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Chapter 1501: Unsealing the Holy Demon Spear

After Emperor Shenwu obtained the Holy Demon Spear, he examined it carefully. Even though there was still a sealing talisman paper on the Holy Demon Spear, Emperor Shenwu could already feel the overwhelming evil qi emanating from it.

The Holy Demon Spear was extremely restless in Emperor Shenwu's hands, as if it were a baby seeing its mother.

Emperor Shenwu then broke the seal on the Holy Demon Spear. The instant the seal was lifted, a surge of blood qi from within the spear filled the entire room.

A terrifying pressure descended upon the Great Hall, and some Great Emperors with lower realms were directly pressed to the ground by the pressure of the Holy Demon Spear, unable to lift their heads.

Feeling the pressure emanating from the Holy Demon Spear, a slight smile crept onto Emperor Shenwu's face. This spear seemed tailored specifically for him.

The Holy Demon Spear's rank was Holy Tier, and it even approached the threshold of an Emperor Artifact. Just holding the Holy Demon Spear, Emperor Shenwu faintly sensed a trace of Origin Power.

However, it seemed the Holy Demon Spear had not yet tasted blood, and was not truly unsealed.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu's gaze fell upon Emperor Tengyun in the Great Hall.

Emperor Shenwu immediately understood why Xuan Tian had Emperor Tengyun bring the Holy Demon Spear: during his reincarnation, Emperor Tengyun flaunted in the Shenyue Dynasty and had participated in actions against him.

Xuan Tian had Emperor Tengyun deliver the Holy Artifact as a scapegoat to be dealt with by the Shenyue Dynasty, and it so happened that the Holy Demon Spear needed blood to be unsealed.

Emperor Tengyun was still unaware of the impending danger. Seeing Emperor Shenwu obtain the Holy Demon Spear, he smiled with satisfaction, thinking the matter was settled, and then said, "Since the message has been delivered, I should also return."

Saying this, Emperor Tengyun prepared to rise and leave the Shenyue Dynasty. However, at that moment, Emperor Shenwu's pressure was suddenly released, and the Power of Slaughter immediately enveloped the entire Great Hall.

Seeing this scene, Emperor Tengyun was so frightened he did not dare move. He hurriedly said, "Your Majesty... what does this mean? Are you dissatisfied with this weapon?"

Emperor Shenwu said indifferently, "I am very satisfied with this Holy Artifact, but your Tower Master also sent me another gift."

Hearing this, Emperor Tengyun was confused, another gift?

What gift?

As the one delivering the gift, how could he not know there was another gift from their Tower Master?

Emperor Shenwu said, "And that is the offering to unseal this Holy Demon Spear."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Tengyun's face instantly turned pale. He immediately understood Emperor Shenwu's meaning, and why Xuan Tian had him, a Great Emperor who had been to the Shenyue Dynasty, deliver the gift again.

This was clearly to pin all that had happened in the Shenyue Dynasty on him, letting him be the scapegoat, thus providing both Emperor Shenwu and Xuan Tian a way to save face, while avoiding a fallout between the Shenyue Dynasty and the Tianji Pavilion.

After realizing this, Emperor Tengyun had no hesitation and transformed into a streak of light, rushing towards the door of the Great Hall.

Staying here meant certain death; escape was his only option now.

Seeing Emperor Tengyun flee, Emperor Shenwu's face remained expressionless. The space of the Emperor Star was sealed, and if Emperor Tengyun wanted to escape, he could only fly, unable to use Space Teleportation Skill.

As the ruler of the Shenyue Dynasty, it was effortless for Emperor Shenwu to eliminate a Great Emperor on the Emperor Star.

Just as Emperor Tengyun was about to escape the Imperial Palace, Emperor Shenwu infused the Holy Demon Spear with the Power of Slaughter, and the spear, tainted with this power, became extremely frenzied, its emitted pressure growing even more terrifying.

The Holy Demon Spear was now eager for action, desperately needing the blood of a Great Emperor to help it be completely unsealed.

Feeling the restlessness of the Holy Demon Spear, Emperor Shenwu did not hesitate, directly hurling the spear.

Infused with the Power of Slaughter, the Holy Demon Spear transformed into a Blood Dragon, racing towards Emperor Tengyun. Before Emperor Tengyun could escape the Imperial Capital, the Blood Dragon appeared behind him.

Emperor Tengyun, sensing the threat, turned around and saw the Holy Demon Spear thrusting forward. He hurriedly summoned his Law Manifestation, intending to block it.

However, the next moment, the Holy Demon Spear suddenly accelerated, piercing directly through his body.

Immediately, Emperor Tengyun felt a terrifying suction force drawing his blood and Divine Soul towards the Holy Demon Spear.

"No!!!"

With Emperor Tengyun's unwilling roar, his Divine Soul completely dissipated, and his blood was drained, leaving only a withered corpse.

Seeing what happened outside the Great Hall, the Great Emperors inside turned pale with fear.

At this time, Emperor Shenwu lifted his hand, and the Holy Demon Spear returned to him. Feeling the enhancement brought by the blood energy on the spear, Emperor Shenwu's desire for slaughter grew even stronger.

At this moment, Emperor Ye Hun reminded, "Your Majesty, Tianji Pavilion harbors malicious intent. We must carefully examine the weapon they sent."

They had been tricked by Tianji Pavilion before. If not for Emperor Shenwu's initial preparation with various reincarnation methods, he might have been doomed at the hands of Tianji Pavilion.

Now that Tianji Pavilion had sent another gift, no one knew if there was a curse on this Holy Artifact, and perhaps Tianji Pavilion had ulterior motives this time as well.

Emperor Shenwu replied, "I have already carefully examined it. This Holy Artifact is forged from the blood and Divine Souls of countless Quasi-Emperors. It may be difficult for a typical Great Emperor to control, but for me, it's perfect."

Seeing Emperor Shenwu have no doubts about the Holy Artifact, Emperor Ye Hun did not continue speaking.

Emperor Shenwu then said, "Since Tianji Pavilion has already offered an apology, let this matter rest. It's time I head to Tianji Pavilion to have a thorough discussion with Xuan Tian about Great Xia Empire."

Upon saying this, Emperor Shenwu's body vanished from the spot, and the assembled Great Emperors hurriedly said, "Farewell, Your Majesty!!!"

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Meanwhile.

In the Great Xia Empire, Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group.

Within a certain star domain, Lu Chen's clone was sitting on a starship, patrolling.

At this moment, a flustered Great Emperor suddenly appeared in the distance.

That Great Emperor did not know Lu Chen was on the starship in front of him and hurriedly passed by, looking extremely anxious.

Lu Chen felt a tinge of curiosity; what could make this Great Emperor so frantic? He directly transmitted a message, "Wait a moment, why are you so flustered? What's happening outside?"

The "outside" Lu Chen referred to was naturally outside the Great Xia Empire.

Recognizing Lu Chen's voice, the Great Emperor paused, immediately stopped, and saluted the starship, saying, "Greetings, Heavenly Emperor!"

After the salute, the Great Emperor hurriedly said, "Your Majesty, outside, everyone is saying that Emperor Shenwu has been resurrected!!!"

Upon hearing this information, Lu Chen's mind froze.

Emperor Shenwu has been resurrected????

Chapter 1502: Do you really have nothing to say to me?

Lu Chen froze for a moment, then quickly realized.

He had always felt that Emperor Shenwu wouldn't die so easily. Emperor Shenwu was the Slaughter Emperor of the Ninth Layer; how could someone like Lu Yanghua, who wasn't even an emperor, so easily deceive and kill him?

When Lu Chen heard the news of Emperor Shenwu's fall, he suspected it was a feigned death, perhaps with a larger scheme in mind.

Now it seems his intuition was right; Emperor Shenwu indeed had not fallen.

However...

Now that it's come to this, will Emperor Shenwu hold Tianji Pavilion accountable?

Lu Chen flew off the starship, looked at the emperor in the void, and said, "Is there any other information? Tell me everything."

That emperor continued, "Rumor has it Tianji Pavilion delivered the main culprit who colluded with Lu Yanghua to usurp the throne to the Shenyue Dynasty, and Tianji Pavilion also gifted a Holy Artifact as an apology."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen thought, knowing Emperor Shenwu's temperament, he shouldn't forgive Tianji Pavilion so easily, right?

