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Chapter 1411: It's him... it's him, he has awakened!!!

After Lu Chen dealt with the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall, his cold gaze swept across the other sect disciples present.

At this moment, those disciples woke up from their dream and rushed to clear their names.

“Junior Brother Lu, we didn't make a move just now. This has nothing to do with our Wind Cloud Palace!”

“We didn't make a move either, we just came to take a look.”

“Junior Brother Lu, we are going to look for opportunities now, we won't disturb your cultivation.”

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Subsequently, the group of disciples, frightened, quickly fled the scene, leaving only the disciples of the Heart Moon Hall present.

Lu Chen thought to himself, having killed so many disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall in one go, it should be enough to get himself locked in the Serenity Tower, he just needed to wait for the Taoist Mysterious Small World to open again.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen looked towards the disciples of the Heart Moon Hall. Seeing Lu Chen suddenly look at them, the disciples of the Heart Moon Hall couldn't help but feel a chill down their spines.

Even though they were of the same sect as Lu Chen, his ruthless actions just now had indeed scared them.

Liang Zicong said awkwardly, “Junior Brother Lu, we’re truly sorry, our skills are too poor to be of any help to you.”

Lu Chen smiled and said, “Senior Brother, what are you saying? Senior Brothers and Sisters willing to help me at such a time is already a great favor to me.”

Liang Zicong hesitated, “Junior Brother Lu, what are your plans next? How about we travel together? It’ll be good to look out for each other and avoid potential sneak attacks.”

Lu Chen replied, “No need, I have other matters to attend to.”

Liang Zicong said, “Alright, then we shall part ways here.”

Given the power Lu Chen had displayed, Liang Zicong was no longer worried that Lu Chen would be assassinated. After obliterating the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall in the Taoist Mysterious Small World with just one move, no one would dare trouble him now.

Liang Zicong then led the other disciples of the Heart Moon Hall away, leaving only Lu Chen standing at the cliff’s edge.

Lu Chen looked into the distance, observing the intertwining Dao Charms in the sky, feeling the joy of his divine soul. He wondered, could he truly cultivate every Great Dao?

Lu Chen then flew into the air, seeking a cave with relatively dense spiritual energy.

Upon entering the cave, Lu Chen sat down cross-legged, beginning to sense the Dao Charms of this world.

In just a short while, mysterious phenomena similar to before appeared once again in the Taoist Mysterious Small World. Countless Dao Charms interwove, flying towards Lu Chen’s location.

Seeing these phenomena reappear in the sky, the disciples in the Taoist Mysterious Small World were no longer excited; they suspected that this commotion was caused by Lu Chen again.

Still, some disciples approached the cave where the Dao Charms converged with uneasy hearts. When they discovered it was Lu Chen inside, they fled in fear.

Without anyone bothering him, Lu Chen quickly calmed his mind, feeling the Dao Charms of this world.

Rapidly, the converging Dao Charms surrounded his body, and countless golden paths appeared in his sea of consciousness.

These paths eventually converged into a main road, the Creation Dao, which was the first path Lu Chen comprehended.

The Creation Dao evolved into the Three Thousand Great Dao. Comprehending the Creation Dao equated to comprehending all Great Dao.

After the birth of the Creation Dao, the first to evolve was the Life Dao, which bore many similarities to the Creation Dao, causing Lu Chen to initially mistake it for the Creation Dao.

At this time, Lu Chen's divine sense walked upon the Creation Dao, with cosmic birth scenes continuously replaying around it. For some reason, these scenes felt incredibly familiar to him, as if he had created this universe himself.

As time passed, Lu Chen's divine sense reached the point where the Creation Dao evolved into other Great Dao.

When Lu Chen arrived at the end of the Creation Dao, the myriad Great Daos of the universe resounded simultaneously, and all Great Emperors sensed a shadow appearing on their Great Daos.

For a moment, the Great Emperors of the universe inquired among themselves, wanting to know what had happened.

“What’s going on? Why did a figure appear on my Great Dao?”

“Who is that person? How could they leave a shadow on my Great Dao?”

“Do you all have figures on your Great Daos too? Is this person the same individual on our Daos?”

“The same person? You’ve got to be joking. Who can comprehend so many Great Daos at once?”

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Meanwhile.

Deep within the Tianji Pavilion.

In the Starry Sky Pavilion, Xuan Tian suddenly opened his eyes wide, filled with shock and terror.

“It’s him... he has awakened!!!”

“No, this era must end quickly. We cannot let him awaken fully!”

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In a certain star domain.

On a purple Immortal Ship, Xuan Qingyun quietly sensed the echoes from the deep cosmos.

She softly muttered, “The Great Daos are resonating, he is about to awaken, the first phase is about to begin.”

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Lu Chen remained unaware of the tumult outside. His divine sense gazed at the myriad Great Daos before him, lost in thought.

Since he had comprehended the Creation Dao, the beginning of all Great Daos, did that mean he could harness the power of any Great Dao?

Lu Chen then retracted his divine sense and left the Creation Dao.

After opening his eyes, without any hesitation, he targeted a spirit grass inside the cave, attempting to use the power of the Death Path.

The next moment, black qi enveloped the spirit grass, which soon withered.

Lu Chen felt a thrill in his heart. He hadn't expected it to be true; he could indeed mobilize the power of all Great Daos.

He then closed his eyes again, continuing to familiarize himself with the Dao Charms around him. Although he could wield the powers of various Great Daos, he wasn't proficient due to the sheer number of Daos.

His immediate priority was to become familiar with the power of all Great Daos so that he could effortlessly utilize them in the future.

Lu Chen spent his time in the Taoist Mysterious Small World getting acquainted with various Great Dao powers.

Days passed, and the trials in the Taoist Mysterious Small World came to an end.

When the passage of the Taoist Mysterious Small World opened again, Lu Chen's body was sent out with it.

As the disciples of the Taoist Mysterious Small World appeared in the square, the oppressive atmosphere made them feel silent and subdued. Not a single person spoke.

At this time, the death qi on Xuanming Emperor surged, while the aura of Emperor Yanyue continued to climb, looking as though they could clash at any moment.

Lu Chen glanced around, seeing Xuanming Emperor staring at him with murderous intent. He smiled faintly, thinking that it seemed his plan had worked.

Just as Xuanming Emperor was about to speak, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall spoke first, “Lu Chen, do you realize your crime?”

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen responded with dignity, “Disciple does not know.”

The Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall snorted coldly, “The Taoist Mysterious Small World is a place for you to comprehend the Great Daos, not a place for mutual slaughter.”

“Even though the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall attacked first, they were merely seeking opportunities, and you outright killed them!”

“With such a mindset filled with a heavy killing intent, even if you grow stronger, you will be a menace.”

“Henceforth, you will go to the Serenity Tower to reflect, and upon the Palace Master’s emergence from seclusion, we shall decide your fate.”

Chapter 1412: Are you here to see me, or are you here to see her?

After hearing the words of the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall, Lu Chen did not show any joy.

Even though his goal was indeed to enter the Serenity Tower, if he acted too excited, it might raise suspicions.

The Serenity Tower was a place for punishment; if someone was excited about being punished, even a fool would know something was wrong.

Lu Chen let out a cold laugh and said, “The disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall wanted to kill me, and I am wrong for defending myself? Senior, are you unable to discern right from wrong?”

Upon hearing these words, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall furrowed his brows and rebuked, “You can resist, but there was no need for you to be so ruthless. Moreover, how do you know they wanted to kill you?”

Lu Chen glanced at the Xuanming Emperor and then said, “Senior, do you take me for a fool? The son of someone in the Heavenly Mountain Hall wanted to vie for the position of Saint Heir. As long as I am alive, how could he possibly get the position?”

As Lu Chen said this, his gaze swept across the Xuanming Emperor. Seeing that Lu Chen directly looked at him, the Xuanming Emperor’s Death Qi surged instantly.

The Xuanming Emperor shouted loudly.

“You insolent! What nonsense are you spouting!”

The Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall immediately said, “Lu Chen, how dare you slander an emperor!”

“Apologize to the Xuanming Emperor at once!”

Lu Chen sneered and said, “Everyone here knows full well what the Xuanming Emperor is thinking, there is no need for me to slander him.”

The Xuanming Emperor could no longer hold back.

An emperor cannot be insulted!

Even though Lu Chen's talent was exceptional, he was now merely a cultivator at the Sixth Layer of the Returning Ruin Realm. How dare he speak to him in such a manner? If Lu Chen continued to be so arrogant, how would others view the Xuanming Emperor?

