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Chapter 1511: Doesn't Building Master Xuan think this is a great opportunity?

After hearing Lu Chen's words, the Great Emperors in the hall believed that they too should enter the Outer Domain to compete for opportunities; they did not doubt the authenticity of this information.

The reason is quite simple. There are already many powerful beings outside the domain who do not belong to the Outer Domain, nor do they belong to this universe. Most likely, they come from another universe.

Since those extraterrestrial powerhouses can enter the Outer Domain, it's natural that other universe's treasures can also appear in the Outer Domain.

If there are indeed treasures of the Heavenly Emperor, these treasures absolutely cannot be given to others, even though the record passed down from the Ancient Era, stating "only one Heavenly Emperor can be born in a universe", has never been verified.

However, better safe than sorry; if that record is true, and the treasures needed to break through to become the Heavenly Emperor fall into the hands of other Great Emperors, who then become Great Emperors themselves, what would Lu Chen, the Emperor Xia, do?

Therefore, under any circumstances, those treasures that can help the Ninth Layer Great Emperor take that step cannot fall into the hands of other forces in this universe.

After the Great Emperors in the hall discussed for a while, Lu Chen spoke again, "If there really exist Magic Treasures that can make the Ninth Layer Great Emperor breakthrough to become the Heavenly Emperor, they naturally cannot fall into other people's hands, so I have decided to lead people to the Outer Domain."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the Great Emperors in the hall all expressed their agreement. Such important things must be fought for. It concerns the dispute for the Heavenly Emperor and whether they can have greater assurance of surviving the Era Tribulation in the future.

Lu Chen then changed the subject, "However, when it comes to the current situation of the Daxia Dynasty, I'm still a bit uneasy."

"Moreover, I feel that this trip to the Outer Domain presents a perfect expansion opportunity for the Daxia Dynasty."

Hearing these words of Lu Chen, the Great Emperors present instantly understood what Lu Chen meant.

If the top forces of the Central Star Domain all head to the Outer Domain to seek opportunities, it indeed offers a perfect expansion opportunity for the Daxia Dynasty.

By then, there won't be many powerhouses left in this universe. Those empires slightly weaker in strength, upon seeing the aggressive approach of the Daxia Dynasty, are likely to surrender immediately.

Lu Chen continued, "The priority for the next period is to continue expanding outward, increase our number of Great Emperors, and enhance the Dynast Qi Fortune."

Upon Lu Chen's command, the Great Emperors in the hall all responded in unison, "We respectfully follow the imperial decree!!"

As soon as Lu Chen's order was issued, the War Dragon Army of the Daxia Dynasty immediately took action, continuing to expand outward.

The Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion have been continuously monitoring the movements of the Daxia Dynasty, as they wish to know whether Lu Chen has fallen for the bait.

Tianji Pavilion, Heavenly Mechanism Peak.

Xuan Tian sat in the pavilion, leisurely savoring the tea in his hand.

At this moment, three Great Emperor apparitions appeared outside the pavilion: the clones of the Nirvana Master, Emperor Shenwu, and the Life-saving Empress.

After the clones of the three appeared, they noticed Xuan Tian leisurely drinking tea, their brows immediately furrowed, and Emperor Shenwu said, "Building Master Xuan, it seems your plan might be unreliable; my rebellious child doesn't seem to have been fooled."

Upon hearing this, Xuan Tian smiled lightly and said, "Who said he wasn't fooled?"

Emperor Shenwu continued, "Now the Daxia Dynasty's army is expanding everywhere; if they were fooled, would they be launching wars at this time?"

Logically, if Lu Chen were fooled, he should quickly gather the Great Emperors to prepare to follow behind the Great Emperors of the Central Star Domain and head to the Outer Domain, rather than, as he is now, sending those Great Emperors out to start wars everywhere.

This indicates that Lu Chen very likely hasn't put any weight on the news of treasures in the Outer Domain.

Xuan Tian said lightly, "Don't be anxious, as I see it, he is indeed starting wars now precisely because he believes the rumor."

The Life-saving Empress asked, "Why is that?"

Before Xuan Tian could speak, the Nirvana Master responded first, "He wants to seize more territory while the top forces of the Central Star Domain focus on the Outer Domain, thereby enhancing the Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune, and when they head to the Outer Domain, the number of Great Emperors in the Daxia Dynasty will also increase accordingly."

On the path of Daxia Dynasty's outward expansion, they will inevitably recruit more Great Emperors to join the Daxia Dynasty. Based on the current intelligence, there are two Great Emperors in the Daxia Dynasty who prove the way through slaughter.

One Slaughter Emperor is an Empress, and the other is Lu Chen himself, but seldom do either of them engage in wanton killing. As long as the Great Emperors surrender, they are basically absorbed into the Daxia Dynasty.

From this perspective, the purpose of Daxia Dynasty's outward wars is markedly different from that of Emperor Shenwu, who wages wars merely to enhance his own strength and take that step.

In contrast, Lu Chen aims for strengthening the overall power of the Daxia Dynasty. This shows that the primary goal of Lu Chen's prompt outward warfare now is to attract more Great Emperors to join the Daxia Dynasty.

Upon hearing the Nirvana Master's words, both the Life-saving Empress and Emperor Shenwu came to realization.