Tianji Pavilion almost got him killed; Emperor Shenwu, always one to seek revenge, couldn't possibly let it slide.

Yet, that emperor spoke again, "It is said that Emperor Shenwu has already forgiven Tianji Pavilion and is personally going to discuss some important matters with the Pavilion Master."

Lu Chen was slightly taken aback. Emperor Shenwu, having his position usurped and nearly dying, can still forgive Tianji Pavilion?

He had been thinking of reaping some benefits, but it seems there's no hope now.

It's rather strange. Given Emperor Shenwu's character, he shouldn't be so lenient.

Lu Chen continued to ask, "What is the so-called important matter?"

The emperor replied, "That, I do not know."

Lu Chen pondered deeply. Something important enough for Emperor Shenwu must be something that can threaten his existence.

At this moment, Lu Chen suddenly realized something. As of now, the only one who could directly pose a threat to Emperor Shenwu must be himself, right?

If that's the case, then Emperor Shenwu might have gone to seek Tianji Pavilion's aid to deal with the Daxia Dynasty?

Thinking about this possibility, Lu Chen smiled faintly. Now he just needed to see if Tianji Pavilion could find a way to break the Immortal Spirit Umbrella barrier. If Tianji Pavilion didn't have a way, even if they allied with the Shenyue Dynasty again, they wouldn't pose any threat to the Daxia Dynasty.

Just how deep is Tianji Pavilion's foundation? Its history is rather old, and its Pavilion Master's background is quite mysterious. After Lu Chen awoke to memories of the previous era, he discovered there seemed to have been a Tianji Pavilion back then too.

At that time, Tianji Pavilion wasn't a huge power; it was merely a world called Tianji Star, but the one in control of Tianji Star was incredibly powerful.

Even after he became the Heavenly Emperor in the previous era, he dared not provoke the master of Tianji Star.

Lu Chen suspects there might be a connection between the Tianji Pavilion of the previous era and Tianji Star.

If that's the case, maybe Tianji Pavilion can indeed find a way to counter the Immortal Artifact.

But speaking of which, now that he uses the Spirit Gathering Array, he can already reach the strength of a Heavenly Emperor. Combined with the Immortal Artifact Shattering God Sword, his strength very likely surpasses that of a Heavenly Emperor.

In terms of his strength, even if Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty find a way to breach the Daxia Dynasty barrier, he has confidence he could defeat these two great forces.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen stopped pondering further, then said to the emperor before him, "Continue to monitor the actions of the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion. If there are any new developments, immediately inform me."

The emperor responded, "Yes, Your Majesty!"

With those words, the emperor prepared to leave, but Lu Chen suddenly remembered something and immediately said, "Wait, take this wooden puppet with you."

As he spoke, a wooden puppet appeared in Lu Chen's hand. The puppet was only the size of a thumb, but it was clear this wooden puppet resembled Lu Chen.

Seeing it was Lu Chen's wooden puppet, the Far Sea Emperor quickly said, "Your Majesty, absolutely not!"

The cultivation world is very wary of the Curse of Witchcraft. As an emperor collecting information, if he carried Lu Chen's wooden puppet and someone with ill intentions found out, they'd definitely accuse him of having ulterior motives, trying to curse the Heavenly Emperor with the puppet. He wouldn't dare to accept Lu Chen's wooden puppet.

Lu Chen said indifferently, "This is my clone; any information can be reported directly to it in the future."

As Lu Chen's words fell, the wooden puppet came to life, jumping directly onto the Far Sea Emperor's shoulder.

This...

The Far Sea Emperor had no choice but to say, "I understand."

"If Your Majesty has no other orders, I will take my leave."

"Very well, off you go." With those words, the Far Sea Emperor departed.

Watching the Far Sea Emperor's back, Lu Chen fell into deep thought again. After Emperor Shenwu met with Tianji Pavilion, the two forces should take some action.

Now the universe is becoming increasingly chaotic, with the number of Heavenly Demons growing exponentially every day. The entire universe is on the brink of destruction, and the tension among the Super Forces is rising. The grand conflict of this era will soon commence, so the Daxia Dynasty must also prepare.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Chen immediately ordered his clones to accelerate their current tasks.

The sense of crisis Lu Chen felt was growing more intense, especially after annexing the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group. As the Dynast Qi Fortune increased, he began sensing things he never perceived before.

He always felt something was watching him, as if all his actions were under the scrutiny of some unseen eyes.

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Tianji Pavilion.

Starry Sky Pavilion.

Within the Starry Sky Pavilion, two powerful auras occupied half each, evenly matched. The starry sky of the pavilion showed space rifts.

Emperor Shenwu's red eyes gazed at Xuan Tian who sat amidst the stars, the Power of Slaughter seeping uncontrollably from his body, turning half the pavilion red and half black.

Seeing Xuan Tian sitting there without any intention of speaking, Emperor Shenwu sneered, "Building Master Xuan, don't you have anything to say to me?"

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Xuan Tian finally spoke leisurely, "Say what?"

Emperor Shenwu's eyes slightly narrowed, and the Power of Slaughter became more violent, turning into a tidal wave crashing towards Xuan Tian.

But in the next moment, the stars within the pavilion shifted, and the Power of Slaughter instantly calmed down.

Witnessing this, Emperor Shenwu frowned. If he hadn't sensed wrong, that should be the Power of Time, bringing his Power of Slaughter back to its initial state.

He hadn't expected the Pavilion Master of Tianji Pavilion to walk the path of Time instead of the path of calculation.

Emperor Shenwu was most wary of the Time Emperor. While the Power of Slaughter was fierce, it had to first reach the opponent.

Chapter 1503: Is the Heavenly Mystery Maiden Standing on Lu Chen's Side?

Emperor Shenwu once encountered an otherworldly enemy using the Power of Time in the Outer Domain. If not for his higher Realm, he might not have survived.

After returning to this universe, he hadn't met a Great Emperor following the Time Path. He thought the Cosmic Law of this universe did not allow the birth of a Great Emperor of the Time Path, but today, he unexpectedly met such an emperor in the Tianji Pavilion.

Moreover, this emperor was the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion.

Interesting, the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion hid quite well.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu said, “As for everything that happened in the Shenyue Dynasty before, I’ll pretend it never happened.”

“If something like this happens again, the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion will be at endless odds.”

Xuan Tian smiled faintly and then said, “I was unaware of the events in the Shenyue Dynasty at first. Besides, I’ve already sent the culprit to the Shenyue, you should calm down.”

“Moreover, we now have a common enemy, let’s not ruin our alliance over trivial matters.”

Hearing Xuan Tian’s words, Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly and didn’t continue the topic.

The most important issue now is indeed not settling scores with the Tianji Pavilion, but finding a way to break the turtle-shell defense of the Daxia Dynasty and dealing with Lu Chen, the legendary Heavenly Emperor.

If Lu Chen is truly the Heavenly Emperor, he must die, otherwise, no other Heavenly Emperor might emerge in this universe.

The universe has a limited capacity, like those Life Worlds, each with rules about what kind of strong individuals can be born and how many, all within the Heavenly Dao Laws.

The universe is the same; the number of Great Emperors is limited, and even more so for a Heavenly Emperor.

According to records from the Ancient Era, a Heavenly Emperor can harness the Cosmic Origin Power and potentially rewrite the Cosmic Law, being the supreme deity of a universe; a second one cannot be born.

Emperor Shenwu wishes to take that step, become the Heavenly Emperor, and he can't allow others who may become Heavenly Emperors to surpass him.

He must eliminate all who have the potential to become a Heavenly Emperor so that he can be at ease.

Emperor Shenwu then asked, "How much do you know about the Barrier of the Daxia Dynasty?"

Xuan Tian replied directly, "That Barrier is constructed from an Immortal Artifact from the Outer Domain."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu was taken aback, unsure how long it had been since he was this shocked.

"Immortal Artifact?"

"How can this universe allow such an existence?"

Based on what Emperor Shenwu knew, this universe didn't even have an Emperor Artifact, so how could there suddenly be an Immortal Artifact.

