

## Es. Benefits 1451

Chapter 1451: Did This Person Just Come Out Like That?

Empress Tianhong looked at the scene before her, still somewhat unclear about what Lu Chen was trying to do.

After all, she was also a Great Emperor, and her Divine Thought could perceive what was happening outside, so there was no need for Lu Chen to specially project the outside scene inside.

Lu Chen held Empress Tianhong's slender waist, leaned on her delicate fragrant shoulder, and said, "If my Emperor Clone of the First Layer can withstand Ning'an Emperor's attack using the Power of Slaughter, I will let you out later."

Lu Chen actually wanted more to subdue Ning'an Emperor, a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm; a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm could solve a lot of problems for him in the future.

But after all, the opponent was a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm, even if his Main Body appeared, he might not be the opponent's match.

So Lu Chen planned to use the Power of Slaughter with his Emperor Clone of the First Layer to try, to see if his Emperor Clone could withstand the attack of this Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm.

If he could block it, he would then decide whether to let Empress Tianhong out.

After hearing Lu Chen's words, Empress Tianhong felt a stir in her heart. If Lu Chen really let her out, she had a premonition that as long as she killed all those people outside, her Cultivation State would definitely be able to improve again.

Thinking of this, Empress Tianhong became excited, and feeling the feedback from Empress Tianhong's body, Lu Chen just smiled slightly.

He always thought Empress Tianhong was too cold and somewhat unapproachable, but now it seemed she was quite understandable.

As long as she was allowed to kill people, she would become particularly excited, and the relationship between them would become closer.

At this moment, Lu Chen's Emperor Clone said to Ning'an Emperor, "It seems you have no choice now?"

"Since you chose to abandon your Empire and run for your life, it proves you still want to live. Now there's only one way out in front of you. I believe you are clearly aware of how to choose."

Saying this, Lu Chen's Emperor Clone came to the blue Barrier, and the next moment, the blue Barrier opened a crack, and Lu Chen's Emperor Clone flew out from that crack.

Seeing this scene, everyone was dumbfounded.

Did this person just come out???

Mingxin Emperor also looked baffled. He saw that Lu Chen had not gone out, thinking that Lu Chen knew that even if he was a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter, he might not be a match for a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm, so he chose to hide inside the Barrier.

But now he just went out like that?

Wasn't going out courting death?

The few Great Emperors behind Ning'an Emperor quickly exchanged glances. Before Ning'an Emperor could speak, they suddenly took action.

The next moment, four Great Emperors appeared around Lu Chen, surrounding him.

One of the Great Emperors laughed loudly and said, “If you were inside, we really wouldn’t be able to do anything with you, but I didn’t expect you to be stupid enough to dare to run out!”

“Since you want to die, we’ll fulfill your wish!”

Ning’an Emperor frowned slightly, feeling something was not quite right.

The opponent, an Emperor of the First Layer Realm, had set up a formation that even he couldn’t break through, and now dared to walk out from within the formation. If there wasn’t some reliance on his body, would he dare to come out so directly?

Something is wrong, very wrong, to the fullest extent!

Just as Ning’an Emperor was thinking if there was some treasure on Lu Chen, the four Great Emperors simultaneously made a move on Lu Chen, wanting to capture him.

However, at this moment, the aura on Lu Chen’s body suddenly surged, and countless scenes of life’s birth appeared in the void.

Seeing this scene, the four Great Emperors only showed disdainful expressions. Just the Power of Dao, what kind of lethality could a Great Emperor of the First Layer Realm’s Power of Dao have?

Until this moment, Ning’an Emperor still hadn’t spoken or approached Lu Chen.

His brows furrowed deeper. As a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm, he had lived for countless ages, seen various Great Emperors in the universe who comprehended different great daos, and felt almost all powers of the Dao.

But this was the first time he saw such a Power of Dao; he had never even heard of such a Power of Dao before.

Just as the four Great Emperors were about to capture Lu Chen, suddenly, the Power of Dao in the void changed. The originally vibrant scene instantly turned into mountains of corpses and seas of blood.

Then, Lu Chen's body radiated a blood-red Power of Slaughter.

At the moment they sensed the Power of Slaughter, the four Great Emperors' faces changed dramatically, losing all color, and they fell into a daze for a time.

When they came to their senses, everyone immediately fell into panic.

“Power of Slaughter! It's actually the Power of Slaughter!”

“How could he possibly be a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter!”

“Why does such a Great Emperor exist at the edge of the universe!”

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The reason they were fleeing for their lives was because a lunatic who mastered the Power of Slaughter launched a war, forcing them to flee their Empire. They didn't expect to actually encounter another Great Emperor with the Power of Slaughter on their escape route.

This couldn't just be called unlucky.

But come to think of it, this person was only a Great Emperor of the First Layer Realm, even if he proved Tao by slaughter, the gap in their Realms was evident.

Thinking of this, the four Great Emperors slightly relaxed, then continued to attack Lu Chen.

“Everyone, make a move together, we can't let him live!”

This was a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter. If he managed to escape back into that Barrier, and they didn't kill him, if they met again in the future, they'd be the ones who died.

Having offended such a person, they had to either kill him, eliminating the threat in its cradle, or wait to be killed by him as he grew stronger in the future.

Then, the four Great Emperors simultaneously used the Power of Dao, in hopes of obliterating Lu Chen.

Lu Chen smiled faintly, then mobilized the Power of Slaughter, and swung a sword.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

Eight beams of sword light burst brightly in the universe, and in the next moment, all the magic from the four Great Emperors shattered, not causing any slightest impact on Lu Chen.

Seeing this scene, all four Great Emperors were dumbfounded.

They knew how powerful a Great Emperor was who proved the Tao by slaughter, but they had no idea Lu Chen was already this powerful.

Lu Chen laughed and said, “Do you have any other tricks? If not, it’s now my turn to make a move.”

Upon hearing this, the four Great Emperors’ faces changed dramatically, and Ning’an Emperor quickly reminded, “Retreat immediately!”

He had sensed something was amiss before. If Lu Chen didn’t have any backup, or if he didn’t have absolute confidence, how could he possibly come out from inside?

It seemed they had underestimated the strength of a Great Emperor mastering the Power of Slaughter. After all, if a Great Emperor proving Tao by slaughter wasn’t absurdly strong, how could Emperor Shenwu have once dared to slaughter those top forces so they dared not to speak out?

One must know that Emperor Shenwu was just an ordinary Great Emperor at the start; he started wars every place he went, yet no Super Force came to stop him. This suggests that perhaps no Super Force dared to provoke him from the beginning.

After Ning'an Emperor's reminder, the four Great Emperors awoke from a dream, quickly retreated, and tried to distance themselves from Lu Chen.

## Chapter 1452: I Never Break My Word

Seeing them thinking of escaping, the curve at the corner of Lu Chen's mouth slightly rose. At such a close distance, wanting to escape was simply a fool's dream.

Lu Chen immediately gathered the Power of Slaughter within his body, and the next moment, the void they were in instantly turned blood-red. The nearby void transformed into a mountain of corpses and a sea of blood, with bodies and white bones everywhere.

A well-informed Great Emperor reacted immediately, "Not good! This is the Slaughter Domain!"

Although it was his first encounter with a Great Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter, some Great Emperors had heard of the Slaughter Domain.

"Everyone, strike together, or we will all die in here!"

At this time, the Empress Tianhong, who was being cornered by Lu Chen's main body in the Immortal Boat, saw Lu Chen's Great Emperor clone unexpectedly use the Slaughter Domain and panicked instantly.

This guy wants to steal the spotlight again. Didn't he agree to let her handle it?

Last time, he wanted to kill other Great Emperors right in front of her, and now he's trying to annihilate other Great Emperors right before her eyes again.

Empress Tianhong immediately turned her head, coldly looking at Lu Chen, "What are you doing?"

“Leave them to me!”

Seeing Empress Tianhong so flustered, afraid he would kill those Great Emperors, Lu Chen said with a smile, “Rest assured, I’m just testing the Power of Slaughter, I won’t actually kill them.”

“Moreover, that Great Emperor from the Sixth Layer Realm hasn’t made a move yet. Once he does, my Slaughter Domain might collapse.”

Hearing this, Empress Tianhong still looked at Lu Chen with suspicion.

Men’s words are deceitful, especially the words of the man behind her, even more so untrustworthy.

If his words were trustful, she wouldn’t have ended up carrying his child.

She was very suspicious that after Lu Chen killed those Great Emperors later, he would say something like he accidentally lost control to brush her off.

Though she didn’t believe Lu Chen in her heart, she was now controlled by him and had no way to break free.

Thinking of herself, a Great Emperor who proved the Dao by killing, being controlled by a man like this, made her feel immensely humiliated.

The next moment, Empress Tianhong once again frantically operated the Mysterious Female Technique, continuing to oppress Lu Chen.

Meanwhile.