Emperor Shenwu sneered, "It seems this rebel's ambition might be greater than mine!"

Xuan Tian took a light sip of the tea in his hand and then said, "Since the fish has bitten the bait, we should also start preparations."

As soon as Lu Chen's true form emerges from the Daxia Dynasty, he will immediately send the entire Daxia Dynasty out of this universe. Without the protection of that Immortal Artifact, Lu Chen will be forced into reincarnating within his body like countless epochs before, until his Divine Soul Power is completely dissipated and refined.

Thinking of this, the corner of Xuan Tian's mouth lifted slightly; by this era, he sensed Lu Chen's Divine Soul Power should be nearing its limit.

Upon hearing Xuan Tian's words, the Life-saving Empress hesitated not in the slightest, "Very well, I shall go prepare now."

As her voice fell, the clone of the Life-saving Empress instantaneously vanished; after her departure, the Nirvana Master also left, leaving only Emperor Shenwu and Xuan Tian atop the peak.

Seeing Emperor Shenwu yet lingering, Xuan Tian asked, "Do you have more to say?"

Emperor Shenwu replied devoid of expression, "Doesn't Building Master Xuan see this as a golden opportunity?"

Xuan Tian questioned in confusion, "Opportunity for what?"

Emperor Shenwu continued, "An opportunity to deal with those ancient Holy Lands of the Central Star Domain."

This news has not only piqued Lu Chen but also grabbed the attention of those old Holy Lands, and surely many Holy Land Masters will proceed to the Outer Domain soon.

Ordinarily, those ancient beings hide within their Holy Lands, making it challenging to eliminate them; their ancient Holy Lands are equipped with various formidable Great Arrays, whose power is frightening. Even Emperor Shenwu dares not assault those ancient Holy Lands lightly.

However, if those Holy Lands' Masters venture out, it becomes a game changer.

Chapter 1512: It's a pity, you're nothing more than a pawn in my hands.

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Xuan Tian chuckled softly; Emperor Shenwu intended to preemptively wage war against the ancient Holy Lands, using Tianji Pavilion, Nirvana Holy Land, and Yunhua Palace as weapons in his hand.

Once dealing with these ancient Holy Lands, Emperor Shenwu's next target might well be Tianji Pavilion or Yunhua Palace.

Xuan Tian then said with a smile, "Emperor Shenwu is indeed cunning, but they are Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors, and not so easily dealt with. It's better to give up on this idea."

"Should those ancient Holy Lands become aware of your intentions and unite against Shenyue Dynasty, then even you may not be able to resist them."

Seeing that Xuan Tian refused to agree, Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly in his heart; this old fox indeed wouldn't consent.

He was merely probing; as Xuan Tian possessed the power to send the Daxia Dynasty out of this universe, if he could utilize Xuan Tian, then the ancient Holy Lands in the Central Star Domain would no longer pose a great threat to Shenyue Dynasty.

But it seemed that Xuan Tian was also guarding against him and wouldn't possibly assist.

No matter; if Xuan Tian doesn't help him, he could come up with his own solutions. As long as the Holy Land Masters of those ancient Holy Lands went to the Outer Domain, he would find opportunities to deal with them one by one.

Once these Holy Land Masters died, many of the ancient formations in those Holy Lands would likely be impossible to activate.

It is rumored that many ancient formations are bound to these Holy Land Masters, and most of the Holy Land Masters are survivors from the previous era.

These individuals tend to be suspicious and fearful of death, reluctant to pass on the ancient formations they control to the younger Great Emperors of their Holy Lands, fearing these young emperors might seize power.

This is why those old immortals continue to grasp control of their Holy Lands despite nearing their limits.

Thus, with the death of a Holy Land Master, it might mean the decline of an ancient Holy Land; without those ancient formations, Emperor Shenwu would not regard those Holy Lands as a threat.

At this point, Emperor Shenwu said, "Since Building Master Xuan lacks interest, I shall not disturb you any longer."

Emperor Shenwu wasted no more time, turning around and leaving.

After Emperor Shenwu departed, Xuan Tian set down the teacup he held, sneered coldly, and then murmured to himself, "It's the first time someone's wanted to use me as a weapon."

"Unfortunately, you are merely a chess piece in my hands."

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The expansion of the Daxia Dynasty was very rapid. At this moment, a strange phenomenon appeared in the universe—a situation where nearly all the top forces were observing.

They took no action, allowing the Daxia Dynasty to expand outward. These top forces actually wanted to see if the alliance between Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion had any plans to counter the Daxia Dynasty.

These top forces had formed an alliance; it would be impossible to let the Daxia Dynasty continue expanding unchecked. However, contrary to expectations, the number of Great Emperors in the Daxia Dynasty was approaching two hundred, yet there was still no sign of Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion making any moves.

This made some ancient Holy Lands uneasy. If the Daxia Dynasty continued expanding like this, once their Qi Fortune accumulated to a certain level, Lu Chen might directly break through to become the Heavenly Emperor, which would be intolerable.

If Lu Chen became the Heavenly Emperor, the likelihood of these ancient Ninth Layer Great Emperors stepping beyond their current realm would diminish greatly. Some are nearing their limits and hoping to make a breakthrough before the Era Tribulation, with Lu Chen posing a significant threat to them.

Qingyue Holy Land.