Even if, as Xuan Tian said, the Immortal Artifact came from the Outer Domain, it would likely be rejected by the universe's Law, impossible to remain.

Xuan Tian said, "The Era Tribulation is approaching, and the Cosmic Law is in chaos, which is why the Immortal Artifact remained in this universe."

Hearing Xuan Tian's explanation, Emperor Shenwu felt this made some sense. The universe is already extremely chaotic, and the Law has become erratic, making it likely that some rules of the Heavenly Dao could lose their effectiveness.

If that's the case, does it mean there might be other Immortal Artifacts in this universe?

Thinking of this possibility, Emperor Shenwu's heart ignited with desire; to say he wasn't tempted by an Immortal Artifact was impossible.

That's an Immortal Artifact, an existence beyond Emperor Artifact; the Holy Artifact he possessed was nothing compared to an Immortal Artifact.

Emperor Shenwu then said, "I want the Immortal Artifact from the Daxia Dynasty."

He didn't know whether there were other Immortal Artifacts in this universe, but since the Daxia Dynasty had one, he must obtain it after breaking through their defenses.

This treasure couldn't fall into someone else's hands.

Hearing this, Xuan Tian was silent for a moment, then, with a smile, said, "Getting that Immortal Artifact won't be easy."

It's natural that Xuan Tian wouldn't allow that Immortal Artifact to remain in this universe, as anyone obtaining it would pose a significant threat to him, and he wouldn't allow an Immortal Artifact that could threaten his existence.

Even though the Immortal Artifact is only a defensive one.

Of course, Xuan Tian wouldn't directly say this.

After hearing Xuan Tian, Emperor Shenwu asked, "So you can't destroy the Barrier created by that Immortal Artifact either?"

Xuan Tian replied directly, "No."

Hearing Xuan Tian's answer, Emperor Shenwu frowned. If not even Xuan Tian could break the Daxia Dynasty's Barrier, his own ability might be even less.

Although he excelled at killing, when it came to breaking formations or Barriers, he could only use brute force.

The two Ninth Layer emperors of Daxia had already verified that the Barrier wasn't easy to destroy; although he was stronger than the average Ninth Layer Great Emperor, his strength was relative to them.

If two Ninth Layer Great Emperors together couldn't break the Barrier, the chances were high that neither could he. He initially thought the Tianji Pavilion might have a solution, which was why he sought Xuan Tian.

If the Tianji Pavilion had no means to break the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, what was the point of their existence?

Thinking of this, the Power of Slaughter in Emperor Shenwu stirred again, but he quickly calmed his inner impulses.

It wasn't yet time to turn against Xuan Tian, who was the Time Emperor; he didn't know what methods Xuan Tian might have, so he should probe him further first.

Emperor Shenwu continued, "You once said that the Heavenly Mystery Maiden's deduction ability surpasses yours; I wonder if having her deduce the flaws of the Immortal Artifact would be viable?"

Hearing the mention of Xuan Qingyun, Xuan Tian chuckled and, after a moment, said, "You might not know, but the Heavenly Mystery Maiden probably sided with Lu Chen from the beginning."

This...

Emperor Shenwu's expression instantly darkened.

The Heavenly Mystery Maiden actually sided with Lu Chen?

However, speaking of which, Xuan Tian's speculation wasn't without reason. Ever since Lu Chen went to the Tianchen World, Emperor Shenwu almost couldn't sense him. If Lu Chen hadn't returned to the Shenyue Dynasty to take Chu Yunzhi, it would have taken a long time for him to realize how capable Lu Chen had become.

At that time, he suspected that Lu Chen's Heavenly Mechanism was hidden by the Tianji Pavilion, making it impossible for him to feel Lu Chen's presence through their bloodline, giving Lu Chen the opportunity to grow.

If he had known from the start how capable Lu Chen was, he would have chosen Lu Chen as the object of Reincarnation, not Lu Yanghua.

If the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had calculated Lu Chen's origins early on, she might indeed have sided with Lu Chen from the beginning.

Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly; no wonder he repeatedly sought an alliance with the Heavenly Mystery Maiden against the Era Tribulation, and yet she never agreed. Turns out she had already chosen whom to support.

Chapter 1504: A New Conspiracy

After Emperor Shenwu calmed his agitated emotions, he asked, "You don't know how to break the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, and the Heavenly Mystery Maiden will not side with us. So how do we deal with the threat of Lu Chen?"

Xuan Tian fell silent, not answering directly. At this time, the Starry Sky Pavilion was terrifyingly quiet, and the stars in the sky kept changing positions as days passed.

After Xuan Tian's silence, Emperor Shenwu also didn't speak, just stared at Xuan Tian.

The two remained at an impasse for a month before Xuan Tian finally spoke, "The best way now is to lure Lu Chen out. Perhaps once Lu Chen is dealt with, the Immortal Artifact will lose its master, and without someone to control it, the barrier will automatically dissolve."

Upon hearing Xuan Tian's answer, Emperor Shenwu chuckled, "I thought you'd come up with something good after thinking for so long."

Emperor Shenwu shared the same thoughts as Xuan Tian, but this plan had many problems. For instance, what could be used to attract Lu Chen from the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty?

Even if Lu Chen is attracted out of the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, how can we be sure that it's Lu Chen's true body?

Furthermore, what if Lu Chen dies and the barrier continues to remain effective?

Of course, Lu Chen's death would eliminate their greatest threat, but if the barrier created by the Immortal Artifact persists, it could bring unexpected variables to the world.

For instance, if there's a way inside the barrier to quickly break through to the Heavenly Emperor, and someone inside uses Lu Chen's leftover heavenly treasures to first breakthrough to Heavenly Emperor, wouldn't that also be a threat?

This is what Emperor Shenwu is most worried about. Lu Chen's Heavenly Emperor title has spread, and Lu Chen has not yet faced cosmic origin punishment, proving that he very likely is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.

Being the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, surely he possesses some inheritance of the Heavenly Emperor. The treasures left by a Heavenly Emperor won't be inferior and might even contain opportunities for taking that step.

If Lu Chen falls and the barrier cannot be broken, and the Heavenly Emperor's inheritance falls into the hands of the Great Sum Dynasty's Great Emperors, it will be troublesome.

Xuan Tian said, "There is actually another solution."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu curiously asked, "What solution?"

Xuan Tian said, "As long as Lu Chen can be lured out of the Daxia Dynasty, I have a way to send the entire Daxia Dynasty along with the Immortal Artifact out of this universe, so the Immortal Artifact won't affect this universe."

"Even if Lu Chen leaves behind the opportunity to become Heavenly Emperor, it won't be available to people in this universe."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu was stunned.

Sending the Daxia Dynasty along with the Immortal Artifact out of this universe?

This...

What kind of power can achieve this?

Who exactly is Xuan Tian?

Can he really accomplish this?

If Xuan Tian can achieve this, then Xuan Tian's threat might even be greater than Lu Chen's.

Thinking this, Emperor Shenwu suddenly had a strong sense of vigilance towards Xuan Tian, but now wasn't the time for that. If Xuan Tian truly could send the entire Daxia Dynasty out of this universe, then Xuan Tian's power must be greater than his current power.

Xuan Tian knew that saying this would make Emperor Shenwu cautious, but there was no choice; he needed to use Emperor Shenwu.

If he didn't mention this plan, perhaps Emperor Shenwu wouldn't cooperate with him. He needed Emperor Shenwu to know he could handle the threat of Lu Chen; only then could their cooperation progress further.

Emperor Shenwu regained his composure and looked Xuan Tian in the eyes, asking, "Do you truly have a way?"

Xuan Tian said calmly, "Yes."

This time, Emperor Shenwu fell into deep thought. No matter Xuan Tian's threat, Lu Chen's threat must certainly be resolved, so allying with Xuan Tian was essential.

So the current problem is how to attract Lu Chen's true body out?

Emperor Shenwu suddenly thought of something, and then his serious expression relaxed, "There might be a way to attract him out."

Xuan Tian said, "Let's hear it."

Emperor Shenwu continued, "Outer Domain."

Upon hearing these words, Xuan Tian immediately understood what Emperor Shenwu meant.

If Lu Chen is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, he likely wants to restore his Great Emperor Realm, and currently, the fastest way to restore the Great Emperor Realm is to go to the Outer Domain, where abundant heavenly treasures exist that can help elevate one's realm.

