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### Chapter 1401: Participating in the Forum on the Way

When Lu Chen was lost in thought, a servant girl's voice suddenly came from behind, "Young Master, Elder Yue requests an audience!"

Now, the entire Heart Moon Hall had already regarded Lu Chen as the Saint Heir. Even if Lu Chen did not become the Saint Heir in the end, with Lu Chen's talent, his future status in Yunhua Palace would not be low. Therefore, everyone in Heart Moon Hall treated Lu Chen very well.

Lu Chen opened his eyes and got up from the meditation cushion, "What does Elder Yue want from me?"

The servant girl answered, "This servant does not know, but the annual Dao Discussion Conference is about to begin. Elder Yue probably wants to invite the Young Master to attend the Dao Discussion Conference."

Hearing this, Lu Chen fell into contemplation. Dao Discussion Conference? Emperor Yanyue has always forbidden me from leaving Heart Moon Hall. Would Emperor Yanyue permit me to attend this Dao Discussion Conference?

If he could participate in the Dao Discussion Conference, he could use this opportunity to cause some trouble.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen immediately said to the servant girl, "Let Elder Yue in."

"Yes, Young Master."

A moment later, the servant girl led Yue Zhengze to the bamboo forest where Lu Chen was.

Sensing that Lu Chen had already broken through to the Sixth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm, Yue Zhengze immediately said, “Congratulations to the Young Master for breaking through the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm!”

Lu Chen smiled and asked, “What matter brings Elder Yue here?”

Yue Zhengze countered, “Has the Young Master heard about the Dao Discussion Conference?”

Hearing this, Lu Chen basically confirmed that Yue Zhengze had indeed come for the Dao Discussion Conference. He immediately said, “I just heard about it. Is Elder Yue here to invite me to participate in the Dao Discussion Conference?”

Yue Zhengze said, “Exactly. All outstanding Heavenly Pride from Yunhua Palace will attend the Dao Discussion Conference.”

“As the most talented person in Heart Moon Hall, the Young Master must make an appearance. This is also to lay the foundation for your future position as the Saint Heir.”

Since Lu Chen was to be the Saint Heir, he couldn’t possibly stay in Heart Moon Hall without showing his face. When Lie Hongyun first came to Yunhua Palace, she also defeated many Heavenly Prides. Only then was her talent and strength recognized.

Emperor Yanyue wanted Lu Chen to become the Saint Heir. Naturally, Lu Chen needed to display his talent in front of everyone; otherwise, it would be difficult to convince others.

At this moment, Lu Chen said, “But the Hall Master doesn’t allow me to leave Heart Moon Hall at will.”

Yue Zhengze said, “Young Master, rest assured. The Hall Master has already agreed to let you attend the Dao Discussion Conference. Moreover, the Hall Master will also be attending. You can stay by his side, and no one will dare to harm you.”

Lu Chen’s heart surged with joy. Since Emperor Yanyue had agreed, everything would be much easier.

At the Dao Discussion Conference, there would surely be people who disliked him, especially those from Heavenly Mountain Hall. If he and the people from Heavenly Mountain Hall clashed, he could take the opportunity to kill a few of their disciples “by mistake.” He would certainly be sent to Serenity Tower.

Lu Chen said, “In that case, I will go. When is the Dao Discussion Conference?”

Yue Zhengze replied, “It is on the fifteenth of October, five days from now.”

Lu Chen continued, “What do I need to prepare?”

Yue Zhengze said, “Young Master, you need not prepare anything. Just go to the Dao Discussion Conference when the time comes.”

Lu Chen said, “Alright, I understand.”

At this point, Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and then asked, “That Su Hongxuan from Heavenly Mountain Hall should also be attending, right?”

Hearing Lu Chen mention Su Hongxuan, Yue Zhengze was momentarily taken aback, then said, “Naturally.”

Yue Zhengze thought Lu Chen was concerned that Su Hongxuan might target him, so he reassured him, “Young Master, don’t worry. You are just going to make an appearance and don’t need to perform personally.”

“Su Hongxuan is already a Saint Cultivator. He can’t possibly challenge you proactively.”

Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, “I was just asking casually.”

“Elder Yue, anything else?”

Yue Zhengze said, “No, I won’t disturb the Young Master’s cultivation any longer.”

As his words fell, Yue Zhengze turned and left the bamboo forest.

A few days later.

At Yunhua Palace, the plaza of the main hall.

Today, outstanding disciples from various halls had gathered. The entire main hall was bustling. Although the Palace Master was currently in seclusion, the Dao Discussion Conference, held every hundred years, would not be postponed because of it.

At this moment, a commotion came from the crowd.

“It’s the people from Heart Moon Hall! The people from Heart Moon Hall have arrived!”

“I heard the Hall Master of Yanyue Hall brought back a disciple with terrifying talent.”

“I heard too. It’s said that this person broke through to the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm at the age of sixteen.”

“Really? Breaking through to the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen? Even the former Saintess didn’t have such talent!”

“Could it be an incarnation of some Quasi-Emperor?”

“It’s true. Our Hall Master personally went to Heart Moon Hall to verify. His bone age is only sixteen, and his soul is complete. It’s not an incarnation.”

“Could he be the reincarnation of some great power?”

“That’s hard to say. I feel he’s the reincarnation of a Great Emperor; otherwise, how could he break through to the Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen?”

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Lu Chen followed behind Yue Zhengze, walking towards the high platform in the distance.

This Dao Discussion Conference had ten thousand seats, and core disciples like Lu Chen had their exclusive seats. When Lu Chen walked across the plaza, he could feel everyone's eyes on him, but he didn't mind.

With such high attention, if he made any mistakes later, Emperor Yanyue couldn't protect him openly.

Now, he was more concerned that if he made a mistake, Emperor Yanyue might protect him because of his talent, causing his plan to fail.

Soon, Lu Chen arrived at his seat. He sat in the middle of the core disciples of Heart Moon Hall, showcasing his current high status in Heart Moon Hall.

Sitting in his seat, Lu Chen glanced at the area where Heavenly Mountain Hall was. At this moment, he found a hostile gaze fixed on him.

The person was dressed in a white robe, with a sullen expression. Although his appearance had a hint of handsomeness, he gave off a very sinister feeling.

Lu Chen immediately used the system to identify him.

[Name: Su Hongxuan]

[Identity: Chief Senior Disciple of Heavenly Mountain Hall, son of Xuanming Emperor.]

[Strength: Saint Realm First Layer]

[Loyalty: 0]

Seeing the system information, the corners of Lu Chen's mouth lifted slightly, and he gave Su Hongxuan a provocative smile.

At this moment, Su Hongxuan saw Lu Chen smiling at him, and his brows furrowed even deeper. As the chief senior disciple of Heavenly Mountain Hall, when had he ever been provoked like this?

Even though he wasn't the Saint Heir yet, due to his talent, few in Yunhua Palace dared to provoke him.

However, Su Hongxuan quickly calmed down. He also flashed a smile, though his smile contained a hint of killing intent.

Let Lu Chen be arrogant for a while longer; soon, he would no longer be able to be arrogant.

Su Hongxuan knew Emperor Yanyue protected Lu Chen like a treasure, but at the Dao Discussion Conference, if Lu Chen only sat on the high platform without showing any performance, he wouldn't gain the recognition of other hall's disciples.

#### Chapter 1402: The Dilemma of Emperor Yanyue

On the high platform, all thirteen Hall Masters of Yunhua Palace were present. Even if they couldn't come in person, they sent an avatar.

At this time, a towering Great Emperor holding a golden bowl turned to Emperor Yanyue and said, "Yanyue, I heard that you brought back a prodigy who broke through to the Fifth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm at the age of sixteen?"

Emperor Yanyue replied with a smile, "Indeed, that's true."

Great Emperor Mixed Element commented, "You really are lucky. You even found such a good thing while protecting the Saintess. When the Palace Master comes out, this kid will most likely be designated as the Saint Heir."

Unintentionally, the words struck a chord with Great Emperor Xuanming, whose deathly aura trembled involuntarily and showed signs of spreading.

Emperor Yanyue said, “Whether he will become the Saint Heir is up to the Palace Master to decide.”

At this time, some Great Emperors cast their gazes towards Great Emperor Xuanming. His son used to be hailed as Yunhua Palace’s top prodigy, and almost everyone believed Su Hongxuan would become the Saint Heir of Yunhua Palace.

However, after the former Saintess appeared, Su Hongxuan’s title of top prodigy fell upon her. Later, the Life-saving Empress chose Liu Qingyun as the new Saintess and declared that Yunhua Palace only needed one successor. Once the Saintess was established, there was no need for a Saint Heir, dashing Su Hongxuan’s dreams.

When Liu Qingyun was discarded, it seemed that it would be Su Hongxuan’s turn, but unexpectedly, Lie Hongyun emerged from nowhere with a talent surpassing Su Hongxuan.

This made Great Emperor Xuanming uneasy, and he directly went to the Life-saving Empress, persuading her to appoint another Saint Heir.