The next moment, the Xuanming Emperor struck at Lu Chen with a palm. The Emperor Yanyue furrowed his brows and shouted, "Xuanming, what are you doing!"

As the words fell, Emperor Yanyue appeared before Lu Chen and struck out with a palm as well.

The collision of the two palm forces caused the entire plaza to shake violently.

The Xuanming Emperor said coldly, "Yanyue, Lu Chen not only slaughtered my disciples from the Heavenly Mountain Hall but also slandered me publicly here. Are you truly going to shield him?"

Emperor Yanyue responded indifferently, "How to punish Lu Chen will be decided after the Palace Master comes out of seclusion."

"As for whether Lu Chen slandered you, you know it yourself."

The Xuanming Emperor was about to say more when the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall released the Emperor's Mighty pressure, instantly suppressing the auras of both Emperor Yanyue and the Xuanming Emperor.

"Enough! Lu Chen, no matter what, the fact remains that you harmed your own sect members. From today onwards, you will face the wall in the Serenity Tower to reflect on your actions."

"As for your speculations, they are pure nonsense. The Xuanming Emperor, after all, is an Emperor, not as petty as you think."

Seeing that even the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall had spoken, the Xuanming Emperor had to yield, understanding that the Hall Master was also reminding him not to lose face in front of the disciples of the Yunhua Palace.

A dignified emperor had actually struck out at a cultivator of the Returning Ruin Realm; this would indeed be disgraceful if spread around.

Within the Taoist Mysterious Small World, the disciples of the Heavenly Mountain Hall attacking Lu Chen could still be excused as fighting for opportunities, but if the Xuanming Emperor struck personally, it would essentially confirm what Lu Chen said. Then, how would the other disciples of Yunhua Palace view the Heavenly Mountain Hall and Yunhua Palace?

The Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall glanced at the emperors present and then asked, “Everyone, do you have anything to say?”

The Mixed Element Emperor smiled and said, “You are the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall, handle it as you see fit; we have no objections.”

Emperor Yanyue also said at this time, “I agree with Senior Brother.”

The Xuanming Emperor clenched his fists, filled with killing intent as he glanced at Lu Chen, before also saying, “I have no objections.”

The Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall then looked at Lu Chen, “Very well, you shall go to the Serenity Tower now!”

Lu Chen shouted, “I do not accept this!”

Seeing that Lu Chen wanted to continue arguing, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall raised his large hand. The next moment, a huge vortex appeared at Lu Chen’s feet, and in an instant, Lu Chen disappeared on the spot.

After Lu Chen disappeared, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall continued, “Alright, the Daoist Debate Conference continues!”

When Lu Chen opened his eyes again, he found himself in an endless desert. Releasing his Divine Sense to investigate, he saw numerous skeletons in a meditative

posture throughout the desert. It looked like those people had been imprisoned in the Serenity Tower and had never managed to leave before dying.

Tianchen World.

Yancheng Imperial Palace.

Lu Chen's Quasi-Emperor secondary body arrived at Liu Qingqiu's bedchamber. Liu Qingqiu was meditating. Upon sensing Lu Chen's aura, Liu Qingqiu immediately opened her eyes.

"Are you here for me, or for her?"

Hearing this, Lu Chen stepped forward to Liu Qingqiu's side, holding her soft and voluptuous body, "Why do you sound so jealous?"

"What, are you jealous of yourself?"

Liu Qingqiu said expressionlessly, "She is she, and I am I."

Lu Chen said, "Why make such a clear distinction, you see, I never get jealous of my own secondary body."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu gave Lu Chen a sidelong glance, "Do you even call that a secondary body?"

Lu Chen simply had no so-called secondary body. The body Lu Chen used was created by him through the Creation Dao, and all bodies had only one Divine Soul, different from other cultivators' secondary bodies which had their own consciousness.

Liu Qingqiu was too lazy to continue arguing with Lu Chen about this, so she asked, "So, what is it? She's been thinking about you all this time."

Liu Qingyun knew that Lu Chen had gone to the Yunhua Palace and had been worried about Lu Chen's safety, fearing that his identity would be revealed, and the Life-saving Empress would discover he was the man who took her purity.

Lu Chen said, "My secondary body is in the Serenity Tower now, but where I am is a vast desert. I want to ask Qingyun how to leave the place I am in."

Just as Lu Chen finished speaking, Liu Qingqiu's eyes flickered, and her entire demeanor changed instantly, "You entered the Serenity Tower?"

Liu Qingyun's voice was tinged with incredulity. Lu Chen had only been in the Yunhua Palace for a short while, yet he had already infiltrated the Serenity Tower.

The Serenity Tower was not a place anyone could enter.

Lu Chen immediately noticed that the person in his arms had changed and smiled, "Well, Yun'er, surprise!"

Liu Qingyun calmed her emotions and, with a worried expression, said, "Every level of the Serenity Tower has a Guardian, and the higher up you go, the better the environment. I am now on the first level. You said you're in a desert; it's very likely the first level."

This...

Lu Chen was stunned for a moment, thinking that entering the Serenity Tower would allow him to take Liu Qingyun away, but entering it was only the beginning.

After regaining his composure, Lu Chen immediately asked, "How many levels does the Serenity Tower have?"

Liu Qingyun replied, "Thirteen levels."

Lu Chen fell silent; thirteen levels, it would indeed take quite some effort.

While Lu Chen was lost in thought, Liu Qingyun continued, “Each level of the Serenity Tower has a Guardian with the power of a Quasi-Emperor...”

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun also fell silent.

Chapter 1413: It Seems Her Lover Has Arrived

Lu Chen’s avatar is only at the sixth layer of the Returning Ruin Realm, so it’s impossible for him to be a match for a Quasi-Emperor. Thus, the idea of Lu Chen wanting to reach the upper floors of the Serenity Tower is almost impossible.

In other words, everything Lu Chen had done previously was in vain.

After a moment of silence, Lu Chen suddenly said, “Don’t worry, I have a way to reach the top floor.”

Liu Qingyun curiously asked, “What way?”

The guardians of each floor in the Serenity Tower won’t allow people inside to wander around unless they have an order from the Palace Master or the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall.

Lu Chen smiled and said, “You’ll find out soon enough.”

At this moment, inside the Serenity Tower, Lu Chen opened his eyes, and circles of Dao Charm suddenly appeared in front of him.

Seeing these Dao Charms, the corners of Lu Chen’s mouth lifted slightly. His Creation Dao was the beginning of all Daos, and now he could use other Daos too. Thus, he was very familiar with the power of Dao within the Serenity Tower.

The Serenity Tower was able to create so many small worlds because it harnessed the Space Path. Now, he too could use the Space Path, and his understanding of it was even deeper than the creator of the Serenity Tower’s.

Although with his avatar's strength it's still impossible to destroy the Serenity Tower, utilizing the Space Path to freely travel within it wouldn't be much of a problem.

Lu Chen immediately invoked the power of Dao to connect with the Dao Charms of Space within the Serenity Tower. The next moment, a spatial vortex appeared before him.

Lu Chen's heart leaped with joy. Indeed, he had succeeded. Without a moment's hesitation, he stepped into the spatial vortex.

When light once again appeared before his eyes, he had arrived at a barren wasteland. However, compared to the desolation of the first layer, this layer had a few more low plants.

Lu Chen used the power of Space Path again to connect with the Dao Charms of Space within the Serenity Tower. Shortly after, a spatial vortex appeared once more, and Lu Chen moved on to the next layer.

With his current strength, he could only go layer by layer, but that was enough. As long as he could reach the top floor.

The top floor of the Serenity Tower.

Among the sea of flowers, Liu Qingyun's true body sat in a thatched cottage, gazing at the distant sea of flowers, her mind wandering.

She was a bit curious. Could it be that Lu Chen really had a way to bypass the guardians and reach the top floor?

Wasn't Lu Chen's avatar only at the strength of the Returning Ruin Realm? How could he possibly bypass the guardians?

Don't get caught when the time comes...

Thinking of this, Liu Qingyun's expression turned a bit gloomy.

Just as Liu Qingyun was lost in thought, a spatial vortex suddenly appeared in the sea of flowers.

Seeing this vortex, Liu Qingyun was dumbfounded. The next moment, she subconsciously stood up, her gaze fixed intently on the spatial vortex.

Anticipation, tension, and fear interwove in Liu Qingyun's heart.

She didn't know who the person coming was.

Was it Lu Chen, or someone else?

