

## Es. Benefits 1491

Chapter 1491: He's not only at the Second Layer Realm? How can he be so strong!

As this Star Domain was once again shrouded by the Slaughter Domain, the gaze of all the Great Emperors present turned to Lu Chen.

Seeing Lu Chen, merely at the Second Layer Realm, audaciously use the Slaughter Domain to block their way, some fiery-tempered Great Emperors couldn't tolerate it anymore.

Especially those Great Emperors at the Fourth and Fifth Realm, who had already endured great pressure facing Empress Tianhong earlier without venting. Now, with their escape route blocked by Lu Chen, they were even angrier.

Since this Lu Chen is so tactless, then they couldn't be blamed.

One Fifth Layer Realm Great Emperor shouted loudly, "Since he doesn't want us to leave, let's eliminate him first!"

"That Sixth Layer Realm female devil isn't here, I don't believe we can't kill him with so many of us!"

"Exactly, just remove him, and maybe the crisis brought by the Daxia Dynasty will be resolved!"

"Everyone, attack together!"

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In an instant, all the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties coalition charged straight at Lu Chen. Upon seeing this, Thunderbolt Emperor and others hurriedly blocked the front, preventing them from reaching Lu Chen.

Seeing the Great Emperors rushing towards him, Lu Chen glanced at the Shattering God Sword floating in front of him, its sword body vibrating as if inviting him to take it up and slaughter those Great Emperors.

Lu Chen smiled faintly, since even his sword extended such an invitation, it would be a shame to reject the Shattering God Sword.

Lu Chen promptly reached out, and the Shattering God Sword flew directly into his hand. After gripping the Shattering God Sword, he said to the Great Emperors blocking him, "Move aside."

Upon hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor and others were momentarily stunned. Although they all believed Lu Chen was strong, the present was merely one of Lu Chen's clones.

Only at the Second Layer Realm, how could a Second Layer Realm be a match for so many Great Emperors? Even if this clone died in battle, it wouldn't affect Lu Chen.

But Lu Chen is the Heavenly Emperor, a Heavenly Emperor should not be disgraced. His clone could not be killed by such a group of inferior Great Emperors.

Thunderbolt Emperor and others did not immediately step aside. Thunderbolt Emperor turned to Lu Chen and said, "Your Majesty, among those Great Emperors, there are many at the Fifth to Sixth Layer Realm. I'm afraid you alone aren't their match."

Lu Chen said indifferently, "No matter, I merely want to try the sword."

After hearing this, everyone's gaze fell on the Shattering God Sword in Lu Chen's hand, perceiving the terrifying Evil Qi emanating from the Shattering God Sword. Thunderbolt Emperor and others instinctively withdrew from in front of Lu Chen, making way for him.

Thunderbolt Emperor and others also wanted to see how terrifyingly destructive a Spirit Sword that exudes such fearsome pressure could be.

Seeing Thunderbolt Emperor and others actually give way, those Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties coalition became even more excited. They all thought that without the protection of Thunderbolt Emperor and others, they could easily get rid of Lu Chen, this bane.

However, just as those Great Emperors were about to strike against Lu Chen, Lu Chen was the first to step forward. With one step, he directly crossed a half light-year distance, instantly appearing right in front of those Great Emperors.

Seeing Lu Chen unexpectedly take the initiative, each of those Great Emperors was stunned in the void. But soon, someone reacted and directly struck against Lu Chen.

“Since you insist on seeking death, then I’ll fulfill your wish!”

“Nine Yang Blade!!!”

In the next moment, nine suns appeared in the void, fiercely hurling towards Lu Chen.

Striking against Lu Chen was a Fifth Layer Realm Great Emperor, and he immediately used his most potent move. As the nine suns were about to crash onto Lu Chen, Lu Chen slowly raised the Shattering God Sword in his hand.

Ice-Eight Level Sword!!!

With a single swing of the Shattering God Sword, imbued with Lu Chen’s Power of Slaughter, it charged straight for the nine suns. As eight beams of icy light flashed through, the nine suns instantly transformed into a scatter of starlight and dissipated.

But the matter wasn’t over yet; those eight beams of icy light not only passed through the nine suns but also flickered over some Great Emperors. When those Great Emperors realized and wanted to defend, it was already too late.

Very quickly, all those Great Emperors who came into contact with the Sword Qi of the Shattering God Sword were sealed in ice. In the next moment, their bodies and Divine Souls exploded, turning into tiny crystal-clear ice fragments.

Seeing a group of Great Emperors being dispatched by a single strike from Lu Chen, the Great Emperors who were preparing to attack Lu Chen were all stunned in place.

“How... is this possible...”

“Isn’t he only at the Second Layer Realm? How can he be so powerful!”

“It’s the sword, it’s the sword in his hand!”

“That sword must be an Emperor Artifact!”

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After considering that possibility, none of the Great Emperors from the Four Great Dynasties dared to strike rashly anymore.

Seeing that none of them were making a move, Lu Chen immediately turned his gaze to the Zhengyang Emperor hiding in the corner and then said with a smile, “You’re the strongest among them, why are you hiding?”

As Lu Chen spoke, the Evil Qi from the Great Emperors he had killed earlier gathered onto Lu Chen’s body. Lu Chen now exuded a blood-red halo, with eyes releasing eerie red lights, making others shiver with fright.

The Zhengyang Emperor did not respond to Lu Chen’s question, as he was still contemplating how to escape. He had realized that Lu Chen’s strength was likely not inferior to that female devil. If he wanted to escape now, he’d have to first break through Lu Chen’s Slaughter Domain.

Otherwise, remaining within the Slaughter Domain would only lead to them all being sequentially eliminated by Lu Chen.

Seems he would have to use that move just now—in time, should his physical body be torn apart, he would, like Lingyun Emperor, let only the Divine Soul flee.

For a Great Emperor, the physical body sometimes is rather a restraint. Without it, escaping could be swifter and harder to detect.

Especially at the moment when the physical body explodes.

With a plan in mind, the Zhengyang Emperor immediately said, “Form a formation, first break through his Slaughter Domain!”

Upon hearing Zhengyang Emperor’s words, the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties all reacted. Currently, they were within Lu Chen’s Slaughter Domain, their powers were actually suppressed, unable to express their full strength.

If they could break through the Slaughter Domain, perhaps there was still hope to eliminate Lu Chen.

Clearly, most Great Emperors misunderstood Zhengyang Emperor’s intentions. They thought Zhengyang Emperor wanted to break the Slaughter Domain to prevent it from limiting their strength, unaware that Zhengyang Emperor had internally prepared for escape.

Following Zhengyang Emperor’s command, the remaining Great Emperors formed a formation once more, channeling all their power into Zhengyang Emperor’s body.

Zhengyang Emperor’s Law Manifestation instantly expanded, becoming as large as Lingyun Emperor’s Law Manifestation earlier. Since Lu Chen’s Slaughter Domain was smaller than Empress Tianhong’s, Zhengyang Emperor’s Law Manifestation’s head was directly bumping against the Slaughter Domain’s boundary.

As Zhengyang Emperor felt the blast-fusion of various forces within his body, he was extremely uncomfortable. He clenched his teeth tightly and raised the giant palm of his Law Manifestation, striking towards the Slaughter Domain.

Chapter 1492: Learn from Them, Use the Spirit Gathering Array

When Zhengyang Emperor attacked the Slaughter Domain, he didn’t dare use any magic; it was just a simple palm strike.

Now, the various powers of Dao were colliding inside his body. If he used any magic in his current state, his body would explode prematurely.

However, even without using magic, his Law Manifestation could shatter Lu Chen's Slaughter Domain with a single palm strike.

When the giant palm of Zhengyang Emperor's Law Manifestation touched the edge of the Slaughter Domain, Lu Chen's Slaughter Domain instantly cracked open and shattered inch by inch like glass.

At this moment, Zhengyang Emperor's strength had almost surpassed the Ninth Layer of the realm of a Great Emperor. Lu Chen had no means to stop the destruction of his Slaughter Domain.

Let it be destroyed. Although Zhengyang Emperor's strength had reached a terrifying level, he couldn't maintain it for long.

After the Slaughter Domain was destroyed, Zhengyang Emperor's body would explode just like Lingyun Emperor's earlier.

Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and immediately transmitted his voice to Thunderbolt Emperor and the others, "Copy them, use the Spirit Gathering Array!"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty were stunned. Use the Spirit Gathering Array?