People didn’t know what method Great Emperor Xuanming used, but the Life-saving Empress agreed to consider appointing another Saint Heir after she emerged from seclusion.

Initially, everyone in Yunhua Palace thought Su Hongxuan’s position as the Saint Heir was secure, but then Emperor Yanyue brought back someone with a talent even more terrifying than Liu Qingyun and Lie Hongyun.

With Lu Chen around, even if the Life-saving Empress agreed with Great Emperor Xuanming to appoint another Saint Heir, that Saint Heir could only be Lu Chen, not Su Hongxuan.

All the Great Emperors watched Great Emperor Xuanming’s reaction, wondering how he would respond—whether he would give up or cause trouble for Lu Chen.

After all, it was Great Emperor Xuanming who persuaded the Life-saving Empress to appoint another Saint Heir. It was hard for him to accept that the benefit would be taken by someone else.

However, Great Emperor Xuanming didn't say anything at this moment. He calmed himself and appeared as if he didn't care about the matter at all.

Emperor Yanyue, on the other hand, was ready to confront Great Emperor Xuanming, fearing that he might recklessly attack Lu Chen.

If something really happened to Lu Chen, no matter how talented he was, the Life-saving Empress wouldn't turn against Great Emperor Xuanming for a crippled prodigy.

Seeing Great Emperor Xuanming taking no action, Emperor Yanyue breathed a little easier, although she remained vigilant, knowing he might not be willing to let it go.

The Daoist Debate Assembly was divided into two parts, one of which involved the prodigy disciples from each hall entering a small world known as Dao Xuan to seek enlightenment.

In the Dao Xuan Small World, there were the Dao Charms of the Three Thousand Great Dao and various opportunities for enlightenment.

This was a good chance for disciples who hadn't yet determined their own path to solidify their chosen great path.

Many excellent prodigies advanced their cultivation state quickly in the early stages, but their progress slowed down later because they hadn't determined their path.

Cultivation focuses on the heart. If one cannot clarify which path to cultivate, becomes lost, then their cultivation state will naturally find it difficult to improve.

At this moment, Great Emperor Xuanming suddenly said to Emperor Yanyue, "Yanyue, I heard that the disciple you brought back is now at the Sixth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm. He should be on the cusp of sainthood, shouldn't he?"



Hearing this, Emperor Yanyue replied, “I didn’t expect you to be so interested in our Heart Moon Hall’s matters, Xuanming.”

As Great Emperor Xuanming initiated a conversation with Emperor Yanyue, the surrounding area instantly fell silent, and the other Hall Masters displayed a look of interest.

Ignoring Emperor Yanyue’s sarcastic tone, Great Emperor Xuanming continued, “To break through into sainthood, one must have a clear understanding of their Dao. Many prodigies initially advance rapidly, but when it comes to breaking through to sainthood, they don’t even know what their own Dao is, resulting in lasting damage and wasted talent.”

With a slight smile, Great Emperor Xuanming went on, “Why not let the disciple you accepted enter the Dao Xuan Small World as well to find his Dao?”

Hearing this, Emperor Yanyue’s eyebrows furrowed, instantly discerning Great Emperor Xuanming’s hidden motives.

If Lu Chen indeed entered the Dao Xuan Small World, Heavenly Mountain Hall’s disciples might target him. Given that Lu Chen was only at the Sixth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm, whereas most of the Heavenly Mountain Hall disciples entering the Dao Xuan Small World were at the Ninth Layer, Lu Chen wouldn’t stand a chance against them.

Though Yunhua Palace had rules against infighting in the Dao Xuan Small World, it was still common to see injuries caused by conflicts.

Moreover, to secure Su Hongxuan’s position as the Saint Heir, Great Emperor Xuanming would stop at nothing, possibly coercing several Heavenly Mountain Hall disciples into attacking Lu Chen under false pretenses.

For a Great Emperor to push a few Returning Ruin Realm Ninth Layer disciples to make a move against Lu Chen wasn’t difficult, and after the fact, Great Emperor Xuanming could eliminate the witnesses.

Emperor Yanyue then said, “There’s no need. He’s only at the Sixth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm now. He still has some time before becoming a Saint. With his talent, I trust he will know what his Dao is.”

For some talented disciples, finding their own Dao wasn’t too difficult, negating the need to enter the Dao Xuan Small World specifically.

In Emperor Yanyue’s view, Lu Chen reaching the Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen implied he might be the reincarnation of a Great Emperor. Even though she hadn’t asked Lu Chen directly, Lu Chen’s tremendous talent surely held some hidden secrets.

If Lu Chen truly was a Great Emperor’s reincarnation, he would inherently know his own Dao and just needed to continue on the path he had previously walked.

Great Emperor Xuanming remarked, “With your disciple’s talent, he should reach the Ninth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm within three years.”

“The Daoist Debate Assembly is once every century, and the next opening of the Dao Xuan Small World is a hundred years away. If he misses this opportunity and faces an unstable Dao Heart while breaking into sainthood, don’t regret it, Yanyue.”

Hearing this, Emperor Yanyue pondered for a moment. While deeply concerned for Lu Chen’s safety and aware that Great Emperor Xuanming’s suggestion was aimed at targeting Lu Chen, she had to admit that he had a valid point. The Dao Xuan Small World could help cultivators stabilize their Dao Heart, and even those with a clear understanding of their Dao would greatly benefit by entering.

If Lu Chen could go to the Dao Xuan Small World, it would considerably ease his breakthrough into sainthood.

Chapter 1403: Disciple Willing to Enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World

Emperor Yanyue thought for a moment and finally decided to leave the decision of whether to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World to Lu Chen himself.

Hearing the conversation between the two, Lu Chen originally thought that Emperor Yanyue would not allow him to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Unexpectedly, at this moment, Emperor Yanyue suddenly looked at him and asked, “Lu Chen, do you want to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World?”

Seeing Emperor Yanyue take the initiative to ask him, Lu Chen was slightly stunned. He thought Emperor Yanyue would firmly refuse to let him go in. After all, Emperor Xuanming’s intentions were too obvious. Clearly, Emperor Xuanming had prepared to let the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall target him inside the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Lu Chen was somewhat puzzled; wasn’t Emperor Yanyue afraid that something might happen to him? How could he actively ask him?

Lu Chen said, “Disciple’s breakthrough was too fast, recently during cultivation, often experienced instability in Dao Heart, not knowing why I am cultivating, and already showing signs of heart demons sprouting.”

“If possible, disciple is willing to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World to find my path.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Emperor Yanyue was slightly stunned. He didn’t expect Lu Chen to actually encounter problems in cultivation.

It seemed Emperor Xuanming had anticipated from the beginning that Lu Chen would enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World, hence he was not in a hurry and did not send anyone to target Lu Chen.

Emperor Yanyue hesitated a bit; Emperor Xuanming’s scheme was now an open plot rather than a hidden one.

As long as Lu Chen dared to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World, he would surely have the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall target Lu Chen.

But if Lu Chen was not allowed to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World, his subsequent cultivation might encounter some problems.

Emperor Yanyue was somewhat puzzled; logically speaking, Lu Chen was likely the reincarnation of some Great Emperor, how could he have stability concerns?

Was it because his past life memories hadn't awakened? Or was it that Lu Chen was truly a newly born Heaven's Mandate person of this universe?

If Lu Chen was a newly born person with great Qi Fortune in this universe, then rapid cultivation might not necessarily be a good thing for him.

For some people with great Qi Fortune, finding their own path itself is a tribulation.

The universe is balanced, having received so much Qi Fortune, you will inevitably encounter some hurdles tougher than other cultivators, but once you overcome the tribulation, everything will go smoothly afterwards.

Emperor Yanyue mused inwardly, Lu Chen's tribulation might be his path. If he couldn't find his path, didn't know why he was cultivating, Lu Chen would eventually have an accident.

The Taoist Mysterious Small World has the Three Thousand Great Dao; once inside, even if he didn't find his path, influenced by those Dao Charms, he would have some insights.

But...

Emperor Yanyue glanced at Emperor Xuanming from the corner of his eye.

Emperor Xuanming obviously intended to target Lu Chen; with Lu Chen's current strength, entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World would be fraught with life-threatening danger.

Just as Emperor Yanyue was torn, Lu Chen spoke again, "Hall Master, please fulfill your disciple's wish!"

Lu Chen was thinking, such a good opportunity to create trouble, he couldn't afford to miss it.

After contemplating for a long time, Emperor Yanyue sighed and finally agreed, “Alright, go ahead.”

At this point, Emperor Yanyue took out a bell and then said to Lu Chen, “This is the Heaven Rank Magic Treasure, Fiery Sun Pearl. If you encounter danger inside, activate it immediately; it can withstand attacks from the Saint Realm.”

Seeing the Magic Treasure that Emperor Yanyue took out, Emperor Xuanming’s face instantly darkened.

At this moment, a Great Emperor smiled and said to Emperor Yanyue, “Yanyue, you really value Lu Chen, actually willing to give him your Fiery Sun Pearl.”