In the center of the Holy Land, mist shrouds the area, cranes flying around, resembling an ethereal realm.

Inside a pavilion made of purple sandalwood, a gaunt old man suddenly opened his eyes, looking at the distant white crane, and murmured to himself, "No, he cannot be allowed to continue growing."

As one who survived the last era, the Lord of Qingyue, like the Nirvana Master, quickly broke through to become a Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor, remaining stuck in this realm.

Unlike the Nirvana Master, he made many attempts to cross that step, which resulted in him suffering numerous injuries and greatly shortening his life span; his end was approaching faster than other Nine Layers Great Emperors.

He had little time left, unlikely to hold out until the Era Tribulation, facing premature death.

As one's death approaches, desperation for survival can drive a person to madness.

The Lord of Qingyue would not allow anyone to step out and become the Heavenly Emperor ahead of him; otherwise, his fate was sealed.

At this time, the Lord of Qingyue sent a transmission to the Great Emperor currently managing Qingyue Holy Land, "Tai Kang, come over here."

Upon receiving the transmission, a middle-aged man soon appeared before the Lord of Qingyue. The man emitted a very restless Power of Dao; he was also a Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor, and currently, Emperor Taikang's strength was even greater than that of the Lord of Qingyue.

Of course, Emperor Taikang still dared not act recklessly before the Lord of Qingyue, as the ancient formations of Qingyue Holy Land were bound to the Lord of Qingyue, and if he activated them, Emperor Taikang could only flee.

Seeing the Lord of Qingyue, Emperor Taikang reluctantly paid respects and said, "Greetings, ancestor!"

"What brings you to summon me, ancestor?"

The Lord of Qingyue cast a deep gaze at Emperor Taikang and then said, "Tai Kang, my end is near, and the entire Qingyue Holy Land will soon be handed over to you."

Upon hearing these words, Emperor Taikang felt no excitement, fully aware of what kind of person the Lord of Qingyue was. He knew that the Lord of Qingyue would not willingly hand over the Qingyue Holy Land to anyone while he still lived.

Understanding that the Lord of Qingyue was merely speaking formally, Emperor Taikang still portrayed gratitude, lamenting, "Ancestor, please do not speak of such matters. With less than ten thousand years until the Era Tribulation, without your protection, how could we at Qingyue Holy Land survive?"

The Lord of Qingyue sighed, "Ah, I know my situation best; I fear I will not survive until the day the tribulation arrives."

Before Emperor Taikang could respond, the Lord of Qingyue continued, "Before the end comes, I have one last wish—to help you take that step."

Emperor Taikang couldn't help but smile internally, as he was about to speak, but the Lord of Qingyue added, "It's a pity only one Heavenly Emperor can emerge from a single universe. The growth rate of Lu Chen from the Daxia Dynasty is too fast; if you wish to become the Heavenly Emperor, you absolutely cannot let him continue to grow."

Emperor Taikang immediately understood the meaning of the Lord of Qingyue, "Ancestor, I am aware of how swiftly the Daxia Dynasty is expanding, but none of the top Holy Lands have made a move; even Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion haven't stopped the Daxia Dynasty."

Chapter 1513: The Decision of the Lord of Qingyue

Upon hearing the mention of the Daxia Dynasty by the Lord of Qingyue, Emperor Taikang knew that the Lord of Qingyue was growing restless.

The end of the Lord of Qingyue's lifespan was approaching; if anyone surpassed him and became the Heavenly Emperor, it would seal off the path of survival for the Lord of Qingyue, leaving him to await death.

The Lord of Qingyue said at this moment, "They do not act because they do not want to take that step and become the Heavenly Emperor. However, Taikang, you are different. You reached the Ninth Layer at such a young age, becoming the most hopeful person in this universe to become the Heavenly Emperor."

"If you allow Lu Chen to continue growing, and he becomes the Heavenly Emperor, you will have no hope left at all. Are you willing to accept that?"

Listening to the Lord of Qingyue's words, Emperor Taikang could only think of laughing. This old relic, under the guise of being considerate for him, merely wanted to use him as a weapon.

At present, within the Qingyue Holy Land, Emperor Taikang was no match for the Lord of Qingyue. But outside the Qingyue Holy Land, the Lord of Qingyue might not be a match for Emperor Taikang.

The Lord of Qingyue had reached the end of his strength; he couldn't actively leave the Qingyue Holy Land to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Therefore, he said these words, hoping Emperor Taikang would lead people to deal with the Daxia Dynasty.

Emperor Taikang understood the intentions of the Lord of Qingyue well. He said at this time, "Ancestor, in truth, I have no desire to take that step. As it stands, I lack the potential to become the Heavenly Emperor. If even someone like you, a Holy Land Master, has not taken that step, how could I possibly do so?"

The Lord of Qingyue furrowed his brow, then scolded, "Stop talking nonsense. The Qingyue Holy Land will be entrusted to you in the future. How can you have such thoughts? Only by breaking through to become the Heavenly Emperor can you protect the entire Qingyue Holy Land."

"As the next Holy Master of the Qingyue Holy Land, this is a responsibility that you must shoulder."

"Enough, no need to say more on this matter. Hurry and prepare to attack the Daxia Dynasty. With me overseeing the Qingyue Holy Land, no one will dare to act recklessly here."