Just now, Lingyun Emperor used the Spirit Gathering Array, and his body exploded without using any magic at all.

Moreover, the Four Great Dynasties used the Spirit Gathering Array to break through the Slaughter Domain, but they didn't need to break through a Slaughter Domain, so why use the Spirit Gathering Array?

Thunderbolt Emperor immediately said: "Your Majesty, absolutely not!"

“The side effects of the Spirit Gathering Array are too great...”

Before Thunderbolt Emperor could finish his words, Lu Chen interrupted and said, “I can control all the power of Dao, there is no need to worry.”

Hearing this, Thunderbolt Emperor and the other Great Emperors were stunned. Can control all the power of Dao?

If that’s really the case, then the Spirit Gathering Array is absolutely the most suitable formation for the Emperor Xia.

Since the Emperor Xia had spoken, they didn’t need to think much more. Thunderbolt Emperor immediately said: “Form the array!”

With those words, all the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty came to their senses and immediately formed the array.

In the next moment, the power of those Great Emperors in the Daxia Dynasty converged and instantly surged into Lu Chen’s body, emitting a colorful glow.

For a moment, Lu Chen felt his strength growing madly, and meanwhile, he also noticed the various powers of Dao rampaging inside his body. If he didn’t handle these rampant powers of Dao, his body would explode like Lingyun Emperor’s before.

Lu Chen immediately mobilized the power of Dao of Creation, and at the same time, used some Origin Power as an aid.

In the next moment, all the powers of Dao in his body calmed down, no longer rampaging, flowing in the same direction, and gradually transforming into Creation Power.

Seeing Lu Chen also using the Spirit Gathering Array, Zhengyang Emperor was somewhat puzzled. What’s the use of using the Spirit Gathering Array now? They used the Spirit Gathering Array to escape; the Spirit Gathering Array for them could at most allow one move. After one move, the formation would collapse.

The Spirit Gathering Array is generally a last resort and is very hard to use for attack.

Now, as the advantageous side, the Daxia Dynasty using the Spirit Gathering Array—what's the point? Could it be they also intend to use it for attack?

Upon thinking of this possibility, Zhengyang Emperor suddenly felt a bit smug. After using the Spirit Gathering Array, even just raising a hand strained his body.

If Lu Chen used magic after using the Spirit Gathering Array to attack, then he would be courting death; his body and Divine Soul might shatter together.

Thinking of Lu Chen courting death, all the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties' alliance were very excited, as if they had already seen Lu Chen's Divine Soul completely obliterated.

However, at this moment, Zhengyang Emperor's body suddenly couldn't withstand the rampaging powers of Dao and exploded with a bang, his body transforming into starlight.

In the instant of the explosion, a golden light suddenly tore through the cosmic space, and Lu Chen keenly noticed this. When Zhengyang Emperor used the Spirit Gathering Array, Lu Chen suspected he was trying to escape like Lingyun Emperor, so he had been watching him closely.

Lu Chen smiled faintly. Want to escape? At his current strength of a Ninth Layer Great Emperor, such ploys wouldn't work before him.

Without any hesitation, Lu Chen directly mobilized the Space Power, sealing the space of the surrounding Star Domain entirely, and in a short moment, the space rift that Zhengyang Emperor had opened was restored.

Zhengyang Emperor was just about to dive into it, but ended up hitting empty space, finding himself still there, which sent shivers down his back.

He suddenly realized why Lu Chen used the Spirit Gathering Array. Lu Chen now possessed the strength of a Ninth Layer Great Emperor; sealing space was a trivial matter.



Zhengyang Emperor turned his head to look at Lu Chen, thinking that the Spirit Gathering Array couldn't be maintained for long, let alone Lu Chen sealing space in such a situation. The powers of Dao in his body must be even more agitated. It wouldn't be long before Lu Chen's body and Divine Soul exploded.

He just needed to wait for Lu Chen's Divine Soul to be obliterated, and he could escape just the same when that happened.

With this thought, Zhengyang Emperor felt slightly relieved.

But unexpectedly, Lu Chen's body showed no signs of collapse even after several breaths passed.

Lu Chen's Law Manifestation appeared steady, as if he wasn't affected by the backlash of the powers of Dao at all.

What's going on?

They had just used the Spirit Gathering Array, and he knew all too well about its side effects. How could Lu Chen look so unscathed using the Spirit Gathering Array?

He only raised a hand using the Spirit Gathering Array, and the array collapsed, his body exploded.

And after Lu Chen used the Spirit Gathering Array, he sealed the space. Lu Chen consumed more power, and logically, the powers of Dao inside him should be even more chaotic and agitated, yet Lu Chen seemed completely unbothered.

Zhengyang Emperor didn't understand, and the great emperors of the Four Great Dynasties' alliance also didn't understand. They just stood there quietly observing Lu Chen.

Lu Chen asked with a smile, "Weren't you planning to escape? Why aren't you running now?"

Zhengyang Emperor suddenly thought of a plan and immediately transmitted to the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties.

“Lu Chen can’t maintain it for long after using the Spirit Gathering Array. If we attack, his body will definitely be torn apart by the powers of Dao!”

Hearing Zhengyang Emperor’s words, the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties attacked Lu Chen without hesitation.

“Sky-shattering Claw!!!”

“Sky Burning Kill!!!”

“Moon-breaking Sword!!!”

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In an instant, the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties unleashed various magics and techniques. Their sole purpose was to further disrupt the powers of Dao inside Lu Chen’s body, causing him to be backfired by those powers of Dao, leading to self-destruction.

Seeing those Great Emperors charging forward, the corners of Lu Chen’s mouth slightly curved upward. These people were too naive.

If it were an ordinary Great Emperor, they would indeed be affected by such attacks, accelerating the collapse of their body. However, now the powers of Dao inside him had already stabilized.

These people dare to attack? They’re courting death.

Chapter 1493: You really aren’t afraid of death at all

Lu Chen glanced at the Great Emperors charging over, and said indifferently, “You’re truly not afraid of death, are you?”

As his words fell, Lu Chen raised the Shattering God Sword in his hand, then infused the Power of Dao gathered in his body into the sword, and swung it out.

This swing did not use any swordsmanship, no fancy techniques, just a single straightforward swing.

As the Sword Qi was unleashed, various Power of Dao converged within the Sword Qi, slicing towards the Great Emperors rushing forward.

Upon contact with the Sword Qi of the Shattering God Sword, the Great Emperors' bodies underwent countless changes instantly; some turned into their childhood selves, others into old age, and some even directly turned to ashes.

Feeling the continuous loss of Spiritual Power in their bodies, all the Great Emperors from the Four Great Dynasties panicked, encountering such a bizarre power for the first time.

This power seemed to manipulate their life and death; some attempted to rid themselves of it, only to find their Spiritual Power sealed within, helplessly watching as they switched from child to old man, finally turning to ashes.

Unable to endure, some Great Emperors hastily begged for mercy, saying, "Don't kill me, I'm willing to submit to the Daxia Dynasty!"

Once one Great Emperor opened his mouth, a second, a third followed, and soon more Great Emperors chose to submit to the Daxia Dynasty.

"I'm also willing to submit to the Daxia Dynasty!"

"Me too, spare me!!!"

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Even Tianlu Emperor was defeated, and now, after Lu Chen utilized the Spirit Gathering Array, his strength had reached the Ninth Layer of Realm, and his body had not yet collapsed. This indicated that Lu Chen had found a way to balance all Power of Dao.

Under present circumstances, they were absolutely no match for Lu Chen, and choosing to submit to the Daxia Dynasty might offer a slim chance of survival.

Hearing the Great Emperors' words, Lu Chen originally intended to accept. After all, if all these Great Emperors joined the Daxia Dynasty, its strength would rise another level.

Most importantly, if these Great Emperors all utilized the Spirit Gathering Array, his strength might surpass the Ninth Layer of Realm Emperor, maybe even the Heavenly Emperor?

Thinking about this possibility strengthened Lu Chen's desire to subdue them, but what he didn't expect was just as he was about to speak, Zhengyang Emperor's voice suddenly came through.

"He's already at the end of his rope, seize this opportunity! He just used magic; his body surely can't endure!"

As his words fell, Zhengyang Emperor took the lead, charging to Lu Chen's left side, and swiftly swung out his hand.

"River Flipping Palm!!!"

In an instant, monstrous waves surged up in the void; within the waves emerged a gigantic palm.

Lu Chen was momentarily distracted, coupled with his colossal Law Manifestation, he hadn't had time to evade, and the giant palm struck his Law Manifestation.