The Fiery Sun Pearl is very important to Emperor Yanyue. The Fiery Sun Pearl itself is not very powerful, but it can help Emperor Yanyue quickly enhance his strength, hence very precious to him.

Emperor Yanyue believed that with the Fiery Sun Pearl, even if Lu Chen encountered real danger, he could still escape unharmed.

With a darkened face, Emperor Xuanming said, “The Taoist Mysterious Small World is a place for comprehending the Great Dao, what danger can there be? Even if there’s danger, it arises from an unstable Dao Heart.”

“Yanyue, what’s the use of giving him the Fiery Sun Pearl? Can the Fiery Sun Pearl stabilize his Dao Heart?”

Emperor Yanyue replied calmly, “Better safe than sorry. What if someone strikes at him while he’s comprehending the Great Dao?”

“Such incidents have occurred in the past. Lu Chen’s talent is unprecedented, and he must not come to any harm, not even the slightest danger.”

Emperor Xuanming fell silent, but the death qi around him surged uncontrollably.

Seeing Emperor Xuanming's anger, Emperor Yanyue chuckled. Lu Chen had the potential to become the future Saint Heir. If Lu Chen could become the next successor of Yunhua Palace, her status would rise accordingly.

Although the Era Tribulation is approaching in ten thousand years, Yunhua Palace, as a Super Force, wouldn't see major changes in its power structure before the Era Tribulation.

Moreover, with the Era Tribulation approaching, the Life-saving Empress would focus on surviving the Era Tribulation and would likely abdicate the Palace Master position early.

As the former Palace Master, to prevent Yunhua Palace from drifting away from her control, the Life-saving Empress wouldn't hand over the position to other Great Emperors in Yunhua Palace. She would undoubtedly choose the Saintess or the Saint Heir.

If Lu Chen could become the Palace Master of Yunhua Palace, the status of the Heart Moon Hall would drastically improve, and as his guide, Lu Chen would surely repay Emperor Yanyue. Her status in Yunhua Palace would be self-evident.

At this moment, Lu Chen accepted the Fiery Sun Pearl floating in front of him, then bowed to Emperor Yanyue, "Thank you, Hall Master!"

Emperor Yanyue said calmly, "Alright, go ahead."

Lu Chen then jumped down from the audience, came to the square, and prepared to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World with the disciples of other halls.

At this moment, the gaze of all the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall on the square was fixed on Lu Chen. Although they knew he had the Fiery Sun Pearl, Emperor Xuanming had issued a death order: as soon as Lu Chen entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World, they must find a way to deal with him and not let him out.

Emperor Xuanming not only wanted to cripple Lu Chen, but also felt uneasy even if he did. After all, Lu Chen had reached the Sixth Layer of Returning Ruin Realm at sixteen; his Qi Fortunate was unimaginable.

If merely crippling Lu Chen, he could still rise again. The best way was to completely eliminate him; once dead, no amount of Qi Fortune would matter.

Lu Chen looked in the direction of the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall and gave them a “polite” smile.

Seeing Lu Chen actually smile at them, the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall thought, keep smiling, but once inside the Taoist Mysterious Small World, you won’t be smiling anymore.

At this moment, the Emperor of the Law Enforcement Hall responsible for opening the Taoist Mysterious Small World said, “All disciples entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World, be prepared.”

“Before entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World, let me remind you one last time, within the world, you can engage in sparring and Dao discussions, but do not kill each other!”

Chapter 1404: My God! What kind of Dao is that!

Hearing the words of the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall, Lu Chen felt immense joy in his heart. Can’t kill one another, huh? Then he would kill to his heart’s content inside.

Especially the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall. As long as he entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World, surely many disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall would come looking for him. At that time, he would kill whoever he encountered.

After exiting the Taoist Mysterious Small World, the Xuanming Emperor would certainly want to kill him. To protect him, the Yanyue Emperor would probably send him into the Serenity Tower. By doing so, he could get close to Liu Qingyun.

At this moment, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall slowly raised his right hand. In the next moment, a strange power spread out from his palm, and within a few moments, a huge vortex gate appeared in front of him.

Above the vortex gate, a dozen projecting screens appeared. Soon, the people outside could see what was happening inside through these projecting screens.

As the teleportation gate of the Taoist Mysterious Small World opened, disciples from other halls entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World one by one. For most disciples, the Dao Comprehension Conference was a rare opportunity.

Some disciples even deliberately suppressed their realm at the Guixu Realm Ninth Layer to ensure they could glimpse the Great Dao while breaking through to the Saint, avoiding an unstable Dao Heart and deviated cultivation.

Lu Chen did not rush to enter. His gaze never left the group of disciples from the Heavenly Mountain Hall. Those disciples seemed to be waiting for him as well, not rushing into the teleportation gate like the other disciples.

At this moment, the leading disciple of the Heavenly Mountain Hall spoke to the others, “Let’s go, get inside. There’s no point in waiting here; the teleportation location isn’t fixed after all.”

“The sooner we get inside, the sooner we can regroup and prepare for what we need to do next.”

Hearing the leading disciple’s words, the other disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall found it reasonable and stopped lingering at the entrance.

Then, the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World one after another.

Seeing Lu Chen still standing in the square, not moving, the Xuanming Emperor frowned—was the boy scared?

A Great Emperor beside the Yanyue Emperor turned to look at the Yanyue Emperor and said, “Yanyue, what is that Lu Chen standing there for? Why hasn’t he gone inside yet? Could it be that he’s not planning to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World?”



The Yanyue Emperor was also curious. Lu Chen was so proactive earlier, but now that the teleportation gate of the Taoist Mysterious Small World had opened, he was not in a hurry at all?

Other disciples were eager to get in early to seize a spot. The opening time of the Taoist Mysterious Small World was limited, and the time to comprehend the Great Dao was also limited. For most disciples, even a breath's time of difference could matter in understanding the Great Dao.

Moreover, not all places within the Taoist Mysterious Small World were suitable for comprehending the Great Dao. Some places had very dense Spiritual Energy and more complete Dao Charm. Understanding the Great Dao in such places offered greater opportunities.

Of course, the more suitable a place was for comprehending the Great Dao, the more people would fight over it. If one arrived late, there might not even be a place to stand.

At this moment, the Yanyue Emperor said, "This is also his first time entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World. Perhaps he doesn't know the wonders within."

Initially, she let Lu Chen participate in the Dao Comprehension Conference just to show his face without expecting him to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World. Therefore, no one explained the wonders of the Taoist Mysterious Small World to him.

Thinking that Lu Chen might not know the uniqueness of the Taoist Mysterious Small World, the Yanyue Emperor grew less anxious.

Then, the Yanyue Emperor transmitted a message to Lu Chen, "There are many cultivation places within the Taoist Mysterious Small World that require contention. Entering earlier has its benefits."

Upon hearing the Yanyue Emperor's message, Lu Chen smiled faintly and then unhurriedly walked towards the teleportation gate.

When Lu Chen reached the entrance of the teleportation gate, he was the last disciple to enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Upon entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World, a landscape of mountains, lakes, and endless green forests came into view.

Standing on the edge of a cliff, Lu Chen gazed at the distant scenery. Above the mountains, countless Dao Patterns floated, and with just a glance, Lu Chen felt refreshed and invigorated.

Lu Chen was somewhat surprised. He didn't expect the Dao Charm of the Taoist Mysterious Small World to benefit even an Emperor like him.

Lu Chen then sat cross-legged, continuing to comprehend the surrounding Dao Charm. Although he followed the Creation Dao, which seemed different from these Great Dao.

In reality, Lu Chen's Dao was very broad, encompassing not only the Life Dao but also touching upon other Daos.

Creation, creation, it was not just the creation of life. The Dao Lu Chen comprehended started from creating a world, and when a world was born, countless Great Daos would evolve from it.

All paths lead to the same destination; the root of the Three Thousand Great Daos ultimately lay in the Creation Dao. That's why Lu Chen was affected by these Dao Charms.

Due to the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings, Lu Chen was usually deeply influenced by the Life Dao, which made him think that his Creation Dao was merely an upgraded version of the Life Dao. But upon entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World, he realized he had misunderstood the Creation Dao all along.

The Creation Dao was the starting point, the source, the beginning of everything.

After understanding all this, countless green Dao Charms emanated from Lu Chen. In the next moment, all the Dao Charms in the Taoist Mysterious Small World began to converge towards Lu Chen.

Seeing this through the projecting stone, everyone outside the Taoist Mysterious Small World fell silent.

Soon after, the entire square erupted into heated discussion.

“Heavens! What Dao is that?”

“What’s going on? Others are still searching for places to comprehend the Great Dao inside the Taoist Mysterious Small World. How did he directly find his own Dao?”

“What Dao has Lu Chen comprehended to attract all these Dao Charms?”

“I don’t think I’ve ever seen such a Dao!”

“Wait, look at the green Dao Charms emanating from Lu Chen. They seem a bit like the Palace Master’s Life Dao!”