Upon hearing this from the Lord of Qingyue, the Power of Dao within Emperor Taikang involuntarily surged, but soon, he calmed himself down.

The Lord of Qingyue saying that he would oversee the Qingyue Holy Land was a warning to Emperor Taikang, indicating that the current Qingyue Holy Land was still under his control. Taikang needed only to follow his orders.

Emperor Taikang worked to smooth his internal emotions and then said, "Yes, I understand. I will go prepare immediately."

As he finished speaking, Emperor Taikang turned and left.

After Emperor Taikang left, the Lord of Qingyue sneered and said, "I am not even dead, and already they're coveting my position. This is not a seat just anyone can covet."

After Emperor Taikang left, he gathered the emperors of the Holy Land for a meeting.

Emperor Taikang had just brought the emperors to the Meeting Hall when one emperor asked curiously, "Saint Heir, what has happened?"

Although Emperor Taikang was already an emperor of the Ninth Layer, he was eternally a Saint Heir until he became a Holy Master. Therefore, elders of the Qingyue Holy Land could only call him Saint Heir.

Hearing the term "Saint Heir," Emperor Taikang was very displeased, but with the immortal old one still watching over him, he had no means to change the title, no matter how unpleasant it was to hear.

Emperor Taikang directly said, "The ancestor has emerged, and he has new orders."

Upon hearing this, the emperors in the hall were stunned. No wonder Emperor Taikang called for a meeting; it was because that one had come out.

A few days ago, they had just held an emperor-level meeting due to the current cosmic situation, planning the subsequent movements of the Qingyue Holy Land during that meeting.

Generally, such meetings would not be convened again in such a short period because emperors are very busy.

However, since the Holy Land Master had emerged and issued new directives, an emperor-level meeting was indeed necessary.

At this moment, an emperor curiously asked, "Saint Heir, what command does the ancestor have?"

Emperor Taikang, with a face full of displeasure, said, "The ancestor wants us to attack the Daxia Dynasty to prevent their continued expansion."

Upon hearing this, the emperors in the hall were all taken aback.

Attack the Daxia Dynasty?

At this time?

What a joke! Right now, even the top forces in the Central Star Domain, including the Shenyue Dynasty, have not made any moves against the Daxia Dynasty. What business do they have attacking the Daxia Dynasty?

What is the ancestor thinking?

Not to mention whether they are a match for the Daxia Dynasty, even if they defeat the Daxia Dynasty, they cannot break through that barrier of the Daxia Dynasty.

At that time, the people of the Daxia Dynasty would just hide within that barrier, leaving the Qingyue Holy Land similarly helpless against the Daxia Dynasty.

What was the ancestor thinking in making such a decision?

At this time, Emperor Taikang hinted, "Perhaps because the ancestor's end is near, he hopes to see me become the Heavenly Emperor and stand out on my own."

The people immediately understood Emperor Taikang's implied meaning: the old one was just greedy for life, fearing that Lu Chen of the Daxia Dynasty would grow too fast, and after becoming the Heavenly Emperor, end his path of survival. Hence, they were prompted to attack the Daxia Dynasty.

At this time, an emperor asked, "Will the ancestor personally lead the expedition?"

Emperor Taikang said, "No, he said he will oversee the Holy Land to prevent any external enemies from taking advantage and invading."

Upon hearing this, the emperors glanced at one another. Presently, most of the emperors supported Emperor Taikang more, after all.

Back in the day, to stabilize his cultivation state and take that step, the Lord of Qingyue did anything and everything.

He even used living emperors for some experiments, which ultimately resulted in the deaths of many emperors within the Qingyue Holy Land, leading to little goodwill towards such an ancestor from the current emperors.

If it weren't for the Lord of Qingyue's tight control over the ancient formations of the Holy Land, these emperors would have long united and overthrown the Lord of Qingyue.

With those ancient formations in place, even though their current strength surpassed that of the Lord of Qingyue, they still dared not act rashly.

The hall fell into silence, as the current situation was that other top forces had not acted against the Daxia Dynasty, and a single Holy Land like theirs might not be a match for the Daxia Dynasty.

But since the Lord of Qingyue had given the order, they could not disobey, for if they did, who knew what kind of trouble the old one might cause.

After a long pause, an emperor said, "The ancestor's words cannot be ignored. Since he has spoken, we should go back and make preparations to dispatch the troops at once."

Hearing this emperor's words, another emperor stood up and said, "Even the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion are unable to do anything about the Daxia Dynasty. How can a single Holy Land like ours contend with the Daxia Dynasty?"

Chapter 1514: Lu Chen's Plan

The emperors of Qingyue Holy Land are certainly reluctant to be the first to strike against the Daxia Dynasty. Even though they are opponents of the Daxia Dynasty, Qingyue Holy Land would undoubtedly suffer significant losses.

They could potentially lose many emperors, and the tragedy of the four great dynasties of the Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group is a reminder, making them somewhat fearful of the Daxia Dynasty.

At this moment, the emperors in the grand hall began to discuss. Some were in favor of listening to the Lord of Qingyue and sending troops to attack the Daxia Dynasty, while others thought they should persuade the Lord of Qingyue further, to make him understand that the Daxia Dynasty is not so easy to deal with and hope that he would voluntarily give up.