Emperor Shenwu continued, "If the Outer Domain had a treasure that could let him quickly recover his realm, do you think he would go?"

Xuan Tian thought about it and felt Emperor Shenwu's plan had some feasibility.

However...

Xuan Tian was well aware that deceiving Lu Chen wasn't easy.

He didn't know how much memory Lu Chen had regained. If Lu Chen restored all his memories, including those from before coming to this universe, it might be impossible to fool Lu Chen.

After pondering for a while, Xuan Tian said, "Leave this matter to me; I know what can attract him."

Emperor Shenwu said, "Okay." He had no doubts about Xuan Tian's words. After all, Xuan Tian was the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion, he wouldn't be unable to handle something so trivial.

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Mysterious Moon Palace.

A woman dressed in a white long skirt stood on the roof of the Palace Master's chamber, her white attire fluttering, emitting a holy glow, covering the entire rooftop in a layer of frost.

Suddenly, behind the woman appeared a gigantic Ice Maiden Law Manifestation. The Ice Maiden's originally closed eyes slowly opened at this moment, revealing a pair of violet, enchanting eyes.

In the next moment, Yun Qingshu's cultivation state surged.

Great Emperor First Layer...

Great Emperor Second Layer...

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Yun Qingshu's realm continued to rise until it stopped at the Great Emperor Sixth Layer.

Upon feeling her realm restored, Yun Qingshu suddenly thought about her clone.

Since she began her retreat, she's unaware of events in the outside world or how her clone is doing now.

Feeling the presence of a large amount of Heavenly Demon Power around her, Yun Qingshu immediately guessed that the Era Tribulation was fast approaching.

In her previous life, she experienced the entire process of the Era Tribulation's arrival, understanding clearly that the invasion of Heavenly Demons is the precursor to the Era Tribulation.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu waved her hand, turning the night sky of her world into daylight instantly.

Yun Qingshu immediately messaged the Elders of Mysterious Moon Palace, summoning them to the Palace Master Hall to update her on recent events in the universe.

A moment later, all Elders of Mysterious Moon Palace gathered. Yun Qingshu scanned the Elders.

The Elders of Mysterious Moon Palace felt the terrifying pressure emanating from Yun Qingshu, not daring to breathe heavily.

Yun Qingshu asked expressionlessly, "Tell me everything that has happened in the universe during this period."

Chapter 1505: Yun Qingshu's Experience

As Yun Qingshu's words fell, the Elders of Mysterious Moon Palace immediately presented all the intelligence they had gathered.

Yun Qingshu raised her hand, and the Elders' intelligence floated in the air. Yun Qingshu scanned it with Divine Sense, instantly browsing all the information.

After reviewing the events happening in the universe, the expression on Yun Qingshu's face became somewhat rigid.

She hadn't anticipated that Lu Chen and the Daxia Dynasty had grown to this extent; they even managed to swallow a Super Star Domain Group, making Daxia Dynasty likely the dynasty with the largest territorial area by now.

It is probably also the dynasty with the strongest Dynast Qi Fortune.

Yun Qingshu thought to herself, could it be that his memories from a previous life have already been restored? She always felt that Lu Chen was also from the previous era, and now with his sudden rise, she believes it can only be because Lu Chen has regained his memories from that era, resulting in his remarkable prowess.

If Lu Chen truly is the rumored reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, then following him might be the safest option for her clone.

For the Heavenly Emperor, surviving the Era Tribulation is incredibly easy; however, if Lu Chen is indeed the reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, why hadn't she heard of him in her past life?

She recalls that no Heavenly Emperor came into being in the previous era, although there was a Ninth Layer Great Emperor who seemed on the verge of taking that step, only to be obliterated entirely by the Cosmic Origin.

If Lu Chen was the Heavenly Emperor of the previous era, he should have had some presence; yet before regaining her power, certain memories were sealed away. Now, with her power restored, all her memories have returned, yet none concerning Lu Chen exist.

Yun Qingshu even doubts whether Lu Chen is not the Heavenly Emperor from the ancient era.

A Heavenly Emperor living through several eras seems not entirely impossible, considering no Heavenly Emperor was born in the previous era.

But putting all that aside, what truly matters is the safety of her clone, being beside the reincarnated Heavenly Emperor should ensure surviving the Era Tribulation without much difficulty.

In her heart, Yun Qingshu even envied Yun Xianxian for having such good fortune, stumbling upon the Tianchen World, a remote place, and still encountering a reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, and becoming his woman.

The crucial part being this reincarnated Heavenly Emperor still has deep feelings and righteousness. Yun Qingshu doesn't recall accumulating such merits in her past life, so how does her clone possess such outstanding Qi Fortune?

The key fact remains that this clone was split from herself, and yet the clone's Qi Fortune is remarkable, while her main body's Qi Fortune is rather mediocre.

No matter, she decides not to dwell on these thoughts and focuses on how to deal with this upcoming Era Tribulation.

Now in the universe, Heavenly Demons are everywhere, and chaos continues to escalate, wars erupt; soon those eerie red threads will likely appear.

Recalling the red threads encountered in the previous era makes Yun Qingshu shiver uncontrollably; those strands could destroy anything they touched, person or High Tier Magic Treasure, even formations were not spared.

However, nothing is absolute; the end of one Cosmic Era signals the beginning of another, and there's a transition phase between two eras.

If one manages to escape to the transition area between eras, survival is possible, as those eerie threads won't exist in the transition zone.

Yet finding such a transitional place is no easy task, primarily needing to survive the initial assault from Heavenly Demons.

Enduring the Heavenly Demon crisis leads to preventing those eerie threads; most strong individuals and Great Emperors perish due to those threads.

The threads seem almost sentient, actively seeking out entities at the Emperor Level and pursuing them.

Once a Great Emperor is targeted by those eerie threads, survival is slim.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu glanced over at the Elders present and then said, "Mysterious Moon Palace will relocate to Central Star Domain immediately."

Upon hearing this, the Elders present were momentarily stunned.

Central Star Domain?

That's the most chaotic region within the universe.

Moreover, the position of Shenyue Dynasty is also in Central Star Domain. Now Shenyue Dynasty is expanding aggressively, and most importantly, they've received intelligence that Emperor Shenwu has been resurrected; he will definitely make bigger moves next, running to Central Star Domain now would be suicidal, wouldn't it?

At this point, one Elder stood up and said, "Palace Master, it's absolutely unwise. Currently, Central Star Domain is extremely chaotic, and Shenyue Dynasty has been expanding externally, coupled with the recent revival of their Empire's Emperor; moving to Central Star Domain now could likely encounter numerous dangers."

Now given that Central Star Domain is essentially a battlefield, the super forces there have already prepared for external expansion, like Shenyue Dynasty is a prime example.

No place is more dangerous than Central Star Domain right now.

After the Elder's words fell, the other Elders chimed in agreement.

"Indeed, Palace Master, the situation in Central Star Domain is complex now; we absolutely shouldn't run into such a dangerous place!"

"Palace Master, currently even the weaker forces in Central Star Domain are fleeing outward; why are we heading in?"

"Palace Master..."

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For a while, the palace was filled with all sorts of persuasive words; despite the Elders' deep fear for Yun Qingshu, when it came to their own lives, fear couldn't stop them from speaking out.

At this moment, Central Star Domain is not a place to go.

Yun Qingshu swept a cold gaze over the Elders present; their fear of death was unsurprising to her.

Given the current situation, indeed, it's unsuitable to head to Central Star Domain, but Yun Qingshu has an important reason for doing so.

According to her experience from the previous era, after the universe's great calamity begins, the closer to the universe's center, the safer it becomes.

The transition between eras tends to start from the universe center, explaining why Central Star Domain contains many ancient relics now.

During the transition between eras, those ancient relics are drawn to the transitional zone and thus preserved, while survivors from Ancient Era often choose to set foundation in Central Star Domain.

The ancient forces in Central Star Domain are preparing expansion not just for Dynast Qi Fortune but to seize more territories; once the transition starts, they can promptly reach the safe zone, thus surviving the calamity.