Inside the Slaughter Domain, Lu Chen also began to take action, but he did not use the Power of Slaughter within the domain.

After the four Great Emperors joined forces, one of the Emperor Dharma Forms sent a palm strike, and a gigantic handprint directly charged toward Lu Chen. Lu Chen, calm and unhurried, used the Power of Dao once again.

The Power of Dao from the Creation Dao instantly evolved into the Power of Dao from other Daos.

Seeing the black Power of Dao emanating from Lu Chen, the four Great Emperors in the Slaughter Domain were dumbfounded.

One of the Great Emperors said, puzzled, “This... this isn’t the Power of Slaughter?”

Another Great Emperor said, “This is the Power of Death!”

The four Great Emperors looked at each other in confusion.

What was going on?

Wasn’t this person a Great Emperor who proved the Dao through slaughter? Why could he use the Power of Death?

They had lived hundreds of thousands of years and it was the first time seeing a Great Emperor capable of cultivating two paths at once.

The Power of Death emanating from Lu Chen instantly gathered onto the sword in his hand, and Lu Chen swung it.

Star Shifting Thousand Swords!!!

The next moment, a massive black star appeared behind Lu Chen, and countless black Longswords formed by the Power of Death flew toward those Great Emperors.

The swords gathered from the Power of Death instantly penetrated the phenomena caused by the magic of the four Great Emperors.



The Power of Death had the ability to corrode life force and invade one's life, but compared to the Power of Slaughter, its threat was much smaller.

Most Great Emperors could use their Spiritual Power to resist the corrosion of the Power of Death, but the Power of Slaughter was different; it directly ended a life's vitality.

If you couldn't withstand the Power of Slaughter and let it enter your Divine Soul, then you were doomed to die, which was another reason why Great Emperors across the universe feared the Slaughter Emperor.

In other words, being touched by the Power of Death, you still had a chance to live, but if the Power of Slaughter entered the body, especially into the Divine Soul, you were likely beyond saving.

The four Great Emperors slightly breathed a sigh of relief. Although they didn't know why Lu Chen could use the Power of Death, compared to the Power of Slaughter, they still had hope for survival in the face of the Death Path.

They even had a chance at counter-killing Lu Chen.

Immediately, the four Great Emperors attacked with all their might once again, and just as they thought, although tainted by Lu Chen's Power of Death, they could operate the Spiritual Power within their bodies to resist the corrosion of the Power of Death.

This left the four Great Emperors somewhat bewildered; they didn't know whether they should counter-attack. If the opponent could only deploy the Power of Death, it seemed not threatening?

But if they counter-attacked now, what if the opponent suddenly used the Power of Slaughter, then they might fail to withstand.

The four Great Emperors floated in the Slaughter Domain, watching Lu Chen warily, yet they were all attacking.

Meanwhile.

Outside, the Ning'an Emperor saw the bloody domain before his eyes, and his entire face darkened.

He recognized it as the Slaughter Domain, a place rumored that once entered, one could hardly survive against the Slaughter Emperor.

Ning'an Emperor then gathered the power of the Sword Dao and swung his sword.

Moon Cutting Sky Breaking Technique!!!

With that swing, the original Slaughter Domain was easily split in half.

This...

Ning'an Emperor hadn't expected that he would so easily cleave open the Slaughter Domain of a Slaughter Emperor.

Could it be that those four Great Emperors had already fallen?

Just as Ning'an Emperor thought so, he noticed the four Great Emperors still floating in the void, watching Lu Chen warily without taking action.

This is...

Ning'an Emperor didn't know what had transpired, so he approached behind the four Great Emperors, "What happened?"

As soon as he finished speaking, Ning'an Emperor looked towards Lu Chen's direction.

Upon seeing, Ning'an Emperor himself was stunned.

He saw that the power emanating from Lu Chen was no longer the blood-red Power of Slaughter but the black Power of Death.

What was going on?

Wasn't this person a Great Emperor who proved the Dao through slaughter? How could he use the Power of Death?

Lu Chen directly looked at Ning'an Emperor, "Fight me, if you win, I might consider letting you go."

This...

Ning'an Emperor frowned and looked serious. He didn't relax his vigilance just because Lu Chen was merely at the First Layer.

This person before him was simply too eerie, not only because of the formation that even he couldn't break but simply because a person capable of cultivating two Daos was not normal.

Ning'an Emperor even doubted if he was still within the original universe; how could this world have a Great Emperor treading two Daos?

Ning'an Emperor, after regaining his composure, asked, "Is this true?"

Lu Chen replied, "I never go back on my word."

Ning'an Emperor sneered, "Dare you swear by the Dao Oath?"

Lu Chen said faintly, "I have quite a few Daos, which Dao oath do you want me to swear by?"

As he spoke, numerous Dao phenomena appeared in the void before Lu Chen.

There was the Life Dao, Death Path, Slaughter Path, Five Elements Great Path...

Seeing this scene, everyone present was dumbfounded...

Chapter 1453: How could there be someone in this world who cultivates so many great paths?

Not only the people of Ning'an Emperor, but even the Quasi-Emperors from the Mingxin Dynasty who came to watch the commotion were stunned in the void. Mingxin Emperor, too, stared blankly at the distant shadow of the Great Dao in the void, muttering:

“How can there be someone in this world who cultivates so many Daos simultaneously?”

Mingxin Emperor suddenly felt fortunate for his surrender. He increasingly felt that Lu Chen's identity was not simply that of the Ninth Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty.

For an average cultivator, even if they could glimpse other Daos, they would never dare to tread two Dao paths. The power of Dao collides within the body; cultivating two simultaneously results in death.

Yet Lu Chen not only cultivated two Daos, but he stepped upon innumerable Dao paths and survived.

Even based on this alone, although he only possesses the cultivation state of a Great Emperor's first layer, his strength far exceeds that.

The Divine Soul able to withstand all the collisions of Dao power—this strength of Divine Soul probably surpasses even those strong in the ninth layer of the Great Emperor.

After nearly an hour, those present gradually regained their senses. Lu Chen did not wake them; he just floated silently in the void, waiting for them to come to.

When Ning'an Emperor came back to his senses, he still did not immediately agree to Lu Chen's demands.

This person before him was just too bizarre. Though only in the first layer realm of a Great Emperor, he could wield all Dao powers. If they were truly to fight, he wasn't sure if he could win.

He admitted that he was already feeling daunted inside.

If he weren't, he wouldn't be considering abandoning his empire and fleeing.

Gazing at Lu Chen, Ning'an Emperor asked, "Who exactly are you?"

Lu Chen said, "Who I am is not important. What matters is whether you want a chance to survive."

Lu Chen intended to have a fight with Ning'an Emperor to test the maximum destructive power of the Power of Slaughter. If his Emperor clone could withstand Ning'an Emperor's Sword Dao, then he would later let Empress Tianhong out.

As for his claim about sparing Ning'an Emperor, he wasn't lying. He indeed spared him. However, if Empress Tianhong wanted to kill Ning'an Emperor, that was out of his hands. He wasn't Empress Tianhong; he couldn't decide for her.

Yet Lu Chen hadn't anticipated that his words "do you want a chance to live" would be interpreted differently by Ning'an Emperor.

Now that Lu Chen had showcased his strength again and asked if he wanted a chance to survive, Ning'an Emperor heard it as a question of whether he wished to pledge loyalty to him.

Ning'an Emperor fell into silence once more.

The four Great Emperors beside Ning'an Emperor also fell silent. The entire void was exceptionally quiet, with only some world fragments and meteors drifting aimlessly.

This...

Lu Chen found it speechless.

Isn't it just about having a fight? Does it require such prolonged deliberation?

A sixth layer Great Emperor, facing provocation from a first layer Great Emperor, yet still contemplating for so long, couldn't be described merely as "daunted."

Could it be that he was scared by the so many manifestations of Dao released?

Lu Chen asked again, "I'll ask you one last time..."

Before Lu Chen could finish, Ning'an Emperor suddenly said, "Fine, I, the Emperor, am willing to pledge loyalty to you."

Uh...

Lu Chen's mind slightly paused. Inside the Feihong Immortal Boat, Empress Tianhong, who was being disturbed by Lu Chen's main body, was also stunned upon hearing this.

Soon afterward, the Power of Slaughter emanating from Empress Tianhong surged uncontrollably, and within moments, it spilled out from the grand hall within the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Seeing the Power of Slaughter emitted from the Feihong Immortal Boat, Ning'an Emperor was once again shocked to find another Great Emperor proclaiming the Dao through killing.

An edge-of-the-universe star domain harboring two Great Emperors of slaughter?

This is too fantastical...

Incredibly unprecedented...

Sweat dripped down Ning'an Emperor's forehead. Fortunately, he had already chosen to pledge allegiance to the person in front of him; otherwise, they would surely face a dire fate today.

The estimate was that the Slaughter Emperor inside the Immortal Boat was this person's real trump card. If they truly fought, the Slaughter Emperor inside would act, and today would be their day of doom a year from now.