At this moment, Lu Chen stepped out from the spatial vortex.

Seeing that it was Lu Chen, Liu Qingyun was stunned in place.

Although she had longed to see Lu Chen again, when she truly saw him, she didn't know how to react.

Perhaps it was because she remembered how he had manipulated her when they first met, causing her to still harbor some resentment toward him. The combination of resentment and longing made her feelings for Lu Chen complicated.

"Lu... Lu Chen..."

"It's really... you..."

Liu Qingyun's lips parted slightly as she mumbled.

Seeing Liu Qingyun standing there, a look of disbelief on her face, Lu Chen smiled and said, "I told you, I have a way to reach the top floor."

"Alright, now is not the time to talk about this."

Lu Chen hadn't forgotten his purpose. He immediately took out a spirit stone and began constructing the Holy Tier Transmission Array.

In a short while, Lu Chen had finished building the Holy Tier Transmission Array. Then he walked over to the still-stunned Liu Qingyun, grabbed her, and jumped into the array.

As soon as the two entered the Holy Tier Transmission Array, the gateway of the array in the Serenity Tower shattered instantly, the explosive sound echoing throughout the entire tower.

The whole Serenity Tower shook violently.

In a secret room of Yunhua Palace.

The Life-saving Empress suddenly opened her eyes. She had sensed the anomaly in the Serenity Tower. The next moment, her imposing aura burst forth. In an instant, she disappeared from the spot and appeared outside the Serenity Tower.

At this time, the other Great Emperors of Yunhua Palace also paused their Dao Discussion Meeting and all arrived outside the Serenity Tower.

The Life-saving Empress coldly glanced at the Great Emperors, "What happened? Why is there an anomaly in the Serenity Tower?"

The Great Emperors looked at each other. They had just arrived at the Serenity Tower too.

At this moment, the guardian of the top floor suddenly appeared in front of the Life-saving Empress, "Palace Master, something terrible has happened. Young Master... Liu Qingyun has escaped!"

Hearing this, the Great Emperors were dumbfounded.

Escaped?

This is the Serenity Tower!

Liu Qingyun actually managed to escape from the Serenity Tower?

Without a token, even a Great Emperor would find it difficult to escape from the Serenity Tower. How did Liu Qingyun manage to escape?

How did she do it?

The Life-saving Empress did not ask further. Her figure disappeared again. The next moment, she appeared in the sea of flowers on the top floor.

The sea of flowers had been turned upside down, with deep ravines everywhere, and broken spirit stones scattered all over.

The other Great Emperors quickly followed the Life-saving Empress, and upon seeing the chaotic scene, they fell silent.

Not only did Liu Qingyun escape, but she also managed to destroy the top floor of the Serenity Tower. The tower had strong suppression, the higher the floor, the stronger the suppression. By right, Liu Qingyun should now have no strength left, let alone cause such destruction.

The Life-saving Empress released some spiritual power to investigate the situation of this layer. Soon, she understood what had happened.

She snorted coldly and said, "It seems her lover has come!"

Upon hearing this sudden assertion by the Life-saving Empress, the Great Emperors exchanged glances.

Lover? What lover?

The Life-saving Empress then turned to the Great Emperors, “Did anyone enter the Serenity Tower earlier?”

Hearing the Life-saving Empress’ question, the Hall Master of the Law Enforcement Hall felt a pang of fright. After gathering his thoughts, he quickly said, “There was a disciple in the Taoist Mysterious Small World who harmed his peers. I imprisoned him in the Serenity Tower.”

The Life-saving Empress immediately understood. She sneered and said, “Pretending to be a disciple and blending into Yunhua Palace, then committing a mistake to enter the Serenity Tower—what a well-thought-out plan.”

Upon realizing this, the Great Emperors also understood. The face of Emperor Yanyue turned pale. She had felt something was amiss. As it turned out, Lu Chen indeed had a hidden agenda.

At this moment, Emperor Xuanming gloated as he looked at Emperor Yanyue, “Yanyue, it was you who brought Lu Chen here. Did you know his identity and intentionally bring him in to help him free Liu Qingyun from the Serenity Tower?”

Emperor Yanyue ignored Emperor Xuanming and immediately said to the Life-saving Empress, “Please understand, Palace Master, I didn’t know Lu Chen had ulterior motives.”

Chapter 1414: For me, the more the better

Upon hearing the conversation between Emperor Xuanming and Emperor Yanyue, the Life-saving Empress immediately guessed what had happened.

Then she glanced at the Great Emperors watching the drama, “Yanyue stays, the others return.”

Hearing this, the Great Emperors replied in unison, “Yes, Palace Master.”

Then the Great Emperors left the Serenity Tower, leaving only Emperor Yanyue and the Life-saving Empress.

The Life-saving Empress asked coldly, “Wasn’t it made clear that you were to be the Protector of the Saintess? Why have you returned?”

Emperor Yanyue quickly said, “Palace Master, while protecting the Saintess, I encountered a sixteen-year-old youth in the Returning Ruin Realm. Seeing his extraordinary talent, I separated a strand of my Divine Soul and brought him back.”

“Who would have thought that his true objective was Liu Qingyun!”

“Please, Palace Master, punish me!”

Upon hearing Yanyue’s words, the Life-saving Empress fell into contemplation.

However, she did not blame Yanyue and instead asked, “Describe in detail how you met him, and everything he did in Yunhua Palace, tell me thoroughly.”

“Yes, Palace Master.”

Emperor Yanyue then recounted where she met Lu Chen, what Lu Chen did in Yunhua Palace, and the anomalies he caused in the Taoist Mysterious Small World to the Life-saving Empress.

After hearing Yanyue’s words, the Life-saving Empress’s expression became even more severe.

This was the first time she had heard of another cultivator comprehending the Life Dao, arousing her curiosity. Whether Lu Chen defiled Liu Qingyun because he truly loved her or because he knew she was prepared as the Seizing Body was uncertain.

Cultivators on the same path are generally amicable, but exceptions exist.

When there are few cultivators on a path, they tend not to tolerate the presence of others.

Take the Slaughter Path, for example. Currently, Emperor Shenwu is the sole master of it. If he discovered another Quasi-Emperor mastering the Slaughter Path, he would eliminate them at all costs.

As long as he remains the sole master, he could monopolize the entire Power of Slaughter.

The Life-saving Empress suspected Lu Chen of trying to sabotage her reincarnation plan, eliminating her to control the Life Dao himself.

At this thought, the Life-saving Empress sneered, “How greedy, does he not fear being overwhelmed?”

The Life-saving Empress was now almost certain that Lu Chen was a Great Emperor on the Life Dao, and creating a deceptive secondary body to mislead Yanyue was not surprising.

A Great Emperor mastering the Life Dao could easily create a deceptive secondary body; even she could do it.

In any case, enmity had been formed.

Daring to sabotage her reincarnation plan, no matter who it is, must die!

The Life-saving Empress then said to Yanyue, “Let’s forget this time. If it happens again, you know the consequences.”

Hearing the Life-saving Empress’s warning, Emperor Yanyue broke into a cold sweat, understanding that in the past, the Life-saving Empress would surely punish her. However, with the impending catastrophe, they all needed to prepare, explaining why she was spared this time.

But the Life-saving Empress wouldn’t always be so lenient. Emperor Yanyue quickly said, “Rest assured, Palace Master, I will never bring anyone into Yunhua Palace without permission again!”

The Life-saving Empress then asked, “How is the Saintess’s training progressing?”

Emperor Yanyue replied, “Reporting to the Palace Master, the Saintess is heading towards the edge of the universe. She says she wants to revisit her birthplace.”

The Life-saving Empress frowned, revisit her birthplace?

“So she hasn’t severed her worldly attachments?”

Wanting to revisit her birthplace means Lie Hongyun still has emotional ties to people or things from her past, which is not good, at least not for the Life-saving Empress.

She did not want to see Lie Hongyun as an emotional person. With Liu Qingyun as a precedent, any sign of emotions from Lie Hongyun would make the Life-saving Empress wary.

The Life-saving Empress then said, “Keep a close eye on her. If there’s anything in her hometown that she misses, find a way to eliminate it.”

Emperor Yanyue understood the Life-saving Empress’s intent, “Yes, Palace Master.”

The Life-saving Empress glanced again at the chaotic scene before her, sneering, “Do not let me find you.”

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Lu Chen directly brought Liu Qingyun back to Liu Qingqiu’s chamber in the Yancheng Imperial Palace. Liu Qingqiu had been planning to cultivate with Lu Chen’s Quasi-Emperor secondary body, but the next moment, two figures appeared in the room.