Perhaps because he used the Spirit Gathering Array for the first time, Lu Chen's control over various Power of Dao was somewhat lacking.

Zhengyang Emperor's palm directly inflicted countless cracks upon Lu Chen's Law Manifestation.

Seeing the signs of shattering on Lu Chen's Law Manifestation, those Great Emperors who were about to submit to the Daxia Dynasty became excited again.

"Lu Chen is indeed about to fall!"

"Quick, let's strike together!"

"This time, we must eliminate him!!!"

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Immediately, the Great Emperors from the Four Great Dynasties joined forces again to attack Lu Chen.

Lu Chen somewhat helplessly glanced at the Great Emperors; he was intending to give them a chance to live, but they insisted on seeking death.

He couldn't be blamed.

Lu Chen then used Origin Power, instantly repairing the cracks in his Law Manifestation, and rapidly raised the Shattering God Sword in his hand once more.

Coldly gazing at the group of Great Emperors, he said, "Since you're seeking death, I shall grant it!"

Seeing the cracks on Lu Chen's Law Manifestation repair instantaneously left the Great Emperors from the Four Great Dynasties bewildered, including Zhengyang Emperor, who froze before Lu Chen.

Zhengyang Emperor mumbled in disbelief, "How is this possible... his body was clearly about to collapse!"

Lu Chen no longer wasted words with the Great Emperors; he swung his sword once more.

This strike was incredibly swift, a vast Sword Qi enveloping various Power of Dao swept past the Great Emperors' bodies in an instant.

Before the Great Emperors could react, they were obliterated.

Including Zhengyang Emperor.

Feeling his body turning into specks of light, Zhengyang Emperor unwillingly said, "No... This Emperor is not willing..."

As Zhengyang Emperor finished speaking, his body completely dissipated, akin to the others struck by Lu Chen's Sword Qi, vanishing into the starry sky without a trace.

Witnessing this terrifying power, the surviving Great Emperors hastily pleaded again, "I'm willing to submit to the Daxia Dynasty, don't kill me!"

"I came to the Daxia Dynasty because I was forced; none of this has anything to do with me!"

"Just now Zhengyang Emperor forced me to act, spare me, Heavenly Emperor!"

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Listening to these words, Lu Chen sneered, when Zhengyang Emperor mentioned his body's imminent collapse, these Great Emperors didn't hesitate to act, he saw it clearly.

Now with the situation turned against them, they blamed others for coercion.

Lu Chen wasted no more words, gathering various Power of Dao within his body, swung his sword once more towards the distant Great Emperors, seeing Lu Chen

poised for a massacre, the remaining Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties scrambled in terror.

They realized there would be no second chance; some cursed Zhengyang Emperor while fleeing.

If not for Zhengyang Emperor, they would already have submitted to the Daxia Dynasty, avoiding continued pursuit by Lu Chen.

With the Spirit Gathering Array's support, Lu Chen possessed Emperor Ninth Layer strength, and with a frightening weapon in hand, who could challenge him now?

In a space already sealed, those Great Emperors could only use Instant Teleportation to escape, but their fleeing speed was agonizingly slow for Lu Chen.

Lu Chen's lips curled slightly as he swung the Shattering God Sword relentlessly, its Sword Qi piercing through space, instantly appearing behind the fleeing Great Emperors, cutting them down.

Some Sword Qi even appeared before them, Lu Chen controlled this entire space, placing the Sword Qi from the Shattering God Sword wherever he desired.

For Lu Chen, slaying those Great Emperors was no different from harvesting wheat.

In less than a quarter of an hour, Lu Chen had eradicated the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties; when Empress Tianhong returned, she saw only the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty and an empty void.

Seeing the void and the evil qi pouring into Lu Chen's body, Empress Tianhong furrowed her brows, scowling, and stared intently at Lu Chen.

Chapter 1494: Unifying the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group

The dense evil qi on Lu Chen made it obvious to even a fool what had happened.

This left Empress Tianhong feeling quite displeased. Clearly, she had instructed Lu Chen to hold back those Great Emperors, so she could deal with them upon her return.

Yet, Lu Chen managed to take care of all those Great Emperors on his own. She had intended to use this opportunity to break through to a higher realm.

Seeing Empress Tianhong glaring at him as if he were her sworn enemy, Lu Chen smiled and said, “Why are you looking at me like that?”

“You took too long to return, and my Slaughter Domain couldn’t hold them indefinitely. I had no choice but to take them out earlier. You can’t blame me for that.”

Empress Tianhong glanced at Lu Chen. The Spirit Gathering Array had already been deactivated, and Lu Chen’s clone had returned to the Great Emperor Second Realm.

This puzzled Empress Tianhong. How did Lu Chen, at only the Great Emperor Second Realm, manage to slay all those Great Emperors in such a short time?

After all, that was over a hundred Great Emperors!

She had left confidently because she believed Lu Chen’s Slaughter Domain could only imprison those Great Emperors, not eliminate them, especially since among them was a Great Emperor of the Seventh Layer and several of the Sixth Layer.

Yet, just as she left, Lu Chen had already cleared the field.

Even if Lu Chen wielded that Immortal Sword, it shouldn’t have been enough to clear the field so quickly, right?

Empress Tianhong curiously asked, “How did you do it?”

Lu Chen calmly replied, “Spirit Gathering Array.”

Upon hearing this response, a trace of confusion appeared on Empress Tianhong’s cold and stunning face.



Spirit Gathering Array?

The formation previously used by Lingyun Emperor?

That formation gathered all the power of the Great Emperors into one body, but no single Great Emperor could withstand such immense power. Moreover, the Power of Dao would collide fiercely within one person's body.

Using the Spirit Gathering Array could easily lead to the same fate as Lingyun Emperor, potentially leading to one's complete annihilation if not controlled properly.

Empress Tianhong did not consider the Spirit Gathering Array as an offensive means. Any force would only consider using the Spirit Gathering Array at a critical moment of life and death.

Could Lu Chen have really used the Spirit Gathering Array as an attack method?

Could his body endure the power of the Spirit Gathering Array without exploding?

It didn't take long for Empress Tianhong to realize that Lu Chen's multiple and unique clones seemed not to affect his main body even if they exploded.

If that were the case, using the Spirit Gathering Array as an attack method wouldn't be impossible for Lu Chen. Should a clone explode, he could just create another one.

Of course, Empress Tianhong clearly misunderstood. Lu Chen noticed her confusion and directly said, "Did you forget I have mastery over all the Power of Dao?"

Upon hearing this, Empress Tianhong paused. Lu Chen had indeed mentioned this to her before.

If so, regardless of what Power of Dao entered Lu Chen's body, it wouldn't harm him, meaning he could continuously use the Spirit Gathering Array.

This way, Lu Chen's strength could be maintained at the Ninth Layer of the Great Emperor Realm, and the more Great Emperors the Daxia Dynasty had, the stronger Lu Chen would become.

Lu Chen's strength might even surpass the Heavenly Emperor. At the thought of this possibility, Empress Tianhong felt a bit sour inside.

In such a case, she would never be able to surpass Lu Chen in her lifetime.

Empress Tianhong quickly came to her senses, realizing that the strength Lu Chen gained from the Spirit Gathering Array was temporary. Even if he became stronger in this state, it wasn't his own power. She found no need to be so concerned.

After consoling herself, Empress Tianhong felt much better.

But thinking about how Lu Chen had wiped out all the Great Emperors of the Four Great Dynasties' allied forces, leaving none for herself, once again filled Empress Tianhong's heart with dissatisfaction.

If Lu Chen could use the Spirit Gathering Array without limits, shouldn't he leave such opportunities to those in need instead of enhancing his power through slaughter?

Noticing the resentment in Empress Tianhong's eyes, Lu Chen said, "You've already broken through to the Seventh Layer Realm. Given the speed of your cultivation improvement, it won't be long before you reach the Ninth Layer Realm. There's no need to be overly anxious."

Upon Empress Tianhong's return, Lu Chen could clearly feel that her aura had significantly strengthened. A system check confirmed that her realm had indeed been broken through.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Empress Tianhong couldn't help but think, did Lu Chen anticipate that she would break through to the Seventh Layer after killing the fleeing Great Emperor of the Seventh Layer, so he purposely killed all the other Great Emperors to prevent her power from increasing too quickly?

With this possibility in mind, Empress Tianhong's gaze at Lu Chen became increasingly skeptical.