Inside the Feihong Immortal Boat, the blood-red pupils of Empress Tianhong stared directly at Lu Chen, "This is what you meant by letting me out?"

Empress Tianhong was no fool. The opposing party had already surrendered, and Lu Chen couldn't possibly still want her to kill them.

After all, that was a sixth layer realm Great Emperor. How could Lu Chen allow her to kill a sixth layer Great Emperor?

Faced with Empress Tianhong's questioning, Lu Chen appeared somewhat embarrassed. He indeed intended to let Empress Tianhong out to resolve these people earlier.

He assumed that, no matter what, a sixth layer realm Great Emperor would have some backbone and would not surrender easily, especially since he was only a first layer Great Emperor.

As long as he could fend off Ning'an Emperor's attack, he would let Empress Tianhong out. Who would've thought Ning'an Emperor would directly surrender?

Lu Chen chuckled awkwardly, then said, "I originally just wanted to see if my clone could battle a sixth layer realm Great Emperor. I didn't expect he would personally choose to pledge loyalty to me; this can't be blamed on me."

"Since he has chosen to submit, you can't still intend to kill them, right?"

Empress Tianhong said nothing, just turned her head to coldly watch Lu Chen. Being locked onto by her blood-red eyes, Lu Chen felt a tingling down his spine.

This gaze, intense!

Meanwhile.

Outside the Feihong Immortal Boat.

The clone of Emperor Luchen glanced at Ning'an Emperor and the others, a gentle and pleasant smile emerging on his face.

"You made the right choice."

"However, pledging loyalty to me isn't something just anyone can do."

Upon hearing this, Ning'an Emperor and the others tensed up immediately, wondering if this person never intended to let them go.

Previously, some Emperors sought refuge with the Shenyue Emperor, but Emperor Shenwu not only refused their surrender but also exterminated their empires outright.

In the eyes of Great Emperors who proclaim the Dao through killing, turning these Emperors into corpses on their path of proving the Dao was perhaps more in line with their interests than accepting their surrender.

Upon considering this possibility, Ning'an Emperor and the others instantly became alert, ready to escape at any moment.

Seeing the tense expressions of Ning'an Emperor and others, Lu Chen knew they misunderstood and continued, "Open your minds, do not resist. I need to implement some protection measures."

Protection measures?



What measures?

Ning'an Emperor and the others were puzzled.

Generally speaking, Great Emperors aren't supposed to be controlled. They had never heard of a Great Emperor being controlled by anyone.

Ning'an Emperor thought for a moment, then finally decided to heed Lu Chen's words, "Okay."

Upon saying this, Ning'an Emperor and the four other Great Emperors opened their minds.

Lu Chen immediately executed the Soul Control Technique.

The following moment, five soul seals instantly entered the Divine Souls of these five Great Emperors.

Chapter 1454: This time, you won

When Ning'an Emperor and others realized the Soul Seal had appeared on their Divine Souls, they were stunned.

They thought Lu Chen had merely left a tracking mark on their bodies to prevent betrayal and escape.

But it turned out that he left a mark capable of controlling the Divine Soul of an emperor.

How could a mark exist in this world capable of controlling a Great Emperor's Divine Soul?

Why had they never heard of it?

Quickly, they came to terms with it. They had never seen this Formation before, nor had they seen anyone who could cultivate multiple paths, so the appearance of a method to control an Emperor's Divine Soul seemed reasonable in front of this man.

In that instant, a trace of regret surged in Ning'an Emperor's heart; they had boarded a pirate ship.

He could sense that with the existence of this Soul Seal deep within the Divine Soul, Lu Chen could have him killed at a moment's notice.

Most importantly, this Soul Seal would continuously influence them, preventing any acts of betrayal.

It meant they had now become Lu Chen's slaves!

Seeing Ning'an Emperor and others with blank faces, Lu Chen calmly said, "From today, you are people of the Daxia Dynasty, and you only need to address me as Emperor Xia."

"Tell me about the situation with the White Rock Star Domain Group."

Upon hearing these words, Ning'an Emperor and the others, immersed in regret, began to widen their eyes, eyes almost popping out.

Wait...

Address him as what?

Emperor Xia???

Heavenly Emperor!!!

What a joke! This man is a Heavenly Emperor?

When did this universe have a Heavenly Emperor appear?

Everyone desired to take that step, but in this era so far, they had never heard of a Heavenly Emperor appearing in this universe.

Moreover, according to some records from the Ancient Era, when someone stepped forward to become a Heavenly Emperor, all Great Emperors could feel the Heavenly Emperor's might.

They had lived for so many years and had never felt the Heavenly Emperor's might.

Could it be fake?

He must have merely self-proclaimed as a Heavenly Emperor.

But to think, this man dared to self-proclaim as a Heavenly Emperor? Does he not fear for his life?

Logically, if one's Realm does not reach the Heavenly Emperor Realm and dares to claim the title, the Heavenly Dao should punish them, then why is he unscathed?

Could he possibly truly be a Heavenly Emperor?

Seeing Ning'an Emperor and others all dumbfoundedly staring at him, Lu Chen asked, "What's wrong? Did your Empire get destroyed? Was it such a hard hit that you refuse to recall what happened?"

As everyone immediately snapped back to attention, Ning'an Emperor hurriedly replied, "No... no, the Shenyue Dynasty's army only destroyed parts of the White Rock Star Domain Group's Empire; the Ning'an Dynasty that I founded remains intact."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen immediately said, "Bring me to your Empire at once."

But...

Ning'an Emperor froze again. They managed to escape, yet Lu Chen now wants him to return?

Return for what?

Return to find death?

Seeing Ning'an Emperor's unwilling expression, Lu Chen said, "As long as the Ning'an Dynasty falls under the governance of the Daxia Dynasty, the Formation I have set will be able to protect the Star Domain governed by the Ning'an Dynasty."

Ning'an Emperor said, "Your Majesty, I admit your Formation is difficult to break, but the Shenyue Dynasty has a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer Realm. I'm afraid this Formation..."

Lu Chen calmly stated, "I forgot to mention, this Formation can withstand all attacks below the Heavenly Emperor."

Hiss...

At those words, everyone present gasped.

Withstand all attacks below the Heavenly Emperor?

Real or fake?

Does this universe truly have such a powerful Formation?

But wait...

The Formation is strong, but it needs an even stronger Array Master to set it up. If Lu Chen can set this Formation, does that not suggest he might indeed be a Heavenly Emperor?

On realizing this possibility, Ning'an Emperor and others became excited. If he really were the Heavenly Emperor, serving him would turn out to be their great fortune.

Recovering his senses, Ning'an Emperor immediately said, "Your Majesty, I will take you to the Ning'an Dynasty now."

Speaking of which, Ning'an Emperor prepared to use Space Teleportation to take Lu Chen to the Ning'an Dynasty.

Just then, Lu Chen spoke instead, saying, "No rush, just use a clone to take me over."

He was still not familiar with the situation of the White Rock Star Domain Group. If they were to arrive at the White Rock Star Domain Group and the Shenyue Dynasty's army happened to come over, it would be troublesome.

His Great Emperor clone was just a clone, even if it died, it wouldn't matter, but Ning'an Emperor was a Great Emperor of the Sixth Layer Realm. If he were to encounter trouble, it would be a great loss for him.

He had worked hard to acquire a subordinate of the Sixth Layer Realm and couldn't let him fall like this.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Ning'an Emperor immediately replied, "Alright, I understand."

Then, Ning'an Emperor split off a strand of Divine Sense, creating a clone.

Lu Chen took a step forward, arriving beside Ning'an Emperor's clone, "Let's go."

"Yes, Your Majesty."

In the next moment, Ning'an Emperor's clone led Lu Chen's Great Emperor clone towards the Ning'an Dynasty.

After Lu Chen's Great Emperor clone had left, a nearby Great Emperor looked at Ning'an Emperor, "What should we do now?"

Although they had surrendered to the Daxia Dynasty, that so-called Emperor Xia simply took off, without any orders given; they had no idea what they should do now.

While they looked at each other in blank disarray, the Power of Slaughter unleashed by the Feihong Immortal Boat grew more violent, ravaging the surrounding void.

Feeling this violent Power of Slaughter, Mingxin Emperor and the observing Quasi-Emperors were shocked, quickly retreating.

Outside the Barrier, seeing this scene, Ning'an Emperor and others were equally bewildered, not knowing what had happened.

As they had already surrendered, they believed Lu Chen's side's Slaughter Emperor shouldn't attack them further, so why was there such an unleashing of Slaughter Power, and why did he seem very angry?

Inside the Feihong Immortal Boat.

Lu Chen embraced Empress Tianhong's soft body, head resting on Empress Tianhong's fragrant shoulder, breathing heavily.

After a while, he spoke, "When the Shenyue Dynasty's army arrives, you'll have your chance to act."