Heading to Central Star Domain has another benefit; before the great calamity of an era, Demonic Tide will erupt, releasing countless Heavenly Demons, mostly birthed from the universe's edge.

Following the eruption of Demonic Tide, the closer to Central Star Domain, the safer it becomes.

These insights are based on Yun Qingshu's experience.

Chapter 1506: Long Time No See

After Yun Qingshu reincarnated, the first thing she thought of was to head to the Central Star Domain, but at that time her strength was still weak, and being in the Central Star Domain had no benefit for her.

Now her strength has recovered, and she has some self-preservation ability. Naturally, she must head to the Central Star Domain early to prepare for the Great Calamity.

Despite how dangerous the Central Star Domain is now, she must find a power to rely on, so she can search for the Era Transition Land.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu coolly swept her gaze over the elders present. When the elders of the Mysterious Moon Palace felt the killing intent in Yun Qingshu's eyes, they immediately fell silent, each bowing their heads, not daring to breathe.

After coldly staring at these elders for a few seconds, Yun Qingshu finally said, "I am merely informing you, not discussing it with you."

Upon hearing Yun Qingshu's words, some elders finally woke as if from a dream. The current Mysterious Moon Palace is solely controlled by their Palace Master, a far cry from the past when Lu Yanghua influenced them.

Moreover, Lu Yanghua is already dead, and those within the Mysterious Moon Palace who sought external support to seize power have long been purged. Not to mention, their Palace Master has already broken through to a higher realm; no one can influence their Palace Master's decision.

Seeing the elders in the great hall, cowed into silence, Yun Qingshu spoke once more: "Prepare immediately. We set off to the Central Star Domain by next month."

As her words fell, Yun Qingshu's body transformed into pieces of snowflakes, dissipating in the grand hall.

When Yun Qingshu's pressure disappeared, the elders in the great hall finally breathed a sigh of relief. At least their Palace Master didn't take offense against them; otherwise, who knows how many more ice sculptures would be in the great hall today.

News of Yun Qingshu relocating to the Central Star Domain quickly spread throughout the Mysterious Moon Palace and soon reached the nearby Star Domains.

In the Dong'e Star Domain, Guiren World.

Lu Chen's clone is aimlessly wandering the streets, now there are many of Lu Chen's clones scattered throughout various Star Domains in the universe.

Lu Chen dispatched these clones to investigate occurrences within the universe, should some changes or forewarnings of a Great Calamity arise, he could react in advance.

The Dong'e Star Domain is not very far from the Mysterious Moon Palace, which is why Lu Chen sent a clone here.

Although Yun Qingshu has clearly stated that from now on Yun Xianxian is just Yun Xianxian, she is herself, but for Lu Chen, as long as her score exceeds ninety, she is his woman.

He has now basically confirmed, women who have a score of ninety or above in the system are generally related to him in some way.

What Lu Chen needs to do now is to find women who meet certain conditions of the system, regardless of their location or identity, he must bring them to Tianchen World.

Yun Qingshu is naturally among them. Lu Chen's clone here is to investigate Yun Qingshu's situation. If the timing is right, he's prepared to act against Yun Qingshu, even if it means forcibly bringing her to the Daxia Dynasty.

While Lu Chen was walking, he noticed cultivators gathering in groups discussing something.

Lu Chen found a group and moved closer to listen to their conversation.

“Unexpectedly, the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace has become an Emperor too. It’s really fast, I remember she wasn’t even a Saint a few years ago.”

“I don’t know how she did it.”

“Maybe she was originally an Emperor, and for some reason her power declined.”

“Did you hear, the Mysterious Moon Palace plans to relocate to the Central Star Domain. If the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace lacked ability, how could she go to the Central Star Domain.”

“Perhaps the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace belongs to a major power and came here due to some reason, like being schemed against. Now that her strength has recovered, it’s time to return to the Central Star Domain to take revenge.”

“I think so too, but which Super Force does she belong to is unknown.”

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Listening to people’s discussions, Lu Chen was a bit surprised that Yun Qingshu had already broken through to become an Emperor?

This fast?

Could it be because her power was sealed before, making her seem weak, and now her power has simply recovered?

Although Lu Chen’s own realm has increased rapidly, Lu Chen has the system himself, so his realm increasing rapidly is natural.

Since Yun Qingshu doesn't have a system, her realm could only increase this quickly if it was originally high but had declined before.

Then again, Yun Qingshu is the reincarnation of an Empress, if she cultivated according to her original path, her realm would also increase faster than the average Emperor.

Nonetheless, these things are irrelevant, as Lu Chen is deep in thought, Yun Qingshu has broken through to become an Emperor, plus she possesses memories from the previous era, as a surviving member of the previous era, her strength must be considerable.

Attempting to forcibly take Yun Qingshu back to the Daxia Dynasty may not be easy...

Better to first check things out at the Mysterious Moon Palace and then act accordingly.

With this in mind, Lu Chen immediately flew towards the world where Mysterious Moon Palace is located.

A month later.

The Mysterious Moon Palace collectively embarked onto the Immortal Boat, formally heading to the Central Star Domain.

Lu Chen hid in the distance, quietly watching the Immortal Boats from the Mysterious Moon Palace, not approaching actively.

Meanwhile, dressed in a white long dress, Yun Qingshu stood atop a pavilion of an Immortal Boat, gazing in the direction of the Central Star Domain, seemingly pondering something.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu suddenly sensed something, her brows gently furrowed.

The aura was extremely familiar. Before she severed ties with Yun Xianxian, she frequently sensed that guy's aura through Yun Xianxian's body.

Yun Qingshu was somewhat puzzled, how could he appear near here.

In the next moment, Yun Qingshu's figure flashed.

Seeing Yun Qingshu's body suddenly vanish, Lu Chen immediately realized he was exposed, yet his clone hadn't had time to avoid, Yun Qingshu appeared right before him.

Faced with Lu Chen in a Saint Realm before her, Yun Qingshu showed a hint of confusion.

Saint?

How could he be a Saint, the entire universe is circulating rumors that Lu Chen might be the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor. Even if his power hasn't fully recovered, his realm should at least be at the Emperor Realm, right?

What puzzled Yun Qingshu was, if the Lu Chen before her was merely a clone, she could sense a complete Divine Soul aura from Lu Chen, unlike a clone.

Could it be he sealed his own power, suppressing his realm to Saint Realm, that's even more impossible, considering the era, chaos in the universe, and rampant Heavenly Demons, who would suppress their realm now unless they're out of their mind.

Seeing Yun Qingshu staring at him, Lu Chen proactively spoke first: "It's been a long time."

Chapter 1507: They Are Destined to Return to My Side

Hearing Lu Chen greet her, Yun Qingshu finally came back to her senses and directly asked, "Why is your realm so low?"

Lu Chen replied with a smile, "This is just one of my clones."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's answer, Yun Qingshu was slightly stunned. A clone?

The divine soul of just a clone is so complete, without any flaws to be seen.

How is this possible...

All of Lu Chen's clones are controlled by one divine soul, so naturally, the divine soul is complete. Of course, Yun Qingshu was unaware of this.

In the current universe, only Lu Chen could achieve this. It's normal for others to be unable to tell if Lu Chen is a clone or the main body; after all, Lu Chen doesn't really have clones; they can all be considered main bodies.

Yun Qingshu came back to her senses and didn't continue with this topic. Whether the Lu Chen before her was a clone or the main body didn't matter.

Now she just wanted to know what this guy was doing here.

Yun Qingshu then coldly asked, "What are you here for?"

Lu Chen's lips slightly curved, revealing a benign smile, "You are Xianxian's honored master. Now that the universe has become so chaotic and dangerous, she's very worried about you, so I came personally to check on you and also invite you to join the Daxia Dynasty."

Lu Chen intended to try the soft approach first. If he could directly invite Yun Qingshu to join the Daxia Dynasty, it would save a lot of trouble.

However, Lu Chen didn't think Yun Qingshu would agree.

As expected, as soon as he finished speaking, Yun Qingshu immediately refused, "I advise you to give up on that idea."

After all, Yun Qingshu is Yun Xianxian's main body. Their divine senses have been linked before, so Yun Qingshu knows very well what sort of person Lu Chen is.

This man came to invite her to join the Daxia Dynasty? What a joke, he wants to make her a member of his harem.