“No, it’s different from the Palace Master’s Life Dao. How could the Life Dao attract other Dao Charms?”

“Could it be that Lu Chen’s talent is too high, so the Great Daos are choosing him?”

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At this moment, Yunhua Palace was in an uproar. For the first time since its establishment, people saw the Three Thousand Great Daos actively choosing someone.

Not just in Yunhua Palace, but even in the entire universe, they had never heard of such a thing.

The path of cultivation was always chosen by the cultivator. How could the Three Thousand Great Daos now be choosing a cultivator?

All at once, the dozen or so Hall Masters of Yunhua Palace looked at each other in disbelief.

Even among the dozen Great Emperors, none could explain this scene.

At this moment, the Mixed Element Emperor said, “Judging from the Dao Charms emanating from Lu Chen, he should have comprehended the Life Dao. Lu Chen and the Palace Master are indeed fated.”

“When the Palace Master exits seclusion and sees such a prodigy who has comprehended the Life Dao, she will surely be very pleased.”

#### Chapter 1405: It Must Be Lu Chen Who Took Away the Opportunity

Upon hearing the words of the Mixed Element Emperor, the Xuanming Emperor’s face became even more grim.

Su Hongxuan, who had been paying close attention to all this, clenched his fists. His eyes were filled with murderous intent. Since his birth, he had never felt such an urge to rush into the Taoist Mysterious Small World and kill someone as he did today.

It was one thing for Lu Chen to have such high talent, but the Dao he comprehended was actually the Life Dao, exactly like the Palace Master’s.

As everyone knows, there is a strong affinity between cultivators of the same Dao, and some powerful practitioners also choose disciples who share the same Dao when taking on apprentices.

Cultivators of the Life Dao, like those who choose the Slaughter Path, are exceedingly rare in the universe, perhaps even rarer than those of the Slaughter Path.

At the very least, many cultivators of the evil force, or even those demon cultivators, are likely to choose the Slaughter Path, although their chances of achieving significant results are slim, and those who can breakthrough and become Great Emperors through the Slaughter Path are very few.

But the Life Dao is different. From the start, very few cultivators choose the Life Dao, and currently, throughout the entire universe, only the Life-saving Empress has managed to break through and become a Great Emperor through it.

Now, suddenly there appears a highly gifted cultivator who, in the Returning Ruin Realm Sixth Layer, can comprehend the Life Dao. How could the Life-saving Empress not accept him as a disciple?

If the Life-saving Empress truly accepted Lu Chen as a disciple, how could the position of Saint Heir be given to anyone else?

It can be said that as long as Lu Chen could come out alive from the Taoist Mysterious Small World and safely wait until the day the Life-saving Empress emerges from seclusion, Lu Chen would undoubtedly become the Saint Heir.

In no time, apart from the Xuanming Emperor, other Great Emperors began congratulating the Emperor Yanyue for having recruited an excellent seedling.

“Yanyue, your Heart Moon Hall is going to prosper!”

“Yanyue, your luck is incredible. It looks like Lu Chen’s position as Saint Heir is solid.”

“Yanyue, when Lu Chen becomes the Saint Heir, you must let him visit us at the Heavenly Sound Hall often!”

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Seeing the Great Emperors fawning over Emperor Yanyue, Xuanming Emperor couldn’t take it anymore. He coldly snorted, and the death qi from his body instantly permeated the entire square.

Feeling the death qi from the Xuanming Emperor, all the discussions at the scene halted. The Xuanming Emperor then coldly said, “What are you all arguing about?”

Seeing the Xuanming Emperor angry, the other Great Emperors merely smiled and did not blame him.

Xuanming Emperor's ability to suggest to the Life-saving Empress to establish another Saint Heir indicated that his relationship with her was far from ordinary.

Although the Great Emperors now wanted to curry favor with Emperor Yanyue, it wasn't worth offending the Xuanming Emperor to do so.

The Xuanming Emperor being angry had no impact on them anyway.

At this moment.

In the Taoist Mysterious Small World, Lu Chen opened his eyes and was stunned to see countless Dao Charms in the sky.

He hadn't expected that a brief contemplation of this world's Dao would cause such a huge commotion.

Lu Chen thought, with such a big commotion here, the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall should be approaching.

All he needed to do now was wait here for them to come.

Seeing Lu Chen stand up without continuing to contemplate the Life Dao, those outside the Taoist Mysterious Small World were very puzzled.

What did Lu Chen mean by this?

Why not continue to comprehend?

This was such a great opportunity. If he could fully comprehend the Life Dao, his future cultivation path would be much smoother.

At this moment, the Xuanming Emperor mocked coldly, “So he ended his enlightenment so quickly, giving up the opportunity to comprehend the Life Dao. It seems he’s not interested in the Life Dao.”

Emperor Yanyue ignored the Xuanming Emperor’s mockery, feeling equally puzzled as to why Lu Chen would give up comprehending the Life Dao at such a moment.

Could it be...

Lu Chen had already mastered the Life Dao and thus stopped his contemplation?

If that were the case, then Lu Chen’s talent...

Was truly terrifying...

So terrifying that it instilled fear in her.

At the same time.

The disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall also noticed the commotion in the distance. They had originally planned to regroup, but upon seeing all the Dao Charms converging at a single spot, they thought there might be some opportunity there, so they all headed toward Lu Chen’s location.

Not only the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall, but other hall’s disciples as well. Among these prodigies entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World, many had been here more than once, but they had never seen such a phenomenon as today.

Almost everyone believed that some opportunity had emerged, so all the disciples moved towards Lu Chen’s location.

Very soon, the female disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall arrived at Lu Chen’s location. When they saw that someone had already arrived before them, they all approached Lu Chen.

The disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall recognized Lu Chen since he was now a prominent figure at Yunhua Palace.

A female disciple politely asked, “Junior Brother Lu, did you discover anything just now?”

Lu Chen replied, “I didn’t discover anything.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s reply, the female disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall exchanged glances, and their gazes then settled on the Dao Charms in the sky that had not yet dissipated.

Those Dao Charms intertwined, forming a grand and magnificent picture.

A female disciple, puzzled, said, “Such a huge commotion, how could there be nothing?”

In the cultivation realm, when some opportunity manifested, the larger the commotion, the greater the opportunity it indicated.

It was the first time they had seen such a huge commotion in the Taoist Mysterious Small World. Logically, this should have been a significant opportunity, yet aside from the intertwined Dao Charms, there seemed to be nothing else.

At this moment, other hall’s disciples started arriving as well. Seeing the female disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall, they assumed the Heavenly Sound Hall had arrived first, so they began asking them questions.

“Senior Sister Liu, what happened here just now?”

The leading Senior Sister of the Heavenly Sound Hall replied, “I don’t know. When we arrived, there was nothing.”

Hearing the female disciple’s response, the other hall’s disciples were equally puzzled. How could there be nothing? Who then caused this unusual occurrence?



At this moment, a disciple asked, “Senior Sister Liu, were you the first to arrive?”

The leading female disciple from the Heavenly Sound Hall said, “No, when we arrived, Junior Brother Lu was already here. He was here before us.”

Hearing this, everyone’s gaze fell on Lu Chen. They had a feeling that the recent phenomenon was likely related to Lu Chen.

At this moment, someone in the crowd suddenly said, “I know! Lu Chen must have seized the opportunity, that’s why there’s nothing left!”

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone’s eyes on Lu Chen instantly became intense. The Taoist Mysterious Small World had never seen such a huge commotion before.

This opportunity must be enormous.

If they could seize this opportunity from Lu Chen, they might be able to become not just Saints but even Great Emperors.

Lu Chen scanned the crowd with his eyes and quickly identified the speaker.

[Name: Ban Yunxuan]

[Identity: Disciple of Heavenly Mountain Hall]

[Cultivation: Guixu Realm Ninth Layer]

[Loyalty: 0]

Seeing it was a disciple of the Heavenly Mountain Hall leading the charge, Lu Chen’s lips curved slightly.

## Chapter 1406: Wait a Bit Longer

Just as Lu Chen was about to say something, the leading disciple of Heavenly Mountain Hall suddenly stepped forward and said, “Lu Chen, hand over the opportunity that you obtained immediately!”

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen smiled and replied, “Which eye of yours saw me obtaining any opportunity?”

Lu Chen knew that Luo Yanghui was intentionally inciting hatred against him, but he did not care at all. The bigger the commotion he caused, the more likely he would be locked in the Serenity Tower when he left.

As for the disciples present, the highest cultivation state among them was only Guixu Realm Ninth Layer, which he did not take seriously.

Although his current avatar only possessed the cultivation state of Guixu Realm Sixth Layer, with the support of his divine soul and cultivation technique, his actual strength was certainly far beyond the Guixu Realm Ninth Layer.

Dealing with these disciples posed no difficulty for Lu Chen at all at this moment.

Luo Yanghui said, “Stop quibbling. You were the first to arrive here. If you didn’t obtain the opportunity, who did?”