Seeing the main body suddenly appear in her chamber, Liu Qingqiu’s jade-like hands, which had been unfastening Lu Chen’s belt, froze.

She hadn't expected Lu Chen to bring the main body back so quickly. Earlier, the main body's Divine Sense had been in utter despair, and within an hour, she had been rescued.

Seeing her main body, Liu Qingqiu felt a mix of emotions. She knew very well that Lu Chen's affection for the main body far exceeded his affection for her.

Even though she was identical to the main body, whenever Liu Qingyun took over her body, Lu Chen became exceedingly ferocious.

Everyone knew that Lu Chen's intensity was directly proportional to his affection for the woman.

Previously, Lu Chen treated her as the main body. Now, with the main body back, her role as a replacement might be over, and perhaps she would disappear in the future.

Looking at Liu Qingyun, Liu Qingqiu said with complex feelings, "Now that you're saved, it's time for us to fully merge."

Though Liu Qingqiu felt reluctant, she had grown accustomed to Liu Qingyun using her body to be with Lu Chen and had come to terms with it.

Their relationship was different from that of Yun Xianxian and Yun Qingshu. Liu Qingqiu's connection with Liu Qingyun was more intimate; a mere thought from Liu Qingyun could take control of her body.

From Liu Qingqiu's tone, Liu Qingyun sensed her unwillingness. She calmly said, "If you wish to continue existing, we don't have to merge."

Liu Qingqiu looked at Lu Chen, "What do you think?"

Lu Chen raised his hand and caressed Liu Qingqiu's delicate cheek, "To me, the more, the merrier."

Liu Qingqiu gave Lu Chen an exasperated look.

“Enough of that. Qingyun has finally escaped her ordeal, so we should celebrate properly.”

Before he finished speaking, Lu Chen’s Returning Ruin Realm body disappeared, and his Great Emperor main body appeared beside Liu Qingyun.

Feeling the pressure from Lu Chen, Liu Qingyun was slightly taken aback, her mature and stunning face showed a hint of coldness.

Although she had used Liu Qingqiu’s body to be with Lu Chen over the years, it was just a secondary body, and all sensations were somewhat dampened.

The main body was completely different. Memories of the various situations in the Red Flower Sedan with Lu Chen flooded her mind.

At that moment, Lu Chen’s deep voice sounded in Liu Qingyun’s ear, “Didn’t you say that if I saved you, you would do as I pleased from now on? Right?”

Chapter 1415: The Perplexed Lie Hongyun

Hearing Lu Chen’s devilish murmurs, a strange feeling surged through her heart instantly, causing her delicate body to tremble lightly and render it weak and powerless.

Ever since she had been confined in the Serenity Tower, she had fantasized about such a day, but when actually facing Lu Chen, this tyrant, she felt fear blooming inside her.

She had never expected that Lu Chen would actually rescue her. In her eyes, although Lu Chen had great potential, the Great Sum Dynasty and Yunhua Palace were on completely different levels. It was impossible for Lu Chen to save her.

Seeing Liu Qingyun suddenly fall silent, Lu Chen’s hands slipped through her armpits, wrapping around her soft, slender waist. He then whispered softly by her ear, “Yun’er, you’re truly beautiful.”

Lu Chen's closeness allowed Liu Qingyun to feel a rush of masculine aura.

And the gauzy fabric on her body was as thin as a cicada's wings, as if their bodies were already pressed together, allowing Lu Chen to clearly feel the heat of her skin.

Seeing Lu Chen's main body flirting with Liu Qingyun, Liu Qingqiu, who was on the soft couch, glanced at Lu Chen's secondary body and said, "So that's what you're up to."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "What do you mean, up to?"

Liu Qingqiu snorted coldly and didn't continue speaking.

Lu Chen had done plenty of absurd things; having his main and secondary bodies serve him simultaneously was normal for him.

At this moment, Liu Qingyun's jade-like cheeks flushed slightly. Even though Liu Qingqiu was her secondary body, Lu Chen's actions in front of her secondary body made her feel a sense of shame.

Lu Chen's main body held Liu Qingyun's slender waist, moving slowly towards the edge of the soft couch. When Liu Qingyun got near, Lu Chen turned her around, hugging her from the front.

Being stared at so intensely by Lu Chen's fiery gaze, even the usually icy Liu Qingyun couldn't resist. Her body gradually softened, and if it hadn't been for Lu Chen holding her, she might have collapsed onto the floor.

Liu Qingyun struggled to stabilize her body, trying to maintain her composure. Looking coldly at Lu Chen, she said, "Am I now one of your collectibles?"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Collectibles? Don't make it sound so unpleasant. You are my woman."

With that, Lu Chen gently placed Liu Qingyun on the soft couch and slowly leaned over her.

Lying on the couch, Liu Qingyun's hands rested beside her fragrant shoulders, her jade-like head tilted to the side, not daring to meet Lu Chen's eyes, giving off an air of submission.

Seeing the ice beauty accept her fate, Lu Chen recalled the events in the Red Flower Sedan, causing a rush of emotions inside him.

As Liu Qingyun thought Lu Chen was about to ravage her, she suddenly heard Liu Qingqiu's voice beside her.

“Ah!”

“What are you doing? Mmph!”

Liu Qingqiu had thought that Liu Qingyun would be the main subject today since Liu Qingyun was the main body. Unexpectedly, Lu Chen didn't touch Liu Qingyun but instead laid his devilish hands on her first.

Liu Qingyun's head turned to the side, witnessing Lu Chen's Quasi-Emperor secondary body tormenting Liu Qingqiu, leaving Liu Qingyun momentarily stunned.

Then, she heard Lu Chen's voice in her ear, “Oh, sorry, it's a habit.”

With his divine soul controlling two bodies, it was possible that Liu Qingyun often possessed Liu Qingqiu, causing Lu Chen, in his excitement, to mistake Liu Qingqiu for Liu Qingyun.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu being tormented, Liu Qingyun couldn't help but feel strange inside. At that moment, Lu Chen reached out, pinched her chin, and turned her face to look directly at him.

Despite her still icy demeanor, Liu Qingyun's cold jade-like cheeks had already blushed deeply.

At this point, Liu Qingyun asked, “Was I also your woman in my past life?”

This question caused Lu Chen’s hand, which was about to tear open Liu Qingyun’s clothes, to freeze in mid-air. He looked into Liu Qingyun’s chilly eyes and asked in return, “Have you awakened your past life’s memories?”

Liu Qingyun replied aloofly, “Some of them.”

Since doing that sort of thing with Lu Chen, fragments of memories had occasionally appeared in her mind. All of those memory fragments depicted scenes of living with Lu Chen, so she suspected that she and Lu Chen had some relationship in a past life.

Even if not in the last life, perhaps in the lifetime before that. At the very least, she had some intersection with Lu Chen in one of her lifetimes.

Of course, she had also wondered if this was Lu Chen’s trick. However, she didn’t believe Lu Chen would use such a complex method just to win over a woman like her.

Lu Chen said, “To be honest, I’m not entirely sure if we had any relationship in our past lives.”

With that, Lu Chen took hold of Liu Qingyun’s waistband and gave it a gentle pull.

Rip...

Liu Qingyun looked speechlessly at Lu Chen. Although she didn’t lack clothing, there was no need for him to be so impatient, right?

It seemed like Lu Chen just enjoyed tearing clothes.

As Lu Chen lightly caressed Liu Qingyun’s body, he said, “I’ve also gradually realized that most of the women I’m involved with in this lifetime have some connection to my past or previous lives.”

Hearing this, Liu Qingyun paused slightly. If this were the case, she indeed might have had some relationship with Lu Chen in her past life?

Could this be why she was brought to Lu Chen's side by the Red Flower Sedan?

Lu Chen continued, "I've only recovered part of my memory. Perhaps when I fully regain my memory, everything will become clear."

"Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. Whether we had any relationship in our past lives, you are my woman in this life."

With that, Lu Chen's body pressed down slightly, and he lowered himself to kiss Liu Qingyun.

"Mmph, mmph!"

Liu Qingyun struggled lightly. Despite it being the second time her main body had direct contact with Lu Chen, she was still a bit unaccustomed. But soon, she fully accepted Lu Chen.

Moments later, the actions of Lu Chen's main and secondary bodies began to synchronize.

Meanwhile...

In the Fengyang Star Domain...

Lie Hongyun stood in the void, watching the metallic starships coming and going in the distance, looking dazed.