Seeing Yun Qingshu refuse outright, Lu Chen was not discouraged, as this was something he had anticipated from the start.

Lu Chen continued, "I heard you plan to go to the Central Star Domain?"

"Currently, the Central Star Domain is fraught with crises, and those super forces and top forces could break out in war at any moment. Going there now is likely to be a death sentence."

"Once a chaotic war starts among top forces, even a Great Emperor becomes cannon fodder. Why not come to the Daxia Dynasty? Besides, Xianxian is in the Daxia Dynasty, and look, she's doing just fine there."

Yun Qingshu said with a blank expression, "I know what you're up to, so I advise you to put away your little schemes."

"Exactly because my secondary body is in the Daxia Dynasty, it's even more impossible for me to go to the Daxia Dynasty."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen confusedly asked, "Why's that?"

Yun Qingshu coldly said, "Separated, one of us will always be able to survive the tribulation."

Lu Chen immediately understood Yun Qingshu's meaning. She believes that if they encounter unavoidable danger, and the two are not together, only one will die, and the other can always survive.

This thinking is reasonable; however, having severed their connection, the main body is the main body, and the secondary body is the secondary body. Yet Yun Qingshu still insists on the principle of not putting all her eggs in one basket.

Lu Chen didn't know, Yun Qingshu had planned it this way from the start. Even though she broke the divine sense link with Yun Xianxian, in Yun Qingshu's heart, Yun Xianxian is still her secondary body.

In her opinion, as long as one of her and Yun Xianxian can survive the tribulation, then she won't be considered fallen.

Lu Chen then said, "You should know the Daxia Dynasty has a barrier that can withstand the full force of a Ninth Layer Great Emperor. Compared to the Central Star Domain, the Daxia Dynasty is much safer."

Yun Qingshu asked, "You are also a survivor of the Ancient Era, yet you don't know the Central Star Domain will present the Era Transition Land?"

Hearing Yun Qingshu's question, Lu Chen was stupefied, Era Transition Land?

What is that?

Even in his past life memories as the Heavenly Emperor, this term seemed to never appear.

Lu Chen curiously asked, "What is that place?"

Seeing Lu Chen actually asking what the Era Transition Land was, Yun Qingshu paused. This man genuinely did not know what the Era Transition Land was?

Then how did he survive from the Ancient Era?

Yun Qingshu didn't immediately answer Lu Chen's question but instead asked, "How did you survive from the Ancient Era?"

Lu Chen directly replied, "In the last era, I was the Heavenly Emperor. I used my physical body to withstand the Era Tribulation."

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Yun Qingshu fell into silence.

Others have tried every method to escape the Era Tribulation; in the end, only a very few lucky ones found the Era Transition Land and survived. Yet, this man before her actually used his physical body to withstand the power that destroyed an era.

This is the Heavenly Emperor?

Yun Qingshu suddenly thought of something and continued to ask, "I remember there seemed to be no Heavenly Emperor born in the last era?"

Lu Chen said, "I also became the Heavenly Emperor just before the start of the Era Tribulation. Perhaps you were already dealing with the Era Tribulation at that time, so you weren't aware."

What Lu Chen said isn't unreasonable. Yun Qingshu didn't continue to dwell on this and instead asked, "How much power has your main body recovered?"

Lu Chen replied, "About Fifth to Sixth Layer of a Great Emperor."

Yun Qingshu fell into contemplation.

From her hesitating expression, Lu Chen could tell she was already tempted. After all, this was the protection of the Heavenly Emperor. Following a Heavenly Emperor is always better than finding a path to survival on her own.

Even if the Central Star Domain really has an Era Transition Land, Yun Qingshu is unlikely to find it first thing.

After a while, Yun Qingshu asked, "Did the people around you survive the last era?"

This...

Yun Qingshu's question stumped Lu Chen. He was the Heavenly Emperor and could withstand the power that destroyed an era.

However, due to changes in the Cosmic Law, those around him eventually died. He could only use the power of the Heavenly Emperor to protect some people's divine souls, allowing them to reincarnate in the new era.

Seeing Lu Chen's hesitation, Yun Qingshu knew that Lu Chen hadn't been able to protect those around him. This meant even as the Heavenly Emperor, he could only protect himself, not others. Thus, following this Heavenly Emperor around would be of no use.

She would still have to rely on herself to find a path to survival.

Lu Chen then said, "I can protect your divine souls, allowing you to reincarnate in the new era."

Yun Qingshu calmly replied, "No need."

Then Yun Qingshu turned and left. She came just to see what this man intended, and since she knew his purpose, there was no need to waste more time with him.

Seeing Yun Qingshu's graceful silhouette, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Maybe you don't know that all the women connected with me were my consorts in their past lives. They are destined to return to my side."

Upon hearing this, Yun Qingshu immediately stopped. She stood still, neither turning back nor speaking. Her brow was tightly knit, as if something was on her mind.

Chapter 1508: Ridiculous, how could I not know there was a Heavenly Emperor in the last era?

Yun Qingshu naturally understood the meaning behind Lu Chen's words.

Yun Xianxian is now Lu Chen's woman, and since Yun Xianxian is her secondary body, Lu Chen's implication was that in her previous life, in the last era, she was also his woman.

But that is simply impossible.

There is no memory whatsoever of Lu Chen in her previous life's memories.

However...

Yun Qingshu found it hard to doubt Lu Chen's words because she had always had a feeling that she seemed very familiar with Lu Chen.

Back then, when she learned that Lu Chen had defiled her secondary body, she ran all the way from a distant place to confront him, only to end up not taking any action against him, partly because of that familiarity.

That sense of familiarity made it difficult for her to act against Lu Chen.

Seeing Yun Qingshu's lack of reaction, Lu Chen continued, "You may not have restored your previous memories yet; your memories are all sealed within the Reincarnation Stone."

Upon hearing this, Yun Qingshu couldn't hold back any longer. She indeed had that feeling, that she lacked some memories from her previous life, but she couldn't recall what she was missing.

Yun Qingshu then turned her head to coldly stare at Lu Chen, "How can you prove it?"

Lu Chen said, "I can't prove it now. Only after the Reincarnation Stone is unsealed can I prove that what I say is true."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's response, Yun Qingshu directly ignored him and once again turned around to leave.

Since Lu Chen couldn't prove it, she dismissed it as him trying to deceive her. She had long known from Yun Xianxian what kind of man Lu Chen was, and his words were the least trustworthy.

He would use any means necessary to get the women he desired. Who knew if Lu Chen was lying to her just now?

Given the Daxia Dynasty's barrier, which even a Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor couldn't break, if she went to the Daxia Dynasty, wouldn't she be at Lu Chen's mercy, with no one to call for help?

Seeing Yun Qingshu leave so decisively, Lu Chen sighed slightly. It seemed he would have to use other means, but right now, using force to bring Yun Qingshu back wasn't an easy task.

Forget it, take it one step at a time.

With that, Lu Chen watched as Yun Qingshu led everyone from the Mysterious Moon Palace to the Central Star Domain.

Of course, Lu Chen didn't do nothing. His clone could be used to monitor Yun Qingshu's every move. After the Mysterious Moon Palace's Immortal Boat headed to the Central Star Domain, Lu Chen immediately took out an Immortal Boat discarded by the Daxia Dynasty from his Space Ring, then disguised it as a normal organization's boat to follow behind the Mysterious Moon Palace's boat.

However, Yun Qingshu wasn't a fool. Lu Chen's Immortal Boat was just too conspicuous.

On the Mysterious Moon Palace's Immortal Boat, Yun Qingshu was meditating and cultivating in her room when an elder came to the door, "Palace Master, there's been an Immortal Boat tailing us. Should we deal with it?"

Hearing this, Yun Qingshu didn't even open her eyes and coldly said, "Ignore it; let him follow."

Yun Qingshu thought to herself, just as I suspected, this man won't give up until he beds me.

If he wants to follow, let him follow. It won't affect her anyway.

Afterwards, Lu Chen's Saint Realm clone also followed the Mysterious Moon Palace to the Central Star Domain.

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In the Central Star Domain, a massive continent floated in the void, appearing majestic like a square piece under a round sky, vast as dozens of high-level worlds.