“Could it be that you want to monopolize the opportunity?”

“We are all disciples of Yunhua Palace, how can you be so selfish!”

Just as Lu Chen was about to directly admit it, suddenly, several disciples from the Heart Moon Hall stood in front of Lu Chen.

The leading disciple of Heart Moon Hall said, “Even if Lu Chen obtained the opportunity, so what? Opportunities should go to those who are fated for them. Are you planning to rob him?”

Lu Chen was destined to become the Saint Heir, so the disciples of Heart Moon Hall naturally sided with him.

Luo Yanghui snorted coldly, “Fated ones obtain the opportunity? In the cultivation world, I have only ever heard of strength being respected.”

“Lu Chen, hand over the opportunity immediately. With your Guixu Realm Sixth Layer strength, you probably can’t protect the opportunity yourself. Let us help you guard it.”

Luo Yanghui decided to drop the pretense and prepared to rob him forcefully. He believed that the disciples from other halls would certainly support him at this moment.

With such a big commotion earlier, people naturally thought the opportunity was exceptional, and everyone wanted a share.

At this moment, the people outside the Taoist Mysterious Small World fell into silence upon witnessing this scene.

Especially the hall masters, seeing their own disciples displaying such greed, they wished they could find a hole to hide in.

Those outside were well aware of what had just transpired. There was no so-called opportunity; all the anomalies were caused by Lu Chen himself.

But the people inside didn’t know this. Unfortunately, with the Taoist Mysterious Small World being separated from the outside world, they couldn’t transmit any sound inside once the passage closed.

Some hall masters wished they could enter the Taoist Mysterious Small World and drag their disciples out.

At this moment, a hall master awkwardly smiled and said to Emperor Yanyue, “Yanyue, I am truly sorry. When these little rascals come out, I will definitely discipline them.”

Following that, Mixed Element Emperor also apologized, saying, “Yanyue, rest assured, we will stand up for Lu Chen. Please don’t mind, after all, our disciples were deceived.”

Saying this, Mixed Element Emperor’s gaze fell upon Xuanming Emperor. They were all smart people, and it was clear to them which disciples in the Taoist Mysterious Small World had been leading the situation.

Obviously, Heavenly Mountain Hall was targeting Lu Chen.

Emperor Yanyue was no fool. She could see that it was the disciples from Heavenly Mountain Hall steering the situation. She then said, “No worries, the commotion Lu Chen caused was so big that misunderstanding is natural.”

Although she said this, Emperor Yanyue still felt uneasy. If this continued, Lu Chen was likely to be surrounded and attacked by disciples from the major halls.

Even though the disciples of Heart Moon Hall supported Lu Chen, Heart Moon Hall was only one hall, and its overall strength was far weaker compared to the other halls.

If all the disciples from other halls united, the few disciples from Heart Moon Hall could not possibly protect Lu Chen.

The key was that Lu Chen did not have any opportunity to begin with.

If Lu Chen really had obtained some opportunity, he could hand it over to save his life at this moment.

Lu Chen couldn’t produce any opportunity now, and those people wouldn’t believe that he hadn’t obtained any opportunity, so they were very likely to take action against Lu Chen.

What a trouble.

Emperor Yanyue furrowed her brows, her face growing somber; the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall truly had skillful tactics!

This can't be allowed. Lu Chen must not get hurt.

Even if it means interrupting this Daoist seminar, she must find a way to save Lu Chen.

While Emperor Yanyue was thinking this, Lu Chen, in the Taoist Mysterious Small World, was still calmly watching the disciples above.

Lu Chen spoke again, "I will say it one last time, I did not obtain any opportunity. If you don't believe that, there's nothing I can do about it."

Seeing Lu Chen still "playing tough," Luo Yanghui immediately said, "Since Lu Chen is unwilling to hand over the opportunity, don't blame us for being rude. Everyone, let's take action. The opportunity must be on him!"

Upon hearing Luo Yanghui's words, the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall directly flew toward the cliff where Lu Chen stood.

Seeing the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall taking action, Liang Zicong immediately shouted, "Protect Junior Brother Lu!"

The disciples of Heart Moon Hall drew their longswords, surrounding Lu Chen in the center.

Seeing Heavenly Mountain Hall taking action, some disciples from other halls couldn't hold back and rushed directly towards Lu Chen, thinking that even if they all attacked, the law enforcement hall would not blame them since it wasn't only them who took action against Lu Chen, especially when it was the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall who led the charge.

Seeing so many disciples surrounding Lu Chen at once, Liang Zicong's face turned extremely anxious. If it were only the disciples from Heavenly Mountain Hall, they might be able to hold them off for a while, giving Lu Chen some time to escape.

But now, disciples from other halls were also attacking. Their small number of people couldn't possibly protect Lu Chen.

Liang Zicong hurriedly said to Lu Chen, "Junior Brother Tu Lu, we'll hold them off for you. Run quickly!"

Those people were only after the opportunity on Lu Chen. If Lu Chen ran away, they wouldn't bother the disciples of Heart Moon Hall.

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Senior Brother Liang, don't worry. Have you forgotten the hall master gave me a magic treasure?"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Liang Zicong suddenly remembered. Yes, the hall master gave Lu Chen the Fiery Sun Pearl. With the Fiery Sun Pearl, those people couldn't harm Lu Chen.

Liang Zicong immediately said, "Then, Junior Brother Lu, quickly use the Fiery Sun Pearl."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Let's wait a bit longer."

Wait a bit longer?

Wait for what?

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the disciples of Heart Moon Hall felt baffled. The disciples from other halls were already attacking, and Lu Chen said to wait a bit longer?

Did Lu Chen think he could fend off those people's attacks without using the Fiery Sun Pearl?

Seeing Lu Chen not using the Fiery Sun Pearl immediately, Luo Yanghui felt secretly delighted.

Lu Chen was surprisingly arrogant, not using the magic treasure given by Emperor Yanyue in such a situation. Since he didn't use it now, he might not be able to later.

If they could incapacitate Lu Chen immediately, he would not be able to activate the Fiery Sun Pearl next.

After all, the Fiery Sun Pearl was a Heaven Rank magic treasure; it required spiritual power to activate.

Luo Yanghui swung his longsword towards Lu Chen.

Meteor Slash!!!

Chapter 1407: One Punch? Just One Punch?

At the instant Luo Yanghui swung his sword, countless Sword Qi descended from the sky, and Liang Zicong hurriedly faced them.

Dragon Roar Breaking Mountain Saber!!!

With a single swing of Liang Zicong's saber, a dragon's roar reverberated through the heavens and earth, followed by a giant golden dragon flying out from Liang Zicong's saber.

The golden light emanating from the dragon blocked all the Sword Qi.

Luo Yanghui's lips curled slightly upwards; it was merely a feigned attack, as others were truly confronting Lu Chen.

In Heart Moon Hall, Liang Zicong had the strongest prowess. As long as he was held up, the others were not to be feared.

After Liang Zicong and Luo Yanghui clashed, other disciples from Heavenly Mountain Hall also began to confront the disciples from Heart Moon Hall.

For a moment, the mountain peak they were on was filled with rampant Sword Qi and spells flew everywhere.

To protect Lu Chen, the disciples of Heart Moon Hall charged out, leaving Lu Chen without anyone around him.

At that moment, a figure suddenly appeared behind Lu Chen. Sensing someone ambushing him from behind, Lu Chen immediately turned his head.

With a smile, Ban Yunxuan said, “Junior Brother Lu, you’d better hand over the opportunity quickly to avoid a beating.”

Upon hearing Ban Yunxuan’s words, Lu Chen smiled lightly and said, “Whether or not there is an opportunity, your goal at Heavenly Mountain Hall has never been the opportunity itself. Even without it, you would still make a move against me. Am I wrong?”

Ban Yunxuan did not answer Lu Chen’s question. He would not leave any evidence; the opportunity was indeed a good excuse.

Seizing opportunities is too common within the Cultivation World. If Lu Chen were crippled during a seizing attempt, even Emperor Yanyue would have nothing to say once they were out.

And besides, it wasn’t just the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall who were making a move, but disciples from other halls as well. The Law Enforcement Hall would be unable to do anything to Heavenly Mountain Hall then.

Initially, Heavenly Mountain Hall was prepared to forcibly strike at Lu Chen, but unexpectedly, as soon as they entered Taoist Mysterious Small World, they found such a good excuse.

At this moment, Ban Yunxuan said, “Since Junior Brother Lu is still being stubborn, don’t blame Senior Brother for using force.”



As his words fell, a dense bloody aura emanated from Ban Yunxuan.

Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique!!!

In the next moment, a shadow of the Blood Demon appeared above Ban Yunxuan's head, and the Blood Demon then rushed directly at Lu Chen.

Seeing this, Emperor Yanyue could no longer remain seated, and her imposing manner instantly erupted.

Her gaze fixed intensely on Xuanming Emperor, "Xuanming, your disciple is using Forbidden Technique! Shouldn't you give me an explanation!"

Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique is a Heaven Rank skill, but it was obtained from a Demon Cultivator. Because Xuanming Emperor follows the Death Path, this technique has no effect on him.

However, if a normal cultivator practices this technique, they are likely to go mad and become a Demon Cultivator.

Life-saving Empress has a rule that no one except Xuanming Emperor is allowed to practice this technique, yet Heavenly Mountain Hall's disciples have actually displayed this Evil Cultivation in Taoist Mysterious Small World.

And they used Evil Cultivation right from the start, clearly intending for Lu Chen not to leave alive!

With a calm expression, Xuanming Emperor said, "Ban Yunxuan comprehends the Death Path as well, making him my disciple. He won't be affected by Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, so why shouldn't he train in it?"

Hearing this, Emperor Yanyue's face twisted in rage. If Ban Yunxuan's Blood Demon touches Lu Chen, Lu Chen's Divine Soul would undoubtedly be damaged, making it impossible for him to activate the Fiery Sun Pearl.

This can't continue anymore; she promptly said to the Emperor of Law Enforcement Hall, "The Dao Discussion Tournament must end immediately!"

With a cold laugh, Xuanming Emperor said, "Is the Dao Discussion Tournament exclusively hosted by your Heart Moon Hall? Do you say end and it ends?"

Emperor Yanyue replied, "Taoist Mysterious Small World prohibits mutual slaughter. The disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall have started killing hits, breaking the rules of the Dao Discussion Tournament. If the rules are broken, what point is there in continuing the tournament?"

Xuanming Emperor stated, "Ban Yunxuan broke the rules. When he emerges, Law Enforcement Hall will punish him accordingly. Who said one disciple breaking the rules means stopping the Dao Discussion Tournament? Yunhua Palace has no such rule."

Unable to hold back anymore, Emperor Yanyue's aura surged, and an imposing pressure enveloped the scene, suffocating the onlookers.

Xuanming Emperor did not yield to Emperor Yanyue, his Death Qi spread out instantly, clashing with Emperor Yanyue's aura, filling the square with flying sand and rocks.

Seeing that the two were about to fight, the Emperor of Law Enforcement Hall hurriedly said, "Wait, I'll open the passage of Taoist Mysterious Small World to let Lu Chen out."

Life-saving Empress had just entered seclusion, and causing such a commotion might disrupt her cultivation. If she were to question accountability later, it would be troublesome.

Coldly, Xuanming Emperor said, "No, Taoist Mysterious Small World has never been opened for one disciple alone!"

Emperor Yanyue shouted, "Xuanming, don't push it too far!"

At this moment, the other Hall Masters looked at each other, not knowing which side to assist.

Suddenly, Mixed Element Emperor spoke, “Look, everyone! Lu Chen is making a move!”

Upon hearing this, everyone’s gaze turned to the projection.

Within Taoist Mysterious Small World, Lu Chen glanced at Ban Yunxuan’s Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, his lips curling slightly.

Given his strength, he was not afraid of Ban Yunxuan. Moreover, Ban Yunxuan was a Demon Cultivator, and his Chaos Demon Slaying Technique had absolute suppression over Demon Cultivators.

Ban Yunxuan attacking him was purely courting death.

Lu Chen didn’t even draw his sword, he punched out.

A powerful fist Qi surged forth.

Chaos Demon Slaying Technique!!!

In the next moment, the Blood Demon shadow rushing towards Lu Chen emitted a pained scream.

Simultaneously, Ban Yunxuan suffered a backlash from the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, screaming in anguish.

“Ahhhhhh!!!”

Ban Yunxuan held his head, rolling on the ground incessantly.

Seeing this, everyone was stunned.

Whether it was the disciples inside Taoist Mysterious Small World or those spectating outside, a brief silence ensued.

Upon regaining their composure, the audience outside Taoist Mysterious Small World started discussing.

“One punch? Just one punch?”

“Isn’t Lu Chen at the Guixu Realm Sixth Layer?”

“Lu Chen managed to break the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique with one punch, a Forbidden Technique!”

“Looks like Lu Chen didn’t use any cultivation techniques! How did he do it?”

“No wonder Lu Chen doesn’t use the Fiery Sun Pearl, he doesn’t need it!”

“Is this power unreal? A Guixu Realm Sixth Layer defeating a Guixu Realm Ninth Layer cultivator who comprehends the Death Path with one punch?”

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Seeing Lu Chen defeat Ban Yunxuan, Emperor Yanyue stood stunned, forgetting to continue her attack on Xuanming Emperor.

Not only Emperor Yanyue but the other emperors were also shocked by the scene.

They weren’t surprised by the talent’s ability to fight across ranks; they were astonished that Lu Chen managed it with just one punch.

Ban Yunxuan used the Forbidden Technique Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, and Lu Chen broke it with one punch?

Is this normal?

After a while, Mixed Element Emperor finally said, “Yanyue, it looks like Lu Chen’s talent is even more terrifying than we anticipated!”

Chapter 1408: Saint! He has ascended into Saint???

Upon hearing the voice of the Mixed Element Emperor, Emperor Yanyue finally snapped out of her shock.

She didn’t know what to say.

At this moment, Emperor Xuanming’s face was extremely gloomy, and the death qi on his body was uncontrollably spreading to other places.

He originally thought that Lu Chen was certain to die, but unexpectedly, Lu Chen’s strength was so formidable that he could break the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique with a single punch.

Now, what Emperor Xuanming was most worried about wasn’t just the possibility of Lu Chen becoming the Saint Heir. Judging by Lu Chen’s punch, Lu Chen seemed to have an extreme restraint against the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique.

If Lu Chen had shown great strength to break the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, Xuanming wouldn’t have found it particularly unusual. But the key issue was that Lu Chen’s punch seemed light and casual, at most producing a wave of fist qi, with nothing else remarkable about it.

Emperor Xuanming couldn’t think of another reason to explain how an ordinary punch could break the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, except for inherent restraint.

This left Emperor Xuanming feeling very uneasy. His main cultivation technique was the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique. If Lu Chen grew stronger, wouldn’t he inherently restrain him as well?

Although he still didn't know why Lu Chen could restrain the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique, as long as Lu Chen demonstrated methods that could restrain it, he absolutely couldn't allow Lu Chen to continue living.

Emperor Xuanming's eyes exuded a chilling intent to kill. He wished he could charge into the Taoist Mysterious Small World right now and eliminate Lu Chen.

At the same time.

Inside the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

The disciples from each hall stopped their techniques after seeing Lu Chen break the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique with a single punch, staring directly at Lu Chen.

Those disciples who were preparing to besiege Lu Chen also stopped mid-air.

Luo Yanghui, who was entangled with Liang Zicong, also ceased his attacks. His gaze fell on Lu Chen, full of confusion.

The Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique is an evil technique of Demon Cultivators, highly suppressive to Righteous Cultivators. That's why he was dragging Liang Zicong, intending for Ban Yunxuan to deal with Lu Chen.

In his view, sending Ban Yunxuan to deal with Lu Chen meant a near-certain death for Lu Chen.

Unexpectedly, Lu Chen was unscathed, while Ban Yunxuan instead suffered from a backlash of his own cultivation technique.

How did Lu Chen manage this?

Why was he completely unaffected by the Blood Demon Soul Devouring Technique?

This was entirely different from what Luo Yanghui had anticipated.

Could it be that Lu Chen used the Fiery Sun Pearl?

But the Fiery Sun Pearl had already been refined by Emperor Yanyue. In others' hands, it should only function defensively. How could it cause Ban Yunxuan to suffer a backlash?

Oh well, since Ban Yunxuan failed, he guessed he would have to take action himself.

Then, Luo Yanghui drew out a longbow that emitted a blood-red glow. The moment the bow appeared, everyone present felt an intense sense of oppression. This oppression came from the depths of the soul, making them shiver involuntarily.

The audience outside immediately began to discuss.

"It's the Bloodthirsty Bow!"

"Why is the Bloodthirsty Bow in Luo Yanghui's hands!"

"Emperor Xuanming actually entrusted the Bloodthirsty Bow to Luo Yanghui!"

"This time, Lu Chen is doomed!"

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Seeing the Bloodthirsty Bow in Luo Yanghui's hands, Emperor Yanyue's aura erupted, "Xuanming, what do you mean by this! The Taoist Mysterious Small World is a place for comprehending the Dao, not a venue for Heavenly Mountain Hall to harm fellow disciples. How dare you give the Bloodthirsty Bow to a disciple who isn't even a Saint!"

"Aren't you afraid that he will be devoured and go mad from the backlash of the Bloodthirsty Bow?"

Emperor Xuanming chuckled lightly, saying, “You can give the Heavenly Rank High-Grade Fiery Sun Pearl to Lu Chen, so why can’t I lend the Bloodthirsty Bow to Luo Yanghui?”

“Yanyue, don’t you think you’re a bit too domineering?”