She was somewhat doubtful whether she was in the right place or if she had been transported to another universe.

Next to her, Emperor Yanyue felt the same way as Lie Hongyun upon seeing the scene.

Lie Hongyun was puzzled. Wasn't this supposed to be the Fengyang Star Domain?

When did the Fengyang Star Domain become like this?

What were these metal Immortal Boats? Why was there so little Xianjin on these boats?

And the way these metal Immortal Boats moved, it didn't seem like they were driven by Spiritual Power?

Could they advance in the void without using Spiritual Power?

Emperor Yanyue turned to look at Lie Hongyun, "Saintess, this star domain is too strange. Let's leave for now."

As the Hall Master of Yunhua Palace, Emperor Yanyue had traveled to countless star domains, even the Outer Domain, but it was her first time seeing such a bizarre sight.

Moreover, the Fengyang Star Domain was supposed to be on the edge of the universe and shouldn't be this prosperous. Yet it was astonishingly thriving.

Those metal Immortal Boats were coming and going, and occasionally Saint Cultivators would fly through the void, making it quite lively.

Lie Hongyun remained silent for a moment, then directed her gaze towards a world below emitting purple light, "Let's first check out this world."

Chapter 1416: Heavenly Emperor? Such an Arrogant Person!

Seeing that Lie Hongyun insisted on staying in the Fengyang Star Domain, Emperor Yanyue had nothing more to say.

The two of them then went to a nearby Life World. As soon as they entered, they were once again shocked by the sight before them.

This Life World was filled with tall buildings everywhere, and the spaces between the buildings were bustling with metal boxes that looked like some kind of vehicle.

There were not only vehicles on the ground but also countless flying boats in the sky.

The prosperity of this world had already surpassed that of Yunhua Palace's main star.

Emperor Yanyue frowned and immediately released his divine sense to scan the entire world.

The strongest presence in this world was only a Quasi-Emperor, but the world was suffused with rich dynasty qi fortune. Even a Quasi-Emperor's strength here could likely rival that of a newly ascended Great Emperor.

Emperor Yanyue murmured to himself, "Indeed, something is amiss!"

As soon as Emperor Yanyue's voice fell, a voice echoed from the sky.

"I wonder why the senior has come here?"

In the next moment, a middle-aged Quasi-Emperor appeared in front of Emperor Yanyue and Lie Hongyun.

Jiang Qingfeng had been in seclusion cultivation when he felt a powerful divine thought sweep across the world, thinking that a Great Emperor had invaded. He hurriedly emerged from his cultivation chamber.

However, upon seeing only two people, Jiang Qingfeng slightly relaxed. They did not seem to be here to attack the Daxia Dynasty; otherwise, they wouldn't be so relaxed.

Emperor Yanyue directly asked, "What dynasty is this?"

Seeing Emperor Yanyue ask this question, Jiang Qingfeng thought the other party must be a Great Emperor passing by. Without hiding anything, he directly replied, "Senior, this is the Daxia Dynasty."

Hearing Jiang Qingfeng's answer, Lie Hongyun was slightly stunned. The Daxia Dynasty?

If she remembered correctly, it should have been the Great Sum that destroyed her dynasty, right?

She remembered that when she left the Chaotic Star Sea, Great Sum was just a dynasty, shrinking back into the Chaotic Star Sea.

As she thought, in no time, the Great Sum had already become an empire, and its influence had spread into the Fengyang Star Domain.

The Fengyang Star Domain was ruled by the Qingyun Dynasty. If even the Fengyang Star Domain had been occupied by the Daxia Dynasty, did it mean that the entire Qingyun Dynasty had already been destroyed by the Daxia Dynasty?

Who could grow at such a rapid rate?

Even though she had always thought that Lu Chen was a Great Emperor reborn, the speed at which he regained his strength was too fast. She was also a Great Emperor reborn, and she believed her recovery rate was unmatched by other reborn Great Emperors.

For a moment, Lie Hongyun's eyebrows knitted. She had returned to the Chaotic Star Sea this time to resolve the marriage line.

To resolve the marriage line, she either had to kill Lu Chen or go with the flow and become Lu Chen's woman.

As a reborn Great Emperor, she didn't actually want to submit to anyone, even though she hadn't made up her mind to kill Lu Chen yet, but the thought had crossed her mind.

Now that Lu Chen had developed the Daxia Dynasty to this scale, it meant that his strength had already far surpassed hers. The path of killing Lu Chen was destined to be unworkable.

In this situation, did she really have no choice but to submit to him?

Seeing Lie Hongyun remain silent with a somewhat cold look in her eyes, Emperor Yanyue immediately asked, “Saintess, did you find something?”

Lie Hongyun did not answer Emperor Yanyue’s question. Instead, she looked at Jiang Qingfeng in the distance and asked, “Who is the ruler of your Daxia Dynasty?”

Jiang Qingfeng thought for a moment before responding, “It should be Emperor Xia, I suppose.”

Although the current emperor of the Daxia Dynasty was Lu Changfeng, in reality, the Daxia Dynasty was still under Lu Chen’s control since he was its founder. Jiang Qingfeng felt the true ruler was still Lu Chen.

Upon hearing Jiang Qingfeng’s answer, Emperor Yanyue chuckled, “Emperor Xia? Such arrogance!”

Not just anybody could call themselves a Heavenly Emperor. Strong as Emperor Shenwu and the Life-saving Empress were, neither dared call themselves Heavenly Emperor.

For the ruler of a fringe dynasty to dare call themselves Heavenly Emperor, how audacious.

Hearing the disdain in Emperor Yanyue’s tone, Jiang Qingfeng frowned. Though this person was a Great Emperor, nobody could look down on the Heavenly Emperor, especially in the Daxia Dynasty.

Jiang Qingfeng then said, “Please take back what you said, Senior.”

Emperor Yanyue sneered and said indifferently, “In this universe, no one dares to call themselves Heavenly Emperor. Even among the Shenyue Dynasty, none dare. Who gave your ruler the courage to call themselves Heavenly Emperor?”

Jiang Qingfeng stated seriously, “If you do not take back what you said, Senior, then please leave the Daxia Dynasty immediately. The Daxia Dynasty does not welcome you.”

Emperor Yanyue said calmly, “Indeed, such arrogance from a dynasty founded by someone calling themselves Heavenly Emperor. Even a Quasi-Emperor dares act so arrogantly before me.”

As he spoke, Emperor Yanyue unleashed the aura of a Great Emperor, exerting a strong pressure that made Jiang Qingfeng’s body bend slightly.

Even though Jiang Qingfeng had the support of the Daxia Dynasty’s qi fortune, giving him barely enough power to fight a Great Emperor, Emperor Yanyue was a seasoned Great Emperor, far stronger than most. Dealing with a Quasi-Emperor like Jiang Qingfeng was easy for her.

Jiang Qingfeng gritted his teeth, struggling to hold on. He believed Emperor Xia must already be aware of what was happening here, as the ruler of the dynasty, controlling every action of the Daxia Dynasty.

As Jiang Qingfeng was thinking this, a thunderous voice echoed in the sky, “Who dares to create trouble in my dynasty!”

As the voice faded, a vast force descended from the sky, causing Emperor Yanyue to spit a mouthful of blood.

Shock flashed in Emperor Yanyue’s eyes. How could there be such a powerful Great Emperor in this remote part of the universe?

Who was this person?

After stabilizing herself, Emperor Yanyue quickly asked, “Who are you to dare call yourself Heavenly Emperor? Are you not afraid of Heavenly Dao’s punishment or the other Great Emperors coming for you?”

After hearing Emperor Yanyue’s words, Lu Chen laughed scornfully, “I act as I choose, why need I look at others’ faces!”

The more Emperor Yanyue heard, the darker her expression became.

Arrogant! Too arrogant!

This so-called Emperor Xia was utterly reckless.

Lu Chen continued, “The Daxia Dynasty doesn’t welcome you. You can leave now.”

As his words fell, a vast force immediately expelled Emperor Yanyue from the Daxia Dynasty.

When Emperor Yanyue came to her senses, she was already in a void space, looking at the distant Fengyang Star Domain, her mind blank.

“Not good! The Saintess is still inside!”

Without hesitation, Emperor Yanyue activated her Emperor Dharma Form. A giant figure appeared in the void, and she unleashed a palm strike with the force of a star towards the Fengyang Star Domain.

“Hand over my palace’s Saintess immediately!”