Upon hearing this, Empress Tianhong snorted coldly, "Do you take I for a fool?"

"At that time, you'll surely say that I have a child inside of me, and for the safety of the child, I shouldn't go out."

Empress Tianhong had seen through Lu Chen; this guy just didn't want her to go on a rampage.

Suddenly thinking of something, Empress Tianhong asked, "Could it be you fear I will become stronger than you and escape your control?"

Lu Chen chuckled lightly, straightening up and gently caressing Empress Tianhong's body, "You're already mine, and we have a child. Why would I fear you becoming stronger?"

"Alright then, let's stop here with cultivation."

Empress Tianhong coldly laughed and said, "You're already done? You're nothing special."

Hearing Empress Tianhong's provocative words, Lu Chen's inner fire was reignited, but he quickly calmed down.

"You're right, you've won this time."

Chapter 1455: Where on Earth is That Thing Hidden

An Empress must win a few times to boost her confidence.

If she loses every day, she will eventually give up.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's dismissive words, Empress Tianhong felt even more displeased. What did he mean by "this time you won!"

Hadn't she ever won before?

Speaking of which, it seemed she hadn't really won in the past. Especially after Lu Chen's realm surpassed hers, she could only let Lu Chen maneuver her as he pleased.

Previously, when Lu Chen toyed with her, he had to consider her mood; now, he played with her without her consent, however he pleased.

It appeared she never won; she lost countless times.

If this kept up, sooner or later, Lu Chen would tread a crooked path. She knew Lu Chen well; he was most obsessed with such matters.

Despite feeling unsatisfied, Empress Tianhong did not continue to cling to it. There was a long road ahead; if she ever found a chance to turn the tables, she would make Lu Chen understand what it meant to face the Slaughter Emperor.

Withdrawing, Lu Chen waved his sleeve, and the next moment, a platinum dragon robe appeared on him.

Soon after, Lu Chen appeared in the void.

When Ning'an Emperor and others saw Lu Chen again, they all wondered if they were seeing things.

"Your... Your Majesty???"

Ning'an Emperor asked in confusion, "Weren't you with my clone heading to Ning'an Dynasty?"

Speaking to this point, Ning'an Emperor instinctively connected his divine sense with the clone, discovering Lu Chen was right beside him.

Two Emperors Xia?

No, the one just now must have been a clone.

But...



The Emperor Xia they sensed before was clearly intact, with no missing divine soul—how could it be a clone?

It's usually easy to discern whether a Great Emperor is a clone.

Lu Chen said indifferently, "I have many clones, no need to be surprised."

Saying this, Lu Chen raised his hand, and the barrier created by the Immortal Spirit Umbrella instantly expanded, enveloping Ning'an Emperor and the immortal boats brought by Ning'an Emperor within the barrier.

Then Lu Chen said, "Alright, that's enough for today. You should stay at Mingxin Dynasty for now; once Ning'an Dynasty is incorporated into the realm of Great Sum Dynasty, you can return to Ning'an Dynasty."

The realm of Great Sum Dynasty must continuously expand, and once the army of Shenyue Dynasty is defeated, these emperors can be responsible for the outward expansion.

Afterwards, Lu Chen's main body took Mingxin Emperor back to the Emperor Star of Mingxin Dynasty, officially incorporating the entire Mingxin Dynasty into the rule of Great Sum Dynasty.

After absorbing the dynast qi fortune of Mingxin Dynasty, the qi fortune of Great Sum Dynasty became even thicker.

Mingxin Emperor originally thought losing the dynast qi fortune would significantly decrease his power, but after losing the fortune, his realm broke through instead.

Seeing Mingxin Emperor give up the position of Emperor, and his realm breakthrough despite the absence of fortune, made Ning'an Emperor and others quite excited.

If Ning'an Dynasty were also incorporated into Great Sum Dynasty, would their realms also have the potential to break through?

Considering this possibility, Ning'an Emperor's main body hurriedly used divine sense to communicate with the clone, urging it to speed up and go to Ning'an Dynasty with Lu Chen's emperor clone.

Meanwhile.

Shenyue Dynasty, Emperor Star.

On the Heavenly Palace.

Lu Yanghua looked at the images in the projection and asked the emperor beside him, "When can the White Rock Star Domain Group be completely occupied?"

The emperor next to Lu Yanghua answered, "Your Majesty, Thunderbolt General's legion has already set out; this army of Shenyue Dynasty can completely occupy White Rock Star Domain Group."

Hearing this, Lu Yanghua showed a slight smile. Once White Rock Star Domain Group was conquered, it would be the true edge of the universe, where subsequent empires were inferior ones.

The emperors of those empires likely knew that the emperor of White Rock Star Domain Group had perished and would immediately choose to flee; the armies of Shenyue Dynasty would meet no resistance.

Thinking this, Lu Yanghua closed the projection, and his focus no longer remained on the front line.

At this moment, Lu Yanghua thought of something, and in a stern voice, said, "Bring up the East Victory Quasi Emperor."

Soon, several Shadow Guards brought a man bound with Immortal Gold Chains before Lu Yanghua.

The man was disheveled and bloodstained, covered in scars, with the chains piercing through his body, completely sealing his cultivation state.

The Shadow Guards loosened their grip, causing the man to collapse weakly to the ground, and upon seeing him, Lu Yanghua coldly asked, “Will you really say nothing?”

The man spat from the ground, saying, “I’ve nothing to say to a patricidal usurper like you.”

Hearing this, Lu Yanghua’s fury surged, and the Emperor’s Mighty instantly pressured the man, making him cough up blood.

Lu Yanghua continued, “Now, I am the ruler of Shenyue Dynasty; you need to get this clear.”

East Victory Quasi Emperor spat out more blood and arduously replied, “A patricidal usurper will eventually meet his end; do you think you can laugh for long.”

Seeing East Victory Quasi Emperor’s refusal to speak, Lu Yanghua stopped asking, his patience entirely exhausted. He then connected telepathically with the emperor of Tianji Pavilion.

Moments later, three emperors from Tianji Pavilion appeared beside East Victory Quasi Emperor, and Lu Yanghua, with a cold expression, said, “Proceed.”

At Lu Yanghua’s command, the three emperors instantly acted, and a circular formation appeared beneath East Victory Quasi Emperor.

Seeing the formation, East Victory Quasi Emperor’s face changed drastically; he recognized it as the Soul Capturing Array.

Lu Yanghua sneered and said, “You’re just a Quasi-Emperor; did you really think I could do nothing to you?”

Lu Yanghua didn’t employ the Soul Capturing Array against East Victory Quasi Emperor immediately, worried it might damage his divine soul and miss some memories.

But East Victory Quasi Emperor was so stubbornly tight-lipped, leaving him no choice but to use the Soul Capturing Array right away.

When the three Quasi-Emperors of Tianji Pavilion completed the array, East Victory Quasi Emperor's divine soul was soon extracted from his body.

Then, countless tendrils from the array wrapped around East Victory Quasi Emperor's divine soul, and his memories replayed like slides above his head.

Lu Yanghua reached out, absorbed the memories using spiritual power, and as he suspected, the array indeed caused some memory loss.

This deepened Lu Yanghua's frown.

He muttered to himself, "Where exactly is that thing hidden?"

Lu Yanghua always knew Emperor Shenwu possessed a treasure capable of controlling others' lives and altering destinies.

However, after backstabbing Emperor Shenwu, he failed to find this treasure, suspecting Emperor Shenwu might have hidden the Sky Evolution Stone to prevent accidents before reincarnating.

East Victory Quasi Emperor had been a guard by Emperor Shenwu's side, likely knowing where the stone was hidden. Thus, Lu Yanghua asked him to disclose its whereabouts, but the quasi-emperor remained tight-lipped.

Chapter 1456 Are you talking about the Heavenly Mystery Maiden?

At this moment, Lu Yanghua glanced once more at the already deceased East Victory Quasi-Emperor, thinking to himself, could it be that the Soul Capturing Array damaged East Victory Quasi-Emperor's memories, which is why there is no information about the Sky Evolution Stone in his memory?

Just the thought of this possibility made Lu Yanghua even more agitated. An attendant like East Victory Quasi-Emperor, who was by the Great Emperor's side, generally had restrictions set by Emperor Shenwu on his body.

Although the Great Emperor from Tianji Pavilion forcibly broke the restriction and extracted the memories of East Victory Quasi-Emperor, it is very likely that the restriction played a role during the extraction of East Victory Quasi-Emperor's Divine Soul, prematurely destroying some key memories.

Lu Yanghua then waved his hand, asking for East Victory Quasi-Emperor's corpse to be dealt with, and his gaze fell upon a Great Emperor from Tianji Pavilion.

"Your Tianji Pavilion should be able to calculate the location of the Sky Evolution Stone, right?"