Emperor Taikang did not speak immediately. He listened to the discussions of the emperors in the grand hall. After a while, the emperors had not come to a good solution. At this moment, they all looked at the silent Emperor Taikang in unison.

Emperor Taikang is the Saint Heir, the acting ruler of Qingyue Holy Land. Thus, whether to attack the Daxia Dynasty or not is up to him to decide.

Seeing that the hall had quieted down, Emperor Taikang finally spoke: "Since it is the ancestor's order, we must comply. Go and prepare, we will dispatch troops to the Daxia Dynasty in a month."

Upon seeing Emperor Taikang's decision, the emperors sighed one after another, not expecting that they still had to send troops to attack the Daxia Dynasty.

However, on second thought, there was no other way besides dispatching troops to the Daxia Dynasty now. At this time, even if they rebelled, they might not be able to overthrow the Lord of Qingyue.

If that old guy had an accident, he might drag the entire Qingyue Holy Land to destruction along with him.

After Emperor Taikang made his decision, the emperors left one by one. There was nothing left to discuss now, and as for the tactics to use against the Daxia Dynasty, there was even less to discuss, as they never actually believed they could win this war.

The emperors gradually left the hall. At this time, an emperor approached Emperor Taikang, "Saint Heir, are we really going to attack the Daxia Dynasty?"

Emperor Taikang sighed and said, "It is the ancestor's will."

The implication of Emperor Taikang's words was that they couldn't refuse the ancestor's order.

At this moment, Emperor Taikang continued, "Go and prepare, I know what to do."

Although they cannot defy the ancestor's order, dispatching troops and being able to defeat the Daxia Dynasty are two different things.

They would symbolically send out troops as if to complete a task. Expecting them to really go and attack the Daxia Dynasty was out of the question.

Upon hearing Emperor Taikang's words, the other emperors immediately understood his plan, which was also what they had in mind.

Since everyone thought the same, things became easier to handle.

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Soon, the news of Qingyue Holy Land dispatching troops against the Daxia Dynasty spread throughout the entire Central Star Domain, and Lu Chen, who was in the Central Star Domain, also heard about it.

This left Lu Chen somewhat puzzled.

Qingyue Holy Land?

What kind of force is that?

What are they doing by dispatching troops against the Daxia Dynasty?

When did the Daxia Dynasty provoke them?

Later, Lu Chen sent people to investigate the major forces within the Central Star Domain, discovering that Qingyue Holy Land is an ancient holy land, much like other ancient holy lands. The Holy Land Master of Qingyue is likely a survivor from the previous era.

This allowed Lu Chen to basically guess why Qingyue Holy Land suddenly wanted to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Clearly, it was because that Lord of Qingyue was worried that Lu Chen would become the Heavenly Emperor too quickly, preceding him, so he dispatched troops from Qingyue Holy Land to restrict the expansion of the Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen didn't pay too much attention to this matter. Let them deploy troops if they will; what could an ancient holy land possibly do — it would merely add a few Ninth Layer emperors.

The number of Daxia Dynasty's emperors has already reached over a hundred. With the use of a Spirit Gathering Array, no Ninth Layer emperor could stand up to Lu Chen.

Red Rain World.

Lu Chen's clone sat by the river, holding a fishing rod in his hand, a piece of grass in his mouth, half-lying on the grassy riverside, feeling very leisurely.

Currently, this clone has only one purpose, to keep an eye on Yun Qingshu in the Red Rain World, observing her every move, and then find an opportunity to forcibly bring Yun Qingshu to the Tianchen World.

Lu Chen already had a plan in his heart. If he were to bring Yun Qingshu back to the Tianchen World, he couldn't use soft approaches. Given Yun Qingshu's attitude towards him, there was absolutely no way she would willingly go to the Tianchen World with him.

What Lu Chen had in mind was to use a Holy Tier Transmission Array, and at the right moment, directly push Yun Qingshu into the Holy Tier Transmission Array. It would only take an instant for them to reach the Tianchen World.

Once Yun Qingshu reached Tianchen World, escaping would be impossible for her. Only then would he slowly work on Yun Qingshu's temperament.

With the clone Yun Xianxian there, Lu Chen believed Yun Qingshu would quickly get accustomed to life in the Tianchen World.

Thinking of his plan, Lu Chen's mouth slightly lifted, but just then, a voice came from the woods beside him.

"Saint Heir, what are we doing here at this time?"

"The military movements need some time. We'll stay in the Red Rain World for a few days."

"As the Saint Heir says."

Hearing the conversation of the people in the woods, Lu Chen was curious.

Saint Heir, military movements?

Who is moving troops? And where are they moving to?

Could it be that they are planning to attack the Red Rain World?

The Red Rain World is currently controlled by the Mysterious Moon Palace, which is under Yun Qingshu's authority. Shouldn't such a peripheral small world in the Central Star Domain be of little concern, so why would someone come here?

While Lu Chen was feeling very puzzled, suddenly an emperor appeared near him. Without saying a word, that emperor unleashed a powerful aura, intending to kill Lu Chen to silence him.

Fortunately, at this moment, the voice of that middle-aged man from the woods said, "Forget it."

Upon hearing this, the emperor in front of Lu Chen immediately stopped. For an emperor, a saint was nothing more than an ant, who could be crushed at any time. Apparently, Emperor Taikang did not regard Lu Chen as anything of significance.