Emperor Yanyue replied coldly, “The Fiery Sun Pearl in Lu Chen’s hands can only serve a defensive purpose, but the Bloodthirsty Bow is an offensive magic treasure.”

“You’re allowing a Heavenly Mountain Hall disciple to bring an offensive Heavenly Rank magic treasure into a place of enlightenment, what are you trying to achieve!”

Emperor Xuanming replied indifferently, “Don’t you know that the best defense is a good offense? In case anyone targets the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall, there’s nothing wrong with giving them an offensive magic treasure for self-defense.”

While Emperor Xuanming and Emperor Yanyue clashed verbally, Luo Yanghui gathered all his spiritual power and drew the bow.

A massive blood dragon’s shadow appeared behind Luo Yanghui.

Seeing this, Liang Zicong’s face changed drastically. That was a Bloodthirsty Bow of Heavenly Rank High-Grade, Emperor Xuanming’s magic treasure.

Liang Zicong hurriedly turned and shouted at Lu Chen, “Junior Brother Lu, quickly use the Fiery Sun Pearl!!!”

The only thing that could withstand the Bloodthirsty Bow might just be another Heavenly Rank magic treasure.

However, upon seeing the Bloodthirsty Bow in Luo Yanghui’s hand, Lu Chen remained unfazed. He retrieved a longsword from his space ring.

In the next moment, the ground shook, and spiritual energy from the surroundings converged toward Lu Chen.



Witnessing this, the disciples around were once again stunned. What was Lu Chen trying to do, causing such a commotion?

Seeing that Lu Chen didn't use the Fiery Sun Pearl but instead seemed poised to confront him head-on, Luo Yanghui sneered, then shouted, "Die!"

With those words, Luo Yanghui released the bowstring, and an arrow shot forth.

The blood dragon roared and charged toward Lu Chen.

Liang Zicong's face changed drastically.

It's over, it's over...

This time Lu Chen is truly doomed.

At the sixth layer of the Returning Ruin Realm, without using the Fiery Sun Pearl, how could he possibly withstand an attack from a Heavenly Rank magic treasure.

Lu Chen is too arrogant!

In the end, his talent brought his downfall.

History is filled with tales of many Heavenly Prides whose overconfidence in their talent led them to peril without knowing to retreat, causing them to perish early.

Liang Zicong sighed deeply.

An ordinary cultivator at the ninth layer of the Returning Ruin Realm could not withstand the Bloodthirsty Bow. He had done all he could.

Just when everyone thought Lu Chen was doomed, snowflakes began to fall from the sky, and a bone-chilling wind began to blow, making the cold penetrate to the bone.

Lu Chen murmured, "Ice-Eight Level Sword!"

As soon as he spoke, eight rays of cold light flashed across the blood dragon, and the dragon shattered instantly into countless pieces, like glass.

Silence...

A dead silence enveloped the inside and outside of the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Luo Yanghui stood with his mouth agape, his eyes bulging like a cow's.

He even began to doubt whether he was holding a Heavenly Rank magic treasure, the Bloodthirsty Bow.

Did Lu Chen just block it?

This is impossible!

How could he possibly block an arrow from the Bloodthirsty Bow!

Seeing Luo Yanghui staring at him in disbelief, Lu Chen smiled and said, "Are your means exhausted now? If so, it's my turn to attack."

With those words, Lu Chen's body began to frantically absorb the surrounding spiritual energy. Immediately after, Lu Chen's body emitted a faint golden light, and a set of golden armor appeared on the surface of Lu Chen's body. Lu Chen's strength rapidly increased at that moment.

Feeling the pressure exuded by Lu Chen, the disciples present were stunned.

"A Saint! He has become a Saint???"

"How could it be! Has Lu Chen truly broken through?"

“He was just at the sixth layer of the Returning Ruin Realm. How could he suddenly leap four realms!”

“No, he hasn’t broken through; he has just achieved the strength of a Saint Realm!”

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#### Chapter 1409: Lu Chen Must Die No Matter What!

When Lu Chen released the Saint realm pressure from his body, not only the disciples within the Taoist Mysterious Small World were dumbfounded.

The Hall Masters and spectators outside the Taoist Mysterious Small World were also in shock.

Lu Chen was just at the Returning Ruin Realm Sixth Layer, how could he cross four realms in such a short time and become a Saint?

A sixteen-year-old Saint?

What kind of joke is this?

Even if Lu Chen was the reincarnation of a Great Emperor, his cultivation recovery speed shouldn’t be this fast!

Very quickly, Mixed Element Emperor sensed something amiss and said, “No, he isn’t a Saint. He doesn’t have the Saint Dao Yun.”

Saints are no longer ordinary cultivators; their aura is vastly different from that of ordinary cultivators.

Although Lu Chen emitted the pressure of a Saint, he did not have the aura of a Saint.

Emperor Lingfeng said, “It looks like the golden armor on Lu Chen has enhanced his power to the Saint Realm.”

Speaking of this, Emperor Lingfeng glanced at Emperor Yanyue and said, “Yanyue, you’ve really gone all out for Lu Chen’s safety, actually giving him such a high-level magic treasure.”

In Emperor Lingfeng’s view, someone from a small place like Lu Chen obviously couldn’t possess such a high-level magic treasure, so this magic treasure was most likely given to him by Emperor Yanyue.

Upon hearing Emperor Lingfeng, Emperor Yanyue was about to say something but swallowed back her words.

Emperor Yanyue herself was also taken aback; she didn’t expect Lu Chen to bring out such an extraordinary magic treasure at this moment.

Enhancing someone’s power by four realms straight to the Saint level, this armor must be at least a Heaven Rank magic treasure, right?

It seemed that Lu Chen had kept some things from her.

However, Emperor Yanyue wasn’t too concerned. In the cultivation world, everyone has secrets. A person without secrets is usually not far from death.

Lu Chen’s secret had given her a big surprise. No wonder Lu Chen decisively entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World despite knowing the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall would target him.

It seemed that he never considered the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall as a threat from the beginning.

A Saint Realm’s power dealing with Returning Ruin Realm Ninth Layer cultivators, isn’t that like a cat playing with a mouse?

Emperor Yanyue’s lips slightly curled up. Now Lu Chen’s safety should be assured.

Seeing Lu Chen was safe, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall looked at Emperor Yanyue and Emperor Xuanming and said, “Both of you can sit down quietly now.”

Hearing this, Emperor Yanyue snorted coldly and withdrew her aura.

Although Emperor Yanyue withdrew her aura, Emperor Xuanming continued to release his pressure, currently seething with rage.

How could Lu Chen, merely a Returning Ruin Realm Sixth Layer cultivator, be so hard to kill? Could this guy actually seize his son’s position as the Saint Heir?

Seeing Emperor Xuanming still releasing his pressure, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall said with a stern face, “Xuanming, those disciples can’t withstand your pressure and death qi. Are you planning to kill them all?”

Earlier, with Emperor Yanyue’s pressure balancing Emperor Xuanming’s, his death qi couldn’t spread across the field, but after Emperor Yanyue withdrew her aura, Emperor Xuanming’s death qi instantly spread throughout the field.

The disciples with lower cultivation states began to exhibit various negative conditions upon contact with the death qi. If this continued, someone might die from the death qi infection.

Emperor Xuanming immediately withdrew his aura, knowing there was no way to deal with Lu Chen now. No matter how much he raised havoc, the Law Enforcement Hall’s Hall Master would never allow Lu Chen to leave.

He had just spoken against opening the Taoist Mysterious Small World for a single disciple, and now he was biting his tongue.

Now, he could only wait for Lu Chen to come out.

As soon as Lu Chen dared to step out, he would eliminate him at any cost.

He couldn't allow someone who could restrain him to live. If the Life-saving Empress learned that someone could restrain him, he would be in big trouble.

He convinced the Life-saving Empress to agree to appoint another Saint Heir mainly because his Death Path heavily suppressed her Life Dao.

Among the dozen Great Emperors of Yunhua Palace, though his strength wasn't the greatest, he was certainly the most influential before the Life-saving Empress.

The Life-saving Empress naturally wouldn't want someone who could suppress her to exist. However, Emperor Xuanming was quite senior in Yunhua Palace, and since he hadn't wronged Yunhua Palace, the Life-saving Empress wouldn't act against him directly.

But if she discovered Lu Chen's existence, she would undoubtedly accept him as a disciple and groom him as a countermeasure against Emperor Xuanming.

Emperor Xuanming's strength in front of the Life-saving Empress stemmed from his suppressive power, so he naturally wouldn't want this to happen to him.

Therefore, Lu Chen had to die, no matter what.

At this moment, the disciples in the Taoist Mysterious Small World all stood motionless, not daring to move.

When Lu Chen was still at the Returning Ruin Realm Sixth Layer, he could already withstand an arrow from the Bloodthirsty Bow. Now that his power had increased to the Saint Realm, wouldn't he easily crush Returning Ruin Realm Ninth Layer cultivators?

For a moment, all the disciples contemplating competing for opportunities began to back off.