Upon hearing this question, a Great Emperor from Tianji Pavilion said, "I'm afraid not. We have never heard of any Sky Evolution Stone, and judging by Your Majesty's meaning, the Sky Evolution Stone can change a person's destiny. This ability alone proves that the Sky Evolution Stone is no ordinary treasure."

"Treasures like this usually can shield against the Heavenly Mechanism, and outsiders may have a hard time deducing its location."

At this point, the Great Emperor suddenly thought of something and continued, "There is someone who might be able to calculate the location of the Sky Evolution Stone, but..."

Hearing this, Lu Yanghua quickly asked, "Who is it? Bring him to Me immediately!"

The Great Emperor from Tianji Pavilion looked troubled and said, "I'm afraid Your Majesty would have to make a personal trip."

Lu Yanghua instantly guessed who it was, "Are you talking about the Heavenly Mystery Maiden?"

The Great Emperor said, "Yes, there is nothing in this universe that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden doesn't know. If she is willing to help Your Majesty deduce the location of the Sky Evolution Stone, she will definitely be able to deduce it."

Lu Yanghua thought for a moment, now that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden has fallen out with Tianji Pavilion, if he goes to her for help.

Not to mention whether the Heavenly Mystery Maiden is willing to help him, even if she is willing, going to her for help is very likely to offend the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion.

His current position depends on the support of Tianji Pavilion, and at this time, he absolutely cannot afford to be confused; even if he cannot find the Sky Evolution Stone, it does not matter.

Compared to his throne, the Sky Evolution Stone is insignificant. Thinking of this, Lu Yanghua said, "Let's just leave it."

Lu Yanghua did not continue to dwell on the matter of the Sky Evolution Stone, "Prepare, I want to personally head to the White Rock Star Domain Group!"

He wants to personally witness the downfall of Lu Chen's Daxia Dynasty and see Lu Chen die at his own hands.

For some reason, his desire to kill Lu Chen has become increasingly strong, even he himself does not understand why. For him, Lu Chen is merely a failure; he has no reason to focus on him so much.

But recently, while cultivating, he always feels that Lu Chen might bring him some trouble, this feeling made his murderous intent towards Lu Chen grow deeper, and Lu Yanghua even wondered if he had gone mad.

But no matter what, as long as Lu Chen is dead, then all of this will end.

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Ning'an Dynasty, Wuyang Star Domain.

Thunderbolt Emperor led his legion, watching the star domain in the distance, hesitating to launch an attack.

He recently discovered too, even though he actively sought allegiance with Lu Yanghua, it seemed that Lu Yanghua did not consider him as one of his own.

Any dirty work, exhausting work, Lu Yanghua made him do, even some demon-clearing tasks were assigned to him.

Because of this, the number of his legion kept decreasing. This time Lu Yanghua again made him the spearhead, and once more, the size of his legion was greatly depleted. If this continued, his legion would become the smallest among the ten great legions of the Shenyue Dynasty.

It was obvious that Lu Yanghua did not trust him, wanting to deplete the strength of his legion, making him weaker.

At this time, a Quasi-Emperor Deputy General came to Thunderbolt Emperor's side, "General, when do we launch the attack?"

Thunderbolt Emperor said, "Let's wait until those Great Emperors have fled."

For Thunderbolt Emperor, this was the best way to reduce casualties and preserve strength. As long as the Emperors of those dynasties fled, they could charge in unopposed, without resistance, so he wouldn't lose much combat power.

As for those Great Emperors, if they ran, they ran. He was not a Great Emperor who killed to prove his way, he had no interest in their lives.

Upon hearing this, the Deputy General quickly reminded, "There is a decree from Your Majesty to quickly take over all the dynasties in the White Rock Star Domain Group, he is already on his way."

As the Deputy General of Thunderbolt Emperor, he naturally understood what Thunderbolt Emperor was thinking, but since Shenyue Emperor had given an order, if they hadn't taken over the entire White Rock Star Domain Group before Shenyue Emperor arrived, it might leave Shenyue Emperor unhappy.

Originally, Thunderbolt Emperor had a good relationship with Lu Chen, now sending troops was to eliminate Lu Chen. If Thunderbolt Emperor delayed on the battlefield, it might raise Shenyue Emperor's suspicion.

Upon hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor frowned, Shenyue Emperor wants to come to the front line personally?

Why is he coming? Could it be that he's worried I would spare Lu Chen, so he's coming to oversee personally?

Indeed, Shenyue Emperor has never truly trusted me.

Thinking about being called to do this and that in recent days, Thunderbolt Emperor was full of grievances.

If Lu Chen were to become the Emperor of Shenyue Dynasty, perhaps I wouldn't be so tired. The great calamity is imminent, those Great Emperors who have a good relationship with Lu Yanghua have obtained various cultivation resources, and Lu Yanghua even allowed them to go into seclusion to break through.

While Thunderbolt Emperor was complaining internally, suddenly, a Deputy General came running, saying, "General, there is a situation in Ning'an Dynasty."

Thunderbolt Emperor asked puzzled, "What is it?"

Just as the words fell, Thunderbolt Emperor noticed a blue barrier rapidly expanding towards them from a distance. Several Quasi-Emperors in the legion tried to stop this blue barrier, but despite all their attacks, the barrier still remained.

Thunderbolt Emperor furrowed his brows slightly, what is this array barrier, to be so sturdy, with so many Quasi-Emperors attacking simultaneously, and yet it had no effect on the barrier at all.



Thunderbolt Emperor then approached the blue barrier, and just at that moment, the blue barrier stopped expanding further, halting right at the front of Thunderbolt Emperor's legion.

Thunderbolt Emperor instructed the soldiers behind him, "Everyone, fall back."

With the fall of these words, the entire Thunderbolt Legion retreated, leaving Thunderbolt Emperor alone in front of the barrier.

In the next moment, Thunderbolt Emperor released his Law Manifestation.

The instant the Law Manifestation appeared, the void was filled with thick purple lightning, and at this moment, Thunderbolt Emperor's Law Manifestation launched a punch.

Qilin Fist!!!

In an instant, a purple qilin, arcing with electricity, shot towards the blue barrier.

Yet the blue barrier remained unmoved, his punch did not even cause a ripple on the barrier.

Chapter 1457: Did you also prove the Dao through killing?

Hmm?

The Thunderbolt Emperor looked at the blue barrier in front of him with a puzzled expression; even his Qilin Fist couldn't breach it easily. This barrier is probably not simple.

This punch of his contained Thunderbolt Power, something even an Emperor Realm in the Fourth Layer may not withstand, yet the blue barrier remained untouched.

Even at the edge of the universe, does such powerful Formation exist in a dynasty?

He had previously received news that the Ning'an Emperor had fled with the Royal Family, so why has such a barrier appeared now?

As the Thunderbolt Emperor pondered the origins of this Formation, a familiar voice suddenly spoke up.

“General Thunderbolt, long time no see.”

Hearing this voice, the Thunderbolt Emperor paused for a moment, then quickly looked up.

At this moment, Lu Chen was suspended in the void on the other side of the blue barrier.

The Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly thought of something and sternly reprimanded, “Traitor, how dare you show yourself!”

Lu Chen glanced at the Thunderbolt Emperor's Loyalty and immediately understood what he meant; surprisingly, the Thunderbolt Emperor had a loyalty level of forty towards him.

Such high loyalty indicates that the Thunderbolt Emperor likely doesn't intend to attack him, so his words were probably a hint for him to flee quickly.

Lu Chen said with a hint of amusement, “Enough, drop the act, I already know what you're thinking.”

“Following Lu Yanghua leads nowhere, you'd be better off joining me.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, both the Thunderbolt Emperor and members of the Thunderbolt Legion were momentarily stunned. Was Lu Chen attempting a recruitment now?

They were, after all, part of the Shenyue Dynasty's legion. With the power struggle concluded, Lu Yanghua had become the Shenyue Emperor, having proven his might through slaughter and cultivating the Heaven Stealing Technique, making him a contender for the strongest Emperor in the universe.

In this context, how could they possibly defect to a wanted Prince?

But as these thoughts crossed their minds, red Power of Slaughter suddenly emanated from Lu Chen's body. Seeing this, the soldiers of the Thunderbolt Legion were shocked anew.

Prince Lu Chen also proved his way through slaughter???

This...

Astounded, the Thunderbolt Emperor questioned, "Your Highness, you... did you also prove your way through slaughter?"

Lu Chen replied, "Your Highness? Now, I am the patriarch of the Daxia Dynasty. You should address me as Emperor Xia."

Ah, this...

The Heavenly Emperor?

Everyone exchanged glances and then focused on Lu Chen, seemingly trying to determine if he was jesting.

Not anyone could claim the title of Heavenly Emperor.

Yet, for Lu Chen to dare call himself a Heavenly Emperor and similarly prove his way through slaughter, did this mean Lu Chen was even more audacious than Lu Yanghua, with even grander ambitions?