At this moment, Lu Chen said, "Enough of this. The war is over, and we can address the following matters."

With that, Lu Chen turned to look at Thunderbolt Emperor and his group, saying, "Immediately march against the Four Great Dynasties. You know how to handle those who refuse to surrender."

The Great Emperors collectively responded, "We shall obey!!!"

Now, with the most powerful Great Emperors of the four dynasties within the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group eliminated, there was no longer any power within the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group capable of hindering the Daxia Dynasty's expansion.

All that was left was to dispatch the Daxia Dynasty's starships to the domains of these dynasties, from where they would naturally surrender. Of course, there might still be those who would rather die than surrender.

For those refusing to submit, Lu Chen planned to let Empress Tianhong handle them, as he wasn't suited to manage such matters.

The War Dragon Army moved at great speed. In less than two years, they had seized control of the entire Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group, bringing all the dynasties within it under the Daxia Dynasty's rule.

Consequently, the Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune surged to extremely frightening levels, a force perceptible even to the leaders of the top-tier forces.

The Daxia Dynasty's expansion rate had already surpassed that of the Shenyue Dynasty. Although the Shenyue Dynasty's army had retreated, they too engaged in external campaigns but were unable to capture an entire Super Star Domain Group in such a short time.

This realization made the top-tier forces across the universe aware that the Daxia Dynasty posed a greater threat than the Shenyue Dynasty. In no time, many top-tier forces sent representatives to the Tianji Pavilion, seeking ways to counter the Daxia Dynasty.

Unfortunately, the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion met with no one.

Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Star.

Heavenly Palace.

A woman dressed in a white cloud robe gazed at the buildings on the horizon of Emperor Star, and said to Lu Yanghua beside her, "I'm certain that our two great forces united can overthrow the Daxia Dynasty."

Lu Yanghua replied, "It's not only our two great forces; more and more powers are realizing the threat posed by the Daxia Dynasty. Even the Tianji Pavilion plans to confront the Daxia Dynasty."

Chapter 1495: Have You Thought It Through?

Upon hearing Lu Yanghua's words, the Life-saving Empress curiously asked, "I wonder what instructions the Tianji Pavilion has?"

Lu Yanghua replied indifferently, "The Tianji Pavilion is waiting for an opportunity."

The Life-saving Empress curiously asked, "An opportunity? What kind of opportunity?"

Lu Yanghua said, "I don't know either, it's what the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion told me."

The Life-saving Empress pondered for a moment; since the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion said so, it proved that the Tower Master must have thought of a way to deal with the Daxia Dynasty.

It seems that allying with the Shenyue Dynasty was the right move. If they can break through the Daxia Dynasty, the Yunhua Palace might be able to obtain that formation from the Daxia Dynasty.

For the present Life-saving Empress, revenge against Lu Chen was one aspect, but on the other hand, she was more eager to gain benefits from Lu Chen. After all, rumors were spreading throughout the universe that Lu Chen might be the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.

If Lu Chen truly is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, there must be a plethora of treasures behind him. If they can overthrow the Daxia Dynasty, these treasures and cultivation techniques would belong to them.

At this moment, a Shadow Guard appeared beside Lu Yanghua. Seeing the Shadow Guard appear at this time, Lu Yanghua's face instantly darkened, "Didn't I tell you not to come without my orders?"

The Shadow Guard quickly said, "Your Majesty, there is the latest update from the Daxia Dynasty."

Upon hearing this, Lu Yanghua's eyebrows furrowed slightly. What has the Daxia Dynasty done again?

The last intelligence he received about the Daxia Dynasty was that the Four Great Dynasties within the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group had united to deal with the Daxia Dynasty.

Logically, with the Four Great Dynasties of the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group united, they should barely withstand the Daxia Dynasty's attack. After all, the Four Great Dynasties have an emperor of the Ninth Layer and many high-realm emperors.

Although the Daxia Dynasty has its share of emperors, they are far fewer in number compared to the coalition of the Four Great Dynasties. In this situation, the Daxia Dynasty has no advantage and shouldn't have produced the latest intelligence so soon.

Could it be that the Daxia Dynasty's army has retreated?

Lu Yanghua turned to look at the Shadow Guard kneeling on the ground, and said coldly, "Speak."

The Shadow Guard quickly said, "The coalition of the Four Great Dynasties of the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group has been completely annihilated by the Daxia Dynasty. Now the entire Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group has been taken over by the Daxia Dynasty."

Upon hearing the Shadow Guard's report, Lu Yanghua and the Life-saving Empress were both stunned.

They both had some understanding of the strength between the Daxia Dynasty and the coalition of the Four Great Dynasties of the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group. When they learned that the Four Great Dynasties had united, both believed that the Daxia Dynasty's expansion would most likely be halted.

But now the report comes back saying that the Daxia Dynasty has taken control of the entire Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group?

How is that possible?

Could it be that the Daxia Dynasty has an emperor of the Ninth Layer? Otherwise, how did they defeat the coalition of the Four Great Dynasties?

Lu Yanghua's face completely fell, appearing even gloomier.

As long as Lu Chen lives, he never feels at ease. Now that Lu Chen has grown even stronger, those emperors within the Shenyue Dynasty who originally supported him will surely harbor some thoughts. After all, Lu Chen is also considered a candidate for the Emperor of the Shenyue Dynasty.

At this moment, the Life-saving Empress also looked grim. She initially thought she could rely on the Shenyue Dynasty for revenge and seize the formation and the Heavenly Emperor's treasures from the Daxia Dynasty.

However, judging from the strength that the Daxia Dynasty is currently displaying, it seems that the Daxia Dynasty's power is not as simple as they imagined.

After a moment of silence, Lu Yanghua spoke to the Shadow Guard, "Continue to monitor the Daxia Dynasty."

Now, apart from having the Shadow Guard monitor the Daxia Dynasty, Lu Yanghua had no other solution.

The expansion speed of the Daxia Dynasty has already far surpassed that of the Shenyue Dynasty. Since the Shenyue Dynasty began waging wars, it hasn't occupied a single Super Star Domain Group.

It's not just a Star Domain or a Star Domain Group, but a Super Star Domain Group.

Within a Super Star Domain Group are countless Star Domain Groups, consisting of hundreds or even thousands of dynasties or various forces. The Shenyue Dynasty has currently occupied only a few Star Domain Groups.

This gave Lu Yanghua a profound sense of crisis.

At this point, the Life-saving Empress couldn't help but doubt if she had backed the wrong person.

From the fact that the Daxia Dynasty can control the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group, it seems that the Daxia Dynasty's power is far stronger than the Shenyue Dynasty's.

She was previously quite confident, believing that with an alliance between Yunhua Palace and the Shenyue Dynasty, plus the Tianji Pavilion, the Daxia Dynasty would surely not be their match.

But after hearing this intelligence, she suddenly had a bad premonition. If the Daxia Dynasty can even defeat an emperor of the Ninth Layer, it could very well mean the Daxia Dynasty also possesses an emperor of the Ninth Layer.

Furthermore, the rumored Heavenly Emperor might indeed be real. If Lu Chen truly is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor and has awakened memories of his past life, possessing certain methods against emperors of the Ninth Layer, then that's trouble.

After another long silence, the Life-saving Empress finally spoke, "It seems the Daxia Dynasty's strength is even greater than we anticipated, but what exactly does the Tianji Pavilion have up their sleeve against the Daxia Dynasty?"

Lu Yanghua said, "Since the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion mentioned waiting for the right moment, it proves that eradicating the Daxia Dynasty indeed requires some time, and we just need to wait and see."

Even if the two major forces have allied, without breaking through the formation barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, all they can do is wait.

Now they can only continue to wait, waiting for the so-called timing mentioned by the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion.

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Daxia Dynasty, Tianchen World.

Yan County.

Lu Chen's main body hovered above Yan County, feeling the dynastic Qi fortune of the entire Daxia Dynasty. Bathed in this thick dynastic Qi fortune, Lu Chen felt very comfortable.

Although his main body has yet to break through again, thanks to the existence of the Spirit Gathering Array, Lu Chen is no longer as anxious as before.



The Spirit Gathering Array can temporarily elevate his realm to the Ninth Layer of the Great Emperor, perhaps even surpass the Ninth Layer. This is enough to handle the current crisis.

As long as the Heavenly Emperor doesn't appear, the Daxia Dynasty is very safe now.

At this moment, Lu Chen sensed a graceful figure appearing in Black Dragon City.