Chapter 1417: The Path I Walk is the Slaughter Path

Regarding Emperor Yanyue’s attack, Lu Chen had no intention of making a move. With the Immortal Spirit Umbrella present, an attack from a Great Emperor had no impact on the Daxia Dynasty at this moment.

As Emperor Yanyue's palm was about to strike the entire Fengyang Star Domain, a barrier emitting a faint blue light suddenly appeared in the void.

When Emperor Yanyue's palm struck the faint blue barrier, it did not cause any ripples.

Emperor Yanyue looked at this scene in disbelief.

What the hell is this?

It could easily withstand her Fifth Layer attack?

Emperor Yanyue, unwilling to give up, attacked again.

Hundred Spirit Seal!!!

Countless Dao Patterns appeared around Emperor Yanyue's Emperor Dharma Form, and the next moment, all these Dao Patterns collided with the faint blue barrier.

However, the faint blue barrier still showed no signs of movement.

Emperor Yanyue panicked a bit. As Lie Hongyun's Protector, if anything happened to Lie Hongyun, the Life-saving Empress would surely punish her.

This time was different from what happened with Lu Chen. Lu Chen had taken only the former Saintess, who had already been deposed, but Lie Hongyun was the current Saintess, highly regarded by the Life-saving Empress.

If anything happened to the current Saintess under her protection, the Life-saving Empress would undoubtedly rage.

Emperor Yanyue continuously attacked the barrier of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, but it still had no effect.

Lie Hongyun noticed that Emperor Yanyue was being repelled by the Qi Fortune of the Daxia Dynasty and became alert.

When she first met Lu Chen, she clearly saw the desire in his eyes for her. Given the marriage line between them, she knew what Lu Chen might do to her next.

The last time Lu Chen let her go because their strengths were similar, but now that Lu Chen had become a Great Emperor, he wouldn't let her escape again.

As Lie Hongyun was lost in thought, a figure suddenly appeared beside her.

Lie Hongyun was on full alert, releasing her Slaughter Qi.

Feeling the Slaughter Qi from Lie Hongyun, Lu Chen was a bit surprised, not expecting another person similar to Empress Tianhong.

Lu Chen smiled and asked, "It hasn't been long since we last met, why are you so defensive of me?"

Lie Hongyun said, "Congratulations on recovering your cultivation state to the Emperor level in such a short time."

Lu Chen replied, "Congratulations to you too."

At this point, Lu Chen glanced at the identity state of Lie Hongyun.

[Reincarnated Empress, Saintess of Yunhua Palace, Direct Disciple of the Life-saving Empress, First Layer of the Saint Realm, influenced by the marriage line, her cultivation state is difficult to enhance further, planning to return to the Chaotic Star Sea to find the host and sever the marriage line.]

Seeing Lie Hongyun's identity state, Lu Chen thought to himself, Marriage Line? She can also see the Marriage Line?

Lu Chen then calmed his mind, releasing his Divine Sense, sensing the causality between himself and Lie Hongyun.

Indeed, he found a red marriage line entwined around Lie Hongyun, with the other end connected to himself.

Lu Chen then examined Lie Hongyun. She wore a red cloud dress, held a longsword, had a single ponytail, revealing a fair forehead, and exuded a cold aura like a female hero.

“You came to see me this time to sever the causality?”

Hearing this question, Lie Hongyun was slightly stunned, not expecting Lu Chen to guess her intentions.

Lie Hongyun quickly realized that since Lu Chen was an Emperor, it was not surprising he could see the marriage line between them.

Given that he saw the marriage line, he would naturally guess her purpose in returning this time.

As a reincarnated Empress, it was impossible for her to want to be controlled by others, so her purpose was obvious.

Lu Chen continued, “Since there is a marriage line between us, it shows we are destined to be together. Why insist on severing it? Wouldn’t it be better to go with the flow?”

Lie Hongyun replied expressionlessly, “I am a reincarnated Empress.”

Hearing this, Lu Chen laughed and said, “Are you trying to say that an Emperor cannot be humiliated?”

“Even if you are not an Emperor now, you cannot sever the causality between us. Even if you were, so what? You are an Emperor, but so am I. Our relationship is equal, and this is no humiliation to you.”

Lie Hongyun's face remained cold. Although it was logical, as a Great Emperor, how could she be willing to submit to others?

Lie Hongyun released her Slaughter Qi, saying, "I walk the Slaughter Path."

Lie Hongyun's meaning was clear: the Slaughter Path, similar to the Heartless Tao, meant that those heavy with the Power of Slaughter could not harbor emotions, or they would face emotional backlash.

Lu Chen said calmly, "Come with me, I will take you to meet someone."

With those words, Lu Chen waved his hand, using spatial displacement to take Lie Hongyun to a luxurious palace.

In the palace, red curtains were everywhere, embroidered with golden phoenixes, making the place grand and opulent.

In the center of the palace, there was a large bed. On it sat a woman in a phoenix robe.

The Daxia Dynasty had no Queen, but each of Lu Chen's wives could wear a phoenix robe, effectively making them Empresses.

Lie Hongyun did not know this. Seeing the woman, she trembled slightly, wondering if this was the Empress of the Daxia Dynasty.

Why did she exude Slaughter Qi as well?

While Lie Hongyun was lost in thought, Empress Tianhong opened her beautiful eyes, glanced at Lie Hongyun, then looked at Lu Chen.

"Who is she?"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "My woman. I brought her to see you. Both of you walk the Slaughter Path, so you might have some common ground."

Hearing this, Empress Tianhong instantly understood Lu Chen's meaning, feeling displeased. She frowned slightly, and her Slaughter Power filled the palace.

Empress Tianhong coldly said, "I am not your possession. We are merely partners."

Ignoring Empress Tianhong's words, Lu Chen turned to Lie Hongyun and said, "Feel her Slaughter Power. She is a Great Emperor who proves Tao by slaughter. We often engage in dual cultivation, and she is even pregnant with my child."

Hearing this, Lie Hongyun found it hard to believe.

A Great Emperor wielding the Slaughter Path had submitted to someone and was even carrying his child?

This...

How was that possible?

But seeing the marriage line entwined around Empress Tianhong, she had no choice but to believe Lu Chen.

The marriage line around Empress Tianhong was thicker than hers, clearly indicating a deep and profound relationship with Lu Chen.

Though Empress Tianhong's relationship with Lu Chen seemed strained, the marriage line showed they were firmly bound together.

How could this man achieve this with a Great Emperor who proves Tao by slaughter?

Chapter 1418: Once You Become His Woman, There's No Turning Back

Lie Hongyun did not react for a long time, feeling the thick power of slaughter emanating from Empress Tianhong, Lie Hongyun's mind went blank.

Seeing that Lu Chen completely disregarded her words, Empress Tianhong coldly said, "You've seen him, so you can leave now."

Entangled with Lu Chen countless times, Empress Tianhong knew how thick-skinned Lu Chen was, and she couldn't be bothered to get angry with him.

Lu Chen smiled faintly, "Alright, I won't disturb your cultivation."

As he spoke, Lu Chen waved his hand, and the two of them arrived outside the sleeping palace.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun was still in a state of mental turmoil.

Lu Chen said, "Feelings will not affect your path of slaughter. On the contrary, being with me will not only not hinder the restoration of your cultivation state but will actually accelerate it."

Hearing this, Lie Hongyun snapped out of her stupor and asked in confusion, "Why?"

Lu Chen said, "You can ask Empress Tianhong, the one just now, or you can directly engage in dual cultivation with me; then you'll understand why."

Lie Hongyun's jade-like face turned cold again. In the end, this man just coveted her body.

But she was somewhat interested in his words. She now wanted to know why that Empress became Lu Chen's woman and why she bore his children.

Suddenly thinking of something, Lu Chen continued, "Her situation is quite similar to yours. She was initially in a spiritual body state. With my help, she not only restored her physical body but her cultivation also rapidly returned to the Emperor Realm."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, a trace of doubt appeared on Lie Hongyun's face. Could it really be as he said?

Or is this man deceiving her?

Thinking of this, Lie Hongyun asked, "I've already fallen into your hands. Whatever you want to do, just do it. It seems you don't need to say so much to me."

Lie Hongyun was somewhat puzzled. The fervor in this man's eyes was so obvious. Clearly, he wanted her body. With his current strength, making a move on her wouldn't be impossible. Why say all this?

She doubted whether Lu Chen had other motives.

Lu Chen smiled and said, "If it were before, I might have acted directly. Maybe this is growth."

"For now, you will stay in the Daxia Dynasty."