Back when Lu Chen was the Ninth Prince of the Shenyue Dynasty, they were already in his faction, firmly believing that he could become the new Emperor of Shenyue. Now, asked to turn against him, they truly hesitated.

Moreover, realizing that Lu Chen also proved his way through slaughter, they suddenly felt that the power struggle seemed far from over, only just begun.

Seeing the Thunderbolt Emperor's indecision, Lu Chen spoke directly, "I can give you some time to consider. During this period, you may attack freely and try to break through my Formation."

With that, Lu Chen said no more and turned to head towards the Emperor Star of the Ning'an Dynasty, aiming to seize its Qi Fortune.

Watching Lu Chen's departing figure, the Thunderbolt Emperor fell into deep thought, unsure what to choose.

Personally, he preferred to side with Lu Chen, having always valued him more from the beginning.

Yet rationally, supporting the Shenyue Emperor was the logical choice; more Emperors gathered on his side, and with Lu Yanghua proving his way through slaughter and cultivating the Heaven Stealing Technique, his power might have already surpassed Lu Chen's.

Crucially, the Shenyue Emperor had backing from Tianji Pavilion, a top force in the universe. Unless Lu Chen gained the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's support, the Thunderbolt Emperor saw no path for him to defeat the Shenyue Emperor.

But pondering further, the Thunderbolt Emperor realized that staying on Lu Yanghua's side, even if Lu Chen perished, would likely mean being ordered into troublesome tasks by Lu Yanghua.

To Lu Yanghua, he as an Emperor was dispensable, but to Lu Chen, joining him now would be invaluable support.

Yet even if he brought his legion into the new dynasty Lu Chen founded, the Daxia Dynasty still had a significant gap in strength compared to the Shenyue Dynasty, giving it little chance of winning.

With these thoughts, the Thunderbolt Emperor sighed lightly.

Half a month flew by, and the Thunderbolt Emperor neither launched an attack nor announced his choice, remaining suspended before the barrier created by the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, lost in thought.

Lu Chen understood how difficult it was to persuade the Thunderbolt Emperor to choose the Daxia Dynasty, offering him a chance because of their camaraderie in a past life.

To other Emperors, he might not extend such an opportunity.

As the Thunderbolt Emperor was still distracted, Lu Chen appeared before him once more, emerging directly from the barrier to stand in front of him.

Looking at the Thunderbolt Emperor, Lu Chen asked, “Well, have you made your decision yet?”

The Thunderbolt Emperor didn’t answer directly but countered with, “What are the odds you can defeat him?”

Lu Chen chuckled softly and then replied, “My target has never been him. My aim is the entire universe, so take it as you will.”

The Thunderbolt Emperor’s mind went blank for a moment, the entire universe?

Indeed, since he claimed to be a Heavenly Emperor, his sights were far beyond the Shenyue Dynasty.

The Thunderbolt Emperor continued, “The Heaven Stealing Technique is quite sinister. He started only in the Saint Realm, yet has broken through to the Emperor

Realm in such a short time. If he isn't stopped before taking that next step, there might never be another chance."

Lu Chen said, "Even if he becomes a Heavenly Emperor, he cannot break through the Formation behind me."

Upon hearing this, the Thunderbolt Emperor opened his eyes wide, looking incredulously at the blue barrier behind Lu Chen.

He admitted it was difficult to breach, beyond his capabilities, but to claim a Heavenly Emperor couldn't either seemed a bit exaggerated.

Seeing the Thunderbolt Emperor's disbelief, Lu Chen continued, "The Shenyue Dynasty's army will soon arrive. I don't gamble with my own life."

The Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly thought of something and thus asked, "Is this all part of Emperor Shenwu's contingency?"

Emperor Shenwu's death had been too abrupt; the Thunderbolt Emperor had long suspected the Shenyue Emperor and Tianji Pavilion were behind it, although he lacked concrete evidence.

But he believed Emperor Shenwu, with such cosmic impact, couldn't have been unaware of Tianji Pavilion's schemes, and Lu Chen's rise at this juncture seemed too coincidental. He suspected Emperor Shenwu had foreseen something and deliberately released Lu Chen, providing him with means of survival.

Lu Chen replied, "Regrettably, none of this is related to Emperor Shenwu."

Hearing Lu Chen's response, the Thunderbolt Emperor was slightly surprised—unrelated to Emperor Shenwu?

Then how did he successfully prove his way through slaughter so swiftly?

Chapter 1458: Did the Thunderbolt Emperor Join the Daxia Dynasty?

Lu Yanghua was able to prove the Dao and become an emperor in such a short time partly because he practiced the Heaven Stealing Technique, and partly due to the help from Tianji Pavilion.

Without these two factors, he wouldn't have become an emperor so quickly. If Lu Chen could become an emperor in such a short time without anyone's help, then what level of talent must Lu Chen possess?

Lu Chen said, "Now is not the time to talk about this. You will soon understand what's going on. Tell me, what do you plan to do?"

"Lu Yanghua is almost here, and I am right here. If you act against me now, you will be a great hero when the time comes."

Thunderbolt Emperor was silent for a moment, then knelt on one knee, saluting Lu Chen, saying, "I swear to follow Your Majesty to the death and will serve Your Majesty with all my heart."

As Thunderbolt Emperor knelt, the Thunderbolt Army behind him also knelt uniformly. Since their General had made his choice, they could only choose to follow Thunderbolt Emperor.

The Thunderbolt Legion was founded single-handedly by Thunderbolt Emperor, and compared to the Shenyue Dynasty, they were more loyal to Thunderbolt Emperor. This is why Lu Yanghua was constantly depleting the Legion by giving them tasks.

Seeing that Thunderbolt Emperor chose to ally with the Daxia Dynasty, Lu Chen's lips slightly curved upwards. With the Thunderbolt Legion joining, the Daxia Dynasty's strength increased dramatically.

It should be known that within the Shenyue Dynasty's military, many of the Quasi-Emperor were only lacking some Qi Fortune, and thus unable to break through to the Great Emperor Realm, becoming mere cannon fodder on the front lines.

After these Quasi-Emperors joined the Daxia Dynasty, with its Qi Fortune support, there's a high probability they would immediately break through to the Great Emperor Realm.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen said to Thunderbolt Emperor, "Stand up, you've made the right decision."

"In fact, what you see is not my main body; what is here is just a clone of mine."

Hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor, who was just about to stand, was suddenly stunned.

A clone?

How is this possible?

He clearly felt his Divine Soul was complete, how could it be a clone?

But on second thought, he had already chosen to pledge allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty; it seemed Emperor Xia had no need to deceive him now.

If this was just a clone, then what strength must his main body possess?

Could it really be the Heavenly Emperor?

Thinking about this possibility, cold sweat dripped down Thunderbolt Emperor's back.

After all, not everyone dares to claim to be the Heavenly Emperor. Those who proclaim themselves as such without being one have long been punished by the Heavenly Dao, and someone proclaiming without consequence suggests that even if he isn't the Heavenly Emperor in this life, he might have been in a previous one.

Now that Emperor Xia says this body is just a clone, the real main body of Emperor Xia might indeed be a Heavenly Emperor.



If he hadn't chosen to pledge allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty, he would likely now be a corpse.

Thinking of this, Thunderbolt Emperor instead felt relieved, feeling fortunate he chose the Daxia Dynasty.

Next, it would be up to Emperor Xia to deal with the Shenyue Dynasty's army.

Lu Chen glanced at the soldiers of the Thunderbolt Legion, then controlled the Immortal Spirit Umbrella to continue expanding.

When the blue barrier passed over Thunderbolt Emperor's body, electric arcs immediately splashed, and shortly thereafter, a purple avenue filled with lightning appeared before Thunderbolt Emperor.

Thunderbolt Emperor could hardly believe it. He had just defected from the Shenyue Dynasty to the Daxia Dynasty, and he directly broke through?

How could the Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune be so abundant?

As the barrier of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella continued to expand outward, more and more vague images of avenues appeared in the void, soon startling the crowd.

"I broke through! I actually broke through!"

"What's going on? Wasn't my Dao Heart shattered? Why was it suddenly restored!"

"Oh my god, the Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune is actually so abundant!"

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The soldiers of the Thunderbolt Legion were all shocked by the Daxia Dynasty's rich Qi Fortune. Some of them originally did not want to join the Daxia Dynasty, only

forced by circumstance due to the leadership's choice. If they didn't follow, their only option was death.

Some even thought of pretending to join the Daxia Dynasty first, then switching allegiance when the Shenyue Dynasty army arrived.

But after experiencing the benefits brought by the Daxia Dynasty's abundant Qi Fortune, those soldiers with defection plans in their hearts immediately dropped their ideas.

Such abundant Dynast Qi Fortune suggests that the Daxia Dynasty's strength might far surpass the Shenyue Dynasty's.

In this battle between the Shenyue Dynasty and the Daxia Dynasty, the outcome was uncertain.