Lie Hongyun wore a long red dress, exuding an aura strikingly similar to Empress Tianhong, so much so that for a moment, Lu Chen almost mistook Lie Hongyun for Empress Tianhong.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun looked up at Lu Chen in the sky, her expression somewhat solemn, as if she had made an especially important decision.

Lu Chen instantly understood Lie Hongyun's thoughts. His main body descended from the sky without hesitation and arrived at the courtyard where Lie Hongyun was.

"Have you made up your mind?" Lu Chen asked.

Lie Hongyun didn't answer immediately, falling into silence. After hearing some of Empress Tianhong's words, she increasingly felt that there was some connection between herself and Lu Chen's past life.

Moreover, she was well aware that she had already fallen into Lu Chen's grasp, and what was bound to happen would inevitably occur one day.

Chapter 1496: A new variable is about to emerge

From a perspective of interest, becoming Lu Chen's woman isn't bad; on one hand, Lu Chen might be the reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, and when the Great Calamity comes, he could know how to deal with it.

Of course, for these advantages, Lie Hongyun had to give up some self-respect.

She had been in Tianchen World for a while and had heard the rumors about Lu Chen, who was said to be particularly skilled at manipulating women. Any woman who fell into his hands would eventually be conquered by him.

At this moment, Lie Hongyun's eyebrows slightly relaxed; she was doing all this merely to get through the Great Calamity.

As long as she could survive the calamity, this bit of sacrifice was nothing. Being humiliated by Lu Chen? It didn't matter.

Thinking this, Lie Hongyun lifted her jade-like head, staring straight at Lu Chen with eyes like rubies, "I've made up my mind."

Lu Chen smiled slightly, "In that case, let's discuss this elsewhere."

As soon as he finished speaking, Lu Chen and Lie Hongyun's bodies disappeared on the spot. When they reappeared, they were already in Lie Hongyun's bedchamber.

Lie Hongyun lay on the soft couch, her red dress split to reveal her slender, jade legs. She lay there, staring intently at Lu Chen with no desire in her eyes.

Seeing Lie Hongyun's virtuous appearance, Lu Chen's flame of conquest was instantly ignited. He pressed himself directly onto Lie Hongyun, then lowered his head and kissed her red lips.

Feeling the aura from Lu Chen's body, the Spiritual Power in Lie Hongyun instantly became restless. Her gaze was fixed on the sky, noticing that the marriage line on her body was binding her and Lu Chen together.

When the marriage line completely tied them up, some feeling within her seemed to lose control, leaving only Lu Chen in her mind. She even extended her jade hand proactively, wanting to pull Lu Chen to quickly complete a certain process with her.

Feeling Lie Hongyun's jade hand roaming over him, Lu Chen was a bit stunned. He couldn't imagine that a woman like Lie Hongyun could be so proactive.

Lu Chen slowly got up, their lips parted slightly, then Lu Chen looked down at the Lie Hongyun beneath him. At first indifferent, Lie Hongyun now blushed with shame, her eyes filled with a spring-like glow.

This...

Lu Chen then used Spiritual Power to examine Lie Hongyun's body and found that she was in an extremely agitated state. Despite having many women, it was his first time encountering a woman who quickly entered such a state just from kissing.

The speed at which she got into state was too fast, even more pronounced than Chu Yunzhi, someone who practiced the Great Dao of Love.

Seeing Lu Chen not continuing to kiss her, Lie Hongyun mildly came to her senses, but the next moment she lifted her jade hand, proactively wrapping it around Lu Chen's neck, and kissed him again.

Seeing Lie Hongyun so proactive, Lu Chen decided not to waste any more time.

The next moment, the sound of tearing echoed through the bedchamber. This sound was very common in Lu Chen's Imperial Palace, and when it rang out, it meant that soon there would be more melodious cries ringing out.

Meanwhile.

In a certain Star Domain.

A magnificent Immortal Ship drifted aimlessly in the void. Purple curtains hung on its deck, making it impossible for people outside to see those on the deck, but one could make out a stunning fairy on the Immortal Boat's deck through the translucent purple curtains.

Draped in a purple dress, Xuan Qingyun sat cross-legged on the deck of the Immortal Ship, looking into the distant void. At this moment, she gently raised her slender jade finger, waving it in front of her, causing a projection to appear in front of her.

In the projected image, a man and a woman were wildly engaging in a certain act, and the duo was Lu Chen and Lie Hongyun.

Seeing the projection, Xuan Qingyun's expression remained calm, with no emotional fluctuations. After a while, she spoke to herself, "This life should be completely over."

With a glance, Xuan Qingyun didn't continue watching, waving her hand once more, causing the image of Lu Chen and Lie Hongyun to disappear, and instead, another projection appeared.

In the image, Lu Yanghua was cultivating the Heaven Stealing Technique. Suddenly, Lu Yanghua sharply opened his eyes, scanned the Cultivation Chamber's surroundings, and then cautiously exclaimed, "Who's there!"

Seeing Lu Yanghua sensing someone spying on him, Xuan Qingyun spoke to herself, "It seems the Tianji Pavilion has staked its bet on him, but unfortunately, the new variable will appear soon."

As Xuan Qingyun's words fell, Lu Yanghua suddenly spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. He quickly clutched his chest, looking incredulously at the pool of blood he had vomited.

Lu Yanghua wiped the blood from his mouth, then looked at his hand, "This is... what's happening..."

As he spoke, a sharp pain shot from his chest. Lu Yanghua quickly closed his eyes, trying to calm the restless Spiritual Power inside, but it was all in vain. The Spiritual Power within him became increasingly chaotic, as if something was about to burst out of his body.

Lu Yanghua's face was immediately filled with terror. In his mind, the scene of the day he usurped the throne suddenly emerged. At that time, he had collaborated with the Great Emperor of the Tianji Pavilion to take down Emperor Shenwu, and as Emperor Shenwu was dying, he fixed his gaze on Lu Yanghua, giving him a meaningful smile, and finally saying, "We'll meet again very soon."

Lu Yanghua clutched his chest, roaring in the Cultivation Chamber, "No... impossible... he's already dead..."

“He can’t possibly still be alive...”

The next moment, Lu Yanghua suddenly changed entirely, a slight smile playing on his lips as he said, “I said... we’ll meet again very soon.”

As his words fell, an expression of terror returned to Lu Yanghua’s face, and he finally understood what was happening.

Emperor Shenwu’s reincarnation had never actually failed; it just took time to complete. Now that the reincarnation technique was near completion, the conclusion of his fate was obvious.

Lu Yanghua hastily pleaded for mercy, “Father... Father Emperor, all of this has nothing to do with the child, it was the Tianji Pavilion who threatened the child into doing this...”

“Father Emperor, spare my life!!!”

As he spoke, Lu Yanghua knelt on the ground, repeatedly banging his head.

Soon, his head was battered and bleeding, but simultaneously, the blood hue on his body became more and more intense. The next moment, he felt as if something was tearing his body apart.

Blood poured from all his orifices, and he gritted his teeth, saying, “If you won’t let me live, then we’ll die together!!!”

Saying this, Lu Yanghua tried to self-detonate his Divine Soul, but he found he was already unable to control his body and Divine Soul, his consciousness now like an observer from a third-party perspective, unable even to command his Divine Soul.

Just then, a tender white hand pierced out from Lu Yanghua’s chest. Lu Yanghua struggled hard, yet could only watch as his body was continuously split apart.

Moments later, a pale-skinned boy crawled out from Lu Yanghua's body.

#### Chapter 1497: The Resurrection of Emperor Shenwu

Lu Yanghua lay on the ground, his eyes wide open as he stared at the boy who emerged from his body. The boy cast a disdainful glance at Lu Yanghua, then said in a youthful voice, "What I bestow upon you is yours; what I do not, you cannot forcibly take."

Upon hearing this, Lu Yanghua's eyes revealed endless hatred. He had thought he had seized everything, only to end up making a wedding dress for another.

Hate!!!

He was so full of hatred!!!

He was unwilling!!!

Seeing the hatred in Lu Yanghua's eyes, Emperor Shenwu sneered and said, "I've seen eyes like yours more times than I can count. Alas, those who show such eyes always end up turning to dust before me."

"Alright, your task is complete, it's time for you to be on your way."

As he spoke, Emperor Shenwu activated the complete version of the Heaven Stealing Technique. In an instant, all of Lu Yanghua's blood energy and Power of Slaughter converged onto Emperor Shenwu, transforming him from a child into his younger self in no time.

By this time, Lu Yanghua had become a desiccated corpse.

