”

As they prepared to leave, a gray-robed man appeared before them, blocking their path.

Soon, several disciples in white robes also appeared before them.

The gray-robed man glanced at Lu Chen before smilingly asking, “Is this Elder Yue's new disciple?”

Yue Zhengze said coldly, “Liang Hong, what do you mean by this?”

Liang Hong shifted his gaze from Lu Chen back to Yue Zhengze, “Elder Yue, don't be so agitated. I just wanted to see your new disciple.”

Yue Zhengze quickly replied, “This is not my disciple, but the Immortal Seed brought back by our Hall Master.”

Hmm?

Upon hearing that Emperor Yanyue brought this Immortal Seed, Liang Hong took a closer look at Lu Chen.

To his surprise, Liang Hong was stunned.

This boy is only sixteen and already at the Returning Ruin Realm Fifth Layer!

How is this possible!

This talent exceeds even that of the current Saintess!

Trouble, if the Palace Master emerges from seclusion, this boy will surely become the Saint Heir!

If Heart Moon Hall produced a Saint Heir, its status would surpass Heavenly Mountain Hall, and Heart Moon Hall would no longer be at the bottom.

Thinking of this, Liang Hong's face darkened.

Initially, Liang Hong saw Yue Zhengze escorting a young man and thought he was Yue Zhengze's new disciple. He had brought his own disciple, who broke through to the Returning Ruin Realm within two hundred years, to show off.

Compared to Lu Chen's talent, his disciple's talent paled in comparison.

Chapter 1399: Young friend, how about joining our Heavenly Mountain Hall?

Liang Hong now felt as though he had swallowed something extremely unpleasant.

Noticing Liang Hong's sudden change in expression, Yue Zhengze's gaze then landed on the disciples behind Liang Hong.

Realizing what was going on, Yue Zhengze smiled and said, "Elder Liang, you are quite fortunate to have recruited so many disciples who broke through to the Returning Ruin Realm within the past five hundred years."

Hearing this, Liang Hong felt even more discomfort.

Damn it, why doesn't our Heavenly Mountain Hall have such good luck? Why haven't we encountered an Immortal Seed who broke through to the Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen?

Next, the people from Heart Moon Hall will probably be grinning from ear to ear.

Heart Moon Hall and Heavenly Mountain Hall, both at the bottom of the hierarchy, are in constant competition with each other.

Even more crucially, the relationship between the two Hall Masters is not good, and whenever disciples and elders from the two halls meet, it's always like a clash of titans.

If it's not you mocking me, it's me denigrating you.

However, Heart Moon Hall has been suppressed by Heavenly Mountain Hall for countless years. If Heart Moon Hall were to suddenly rise, and produce a Saint Heir, they would surely wash away all past humiliations.

Thinking of possible retaliation from Heart Moon Hall, Liang Hong felt a chill down his spine.

Coming back to his senses, Liang Hong immediately put on a smile, looking at Lu Chen, and said, "Young friend, may I ask which Star Domain you're from?"

Seeing Liang Hong smiling at Lu Chen, Yue Zhengze immediately became vigilant, seeing through Liang Hong's scheme instantly. He then said to Lu Chen, "Lu Chen, let's go, the Honored Master is still waiting for us."

Yue Zhengze's words were a warning to Liang Hong that Lu Chen was favored by Emperor Yanyue, implying that the Heavenly Mountain Hall should not have any thoughts of taking him.

But Liang Hong didn't seem to mind at all, directly suggesting to Lu Chen, "Young friend, why not come to our Heavenly Mountain Hall? Heart Moon Hall is the weakest hall within the entire Yunhua Palace, and they have the least cultivation resources."

"If you come to our Heavenly Mountain Hall, we guarantee that you'll break through to the Saint Realm within ten years!"

Seeing Liang Hong's audacity to openly poach talents in front of him, Yue Zhengze shouted, "Liang Hong, you are going too far!"

"How could Lu Chen, who was brought back by our Hall Master, possibly go to Heavenly Mountain Hall?"

Liang Hong sneered, "If he stays in Heart Moon Hall, it would be a waste of his talent."