Lie Hongyun reminded him, "I am now the direct disciple of the Palace Master of Yunhua Palace. If you don't release me, it will be a disaster for you."

Lu Chen calmly said, "The former Saintess of Yunhua Palace is currently engaged in dual cultivation with my main body. For me, taking another Saintess is not a big deal."

"The feud is already set. If Yunhua Palace wants to attack the Daxia Dynasty, let them come."

Seeing Lu Chen so confident, Lie Hongyun was extremely puzzled. That was Yunhua Palace, a super force in the universe.

Even in her previous life, she wouldn't dare oppose Yunhua Palace, yet Lu Chen didn't care about offending Yunhua Palace at all.

Both she and Lu Chen were reincarnated Great Emperors. It was one thing for Lu Chen's cultivation to recover faster, but how could he be even bolder than her?

What exactly is his background?

Lu Chen said, "I won't restrict you much within the Daxia Dynasty. You can go wherever you want to go."

"I also won't actively sever the marriage line. When you figure it out, come to Tianchen World to find me."

Lu Chen's mindset had changed significantly compared to when he first started. In the past, he urgently needed to improve his strength. Additionally, the women he had his eyes on were all beauties; he couldn't control himself and was always eager to possess them.

But as the number of women around him grew, he began to value spiritual conquest more. After all, he had enough women. If he was in the mood, he could always find someone to enjoy the lute and zither with.

With that, Lu Chen disappeared on the spot.

After losing Lu Chen's presence, Lie Hongyun stood in the imperial palace, feeling a bit confused.

Now it seemed that her marriage line could not be severed. Could she only become Lu Chen's woman and engage in dual cultivation with him?

Just as Lie Hongyun was lost in thought, a vast force pulled her. Before she could react, her vision went dark. When light reappeared, she found herself back in Empress Tianhong's sleeping palace.

Lie Hongyun asked, "I don't know why Senior has summoned this junior?"

Although she was also a reincarnated Great Emperor, her cultivation had not yet recovered. It was normal to be humble in front of a true Great Emperor.

Empress Tianhong did not speak immediately. Her red eyes swept over Lie Hongyun's body as if inspecting something.

After a long while, Empress Tianhong finally asked, “Did you follow the slaughter path before your reincarnation?”

Though unclear why Empress Tianhong asked this, Lie Hongyun honestly replied, “No, in my previous life, this junior followed the Heartless Tao.”

This was also why she didn’t want to have a marriage line. If an cultivator on the Heartless Tao path connected with emotions, it might lead to irreversible consequences.

Upon hearing Lie Hongyun’s reply, Empress Tianhong fell silent again.

Seeing Empress Tianhong’s silence, Lie Hongyun proactively asked, “I wonder if Senior became his partner willingly?”

Hearing this question, Empress Tianhong snorted coldly. The next moment, a vast pressure descended, almost making Lie Hongyun fall to the ground.

Fortunately, Empress Tianhong quickly controlled her temper. Regaining her composure, she coldly said, “I am not his partner; we are merely cooperating.”

Lie Hongyun said, “This junior understands, this junior misunderstood.”

Lie Hongyun was not a fool. Though Empress Tianhong claimed it was a cooperation, the marriage line on her was thick.

Moreover, Empress Tianhong had actively borne Lu Chen’s child. What kind of cooperation was that? To say she had no feelings for Lu Chen would be unbelievable.

But even Great Emperors had their pride, just like her.

Empress Tianhong continued, “If you want to follow the path of slaughter, becoming his partner and engaging in dual cultivation is indeed the best choice.”

Seeing Empress Tianhong say this, Lie Hongyun became even more curious. The path of slaughter required killing. Why was becoming Lu Chen's partner the best choice?

Lie Hongyun immediately asked, "Why is this?"

Empress Tianhong did not answer directly, "You will understand when you engage in dual cultivation with him."

Although Lie Hongyun did not understand, since even this Empress said so, there was a high probability it was true.

A Great Emperor who mastered slaughter wouldn't deceive her over such matters.

Lie Hongyun continued to ask, "This junior has one more question. How many years did it take Senior to restore from a soul state to the Emperor Realm?"

Empress Tianhong replied without expression, "Less than fifty years."

Hearing this, Lie Hongyun was stunned once again.

How did Lu Chen do it?

Could dual cultivation be that effective?

Empress Tianhong could see that Lie Hongyun was tempted. She sneered and said, "As you called me Senior, I'll give you a piece of advice: once you become his woman, there's no turning back."

Since becoming Lu Chen's woman, Empress Tianhong quickly became addicted to cultivating with him, unable to extricate herself.

Chapter 1419: It's Impossible There's No Karma Between Us

As the Empress Tianhong, she could naturally control her desires between men and women.

But ever since she became pregnant with Lu Chen's child, the child in her body had been crazily absorbing her Power of Slaughter, which led her to have to seek Lu Chen for cultivation to avoid her Cultivation State from regressing.

However, even with continual Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen, her cultivation state was still difficult to improve, plunging her into a vicious cycle.

Moreover, after experiencing the evil Qi from killing Lu Chen's Life Seed, her impetus for killing became less strong, instead she wanted to keep killing Lu Chen's Life Seed.

Exterminating the Life Seed not only accumulated evil Qi but also gave her a kind of vengeful pleasure.

Over time, she gradually indulged in this act.

In the beginning, whenever her cultivation state fluctuated, she would seek out Lu Chen for Dual Cultivation.

But lately, even without any fluctuation in her cultivation state, she would still go to seek Lu Chen for Dual Cultivation.

The thought that she was tricked by Lu Chen made Empress Tianhong want to get revenge on him, and to do so, she needed to kill Lu Chen's Life Seed.

To kill Lu Chen's Life Seed, she needed Dual Cultivation, and during Dual Cultivation, she felt like she was tricked by Lu Chen again, thus intensifying her desire for revenge.

And so, she needed more Dual Cultivation for revenge.

In this way, a vicious cycle took form.

Hearing Empress Tianhong's reminder, Lie Hongyun was slightly puzzled, now not understanding its meaning.

However, Lie Hongyun still respectfully said, "Thank you for the reminder, Senior."

Empress Tianhong looked Lie Hongyun over again and then said, "You have an aura familiar to me. Have you been to the Outer Domain?"

Lie Hongyun replied, "Indeed, in my past life I had been to the Outer Domain and had fallen there."

Empress Tianhong fell into deep thought, feeling that she had seen Lie Hongyun somewhere before but could not remember.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun, looking at Empress Tianhong, suddenly felt an overwhelming familiarity, as if she had met her somewhere before.

How strange; why did she also have this feeling?

At that moment, Empress Tianhong released her Divine Thought, probing Lie Hongyun's body and examining whether they had any karma between them.

After probing, she discovered nothing between them, nor was there any karma.

Lie Hongyun knew Empress Tianhong was investigating her; she, too, checked to see if there was any karma between them. Like Empress Tianhong, she concluded that they had no karma.

Perhaps it was just because they both followed the Slaughter Path that they felt such affinity.

As Lie Hongyun thought this, Empress Tianhong suddenly said, "No..."

Hearing these unexpected words from Empress Tianhong, Lie Hongyun paused before asking, “What has Senior discovered?”

Empress Tianhong said, “It’s impossible that there’s no karma between us.”

Lie Hongyun did not understand; how could there be no karma between them when they’d had no relation?

Empress Tianhong continued, “The karma between you and me is too clean; you and he have a bond of marriage, and so do I with him. Therefore, it’s impossible for our karma to be this clean.”

Lie Hongyun suddenly realized.

Yes! Even if they had no relation in their past life, in this life, because of Lu Chen, they already intersected, so there couldn’t be no karma at all.

No karma meant only one thing: their karma had been severed, thus resulting in no visible karma.

If they were unfamiliar in their past lives, why sever karma?

If karma was severed, it meant one of them did it. Why would one sever their karma?

Empress Tianhong said, “It seems we did have an encounter in our past lives. Due to the severance of karma, I’ve forgotten who you are.”

After severing karma, both parties gradually forget each other until that person vanishes from memory entirely.

Both women were puzzled; one as a Great Emperor mastering slaughter, the other following the Unfeeling Tao—how did their paths cross, and why did they choose to sever their karma?

Generally, a Great Emperor severs karma because it can't be resolved in the present, risking backlash to sever it.

Although a Great Emperor has the ability to sever karma, it isn't without cost; the backlash from severing karma could severely injure a Great Emperor, depending on the karma's size.