At this time, the leading disciple of the Heavenly Sound Hall said, "We are not interested in Lu Chen's opportunities, let's leave first."

After these words, the female disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall left the scene, as they had been merely spectators earlier, not acting against the disciples of the Heart Moon Hall, believing Lu Chen wouldn't trouble them.

Sure enough, Lu Chen did not bother with the female disciples of the Heavenly Sound Hall. His eyes were fixed on Luo Yanghui.

Feeling Lu Chen's emitting pressure, Luo Yanghui's hands holding the Bloodthirsty Bow trembled continuously.

They thought the task given by their Hall Master was very easy, but never expected to kick a steel plate instead.

At this moment, Luo Yanghui shouted, "So what if you're a Saint? With the Bloodthirsty Bow in hand, I can still kill you!"

At this moment, Luo Yanghui could only comfort himself. Ever since Lu Chen intercepted the Bloodthirsty Bow's arrow, he knew deep down he had no chance of winning.

Luo Yanghui gathered all his spiritual power into the Bloodthirsty Bow again, and then, a blood dragon's shadow appeared behind him once more.

The blood dragon roared at Lu Chen below, causing the ground to tremble and the surrounding trees to be uprooted and swept away by the sound waves.

Lu Chen remained standing still, unaffected.

Luo Yanghui shouted again, "Go to hell!"

As his words fell, Luo Yanghui released the bowstring, sending the blood dragon charging towards Lu Chen with a fierce momentum.

Lu Chen formed a seal with both hands, and in an instant, an enormous formation pattern emerged within a hundred kilometers radius. Within the formation, the temperature dropped sharply, and snow filled the sky.

At this moment, Lu Chen's voice echoed in the sky.

“Flying Snow Formation, rise!”

As soon as the great array was formed, the disciples within it instantly felt their strength rapidly diminishing, and their spiritual energy absorption rate also plummeted.

The flow of spiritual power within their bodies showed signs of stagnation, as if the cold ice and snow had frozen their spiritual power.

Witnessing the scale of the great array, the people outside fell into silence once more.

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After a moment of silence, Emperor Lingfeng was the first to break the peace, smiling at Emperor Yanyue and saying, “Yanyue, from the scale of this array, this should be a Heavenly Array, right? I didn't expect that you taught Lu Chen a Heavenly Array so soon after he joined Yunhua Palace.”

Emperor Yanyue looked puzzled at that moment.

Array?

What array?

She couldn't deploy a Heavenly Array herself, let alone teach someone else.

This Lu Chen had hidden too deeply; just how many secrets did he have?

Emperor Yanyue felt increasingly uneasy.



Although Lu Chen was very gifted, with the Life-saving Empress, it was likely that Lu Chen could become the next Saint Heir.

But Lu Chen had too many secrets, making her feel as if Lu Chen had entered Yunhua Palace with some purpose.

Take the Heavenly Array for example, it required some time to set up, not to mention this was within the Taoist Mysterious Small World, where cultivation power was even more severely restricted.

Even if a Quasi-Emperor entered the Taoist Mysterious Small World, their power would be limited to the Divinity Transformation Realm.

Although Lu Chen possessed the power of a Saint, he couldn't exhibit his full power under the Heavenly Dao suppression of the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Yet Lu Chen was able to deploy a Heavenly Array instantly, indicating that his power was not significantly restricted.

Emperor Yanyue frowned, speculating that Lu Chen might be the reincarnation of a Great Emperor. However, even a reincarnated Great Emperor couldn't escape all restrictions after entering the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

Not only was his talent extraordinary, but he also walked the same Dao of Life path as the Life-saving Empress. What's more, he happened to encounter her while she was out; wasn't this all a bit too coincidental?

At this thought, Emperor Yanyue felt a hint of caution toward Lu Chen.

If Lu Chen hadn't displayed so many methods, she might not have thought too much. But the more he showed, the more uneasy she felt.

However, she didn't think too much of it; even if Lu Chen had some purpose, he couldn't create chaos within Yunhua Palace.

No matter how many tricks Lu Chen had, his strength was at most at the Saint Realm. With so many Great Emperors in Yunhua Palace, any one of them could suppress him with just one hand.

At this moment, Mixed Element Emperor said, “Being able to construct a Heavenly Array in such a short time shows that Lu Chen is very talented in arrays.”

“Yanyue truly found a treasure.”

As Mixed Element Emperor finished speaking, the other Great Emperors chimed in as well.

“Indeed, Yanyue’s luck is really good!”

“When Lu Chen grows, Heart Moon Hall will have an array master. In the future, the Star Domain controlled by Heart Moon Hall will not fear any external enemies.”

“Yanyue, when Lu Chen comes out, you must let him visit our hall.”

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Seeing these Great Emperors cozying up to Emperor Yanyue, Emperor Xuanming only let out a cold snort, saying nothing.

In the Taoist Mysterious Small World.

As the Blood Dragon closed in on him, Lu Chen swung his sword again.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

Eight cold Sword Qis streaked through the air, instantly tearing the Blood Dragon into pieces, scattering it into the heavens and earth.

Seeing Lu Chen easily block the Bloodthirsty Bow arrows again, Luo Yanghui broke into a cold sweat.

This was the Bloodthirsty Bow!

Emperor Xuanming's Heaven Rank Magic Treasure!

Forget that Lu Chen was in the Returning Ruin Realm; even a real Saint should be severely injured by the Bloodthirsty Bow.

Yet the Bloodthirsty Bow had no effect on Lu Chen.

Why!

Was Lu Chen really that strong!

Was he really only sixteen?

With a smile, Lu Chen looked at Luo Yanghui. "Senior Brother Luo, if you have no other tricks, is it now my turn?"

Luo Yanghui hastily said, "Wait, there must be some misunderstanding between us?"

"I thought about it, and since Junior Brother Lu said there was no opportunity, it probably means there was none. Perhaps someone else took the opportunity."

Luo Yanghui was genuinely terrified. If Lu Chen could easily block the Bloodthirsty Bow, then if he went all out, Luo Yanghui would surely die.

As for the task given by Emperor Xuanming, he could only abandon it now, as he believed everything happening inside the Taoist Mysterious Small World was being seen outside.

With Lu Chen's might so apparent, even if he failed the task, Emperor Xuanming wouldn't say much.

Lu Chen said nothing more, only giving a gentle smile, like a perfect gentleman.

In the next moment, Lu Chen's aura surged, Spiritual Energy crazily pouring into his body, his clothes fluttering with the airflow.

Soon after, Lu Chen softly said, "Purple Sun Cold Ice!"

As the words fell, a purple sun appeared within the Taoist Mysterious Small World. In an instant, all the disciples of Heavenly Mountain Hall were frozen, with no chance to escape.

Witnessing this, the disciples from other halls were terrified, their hearts gripped by fear.

Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill!

Another Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill!

How could Lu Chen use Heavenly-level Cultivation Skills so effortlessly?

As people were stunned, Lu Chen snapped his fingers gently.

Snap!

Crack... Crack...

In no time, the Heavenly Mountain Hall disciples frozen into ice sculptures shattered to pieces.

Seeing this, Emperor Xuanming could no longer contain himself, standing up and shouting, "Outrageous!!!"

“Emperor Yanyue, is this how you teach your disciples!”

“Lu Chen wantonly slaughtered fellow disciples. Today, you must give me an explanation! Otherwise, Heavenly Mountain Hall and Heart Moon Hall will battle to the death!”

Emperor Yanyue immediately released her Emperor’s Mighty, “Xuanming, do you really think I’m afraid of you? Your Heavenly Mountain Hall disciples attacked Lu Chen, were outmatched, and were killed. Now you have the nerve to demand an explanation from me.”

“We are all witnesses, do you plan to play the victim now?”

Seeing the situation worsening, with Emperor Xuanming and Emperor Yanyue about to clash, the Hall Master of Law Enforcement Hall quickly said, “Although Lu Chen acted in self-defense, he was too heavy-handed. Once he comes out, send him to the Serenity Tower. We shall wait for the Palace Master to resolve this.”

Upon hearing this, Emperor Xuanming’s face darkened; going to the Serenity Tower?

Shouldn’t he be eliminated directly?

He could see clearly that the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall was protecting Lu Chen, but if he acted against Lu Chen now, the Hall Master would certainly intervene.

Moreover, with the Law Enforcement Hall siding with Emperor Yanyue, it was pointless to cause more trouble.

If Lu Chen indeed went to the Serenity Tower, it would be easier for Emperor Xuanming to eliminate him by sending people into the Serenity Tower.

The Hall Master of Law Enforcement Hall then looked at Emperor Yanyue, “Yanyue, do you agree with this punishment?”

Emperor Yanyue said, "I defer to Senior Brother."

Emperor Yanyue contemplated that Lu Chen indeed seemed problematic; it would be better to first confine him to the Serenity Tower.

If Lu Chen had no issues, the Serenity Tower would protect him. But if he did have issues, he couldn't escape, and when the Palace Master came out, he would discern Lu Chen's origins.