"We all belong to Yunhua Palace, and the Palace Master never stipulated that the talents brought back by one hall must stay in that particular hall."

Seeing Liang Hong determined to take Lu Chen, Yue Zhengze's Quasi-Emperor Realm aura immediately burst forth. Since the other side insisted on snatching the talent, there was no need for any further politeness.

Lu Chen was the hope for Heart Moon Hall's resurgence; he must not enter Heavenly Mountain Hall.

Seeing that Yue Zhengze was ready for a fight, Liang Hong did not hesitate either and unleashed his own Quasi-Emperor might.

Instantly, the two forces clashed, making the surrounding disciples feel overwhelmingly pressured, as if their internal organs were being squeezed.

With a smile, Liang Hong said, "Elder Yue, do you really intend to fight here? This is Heavenly Mountain Hall's territory."

Yue Zhengze snorted coldly and said, "Anyone who dares to have their eyes on Lu Chen, no matter who they are, must go through me first."

Seeing Yue Zhengze's firm stance, Liang Hong withdrew his pressure and turned his gaze back to Lu Chen. "Young friend, if you ever change your mind, you are always welcome at Heavenly Mountain Hall. Our gates are always open for you."

With those words, Liang Hong left with the other disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall, passing by Yue Zhengze.

Seeing that the confrontation did not escalate into a fight, the onlooking disciples finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Though the Heavenly Dao imposes constraints, a fight between two Quasi-Emperors would still cause substantial destruction, potentially endangering the surrounding disciples' lives.

As Liang Hong departed, Yue Zhengze also quickly took Lu Chen out of the Heavenly Mountain Hall's territory.

On the way back, Yue Zhengze continued to caution Lu Chen, "Lu Chen, you must never listen to that man's words. Although the overall strength of Heavenly Mountain Hall is stronger than Heart Moon Hall, they already have their own Saint Heir candidate."

"It's impossible for a hall to produce two Saint Heirs. If you go to Heavenly Mountain Hall, not only will you not receive cultivation resources, but you might also face life-threatening dangers."

Hearing this, Lu Chen asked in confusion, "They have their own Saint Heir? Isn't the Saint Heir determined by the Palace Master?"

Yue Zhengze replied, "The Hall Master's son of Heavenly Mountain Hall broke through to the Returning Ruin Realm in less than a hundred years, being recognized as Yunhua Palace's most gifted prodigy in millennia."

"The Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall has always hoped for his son to become the Saint Heir, but the previous Saintess broke his son's record and became the most talented prodigy."

“The previous Saintess was deposed for certain reasons, then the Palace Master chose another Saintess.”

“The current Saintess deeply displeased the Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall, and he repeatedly voiced his demand to establish a Saint Heir to the Palace Master, who said she’d consider it before going into seclusion. Now the Hall Master still hopes his son becomes the Saint Heir.”

“Your existence isn’t beneficial to the Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall. Do you think they’d give you cultivation resources or recommend you to the Palace Master if you went there?”

“Surviving in Heavenly Mountain Hall would be difficult for you.”

Lu Chen then said, “Thank you for the warning, esteemed elder. I won’t go to Heavenly Mountain Hall.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s assurance, Yue Zhengze felt relieved.

Yue Zhengze then smiled, “You don’t need to worry, though. As long as you stay in Heart Moon Hall until the Palace Master emerges from her seclusion, no matter how much Heavenly Mountain Hall dislikes the idea of you becoming the Saint Heir, they won’t be able to do anything to you with the Hall Master present.”

Listening to Yue Zhengze, Lu Chen smiled. He had no plans to stay in Heart Moon Hall; he wanted to stir things up.

Moreover, the conflict between Heavenly Mountain Hall and Heart Moon Hall was the perfect opportunity for Lu Chen to execute his schemes. He already had a plan in mind.

In the meantime.

Elsewhere.

On the way back, Liang Hong's face was gloomy, and his body exuded an invisible pressure that made the disciples behind him hold their breaths.