If it's minor karma, even severing shouldn't cause severe backlash. Given a Great Emperor's power, such karma would be easily resolved without needing to sever it.

At this time, within the vast bedchamber, the two women faced each other, each wanting to know what their connection was in the past life.

After a long pause, Empress Tianhong finally said, "Since we've severed karma, let's not mention the past."

Even though they didn't know why they severed their karma, they must have had compelling reasons back then, possibly the best choice for them.

The past was bygone; now they faced a new beginning, there's no need to dwell on what happened in the past.

Lie Hongyun said, "You're right, Senior."

Empress Tianhong continued, "Alright, you can go about your business. How you choose is entirely up to you."

Though Empress Tianhong said this, she knew inside, Lie Hongyun had no choice; soon, Lu Chen's harem would gain another woman.

Having reached Lu Chen's grasp, that rascal wouldn't let go; though he seemed not to trouble her, it was mere appearance.

Having been with Lu Chen for years, Empress Tianhong knew him well; she saw Lie Hongyun as the next toy for Lu Chen.

Possibly discovering Lie Hongyun's past relation with her, Empress Tianhong felt somewhat pitiful for Lie Hongyun's coming ordeal.

Lie Hongyun didn't linger in Empress Tianhong's bedchamber; after a respectful bow, she left.

Upon leaving the bedchamber, Lie Hongyun gazed at the edge of the celestial domain; she wasn't in a hurry to decide, even though Empress Tianhong mentioned that Dual Cultivation with Lu Chen would benefit her. She intended to wait a bit longer to observe.

She wanted to first assess the state of the Daxia Dynasty.

Chapter 1420: The Start of the Heavenly Demon's Chaos

As time passed day by day, the universe became increasingly chaotic. In order to obtain more resources to resist the Era Tribulation before it arrived, all the major powers were constantly expanding externally.

Especially after the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion announced their alliance, those super forces also joined in, and even some forces at the Holy Land level started to expand externally.

The entire universe was in a chaotic state, while the Daxia Dynasty was flourishing.

In the Star Domain controlled by the Daxia Dynasty, commerce and trade became increasingly prosperous, and the flow of personnel between each Star Domain became more frequent. Every time Lu Chen saw the starships coming and going, he felt like he had crossed again, not into the Cultivation World, but into a technological universe.

Of course, currently only the Daxia Dynasty had so many technological creations.

As the chaos in the universe intensified, Lu Chen was also trying to help his women enhance their strength.

He created more secondary bodies; now each of his concubines could receive one of his bodies, and he basically cultivated with his wives and concubines every day.

Even those like Zhou Xiaoxiao and Zhou Youyou, who didn't like cultivation, Lu Chen would force them to cultivate.

Lu Chen was most worried that some of them would die in the Era Tribulation. If all of them died together, then it would simply be 'dying together'.

Not being able to live together, dying together was also a good choice. If everyone died, there would be no sadness.

But if some died while others survived the Era Tribulation, it would be a kind of pain for the survivors.

Lu Chen hoped that his women and his children could all survive, and now the only thing he could do was supervise their cultivation, striving to enhance their strength.

This way, when the Era Tribulation arrived, their chances of survival would be greater.

In the small courtyard covered with greenery, the sound of chirping could be heard.

Artificial mountains and flowing water, pavilions and terraces adorned the small courtyard.

At the door of a certain room, a few slightly restless maids were standing there, their little faces flushed.

At this moment, inside the room.

Zhou Youyou, lying on the soft couch, slightly turned her head, revealing a pitiful look, and looked at Lu Chen behind her, "Your Ma... Your Majesty, I...I don't want to cultivate anymore."

Lu Chen seriously said, “Youyou, you can’t be so lazy. Look at your sister, she’s very focused on her cultivation and never complains.”

Upon hearing this, a mist appeared in Zhou Youyou’s big eyes, as if she was about to cry.

Although cultivation was not painful for her, the mental stimulation was sometimes too much to bear.

At this moment, Zhou Youyou slightly turned her head and looked at Zhou Xiaoxiao who was cultivating nearby.

Lu Chen’s secondary body and Zhou Xiaoxiao were hugging each other, their lips touching, and Zhou Xiaoxiao could only make muffled sounds.

Zhou Youyou was a bit helpless. No wonder her sister never complained or said anything; she couldn’t even speak, so of course, she wouldn’t complain.

Whimpering and crying.

Your Majesty has changed...

Your Majesty wasn’t like this before. Back then, he wasn’t so ruthless.

He wouldn’t force her to cultivate.

Seeing Zhou Youyou staring at Zhou Xiaoxiao, Lu Chen smiled and said, “Stop looking at your sister. Continue cultivating, quickly start channeling your energy.”

Seeing that Lu Chen was still unwilling to let her go, Zhou Youyou had no choice but to continue channeling her energy.

At this moment, a woman’s voice came from the door, “Your Majesty, there’s important intel.”

Upon hearing this, Zhou Youyou's eyes lit up. Although Lu Chen had many secondary bodies, at this moment, Lu Chen always needed to free up a secondary body to handle affairs.

Wouldn't she be able to rest?

Thinking of this, Zhou Youyou hurriedly said, "Your Majesty, please go handle the affairs. I'll diligently cultivate, so don't worry about me."

Hearing her words, Lu Chen's mouth slightly lifted. In the next instant, he casually created a secondary body.

Seeing the secondary body appear out of thin air in the room, Zhou Youyou was stunned.

Immediately, that secondary body left the room, and Zhou Youyou continued to cultivate under Lu Chen's supervision.

After Lu Chen's secondary body left the room, he glanced at Bai Qingqing who was dressed in white armor.

The smooth white armor tightly hugged Bai Qingqing's slender waist, perfectly showcasing her curvaceous figure.

Seeing Lu Chen staring directly at her, Bai Qingqing was slightly startled. She knew Lu Chen was vigorously supervising his wives and concubines to cultivate, and she herself had been supervised by Lu Chen's primary body many times.

Bai Qingqing quickly diverted Lu Chen's attention, "Your Majesty, the Thirteenth Legion discovered a large number of Heavenly Demons while patrolling the outer regions of the universe."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen immediately withdrew his lustful gaze and became serious.

Immediately, he sensed the position of the Thirteenth Legion of the War Dragon Army, and in the next instant, his Great Emperor secondary body and Bai Qingqing were on the starship of the Thirteenth Legion.

At this moment, the people on the starship were still in intense discussion.

“That should be Heavenly Demons, right?”

“Why are the Heavenly Demons so weak?”

“Weak? That’s because we are too strong!”

“I never thought one day we could easily exterminate the Heavenly Demons!”

“Speaking of which, why are so many Heavenly Demons appearing here?”

“Rumor has it that a large number of Heavenly Demons will appear before the Era Tribulation arrives, could it be...”

“Sigh, the tribulation is indeed coming.”

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While the soldiers on the starship of the War Dragon Army were discussing, two figures appeared in the starship.

Seeing Lu Chen arrive, the soldiers immediately stopped their discussion and uniformly saluted, “Greetings, Heavenly Emperor!”

Lu Chen nodded, “At ease.”

“Show me the recording of encountering the Heavenly Demons.”

The captain hurriedly took out the projection device and played the footage recorded by the starship.

In the footage, a female soldier wearing a War Dragon Army uniform was patrolling in a small spacecraft. Suddenly, a massive octopus-like monster appeared at the edge of the dark universe.

The monster's black tentacles quickly wrapped around the spacecraft. At this moment, the woman inside the spacecraft fired all the weapons, and in a moment, the Heavenly Demon, as large as a small planet, was blasted into pieces.

Then, various monsters emitting black mist emerged from the edge of the universe. The commander of the Thirteenth Legion immediately ordered all starships to form a line and deployed all kinds of weapons.

Soon, the monsters emitting black mist were completely blasted away by the starships of the Thirteenth Legion. Later, the commander sent people to investigate these monsters, finding that they all contained thick Heavenly Demon Power.

Not only Heavenly Demon Power, but also Black Gold. Black Gold is the substance inside the Heavenly Demon's body that inhibits the Heavenly Demon's rampage. When Black Gold appeared, the Thirteenth Legion realized that these monsters were all Heavenly Demons, so they quickly reported the events here.

After watching the recorded battle footage, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

All of this matched the information he received. Before the Era Tribulation began, the entire universe would plunge into tumultuous darkness, and the Heavenly Demons would invade massively at this time.

There were less than ten thousand years left before the Era Tribulation arrived, and the Heavenly Demons were indeed supposed to appear.