Emperor Shenwu felt the power within his body and then muttered to himself, "Tianji Pavilion, what a cunning calculation, but you underestimated me."

As Emperor Shenwu finished speaking, Emperor Ye Hun and Emperor Xuanlin appeared before him, bowing and saying, “Congratulations to Your Majesty on your rebirth!”

Emperor Shenwu nodded lightly. Emperor Ye Hun and Emperor Xuanlin had known from the start that Emperor Shenwu’s reincarnation was not complete and was still ongoing. They supported Lu Yanghua at first, helping him stabilize the Shenyue Dynasty’s situation, merely waiting for Emperor Shenwu’s reincarnation to finish.

Emperor Ye Hun then spoke, “Your Majesty should be aware of the Great Sum Dynasty’s situation, right?”

Having completed the flesh and blood reincarnation, Lu Yanghua’s memories should have been read by Emperor Shenwu. It was very likely he already knew what had transpired in the Great Sum Dynasty during this period.

Upon hearing Emperor Ye Hun’s words, Emperor Shenwu’s expression instantly turned grim. He had indeed read Lu Yanghua’s memories and learned everything that had occurred in the Great Sum Dynasty, as well as the possibility of Lu Chen being the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.

Emperor Shenwu sneered coldly and then said, “I never imagined that my son might actually be the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.”

Lu Chen’s existence had already posed a severe threat to the Shenyue Dynasty. The Shenyue Dynasty’s next goal was to dominate the entire universe, yet the Great Sum Dynasty’s expansion rate was already faster than Shenyue’s.

Most critically, the barrier of the Great Sum Dynasty was even tricky for Tianji Pavilion to handle. Xuan Tian still hadn’t found a way to breach it.

If the Great Sum Dynasty were allowed to continue developing, even if Lu Chen wasn’t the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, he would soon become one.

One of Emperor Shenwu’s reasons for lusting after domination was to seize the position of the Heavenly Emperor. As his power increased, he vaguely sensed that only one Heavenly Emperor could be born in a universe.

If Lu Chen became the Heavenly Emperor before him, he would find it difficult to break through, so he had to curb the Great Sum Dynasty's expansion, preventing it from gaining more Qi Fortune.

After a moment of silence, Emperor Shenwu said reluctantly, "It seems cooperation with Tianji Pavilion cannot be severed yet."

Although Tianji Pavilion had schemed against him during his reincarnation, it seemed they were the only ones capable of breaking the Great Sum Dynasty's barrier.

If even the national defense array of the Great Sum Dynasty couldn't be breached, even if Shenyue Dynasty sent troops to attack, they'd only return empty-handed.

After contemplating for a while, Emperor Shenwu said to Emperor Ye Hun, "Inform those emperors at Tianji Pavilion that I have been resurrected and will soon personally visit Tianji Pavilion."

Emperor Ye Hun immediately replied, "Yes, Your Majesty."

Immediately after, Emperor Ye Hun turned and vanished, reappearing before the retreat location of Tianji Pavilion's emperors.

When the emperors of Tianji Pavilion sensed a high-realm emperor arriving, they all suddenly opened their eyes.

The emperors of Tianji Pavilion knew how Lu Yanghua had ascended to power, so they were somewhat worried that one day the two Ninth Layer emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty would discover the truth and come seeking trouble, remaining vigilant all the while.

Upon seeing Emperor Ye Hun, one emperor of Tianji Pavilion smiled and asked, "I wonder what instructions senior has for us?"

Emperor Ye Hun replied expressionlessly, "Your Majesty asked me to relay a message to you all."



Hearing this, the emperors of Tianji Pavilion were taken aback. Lu Yanghua had always been under their control, so if there were any issues, he would undoubtedly tell them first, not seek out an emperor from the Shenyue Dynasty.

Why did Lu Yanghua let an emperor of the Ninth Layer convey a message this time?

Could it be Lu Yanghua believed that with Yunhua Palace as an ally, the Shenyue Dynasty no longer feared Tianji Pavilion?

At this thought, that emperor's face instantly darkened, and then he said unkindly, "I wonder what message Your Majesty wishes to convey?"

Seeing the emperors of Tianji Pavilion show displeasure on their faces, Emperor Ye Hun guessed they had misunderstood, possibly thinking Lu Yanghua sent him to deliver the message.

Emperor Ye Hun did not retort due to their tone; it was not yet the time to turn against Tianji Pavilion. Their majesty still had some plans.

Then, Emperor Ye Hun said, "The 'Your Majesty' I refer to is Emperor Shenwu."

Hearing this, the emperors of Tianji Pavilion were immediately stunned. The emperor who had spoken earlier was so frightened that he turned pale, stammering, "No... no way..."

"He wasn't..."

That emperor did not continue, as he had already realized.

They had initially felt that Emperor Shenwu had died too quickly. Despite being a Ninth Layer emperor and a Slaughter Emperor at that, he couldn't have been so easily calculated to death.

Logically, given Emperor Shenwu's character, he would drag all those emperors who harmed him down with him even if he died, yet he hadn't.

For a moment, the hall fell silent, the air thick with tension, the sound of breathing perfectly audible.

If Emperor Shenwu had resurrected, he would definitely know that Tianji Pavilion had been the ones scheming behind the scenes. Was he now planning to deal with Tianji Pavilion?

Emperor Shenwu had once destroyed a branch of Tianji Pavilion before. If he acted, none of the Tianji Pavilion's emperors present would likely survive.

At this time, one emperor of Tianji Pavilion asked tremulously, "I... I wonder what Emperor Shenwu's instructions are..."

Seeing the emperors trembling with fear, Emperor Ye Hun couldn't help but chuckle softly. Then he said, "His Majesty asks you to inform your Tower Master that he has been resurrected and will soon visit Tianji Pavilion personally."

Chapter 1498: Do you really think I have no means to deal with you?

Upon hearing Emperor Ye Hun's words, the Great Emperors of Tianji Pavilion felt as if the sky was falling.

As an emperor who exacts revenge, if Emperor Shenwu said this, does it mean that he plans to wage war on Tianji Pavilion next?

He said he would personally visit Tianji Pavilion, could it be he intends to lead an army there?

Emperor Ye Hun ignored the reactions of the emperors present and continued: "I've delivered the message, take care of yourselves."

With that, Emperor Ye Hun turned and left.

He did not take any action against the emperors, knowing Emperor Shenwu's temper, these emperors would be eliminated sooner or later; there was no hurry at the moment.

Not only these emperors, but in the future, Tianji Pavilion would most likely be destroyed by Emperor Shenwu.

Watching Emperor Ye Hun leave, the emperors of Tianji Pavilion exchanged glances and promptly fled Shenyue Dynasty.

Now that Emperor Shenwu is resurrected, as those who schemed against him, if they stay in the Shenyue Dynasty, they will eventually be dealt with, and they don't believe Emperor Shenwu to be merciful.

The Shenyue Dynasty did not hinder the departure of those from Tianji Pavilion; shortly after, the emperors of Tianji Pavilion returned there.

Upon returning, they immediately searched for Xuan Tian.

Xuan Tian was in seclusion at the time. An emperor arrived outside the Starry Sky Pavilion and said to the guarding emperor, "Report to the Tower Master immediately; I have extremely urgent information."

The guarding emperor glanced at the emperor returning from the Shenyue Dynasty and said indifferently, "The Tower Master has orders; no one is to be seen during his closure, regardless of the circumstance, wait until his seclusion ends."

On hearing this, Emperor Tengyun frowned; with Emperor Shenwu resurrected, he might soon attack Tianji Pavilion. If the Tower Master remains in seclusion without preparations, Tianji Pavilion risks annihilation.

Emperor Tengyun directly addressed the guarding emperor, "Emperor Shenwu is resurrected; he will soon attack Tianji Pavilion. You should know how crucial this information is."

On hearing Emperor Tengyun, the face of the guarding emperor turned pale instantly.

"Emperor Shenwu?"

"Wasn't he dead? How could he be resurrected?" The guarding emperor asked incredulously.

Emperor Tengyun replied, "We were all deceived by him, his reincarnation plan didn't fail, he was feigning death."

The guarding emperor pondered for a moment and then said, "I will report immediately."

Such an urgent matter must be conveyed to the Tower Master swiftly; if they wait for the army from Shenyue Dynasty and are unprepared, it would be dire.