At that moment, a disciple timidly asked, "Honored Master, don't we already have Senior Brother Su? Why did you still try to recruit that person?"

Without expression, Liang Hong replied, "Heavenly Mountain Hall has always been on top of Heart Moon Hall. If Heart Moon Hall suddenly produces a Saint Heir, their status would rise significantly, and they would certainly seek revenge against Heavenly Mountain Hall."

"Any hall can produce a Saint Heir, but not Heart Moon Hall."

"Besides, who becomes the Saint Heir is up to the Palace Master. If something were to happen to that person before the Palace Master emerges from seclusion, he wouldn't be a threat to Young Master Su."

Understanding Liang Hong's intentions, the disciples immediately realized that the plan was to cripple the talent if he ever joined Heavenly Mountain Hall, eliminating any competition for Su Hongxuan's bid for Saint Heir.

Chapter 1400: No One Can Snatch My Child's Position as Saint Heir

After returning to the Heart Moon Hall, Yue Zhengze arranged an enormous mansion for Lu Chen, complete with thousands of servants, showing the great importance the Heart Moon Hall attached to Lu Chen.

Additionally, beneath Lu Chen's mansion, there was a superior spirit vein, with dense spiritual energy.

In order to help Lu Chen break through to the Saint Realm as soon as possible, besides providing ample cultivation resources, Emperor Yanyue also offered Lu Chen numerous cultivation techniques.

Emperor Yanyue did not force any specific cultivation technique on Lu Chen. In her view, someone as gifted as Lu Chen was likely destined for greatness, considering his substantial Qi fortune; she felt no need to guide him.

If she were to forcefully interfere with Lu Chen's cultivation path, it might backfire and hinder his progress.

She decided to let Lu Chen cultivate on his own and if he encountered any issues, he could consult her for guidance.

The news of a sixteen-year-old Returning Ruin Realm cultivator arriving at the Heart Moon Hall quickly spread throughout Yunhua Palace. Upon hearing of Lu Chen's

existence, the other Hall Masters flocked to Yunhua Palace to verify the authenticity of this claim.

When they saw Lu Chen, all were astonished and felt envious of Emperor Yanyue.

Emperor Yanyue had gone out to train with the Saintess and brought back such a highly talented disciple.

Almost all the Hall Masters believed that once the Palace Master emerged from seclusion, Lu Chen would likely be groomed as the Saint Heir.

Compared to the current Saintess, Lu Chen's talent was undoubtedly superior.

This news also reached the ears of Xuanming Emperor, the Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall.

Heavenly Mountain Hall.

A place of death.

In the valley, black mist swirled, and animal bones littered the ground.

At the center of the valley, a circular formation lay, with a figure exuding black qi at its core.

This was the Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall, Xuanming Emperor.

At this moment, Liang Hong knelt at the edge of the formation, reporting the recent events to Xuanming Emperor, especially concerning Lu Chen.

Upon hearing about Lu Chen, Xuanming Emperor's black qi began to surge violently, filling the valley with sounds of wails and howls.

Xuanming Emperor opened his blood-red eyes and coldly laughed, "Yanyue, your luck is quite remarkable, picking up such a talented disciple on an outing."

Seeing Xuanming Emperor's anger, Liang Hong quickly said, "Hall Master, the Young Master has already broken through to the Saint Realm. No matter how talented Lu Chen is, he cannot compare to the Young Master."

"Perhaps Lu Chen just encountered some extraordinary opportunity, hence his rapid advancement."

Xuanming Emperor looked at Liang Hong with no emotion and said indifferently, "There is no need to explain to me. It matters not whether his talent is high; the position of Saint Heir will only be my son's."

Upon hearing these words, Liang Hong was initially stunned but soon understood Xuanming Emperor's intent. He cautiously said, "Hall Master, Lu Chen has been staying at the Heart Moon Hall. Without the Palace Master in seclusion, he is unlikely to leave."

Liang Hong was reminding Xuanming Emperor that dealing with Lu Chen would mean contending with Emperor Yanyue.