Lu Chen used his system to identify the middle-aged man who spoke just now, discovering that it was indeed the Saint Heir rumored to be from Qingyue Holy Land recently.

Lu Chen felt speechless, meeting the Saint Heir of Qingyue Holy Land in such a peripheral small world of the Central Star Domain?

This Saint Heir really knew how to pick a place.

Was he not supposed to be dispatching troops to attack the Daxia Dynasty — what was he doing in such a place?

Could it be that Emperor Taikang already knew about the relationship between Yun Qingshu and him, and wanted to capture Yun Qingshu, then use her against the Daxia Dynasty?

Thinking of this possibility, Lu Chen's expression darkened instantly, just as Longchuan Emperor in front of him said, "You, a small saint, do have some guts. Seeing me make a move, you weren't scared at all."

Longchuan Emperor had truly intended to clean the field by removing Lu Chen just now. If not for Emperor Taikang's intervention, Lu Chen would not be here now. Yet, this young saint did not bat an eye; if it had been any other saint, they would have been kneeling and begging for mercy by now.

Chapter 1515: We do not intend to take action against the Daxia Dynasty on this trip
As Longchuan Emperor's words fell, Emperor Taikang suddenly appeared before Lu Chen.

He furrowed his brow and scrutinized Lu Chen for a moment, then said incredulously, "A sixteen-year-old Saint? How is that possible?"

Upon hearing Emperor Taikang's words, the other emperors accompanying him also appeared before Lu Chen, circling around him as if observing a monkey in a zoo.

Seeing that Lu Chen's Divine Soul was indeed intact, the emperors were stunned. A sixteen-year-old Saint in this universe?

How is that possible?

What terrifying talent must this be?

After a while, Lu Chen finally asked, "I wonder what matter brings the esteemed seniors here?"

The emperors present snapped out of their daze upon hearing the voice, and Emperor Taikang immediately asked, "Which faction are you from?"

Emperor Taikang thought, with such terrifying talent, this person is likely from some top-tier faction. Luckily, Longchuan Emperor did not take action earlier. If this genius were to be killed, Qingyue Holy Land might have one more enemy.

Lu Chen replied, "Esteemed senior, I have not joined any faction for the time being."

This...

Upon hearing Lu Chen's reply, the emperors present once again were taken aback, looking at one another.

Not joined any faction?

Meaning, a wild top-tier genius?

To become a Saint at sixteen based solely on talent, not even an emperor's reincarnation could achieve this, right?

Emperor Taikang, having come to his senses, probed Lu Chen's body again, finding it entirely normal, with a stable Divine Soul, not particularly powerful, and seemingly not a reincarnation of any emperor.

Lu Chen's stable Divine Soul and apparent lack of power had to do with his Clone; when his Clone was at a certain Realm, it could bear a Divine Soul corresponding to that Realm. However, his Divine Soul also linked to a more powerful Divine Soul beyond detection by these emperors.

This undetectable part of the Divine Soul was a top-level Clone Technique that Lu Chen developed through research on Holy Tier Puppetry Technique and Life Dao.

This was the method Lu Chen used to infiltrate Yunhua Palace.

Emperor Taikang, having regained his composure, said to Lu Chen, "Would you be willing to join Qingyue Holy Land and become my disciple?"

Although a great calamity is imminent, and this person might fall before growing, no one witnessing such talent would not want to take him as a disciple.

Emperor Taikang never expected his luck to be so good, finding such a promising talent just by stopping in this remote world for a break.

Thinking of this, Emperor Taikang felt a bit nostalgic, regretting that the young man was born in this era. If he had been born hundreds of thousands of years earlier, he might have stepped out to become the Heavenly Emperor.

Amid Emperor Taikang's sentiment, Lu Chen promptly saluted, saying, "Disciple pays respect to Honored Master!"

Lu Chen intended to take this opportunity to infiltrate Qingyue Holy Land and uncover its secrets.

Seeing Lu Chen's apprenticeship, Emperor Taikang beamed with a radiant smile.

The emperors next to Emperor Taikang all congratulated him.

"Congratulations on receiving such an outstanding disciple, Saint Heir!"

Emperor Taikang laughed heartily for a while and then looked at Lu Chen, asking, "By the way, I don't yet know your name kind of name?"

Lu Chen replied, "Disciple is named Chen Lu."

Emperor Taikang said, "Very well, Chen Lu, this is the gift I give you for becoming my disciple."

As he spoke, a small bottle and a Heaven Rank Spirit Sword appeared in Emperor Taikang's hand.

Emperor Taikang continued, "This is a Sky-grade Spirit Sword, and this bottle contains a Heavenly Level Realm Breaking Pill that will assist you in easily achieving Great Emperor status as a Quasi-Emperor."

Lu Chen immediately accepted the two items, thanking him and saying, "Thank you, Honored Master!"

Emperor Taikang said, "There's no need for such formality between us as master and disciple."

Lu Chen then asked, "Honored Master, I wonder where Qingyue Holy Land might be?"

Upon hearing this question, Emperor Taikang realized, "You probably have not ventured into the core area of the Central Star Domain often, have you?"

Lu Chen replied, "Disciple's strength is weak, and I dare not enter."