The guarding emperor directly opened the stone door of the Starry Sky Pavilion. As he opened it, Xuan Tian, seated at the center, opened his eyes, instantly releasing his powerful aura, forcing the guarding emperor and Emperor Tengyun to the ground.

"Did I not instruct that no matter the circumstance, not to disturb me?"

"Why, are you disregarding my words?"

Emperor Tengyun quickly said at the door, "Tower Master, Emperor Shenwu... is resurrected; he said he will soon come to Tianji Pavilion personally..."

Hearing this, Xuan Tian froze briefly.

Then he withdrew his aura and immediately asked, "Resurrected?"

Emperor Tengyun breathed a sigh of relief and quickly explained, "We don't know what happened. Suddenly, Emperor Ye Hun, by Emperor Shenwu's side, came to us, saying to relay a message to you: Emperor Shenwu is resurrected and will soon visit Tianji Pavilion personally."

After listening to Emperor Tengyun, Xuan Tian fell into contemplation, his expression unsettled. After a while, he raised his hand, summoning a projection before him.

In the projection was Emperor Shenwu, and he appeared very young, seated on a dazzling Dragon Throne, staring down at the emperors below.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu raised his head to look into the air, slightly curling his lips, and said, "Building Master Xuan, I will soon come to Tianji Pavilion personally, we shall discuss the matter of Daxia Dynasty."

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Xuan Tian's face darkened further.

Emperor Shenwu indeed is resurrected, though he couldn't understand how he survived when he evidently sensed Emperor Shenwu's aura had dissipated, and his Divine Soul was gone.

Could there exist things in this universe unknown to him?

Upon this thought, Xuan Tian suddenly realized there are indeed matters beyond his perception—the ones related to Lu Chen and that woman.

The woman's ability to shield the Heavenly Mechanism is formidable; once she harnesses the Power of Heavenly Mechanism, even he might not detect anomalies.

This affair with Emperor Shenwu is likely orchestrated by that woman!

As he thought of this, Xuan Tian's aura abruptly intensified, causing the starry sky within Starry Sky Pavilion to tremble, even creating cracks in the cosmic space there.

Xuan Tian murmured to himself, "Do you truly believe I have no means against you!"

Though declaring so, his eyes turned bloodshot; it's clear he truly doesn't have a way.

If he could remove that woman, he would have long since expelled her; she is like a parasite within this universe.

He tried numerous times to expel her but failed each time, ultimately having no choice but to coexist peacefully, making her the Saintess of Tianji Pavilion.

Previously, she hadn't opposed him, but since Lu Chen appeared, she caused multiple disruptions for him.

Feeling a sudden pause in his heart, he realized something: since Lu Chen's appearance, the woman consistently created trouble, even wishing for this universe's early collapse.

Could it be possible she belongs with Lu Chen, aiming to liberate Lu Chen from this universe, hence wishing its downfall?

As long as the universe collapses, Lu Chen could escape unscathed.

Considering this possibility, Xuan Tian felt an inner ache; now that Lu Chen possesses an Immortal Artifact, dealing with him is already challenging; adding that woman complicates matters further...

However...

There might be some use for Emperor Shenwu; while he appears stronger post-resurrection, he cannot stir chaos within this universe unless reaching a higher realm.

Further, Emperor Shenwu's mention of discussing Daxia Dynasty with him signifies Emperor Shenwu's understanding of the threat Daxia Dynasty imposes.

Yet one thing puzzled him: why would that woman aid Emperor Shenwu in shrouding the Heavenly Mechanism?

With Emperor Shenwu resurrected, he seeks trouble with Daxia Dynasty, if she were truly on Lu Chen's side, she wouldn't conjure such a formidable foe against Lu Chen.

Chapter 1499: Holy Tier Swordsmanship

Xuan Tian truly could not comprehend the actions of Xuan Qingyun, but regardless of what Xuan Qingyun was doing, Xuan Qingyun and his position were always opposed, so Xuan Tian would remain vigilant against her.

Xuan Tian felt that continuing like this was not a solution; he must swiftly destroy the Immortal Artifact in Lu Chen's hands.

The best way now was to leverage the power of the Divine Martial Emperor. He could first help the Divine Martial Emperor become stronger, and then attempt to use the Divine Martial Emperor against Lu Chen.

Although this universe was the world within Xuan Tian's body, he himself could not completely control what happened inside. Take the Immortal Artifact, for example; he could only find a way to expel it, unable to destroy it.

This was like a mortal having a stone in their body, where they can only use external force to break the stone, unable to rely on their own strength to expel it.

After making up his mind, Xuan Tian took out a spear and said to Emperor Tengyun, "Give this spear to the Divine Martial Emperor, and say that this seat congratulates him on his resurrection. This spear is refined from the blood and Divine Soul of countless people, making it very suitable for him."

The moment the spear in Xuan Tian's hand was brought out, a terrifying aura enveloped the entire Starry Sky Pavilion, causing Emperor Tengyun and the gate-guarding Great Emperor to be suffocated by the pressure.

The Holy Demon Spear in Xuan Tian's hand exuded a blood-red Evil Qi, and the intense Evil Qi was chilling just to look at.

The pressure emitted by the Holy Demon Spear made Emperor Tengyun unable to approach, let alone step forward to catch it. At this time, Xuan Tian realized, waved his hand, and a talisman paper appeared on the Holy Demon Spear.

In an instant, the pressure of the Holy Demon Spear dissipated, allowing Emperor Tengyun to finally breathe a sigh of relief. Xuan Tian waved his hand, and the Holy Demon Spear flew into Emperor Tengyun's hand proactively.

Emperor Tengyun immediately caught the Holy Demon Spear, "I will now proceed to the Shenyue Dynasty."

Emperor Tengyun had just escaped from the Shenyue Dynasty and did not want to go back at this time. However, this was Xuan Tian's command, so he could only brace himself to go to the Shenyue Dynasty once again.

He only hoped that once the Divine Martial Emperor saw this spear, some of the anger in his heart would be abated.

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Tianchen World.

In Lie Hongyun's bedchamber, the sound of sobbing still echoed. Ever since Lie Hongyun made contact with Lu Chen's body, she was tightly bound by the marriage line and could only let things take their course chaotically.

After an unknown period, Lu Chen finally ceased his recklessness and glanced at the interface of the system.

[Congratulations to the host for gaining a concubine, reward: Holy Tier Sword Technique Blood Soul Slash.]

Seeing it was a Holy Tier Sword Technique, a smile appeared on Lu Chen's face; finally, he was rewarded with a set of Holy Tier Sword Techniques.

Previously, he had only used Heaven Rank Swordsmanship and Heavenly-level Cultivation Skills. Although for most Great Emperors, the most powerful techniques and swordsmanship they could encounter in their lifetime were Heaven Rank, Lu Chen always felt that the swordsmanship and cultivation techniques suited him only moderately when he used them.

Perhaps because he mastered all the Power of Dao, typical swordsmanship and cultivation techniques seemed a bit too simple for him.



Lu Chen always hoped for the system to reward him with higher-tier swordsmanship, and now it finally came.

If he could learn the Holy Tier Swordsmanship, with the blessings of the Spirit Gathering Array, he might be able to unleash power surpassing that of the Heavenly Emperor, right?

Lying beneath Lu Chen, Lie Hongyun glanced aside while looking at Lu Chen, her body unmoving, seemingly contemplating something. Curiously, she asked, "What are you thinking about?"

Upon hearing Lie Hongyun's voice, Lu Chen came back to his senses. He smiled slightly, then raised his hand to stroke Lie Hongyun's smooth cheek, gazing into her beautiful eyes, and said, "I was thinking why you've become so proactive."

Upon hearing this, Lie Hongyun's delicate body trembled slightly. Only then did she realize that she had gone to great lengths to please Lu Chen recently, wondering if she had lost her mind.

Why did she do these things?

Lie Hongyun glanced at the marriage line on her body, noticing that she and Lu Chen were still tightly bound together.

In her heart, she thought perhaps all this was caused by the marriage line. Because the marriage line bound them together, that's why she engaged in such pleasing actions.

Yet, regardless of the reason, having been a Reincarnated Emperor, doing such things always left her feeling incredibly ashamed.

In her past life, when had she ever done these things to please a man?

Seeing Lie Hongyun fall into silence and her expression turn cold, Lu Chen smiled and said, "There's a unique flavor to you now."

Lie Hongyun calmed her inner emotions; since the deed was done, saying anything wouldn't change it, moreover, it had been her initiative.

Since she had made up her mind, she could only continue along this path.