Outside the continent was shrouded by a golden barrier, capable of withstanding a blow from a Nin Layers of Realm Great Emperor. Of course, this barrier couldn't compare to the Daxia Dynasty's one; a Nin Layers of Realm Great Emperor could break it with a few more hits.

However, generally, a Nin Layers of Realm Great Emperor wouldn't dare attack this place.

In the very center of the continent was a several-thousand-meter tower, with countless rooms and corridors stacked layer by layer.

At the tower's top, enveloped in mist and echoing with the cry of cranes, it seemed like a fairyland.

On one of the tower's top balconies, a man emanating flames suddenly opened his eyes, gazing into the void as if he saw something.

However, after a moment, the man sighed deeply.

“Still not possible,” the Nirvana Master lamented.

He’s been stuck at the Nin Layers of Realm as an Emperor for who knows how many years. After the era changed, it took him less than a hundred thousand years to break through, but now, when the Era Tribulation is about to begin, he remains at the same stage, with even his days numbered.

He could already sense the Cosmic Origin, yet he felt something was still missing, preventing him from taking that step.

Just now, he sensed the Cosmic Origin again, on the verge of breaking through, but that feeling of breakthrough vanished in the end.

After opening his eyes, the Nirvana Master directly communicated, “Poyun, has anything significant happened in the cosmos recently?”

He’s been in seclusion for tens of thousands of years, aware of the Era Tribulation, as the Heavenly Mystery Maiden’s message reached his ears; even the emperors in seclusion heard it.

But about things outside the tribulation? The Nirvana Master knew nothing.

As his words fell, a middle-aged man dressed in blue appeared before him and knelt, saying, “Welcome back, ancestor!”

The Nirvana Master waved his hand lightly, “Tell me about the cosmic happenings.”

“The Era Tribulation is about to begin; that Emperor Shenwu is probably getting restless,” Poyun Emperor responded.

Nirvana Master knew Emperor Shenwu proved his Dao through slaughter, and for him, taking that step, the best way, the quickest path, might indeed be endless killing.

The Nirvana Holy Land was also in the Central Star Domain, and once the Shenyue Dynasty expanded, it would inevitably clash with the Nirvana Holy Land head-on.

Upon hearing the Nirvana Master's words, Emperor Poyun said, "Ancestor, the greatest threat to us in the cosmos right now might not be the Shenyue Dynasty."

The Nirvana Master was taken aback, not the Shenyue Dynasty?

Emperor Shenwu proved his Dao through slaughter and was a Nin Layers of Realm Slaughter Emperor; even their kind of established top-tier Holy Land wouldn't dare provoke him. How could he not be the greatest threat?

The Nirvana Master frowned, asking, "Could there be someone more powerful than Emperor Shenwu?"

Emperor Poyun stated directly, "Emperor Shenwu has a son rumored to be the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor from the Ancient Era. He founded an empire in the cosmos' fringe regions, and under his leadership, it's rapidly expanding, having absorbed the entire Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group. Now, the Daxia Dynasty is the largest empire in the cosmos by territory."

When Emperor Poyun finished speaking, the Nirvana Master sneered, "Ridiculous, how can I not know of a Heavenly Emperor from the last era?"

The Nirvana Master was a survivor from the last era; back then, up until the great calamity, he hadn't heard of anyone taking that step. How could this era feature the reincarnation of a Heavenly Emperor?

Chapter 1509: Then Find a Way to Deal with Him First

Seeing that the Nirvana Master did not believe, Emperor Poyun continued, "We also cannot confirm if that Lu Chen is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, but the barrier of the Great Sum Dynasty he established is so formidable that even Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer cannot breach it."

The Nirvana Master still sneered and said, "The barrier of our Holy Land can also withstand the attacks of Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer."

The Nirvana Master is a person from the previous era, so he could never believe in the existence of a reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor. As for the mentioned barrier, as long as it's from those ancient Holy Lands, it can generally withstand attacks from Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer, so what's new about this?

The Nirvana Master did not understand why Emperor Poyun would bring up such a matter.

Seeing the disdainful look on the Nirvana Master's face, Emperor Poyun added, "Even Emperor Ye Hun and Emperor Xuanlin tried everything but still could not break that barrier."

Upon hearing Emperor Poyun's addition, the Nirvana Master's brows immediately furrowed.

Emperor Ye Hun and Emperor Xuanlin are the left and right arms of Emperor Shenwu. Although their strength is not as great as Emperor Shenwu's, they are among the top-ranked Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer in the universe.

If even both of them used all their strength and could still not break through the barrier of the Great Sum Dynasty, it indicates that this barrier is indeed extraordinary.

Even those top-tier Holy Land barriers, including the one from Nirvana Holy Land, cannot perpetually withstand the continuous bombardment from powerhouses like Emperor Xuanlin and Emperor Ye Hun; sooner or later, cracks will appear in the barrier.

But then again, a barrier is just a barrier. Even if the Great Sum Dynasty's barrier is extremely sturdy, the Nirvana Master still doesn't believe Lu Chen is the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.

Perhaps the barrier of the Great Sum Dynasty was acquired by Lu Chen from those otherworldly beings in the Outer Domain; it's not unlikely that such beings possess various formations capable of resisting Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer.

Thinking of this, the Nirvana Master continued, "Continue speaking about that Lu Chen."

Emperor Poyun did not immediately speak; instead, he compiled all the information about Lu Chen into a Memory Pearl, then extracted it from his mind. Seeing the blue Memory Pearl floating in front of him, the Nirvana Master did not hesitate and directly scanned the information within the Memory Pearl using his Divine Thought.

After reading the contents of the Memory Pearl, the Nirvana Master furrowed his brows; this Lu Chen seems to have some potential.

If it was just about the barrier of the Great Sum Dynasty, that wouldn't be much, but Lu Chen managed to grow rapidly in such a short time and even annexed the entire Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group, which would indeed be impossible without some capabilities.

Although the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group is relatively remote in the universe, its area is still vast, and the Qi Fortune of the Great Sum Dynasty now seems to have reached a terrifying level.

Thinking about the imperial destiny, the Nirvana Master suddenly realized something. He had been close to taking that step, but suddenly his path was blocked again.

In the previous era, it was rumored that only one Heavenly Emperor could emerge in a universe. When someone's Qi Fortune became exceedingly strong, their chance of becoming the Heavenly Emperor increased. Once someone's Qi Fortune became too powerful, it cut off other Great Emperors from the path to becoming the Heavenly Emperor.

The Nirvana Master now feels that Lu Chen has cut off his path to becoming the Heavenly Emperor.

Upon realizing this possibility, the Nirvana Master's face darkened. He didn't expect that after closing himself off for tens of thousands of years, this era would give rise to such a formidable talent.

This Lu Chen absolutely cannot be allowed to survive; compared to Emperor Shenwu, he poses a greater threat.

Seeing the Nirvana Master immersed in silence and not speaking, Emperor Poyun asked from the side, “Ancestor, what should we do now?”

After thinking, the Nirvana Master said, “Since that Lu Chen poses the greatest threat, we should first find a way to eliminate him.”

“The Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion are probably already discussing how to deal with the Great Sum Dynasty. We can send emissaries to Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty to gather some information.”

Although Emperor Shenwu also poses a threat to the Nirvana Master, Lu Chen’s rise is simply too rapid. He has grown to this level in less than a thousand years, which is faster than the development of the Nirvana Holy Land.

If the Great Sum Dynasty continues to expand and allows Lu Chen to keep growing, the position of the Heavenly Emperor will likely fall to Lu Chen, which is absolutely unacceptable.

Therefore, Lu Chen must die; only with Lu Chen’s death can the Nirvana Holy Land confidently face Emperor Shenwu.

Most importantly, the Nirvana Master also discovered a more serious problem from Emperor Poyun’s Memory Pearl: Lu Chen has claimed to be the Heavenly Emperor for a long time, yet this universe’s Heavenly Dao has never issued punitive measures.

If other Great Emperors dared to call themselves Heavenly Emperor, they would likely have been destroyed by the Heavenly Dao long ago. From this perspective, even if Lu Chen is not the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, he possesses the potential to become a Heavenly Emperor, a seed of the Heavenly Emperor, so this universe’s Heavenly Dao has not acted against him.