Soon, most of the Quasi-Emperors in the Thunderbolt Legion broke through to the Great Emperor Realm, and Lu Chen, after investigating, found that there were now more than twenty additional Great Emperors.

Thunderbolt Emperor stared blankly at his own legion, realizing that their overall strength now could rival some top empires.

This was merely because they changed empires, truly astounding.

Could the Daxia Dynasty have such abundant Qi Fortune because Emperor Xia is truly the Heavenly Emperor?

Considering this possibility, Thunderbolt Emperor's breathing became rapid.

That would be the Heavenly Emperor!

The most pinnacle existence in the cosmos, he hadn't even heard of anyone taking that step.

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After witnessing the Daxia Dynasty's rich Qi Fortune, not a single soldier in the Thunderbolt Legion wanted to leave the Daxia Dynasty. The high-ranking officers in the Thunderbolt Legion, especially those who attained the Great Emperor status due to the Qi Fortune, had become utterly devoted to the Daxia Dynasty.

If not for the Daxia Dynasty's Dynasty Qi Fortune, how many Quasi-Emperors would fail to break through to the Great Emperor Realm on the day of the Era Tribulation?

The collective defection of the Thunderbolt Legion to the Daxia Dynasty swiftly reached the ears of those in other Shenyue Dynasty armies at the rear.

Spirit Martial Star Domain, Wind Moon World.

Here was where the Ziji Legion was temporarily stationed, inside a grand and spectacular building where a group was gathered, looking at the star map in the main hall and discussing matters.

Just then, a voice from a Quasi-Emperor Deputy General echoed outside the hall, "General, something terrible has happened!"

Upon hearing the deputy's urgent voice, Emperor Zi Ji's brows furrowed. Something terrible had happened?

What kind of bad things could they encounter?

Could it be that another top-tier force declared war against the Shenyue Dynasty?

That's unlikely. With the Tianji Pavilion as a backing, what top-tier force in the cosmos would dare declare war against the Shenyue Dynasty?

Emperor Zi Ji glanced at the deputy reporting intelligence, asking, "What happened?"

The deputy quickly replied, "News from the front lines: Thunderbolt Emperor has defected, taking the Thunderbolt Legion to join the Daxia Dynasty."

"It was led by the Ninth Prince... Oh, no—by that rebel who founded the empire."

Hearing this, everyone present, including Emperor Zi Ji, showed a look of disbelief.

Thunderbolt Emperor pledged allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty?

This...

Was Thunderbolt Emperor insane to pledge allegiance to the Daxia Dynasty?

Chapter 1459 What Did You Say? The Thunderbolt Emperor Joined the Daxia Dynasty?

Emperor Zi Ji at this moment doubted whether the recent pressure had affected him, making his ears hear incorrectly.

What did he hear?

Emperor Thunderbolt went to seek allegiance with the Great Sum Dynasty created by Lu Chen?

Upon regaining his senses, Emperor Zi Ji once again confirmed with the deputy general who reported the news, "What did you say? Emperor Thunderbolt sought allegiance with the Great Sum Dynasty?"

The deputy general saw that Emperor Zi Ji was reluctant to believe it, so he reiterated, "This matter is absolutely true. The Thunderbolt Legion has already entered the defensive formation created by the traitors."

Emperor Zi Ji said, "Is there a possibility of pretending to seek allegiance? And then take the opportunity to destroy the Great Sum Dynasty?"

The deputy general reminded, "General, with the strength of the Thunderbolt Legion, there is no need to use such means to destroy a Great Sum Dynasty."

Emperor Zi Ji raised his left hand to rub his brow; indeed, they are at least troops from the Shenyue Dynasty. Facing these lower-level empires, there's no need to use any schemes; they can simply crush them.

In this case, it's highly likely that Emperor Thunderbolt genuinely sought allegiance with the Great Sum Dynasty.

But this...

How could it be?

Emperor Thunderbolt isn't a fool; couldn't he see that the Great Sum Dynasty was already at its breaking point, Lu Chen failed in the power struggle and holds no value, yet he still goes to seek allegiance with Lu Chen?

At this time, betraying the Shenyue Dynasty and standing on the opposite side of the Shenyue Dynasty, isn't that courting death?

If he sought allegiance with other top forces in the universe, perhaps he wouldn't find it odd hearing this. Recently, the Thunderbolt Legion has been fighting everywhere, and it's obvious that the Shenyue Emperor is intentionally weakening Emperor Thunderbolt's power.

If Emperor Thunderbolt had left the Shenyue Dynasty with his legion at this time, it wouldn't be too strange, but what's strange is how could he go to seek allegiance with a seemingly doomed person?

There's something wrong...

There must be some major issue in this...

Emperor Zi Ji immediately said, "Send someone to confirm if the Thunderbolt Legion really betrayed, and also report this news to Your Majesty."

As Emperor Zi Ji said this, he suddenly thought of something, and then continued, "Never mind, I'll personally go to confirm it."

As soon as he finished speaking, Emperor Zi Ji's body disappeared on the spot, and quickly he arrived at the outskirts of the White Rock Star Domain Group.

As a result, he used his divine thought to explore, discovering that Emperor Thunderbolt and his Thunderbolt Army indeed were nowhere to be found. Yet, in front of the White Rock Star Domain Group, a blue barrier protected the entire group.

Emperor Zi Ji's face turned somewhat unpleasant; he didn't expect this to be true.

What exactly is happening?

Emperor Zi Ji immediately manifested his Law Body.

In the next moment, his Law Body surrounded in purple, Emperor Zi Ji raised the massive palm of the Law Body, mobilizing the Power of Dao, and struck out with a palm.

Sky Dome Palm!!!

A huge purple palm suddenly crashed into the barrier created by the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, however, the gigantic palm instantly collapsed and dissipated upon crashing into the blue barrier, and even the Power of Dao contained within the palm also scattered.

Seeing this scene, Emperor Zi Ji was stunned in the void.

What's with this barrier? It can actually withstand his Sky Dome Palm!

Unconvinced, Emperor Zi Ji attacked again, consecutively striking out several palms, yet still could not break the barrier created by the Immortal Spirit Umbrella.

Emperor Zi Ji finally chose to give up.

He then loudly transmitted his voice towards the blue barrier, "Thunderbolt, get out here!!!"

Emperor Zi Ji's voice transformed into sound waves, creating ripples in space and spreading towards the White Rock Star Domain Group.

Quickly, Emperor Thunderbolt who was resting in the White Rock Star Domain Group heard Emperor Zi Ji's voice.

Hearing Emperor Zi Ji's voice, Emperor Thunderbolt immediately went to the star domain where Emperor Zi Ji was located.

When Emperor Zi Ji saw Emperor Thunderbolt, he was about to question Emperor Thunderbolt why he betrayed the Shenyue Dynasty, but found that the aura exuded from Emperor Thunderbolt had significantly surpassed his own.

This...

Emperor Zi Ji was a bit baffled, what's happening?

Emperor Thunderbolt betrayed the Shenyue Dynasty, theoretically he should no longer be under the protection of the Dynasty Qi Fortune from the Shenyue Dynasty, and his strength should certainly decline to some degree.

How is it that not only did Emperor Thunderbolt's realm not decline, but it even broke through?

Upon reaching the Great Emperor, every advancement in realm is extremely difficult.

Seeing Emperor Zi Ji staring at him dazedly, Emperor Thunderbolt instantly guessed what Emperor Zi Ji was thinking, then he chuckled and said, "Zi Ji, what's up with looking for me?"

"Now we are enemies, aren't you afraid of arousing suspicion from the Shenyue Emperor by coming to see me alone?"

Emperor Zi Ji, upon hearing Emperor Thunderbolt's words, finally came back to his senses, and felt he had already guessed why Emperor Thunderbolt betrayed the Shenyue Dynasty.

He said, "I'm somewhat curious, why is the Great Sum Dynasty's Qi Fortune so profound?"

Hearing Emperor Zi Ji's question, Emperor Thunderbolt chuckled, then said, "You're in such a hurry to call me out just to ask this question?"

"Shouldn't you be shouting to have me come out and then eliminate me as a traitor at this moment?"

Emperor Zi Ji instantly changed his expression, he smiled and said, "Thunderbolt, what's our relationship, how could you think this way? We are brothers who have been through life and death together, even if you really made a mistake, I couldn't possibly move against you."

Both walked the Thunder Dao, and they both came from the same sect from childhood, compared to their relationships with the other Great Emperors from the Shenyue Dynasty, their relationship was relatively harmonious.

Hence Emperor Zi Ji, upon hearing Emperor Thunderbolt's betrayal, still pondered whether to bring him out.

Of course, even if they both walked the same Heavenly Dao, the relationships between Great Emperors are not so simple, they are still led by interests.

Emperor Thunderbolt then said, "Come on, brothers born through life and death, I guess you've already reported my allegiance to the Great Sum Dynasty."

Emperor Zi Ji said, "Ah, it's my duty, never mind, let's not talk about these. You should tell me why you want to ally with the Great Sum Dynasty."