Emperor Taikang said, "Then it's normal you don't know Qingyue Holy Land. Our Qingyue Holy Land is one of the oldest Holy Lands in the universe and is considered one of the top-tier factions in the universe."

Lu Chen displayed an astonished look, seemingly flattered.

Seeing Lu Chen's unsophisticated demeanor, Emperor Taikang felt a sense of pride.

Lu Chen curiously asked, "Red Rain World is quite an outlying Star Domain in the Central Star Domain. Honored Master, why would you come to such a place?"

Emperor Taikang said, "This is a long story. We are just resting here and do not intend to stay long."

"Alright, let's not dwell on this. Let's change location."

Then Emperor Taikang led Lu Chen to board the Immortal Boat of Qingyue Holy Land.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu of the Mysterious Moon Palace in Red Rain World sensed Lu Chen and those emperors' presence disappear together and knew Lu Chen had been taken by the emperors of Qingyue Holy Land. However, Yun Qingshu had no intention to rescue Lu Chen.

Lu Chen was merely a Clone; even if he died, it would not be a loss. Moreover, with Mysterious Moon Palace's weakness now, Yun Qingshu, being the only emperor there, would not risk offending Qingyue Holy Land for Lu Chen.

After arriving at Qingyue Holy Land's Immortal Boat, Emperor Taikang said to Lu Chen, "Chen Lu, this time we are heading to attack the Daxia Dynasty. You should have heard about the Daxia Dynasty."

Lu Chen feigned confusion and asked, "Honored Master, I've heard that the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion haven't acted against the Daxia Dynasty. Why are we in such haste to strike against the Daxia Dynasty?"

Emperor Taikang said, "It's the command of our Holy Land Ancestor; we need only follow it."

Lu Chen said, "Daxia Dynasty seems not to have a Ninth Layer Great Emperor. Since our Holy Land is a top-tier force, there should be several Ninth Layer Great Emperors, right?"

Emperor Taikang replied, "Including the Ancestor, our Holy Land has four Ninth Layer Great Emperors."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen was somewhat surprised that even as a top-tier force, they only had four Ninth Layer Great Emperors. It seemed top-tier forces weren't that remarkable after all.

If that's the case, then the Daxia Dynasty seemingly has the potential to dominate the universe.

Lu Chen at this point said, "With four Ninth Layers, the Daxia Dynasty appears not to have a single Ninth Layer Great Emperor. Honored Master, this journey will surely lead to the downfall of the Daxia Dynasty."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Taikang couldn't help but smile ruefully, "It's not that simple. Although the Daxia Dynasty lacks Ninth Layer Great Emperors, they possess the power to kill one. The Ninth Layer Great Emperor from Lingzhao Super Star Domain Group was not just defeated."

"For our journey, we have no intention of acting against the Daxia Dynasty."

Chapter 1516: This Is Most Likely a Trap

Hearing Emperor Taikang's answer, Lu Chen was slightly puzzled, not intending to attack the Daxia Dynasty?

Proceeding so grandly in the direction of the Daxia Dynasty, yet claiming not to plan an attack — then why dispatch so many emperors?

Are they out for a vacation?

Just as Lu Chen was curious, Emperor Taikang continued: "The current Daxia Dynasty, with its flourishing Qi Fortune, now possesses strength to rival our ancient Holy Lands. Even assuming we could best them, it would likely be a pyrrhic victory."

"An impending catastrophe looms, which is nothing favorable for Qingyue Holy Land. Moreover, as your master, I have a special reason to conserve strength."

"The most crucial point is, even if we defeat the main forces of the Daxia Dynasty, we may not break their Barrier. Thus, a victory in such war bears no significance."

Lu Chen asked, "Then why does Honored Master still send forces to the Daxia Dynasty?"

Emperor Taikang walked to the bow of the Immortal Boat, gazing at the core region of the Central Star Domain, "That is a journey I must undertake."

"Qingyue Holy Land is not for me to decide; I am just the Saint Heir of Qingyue Holy Land."

Lu Chen said, "Disciple understands."

Seeing Lu Chen grasp the situation so quickly, Emperor Taikang showed a hint of satisfaction, then continued: "When you return to Qingyue Holy Land, try to avoid getting close to that one."

The Lord of Qingyue, driven by a survival instinct, is capable of anything. With Lu Chen's talent, Emperor Taikang was not sure whether the Lord of Qingyue might try the Possession Technique on Lu Chen.

Although typical possession methods are useless against a Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor whose Divine Soul is nearing its end, the Lord of Qingyue has tried everything and wouldn't mind trying once more.

Emperor Taikang did not want to see a promising talent like Lu Chen ruined by the Qingyue Lord.

Lu Chen then said, "Honored Master, I have a question out of curiosity."

Emperor Taikang replied, "What question?"

Lu Chen said, "The Shenyue Dynasty attacked the Daxia Dynasty long ago, and conflicts arose between them. Why does the Shenyue Dynasty now allow the Daxia Dynasty to keep expanding?"

Emperor Taikang said, "The Daxia Dynasty is not so easy to deal with. Mainly, their Barrier is too robust, even undefeatable by a Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor."

Lu Chen said, "So should we just let the Daxia Dynasty continue expanding like this?"

Emperor Taikang said lightly, "There will always be opportunities. It's not something we should worry about; others are more anxious than us."