This is very unfair to other Great Emperors; while others are figuring out how to take that step, Lu Chen, not even a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer, has already been designated by this universe’s will as the Heavenly Emperor.

Just from this single aspect, the Nirvana Master is indignant, so no matter what, Lu Chen must disappear from this universe.

The Nirvana Master then instructed Emperor Poyun to dispatch emissaries to Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty, planning to join forces to confront the Great Sum Dynasty.

There are no eternal enemies, only eternal interests. At present, eliminating Lu Chen is the core interest of the Nirvana Master.

Once Lu Chen is eliminated, they can figure out how to deal with the Shenyue Dynasty afterwards.

Time flowed, and several more years passed.

The Mysterious Moon Palace successfully relocated to the Central Star Domain, stationed in an edge star domain of the Central Star Domain. Now, the edge star domains of the Central Star Domain are no longer as bustling as before; in the past, even the edge star domains had Immortal Boats coming and going.

Nowadays, only a few scattered Immortal Boats remain, the entire void appearing very desolate and empty.

All the major forces in the Central Star Domain are preparing for war. Some weaker forces know that if they stay, they will only serve as cannon fodder, so they have simply distanced themselves from the Central Star Domain.

Of course, most small forces are unaware of the matters concerning the Era Transition Land, so they have chosen to distance themselves from this zone of trouble.

The top-tier forces are different, especially those ancient Holy Lands; even if they don't rank highly in strength, they have no intention of leaving the Central Star Domain.

The atmosphere of war has already enveloped the entire Central Star Domain.

Red Rain World.

In a certain tavern, Lu Chen's clone sat inside, drinking wine and listening to the cultivators in the tavern discussing matters of the Nirvana Holy Land.

Chapter 1510: The Movements of the Nirvana Holy Land

"Have you heard? The Nirvana Holy Land is planning to form an alliance with the Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty."

"Really? Isn't the Nirvana Holy Land a top-tier force? Why would they ally with the Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty?"

"Oh my, what are these three top-tier forces trying to do by forming an alliance? Could it be that they want to deal with those old Holy Lands in the Central Star Domain?"

"That's not it. I've heard that their alliance is aimed at the Daxia Dynasty."

"Makes sense. The Daxia Dynasty is now at its peak, already the largest dynasty in terms of territory in the universe. Their Qi Fortune is probably the strongest, and with a Reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, they are indeed the biggest threat to these forces."

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Listening to the discussions among the cultivators in the tavern, Lu Chen drank his wine while pondering. His fame has been growing rapidly; more top-tier forces and the Shenyue Dynasty will likely unite against him in the future.

Of course, this is a minor issue. As long as they can't break through the barrier created by the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, no matter how many top-tier forces unite, they pose no threat to the Daxia Dynasty.

However...

Emperor Shenwu and the others should already be aware of the strength of this barrier. Since they've united, they won't just sit back and wait; they must be plotting something.

It's just unclear what plans they currently have against the Daxia Dynasty.

As Lu Chen contemplated this issue, the cultivators in the tavern continued to discuss.

"Honestly, I feel that the alliance of these few top-tier forces might not be aimed directly at dealing with the Daxia Dynasty."

Hearing this cultivator, another nearby asked curiously, "Why do you say that?"

The cultivator replied, "I've heard about the passage to the Outer Domain universe. Because of that passage, countless treasures have entered the Outer Domain, including ones that can aid a Ninth Layer Great Emperor in breaking through."

"The alliance of the few top-tier forces like the Shenyue Dynasty is probably for exploring the Outer Domain. Of course, it's also to guard against the Daxia Dynasty, considering how formidable the Daxia Dynasty is now. Nobody can predict what other means they might have."

Upon hearing this explanation, Lu Chen's mind raced. He then put down his bowl and directly asked the cultivator at the next table, "Friend, is everything you said true?"

Hearing the sudden question, the cultivator was momentarily stunned but quickly composed himself. The cultivators at that table looked toward Lu Chen, and seeing the Saint Dao Yun emanating from him, they were not too surprised.

This was already the edge of the Central Star Domain, and while Saints weren't wandering everywhere, it's not uncommon for a Saint to appear among the people.

Not to mention Saints, the cultivators had seen quite a few Quasi-Emperors and Great Emperors too.

The cultivator immediately stood up and said, "Replying to the senior, this information is something I heard elsewhere, and I can't verify its authenticity. However, the Tianji Pavilion and Shenyue Dynasty have indeed been dispatching troops recently, suggesting some significant plans."

Lu Chen said, "I see, no problem, I was just casually asking."

Lu Chen thought to himself, if there indeed is a passage in the Outer Domain that leads to other universes, could he use the Cross-border Stone to leave this universe?

The system's reward of the Cross-border Stone should be for such a purpose, right?

He definitely had to check it out.

With this in mind, Lu Chen's main body immediately convened a cultivation assembly in the Daxia Dynasty.

However, this time, the assembly only involved Emperor-level individuals.

Tianchen World.

Heavenly Emperor Hall.

The Heavenly Emperor Hall was splendid and grand, with hundreds of massive pillars made of Xianjin, and the top of the hall soared over a hundred meters high, making people seem tiny inside.

The hall was specifically built for Great Emperors to meet, so naturally, it was constructed to be magnificent and imposing.

At this moment, Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty were mostly present, except those on guard duties who had sent their clones to attend the cultivation assembly.

Since the construction of the Heavenly Emperor Hall, this was the first time Lu Chen had convened an Emperor-level cultivation assembly, indicating something important.

At this time, Lu Chen's figure appeared on the high throne. Upon seeing Lu Chen appear, the Great Emperors in the hall simultaneously saluted, "Greetings, Heavenly Emperor!"

Lu Chen calmly said, "No need for formalities."

The Great Emperors in the hall then stood up and looked at Lu Chen, awaiting his message.

Lu Chen glanced at the Great Emperors in the hall, counting the numbers. The Daxia Dynasty now had over eighty Great Emperors.

Combining the power of these Great Emperors using the Spirit Gathering Array would be nearly enough to grant him the strength equal to or even surpassing the Heavenly Emperor.

He had to explore the Outer Domain.

However, if all these Great Emperors went with him to the Outer Domain, how would the Daxia Dynasty handle any unexpected events?

Although the Daxia Dynasty was currently protected by the barrier of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella and was very safe, who could guarantee that the Tianji Pavilion wouldn't find a way to break it?

Seeing Lu Chen remained silent, Thunderbolt Emperor curiously asked, "May I ask what business the Heavenly Emperor has gathered us for this time?"

Lu Chen snapped back to reality, then responded, "I've heard that the Nirvana Holy Land has allied with the Shenyue Dynasty."

Hearing this, the Great Emperors in the hall were taken aback.

Nirvana Holy Land?

It was one of the oldest Holy Lands of this era. The Nirvana Holy Land hasn't always been on good terms with the Shenyue Dynasty, how could they suddenly form an alliance?

Top-tier old Holy Lands like Nirvana Holy Land generally looked down on the Shenyue Dynasty, even harbored significant hostility, especially towards Emperor Shenwu.

For those Ninth Layer Great Emperors who have lived countless years, Emperor Shenwu's cultivation talent is terrifyingly remarkable, and he was always considered most likely to take that step before Lu Chen appeared.

There were even rumors that some old Holy Lands were preparing to unite against the Shenyue Dynasty to remove Emperor Shenwu as a threat, yet now Nirvana Holy Land has chosen to cooperate with the Shenyue Dynasty.

At this moment, a Great Emperor in the hall speculated, "Could it be that Nirvana Holy Land is targeting Your Majesty?"

Lu Chen professed himself as the Heavenly Emperor without wielding the corresponding power, which was indeed quite ostentatious.

The key point is that Lu Chen has largely achieved recognition from the Heavenly Dao, making other Great Emperors stuck at the Ninth Layer potentially discontent.

Lu Chen stated at this moment, "That's a possibility, but I've heard another possibility."

"There are rumors in the Central Star Domain that there's a passage in the Outer Domain leading to other universes, bringing many treasures into the Outer Domain, including ones that allow a breakthrough to the Heavenly Emperor."

As these words were spoken, the hall was immediately abuzz with discussions.