Just as Lie Hongyun thought this, she suddenly noticed the bottleneck of her Realm loosening at that moment. Subsequently, a majestic force surged from within her, causing her Realm to continually ascend.

In merely a moment's time, her Realm broke through to the Great Emperor Second Realm; feeling her cultivation restored to the Great Emperor Second Realm, Lie Hongyun was stunned.

She could hardly believe this was real. Although she heard from Empress Tianhong that after being with Lu Chen, her cultivation might enhance, she thought it would take many encounters to see effect.

Unexpectedly, just once helped her leap to the Great Emperor Second Realm.

To have broken through so easily, what did her previous desperate cultivation amount to?

Reflecting on past events, Lie Hongyun's inner thoughts became somewhat chaotic, and her Dao Heart began to destabilize.

Lu Chen noticed something was off with Lie Hongyun's state, he immediately acted, channeling Origin Power into Lie Hongyun's body. The Origin Power quickly calmed the turbulent Power of Dao within her and soon composed her inner self.

Lie Hongyun gazed into Lu Chen's eyes, wanting to say something, yet not knowing what to say.

Lu Chen chuckled, "Did just this shake your Dao Heart?"

"You don't need to overthink; just take me as your destiny."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Lie Hongyun suddenly became clear-headed. Indeed, encountering fortuitous opportunities along the path of cultivation was common, and she need not pay too much heed to them.

The path of cultivation is always accompanied by unexpected occurrences, and most who reach the end have various opportune occurrences. Currently, Lu Chen is her opportunity.

Thinking this, Lie Hongyun's Dao Heart stabilized once more, and her cultivation path was unproblematic. Her success this time was simply because she encountered the greatest opportunity of her life.

Lie Hongyun's gaze turned once again to the marriage line binding the two, and as it slowly loosened, her emotions gradually returned to rationality.

Lie Hongyun spoke, "I might be Empress Tianhong's clone."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen curiously asked, "Might be? Why say it like that?"

Lu Chen indeed felt many similarities between Lie Hongyun and Empress Tianhong, especially in their aura.

#### Chapter 1500: Lie Hongyun's Intuition

When Lu Chen was dealing with Lie Hongyun, he occasionally felt that the person in front of him was Empress Tianhong herself.

He didn't think much about it, considering he had so many confidantes, it was normal to have a couple of women with similar personalities among them.

However, it now seemed that the relationship between Lie Hongyun and Empress Tianhong was not just about personality similarities.

At this point, Lie Hongyun said, "I can sense some connection between us, even though there is no direct cause and effect between us, it's likely because she severed the ties between us in the past."

After hearing these words from Lie Hongyun, Lu Chen turned over with her in his arms, letting her lie on his chest. He stared at the canopy above, lost in thought.

Did Empress Tianhong sever the ties intentionally?

Could it be that Lie Hongyun did something to betray Empress Tianhong, like her secondary body lost its purity, and the Main Body couldn't tolerate her having lost her purity, and then severed the ties intentionally?

Never mind, why bother thinking about it. Lu Chen then said, "If she's a Clone, then she's a Clone, it doesn't make any difference, you are both my women now."

"As long as there's no conflict between you two, and you can coexist peacefully, it's all good."

Lu Chen didn't pay much attention to whether Lie Hongyun or Empress Tianhong was the Main Body or the Clone. In his harem, it wasn't unusual for both the Main Body and Clone to serve him simultaneously.

For example, Chu Yunzhi and Chu Yuqin, Liu Qingyun and Liu Qingqiu, now both their Main Bodies and Clones can coexist peacefully.

Lu Chen believed that under his leadership, even if Lie Hongyun and Empress Tianhong were indeed in a secondary and Main Body relationship, they could still get along harmoniously.

Lie Hongyun didn't say much more at this moment, she just quietly lay on Lu Chen's chest. She wasn't particularly concerned about it; she was just curious about why she and Empress Tianhong severed their ties originally.

Both she and Empress Tianhong had lost a significant amount of memory, yet they didn't know what those memories were.

Lie Hongyun had an intuition that their lost memories were related to the man beside her.

After all, after she and Lu Chen met for the first time, a cause and effect between them emerged, and a marriage line entwined her.

For a cause and effect and a marriage line to appear from the first meeting, it likely had something to do with past or earlier lifetimes.

In the memories of her past life, there was no such person as Lu Chen, which implies that even if she had entanglements with Lu Chen, it must have been in a more distant past life.

It's not unusual for a Great Emperor to reincarnate several times, and during reincarnation, some memories are always lost; perhaps the memories concerning Lu Chen were lost in the process.

Lie Hongyun stopped thinking about it further, as long as she remained by Lu Chen's side, she believed she would eventually clarify the relationships among her, Empress Tianhong, and Lu Chen.

Thinking about it now won't lead anywhere; let things unfold naturally.

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Shenyue Dynasty.

After the return of Emperor Shenwu, those Great Emperors hidden in the Shenyue Dynasty emerged one after the other.

Currently, inside the Xuanzheng Hall, stood more than thirty Great Emperors, including two extra in the Nin Layers of Realm.

Originally, those Great Emperors from various forces were unwilling to serve the Shenyue Dynasty, especially after hearing about Emperor Shenwu's demise, making them even less willing to pledge allegiance.

In the eyes of some Great Emperors, Lu Yanghua was merely a puppet supported by Tianji Pavilion without any real capability, and even if they didn't respond to his summons, he wouldn't dare to do anything to them.

However, Emperor Shenwu was different.

Within the Shenyue Dynasty, upon hearing the revival of Emperor Shenwu, many Great Emperors rushed to the Emperor Star to offer congratulations even before he spoke a word.

Moreover, following Emperor Shenwu's revival, he promptly issued a Holy Decree demanding all Great Emperors in the Shenyue Dynasty to come to Emperor Star.

When Emperor Shenwu issued the Holy Decree, nobody dared ignore it, especially given his resurgence; one cannot rule out the possibility of him having touched the threshold to stepping further beyond.

The current Emperor Shenwu is even more daunting than before his revival; such a resurrection cannot possibly be simple, in the eyes of the populace, Emperor Shenwu must have attained some new insights.

Scanning through the Great Emperors in the hall, Emperor Shenwu then coldly said, "I have heard that many have entertained thoughts they shouldn't have during my retreat."

Upon hearing this, the Great Emperors present lowered their heads, not daring to look at Emperor Shenwu. Though he didn't intentionally emit Emperor's Mighty, yet they felt as if a mountain was pressing on their chests, making breathing difficult.

Emperor Shenwu chuckled coldly, saying, "You truly thought I was dead!"

As his words fell, all the Great Emperors in attendance knelt down.

At this moment, the hall was filled with perspiration and hushed breaths; none dared exert any force to wipe off the cold sweat, letting it flow freely.

After a while, just as Emperor Shenwu was about to further admonish the present Great Emperors, suddenly one entered the hall, trembling, “Your... Your Majesty, Tianji Pavilion has dispatched an envoy.”

The atmosphere in the hall turned even more suffocating, eerie, with everyone barely daring to breathe, fearing any sound it might produce.

Without any expression on his face, Emperor Shenwu gazed towards the entrance, seemingly in contemplation.

After a quarter of an hour, Emperor Shenwu finally spoke, “Let him in.”

At this, Emperor Tengyun entered the hall, trembling.

Upon stepping inside, Tengyun knelt on the ground like the other Great Emperors present, promptly saying, “Greetings, Emperor Shenwu!”

By convention, Tengyun, as an envoy from Tianji Pavilion, wasn’t required to kneel.

But Tengyun was acutely aware of his past deeds, realizing if he didn’t kneel, he might provoke Emperor Shenwu’s wrath and be unable to leave alive today.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu did not pursue what Tengyun had done; he calmly inquired, “Why has Building Master Xuan sent you?”

Tengyun quickly replied, “The Tower Master congratulates Emperor Shenwu on his resurrection, and instructed me to deliver a gift—a weapon—which he believes Your Majesty would exceptionally appreciate.”

With this statement, Tengyun proceeded to retrieve the Holy Demon Spear from the Space Ring.

Emperor Shenwu frowned slightly, “Oh? Building Master Xuan suddenly turned so generous?”

Of course, Emperor Shenwu understood Xuan Tian was attempting to make amends, given they shared a common enemy to confront.

Tengyun presented the Holy Demon Spear with both hands, head bowed, and refrained from further speech.

With a lift of his hand, Emperor Shenwu caused the spear to fly into his grasp from Tengyun’s hands.