The Great Emperor values interests above all, with no sentiment involved; in Emperor Zi Ji's view, Emperor Thunderbolt isn't a fool, he wouldn't possibly know that the Great Sum Dynasty was about to be destroyed by the Shenyue Dynasty yet choose to ally with the Great Sum Dynasty at such a time.

Then there's only one possibility, Emperor Thunderbolt likely has seen the true foundation of the Great Sum Dynasty, realizing that the battle between the Great Sum Dynasty and the Shenyue Dynasty carries great uncertainty, or perhaps the Great Sum Dynasty has some card able to defeat the Shenyue Dynasty.

Regarding Emperor Thunderbolt's realm breakthrough, it corroborates that the Great Sum Dynasty's Qi Fortune is profoundly thick, or perhaps the Great Sum Dynasty has given Emperor Thunderbolt some incredible earthly treasure which helped him break through.

Regardless of which point, they prove that Lu Chen's Great Sum Dynasty is not an ordinary empire, and this blue barrier in front is not constructed from ordinary formations.

With the Era Tribulation approaching, each Great Emperor is thinking about breaking through to higher realms, in order to withstand the tribulation.

Based on Emperor Zi Ji's current Cultivation State, it is difficult for him to break through before the Era Tribulation arrives.

Now, seeing Emperor Thunderbolt with the same Thunder Dao break through, naturally, it causes him to have some thoughts.

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Seeing the worried expression on the face of Emperor Zi Ji, the corners of Thunderbolt Emperor's mouth slightly lifted.

Then he said, "I have always been on Prince Lu Chen's side. Now that he has established the Great Sum Dynasty, naturally, I'm standing by him. What's so strange about that?"

Hearing Thunderbolt Emperor's response, Emperor Zi Ji chuckled, "Come on, do you think I'm a fool? I know you well."

Back then, Thunderbolt Emperor chose to side with Lu Chen because he valued his talent, believing that he would one day become the Emperor of the Shenyue Dynasty. That's why he bet on Lu Chen.

But now, with the royal family of the Shenyue Dynasty slaughtered by the Shenyue Emperor, and Lu Chen being a wanted man, he holds no more value to Thunderbolt Emperor. Emperor Zi Ji doesn't think Thunderbolt Emperor would defect to the Great Sum Dynasty for such a reason.

At this moment, Thunderbolt Emperor, acting all mysterious, said, "Alright, I won't keep you in suspense. Let me tell you directly. The reason I defected to the Great Sum Dynasty is because the Great Sum Dynasty..."

Here, Thunderbolt Emperor paused again. Emperor Zi Ji's ears were pricked up, but then Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly stopped talking, and arcs of electricity shot out from Emperor Zi Ji in agitation.

Emperor Zi Ji glared at Thunderbolt Emperor and said, "Thunderbolt, what do you mean by this? Continue talking."

Thunderbolt Emperor laughed and said, "Why should I tell you? It's a secret of the Great Sum Dynasty, and you're not part of it. Telling you would be a betrayal of Emperor Xia."

Although Thunderbolt Emperor didn't say it clearly, when he mentioned the name "Emperor Xia," Emperor Zi Ji looked dumbfounded.

Emperor Xia...

Heavenly Emperor...

For a moment, Emperor Zi Ji's mind was filled with the words "Heavenly Emperor."

But he quickly came to his senses. When a Heavenly Emperor appears, the entire universe can feel the Emperor's mighty pressure. If the Great Sum Dynasty really had a Heavenly Emperor, how come they haven't felt that pressure?

Emperor Zi Ji then cast a sidelong glance at Thunderbolt Emperor and said, "Are you trying to trick me?"

Thunderbolt Emperor chuckled and said, "Trick you? Trick you about what? I didn't say anything."

Emperor Zi Ji fell silent.

If the Great Sum Dynasty really did have a Heavenly Emperor, then the breakthrough of Thunderbolt Emperor could be explained.

However, this indeed seems quite unbelievable.

When a Heavenly Emperor emerges, there should be cosmic phenomena, yet there were none; it doesn't make sense.

But then again, if the Great Sum Dynasty had no Heavenly Emperor, why would Thunderbolt Emperor have chosen to defect to the Great Sum Dynasty so unwaveringly?

Even if the Great Sum Dynasty didn't have a Heavenly Emperor, there could still be an exceptionally powerful cultivator within, or else why would the Dynasty's Qi Fortune be so potent that Thunderbolt Emperor could make a breakthrough right after joining?

The more Emperor Zi Ji thought about it, the more restless he became, and he now really wanted to enter the Great Sum Dynasty to investigate thoroughly.

At this moment, Emperor Zi Ji again displayed a flattering smile, "Thunderbolt, for the sake of our long-standing friendship, could you speak to your Dynasty's Emperor about allowing me to join the Great Sum Dynasty?"

Undoubtedly, this was a gamble, but if he guessed right, his cultivation realm would advance, giving him a better chance to withstand the Era Tribulation in the future.

Hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor laughed and said, “The armies of the Shenyue Dynasty are about to attack, and you’re thinking of joining the Great Sum Dynasty now? Aren’t you afraid that the Shenyue Emperor will send someone to get rid of you as a traitor once the Great Sum Dynasty is destroyed?”

Emperor Zi Ji said, “If you’re not afraid, why should I be? Besides, we are good brothers, aren’t we? We shouldn’t fight each other, right?”

Thunderbolt Emperor chuckled and then said, “Wait, I’ll let His Majesty know about your situation.”

As soon as Thunderbolt Emperor’s words fell and he was about to turn around and leave, a voice came, “No need. I already know.”

In the next moment, a spatial vortex appeared in front of Thunderbolt Emperor, and Lu Chen slowly stepped out from it.

Seeing that it was Lu Chen, Emperor Zi Ji froze for a moment. Just now, Thunderbolt Emperor mentioned that the Great Sum Dynasty was established by Lu Chen, which he found hard to believe. But now, with Lu Chen appearing and emanating the pressure of a Great Emperor, it indicated that it might just be true.

Upon seeing Lu Chen arrive in person, Thunderbolt Emperor quickly saluted and said, “Greetings, Your Majesty the Heavenly Emperor!”

Heavenly Emperor... Your Majesty???

This...

Emperor Zi Ji felt his brain was not enough to process this.

Thunderbolt Emperor's so-called Emperor Xia refers to Lu Chen?

This can't be a joke, right?

Could Lu Chen really be the Heavenly Emperor?

Although reincarnated, Lu Chen managed to become an emperor in such a short time, which was considered a talent, but compared to a true Heavenly Emperor, it's not even on the same level. How could he be called the Heavenly Emperor?

What on earth is Thunderbolt Emperor doing?

For a moment, Emperor Zi Ji felt a sense of being tricked. He began to suspect whether Thunderbolt Emperor was also deceived by Lu Chen, which led him to join the Great Sum Dynasty.

Seeing the bewildered expression on Emperor Zi Ji's face, Lu Chen casually said, "Why? Didn't you just say you wanted to join the Great Sum Dynasty, and now after seeing that I'm only at the First Layer of Emperor, you regret it?"

Emperor Zi Ji snapped back to reality, smiled, and said, "Your Highness, what are you talking about? Since I said it, I will certainly follow through."

Emperor Zi Ji did not believe that Thunderbolt Emperor was foolish enough to simply believe Lu Chen's claim of being the Heavenly Emperor. There had to be more to the Great Sum Dynasty, or perhaps powerful figures supported it.

It's possible the Great Sum Dynasty was secretly backed by a super force similar to the Tianji Pavilion.

Contemplating these possibilities further solidified Emperor Zi Ji's resolve. He looked at Lu Chen and asked, "Your Highness, I have a curious question. May I ask it?"

Lu Chen did not mind the title Emperor Zi Ji used. He directly said, "Go ahead, what's your question."

Emperor Zi Ji asked, “Your Highness dares to call yourself the Heavenly Emperor. Aren’t you afraid of punishment by the Heavenly Dao?”

The Heavenly Emperor is a being connected to the Cosmic Origin. If anyone not truly the Heavenly Emperor dares claim the title, the Cosmic Origin would obliterate them.

Lu Chen smiled faintly and simply declared, “I am Emperor Xia!”

After he spoke, no abnormalities appeared in the void. Lu Chen remained perfectly unscathed, hovering in space.

Lu Chen said, “Do you see any punishment from the Heavenly Dao?”

This...

Emperor Zi Ji’s eyes widened in disbelief. What’s going on with the Heavenly Dao? Why didn’t it punish him?

Could it be that he is indeed the Heavenly Emperor?

Emperor Zi Ji found it hard to believe, and then he whispered to himself, “I am the Heaven...”

Before Emperor Zi Ji could finish his sentence, a surge of mortal peril instantly overwhelmed him, and the space he occupied began to warp, causing Emperor Zi Ji to break out in a cold sweat.