Although Emperor Yanyue's main body was not at Yunhua Palace, once Xuanming Emperor and Emperor Yanyue's secondary bodies engaged, the Palace Master in seclusion would undoubtedly sense it.

Should the Palace Master emerge, their plan to eliminate Lu Chen would be ruined, and the Palace Master might choose Lu Chen as the Saint Heir.

After Liang Hong's reminder, Xuanming Emperor remained unmoved, saying, "You need not worry about this. I have my methods."

Seeing that Xuanming Emperor had said this, Liang Hong no longer spoke, "Yes, Hall Master."

Xuanming Emperor continued, "Enough, you may leave."

Liang Hong then bowed and left the deathly valley.

After Liang Hong left, Xuanming Emperor looked in the direction of the Heart Moon Hall and muttered to himself, "No one can take the position of Saint Heir from my son."

As he spoke, a smile appeared on Xuanming Emperor's face, and the wandering souls in the valley grew even more restless, filling the valley with wails and howls once again.

As Liang Hong left the valley, he couldn't help but tremble at the sounds behind him.

He couldn't understand why Xuanming Emperor didn't seem at all anxious. Clearly, Xuanming Emperor had been displeased when the Palace Master selected Lie Hongyun as the Saintess, and now, his son's position as Saint Heir was about to be usurped, yet he showed no panic.

At this moment.

At a luxurious mansion in Heavenly Mountain Hall.

A young man in white stood in a pavilion, listening to a disciple's report outside the pavilion.

The young man had a gloomy expression and remained silent as the disciple reported.

After a while, the young man spoke, "A sixteen-year-old Returning Ruin Realm, interesting."

Su Hongxuan had already heard from Liang Hong about a sixteen-year-old Returning Ruin Realm cultivator at the Heart Moon Hall, but Su Hongxuan initially didn't believe it.

He thought it was more likely that this cultivator was a secondary body of a Quasi-Emperor, who had come to Yunhua Palace with some hidden agenda.

However, over time, numerous Hall Masters had gone to Yunhua Palace to verify it, and it turned out that Lu Chen was indeed only sixteen years old, with a complete Divine Soul, not a secondary body.

The Hall Masters of Yunhua Palace were Great Emperors. If one Great Emperor like Emperor Yanyue could make a mistake, it would be excusable. But with so many Great Emperors affirming that Lu Chen wasn't a secondary body, it had to be true.

This realization made Su Hongxuan feel threatened. It had been difficult for his father to persuade the Palace Master to agree to have an additional Saint Heir at Yunhua Palace, and now, a highly talented individual emerged, essentially dashing any hopes of him securing the Saint Heir position.

No, Lu Chen cannot be allowed to live.

He had to be dealt with before the Palace Master emerged from seclusion.

However, with Lu Chen constantly remaining at the Heart Moon Hall, it was difficult to make a move...

Fortunately, the Palace Master had not been in seclusion for long. Given the Palace Master's usual seclusion period, it would likely be a century before he emerged, providing ample time to deal with Lu Chen.

As Su Hongxuan pondered how to eliminate Lu Chen, Lu Chen was also contemplating how to leave the Heart Moon Hall and cause trouble at Heavenly Mountain Hall.

In a silent bamboo forest, Lu Chen sat cross-legged on a cushion, with two Saint Realm maidservants nearby.

These two maidservants were specifically arranged by Emperor Yanyue to protect him, but for Lu Chen, they were a significant nuisance.

If he wanted to leave the Heart Moon Hall, these two maidservants would undoubtedly try to stop him.

Lu Chen mused that the Hall Master of Heavenly Mountain Hall must already know of his existence; why hadn't they sent anyone to trouble him yet?

Lu Chen was worried that if too much time passed, the Life-saving Empress would emerge from seclusion and discover that his body was a secondary body.

During his time at Yunhua Palace, Lu Chen had learned quite a bit about the Life-saving Empress. It was rumored that she also followed the Life Dao.

Although the Life-saving Empress's Life Dao was different from his, they were essentially pursuing the same path, and there would inevitably be similarities.

While other Great Emperors might not notice, the Life-saving Empress could very likely detect something unusual about his body.