Emperor Shenwu is the one most eager to take that step. He would never allow his son to become a Heavenly Emperor before him, so Emperor Shenwu will definitely make a move soon.

As for how they act, Emperor Taikang wasn't concerned. His sole focus was to gain control of Qingyue Holy Land and become its true master.

Emperor Taikang leaned toward conservatism, having read records from the Ancient Era. After all, the current Lord of Qingyue is a survivor from the previous era and knows many things, even bringing numerous ancient books into this era.

Emperor Taikang learned about the existence of the Era Transition Land from those ancient books. His thought was that as long as they could safeguard Qingyue Holy Land, once the era transition began, they would immediately search for the Era Transition Land, negating the need to expend significant manpower and resources in war before the catastrophe.

If warfare led to the destruction of Qingyue Holy Land—their only place of refuge—they would face even greater difficulty surviving if driven out of the Central Star Domain.

However, preserving Qingyue Holy Land's strength required confronting an issue, as Qingyue Holy Land harbors an unsettled person.

Despite the Lord of Qingyue's prior experimentation with the Holy Land's Great Emperors, with his end looming, he's becoming more insane to survive.

The Lord of Qingyue is an exceedingly unstable factor, which must be addressed somehow.

At this point, Lu Chen said, "Disciple has heard the Nirvana Holy Land allied with the Shenyue Dynasty. They discovered artifacts in the Outer Domain that might aid Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors in breaking through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm. Is our Holy Land not planning to explore the Outer Domain for these artifacts?"

Emperor Taikang said, "The news has already spread all over the Central Star Domain. How could your master be unaware? Yet, with even the Tianji Pavilion remaining inactive, we need not rush."

"When Tianji Pavilion and the Shenyue Dynasty head to the Outer Domain, we'll follow suit."

Then Emperor Taikang suddenly thought of something, adding, "On second thought, if such a treasure truly exists, enabling a breakthrough from Nine Layers to the Heavenly Emperor Realm, Emperor Shenwu and Nirvana Master would have long ventured to the Outer Domain, not waited till now."

Saying this, Emperor Taikang fell into contemplation, as did Lu Chen, triggered by Emperor Taikang's reminder.

If there indeed was a method for Nine Layers to break into the Heavenly Emperor Realm, Emperor Shenwu would've already gone to the Outer Domain. Why remain so calm?

There lies some discrepancy.

After thinking a bit, Emperor Taikang added, "It's very likely a ploy."

As Emperor Taikang voiced this thought, Lu Chen simultaneously recognized the possibility — perhaps the news was planted purposely for him, intending to lure him out of the Daxia Dynasty's Barrier.

Should he venture into the Outer Domain, the top factions of the Shenyue Dynasty would surely act against him.

Of course, this remains speculation; there might be other reasons for their delay in heading to the Outer Domain.

Emperor Taikang said, "This rumor might be a deliberate trap by Tianji Pavilion to attract Lu Chen's main body to the Outer Domain. Once Lu Chen departs from the Daxia Dynasty's Barrier, he becomes much easier to target."

Lu Chen said, "Honored Master, should our Holy Land still venture into the Outer Domain?"

Emperor Taikang said, "We should still take a look. With the great catastrophe impending, acquiring artifacts from the Otherworld bolsters our defense."

"As for whether the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion are plotting against the Daxia Dynasty, it's irrelevant to us."

Emperor Taikang had resolved not to interfere in the disputes between the Daxia and Shenyue Dynasties since Qingyue Holy Land's challenges were sufficiently intricate. Engaging in conflicts with the Daxia Dynasty would only amplify Qingyue Holy Land's issues.

He exclusively wished to guard Qingyue Holy Land's domain; other affairs had no bearing on Qingyue Holy Land.

Lu Chen also gleaned from Emperor Taikang's words that he had no interest in interfering in others' business. If this is truly Emperor Taikang's stance, Lu Chen considered it might be possible to win him over.

Chapter 1517: I Can Wield All Power of Dao

Just as Emperor Taikang was about to continue speaking with Lu Chen, a Great Emperor approached Emperor Taikang. "Saint Heir, everything is ready. We can set off now."

Emperor Taikang said, "Alright, then let's set off. Even if we are not truly attacking the Daxia Dynasty, we still have to reach the nearby Star Domain where the Daxia Army is located."

Then, Emperor Taikang led the Immortal Boat warship of Qingyue Holy Land towards the Daxia Dynasty. Without using the Heaven Rank Transmission Array, this journey would take at least several years, or even ten years.

But they couldn't be blamed for this. Their Holy Land and Tianji Pavilion had no dealings, unlike the Shenyue Dynasty, which could simply borrow Tianji Pavilion's Transmission Array. So, they could only let the Immortal Boat take them to the Daxia Dynasty.

Once Emperor Taikang and the Immortal Boat of Qingyue Holy Land left the Red Rain World, Yun Qingshu finally breathed a sigh of relief.

At this moment, in the Red Rain World, at the new location of Mysterious Moon Palace.

In a pavilion, Yun Qingshu sat reclining on a soft couch. The room was filled with swirling incense smoke, resembling an ethereal realm. Yun Qingshu watched the projected images in the room, showing real-time footage of the Immortal Boats from Qingyue Holy Land leaving the Red Rain World.

Yun Qingshu not only felt relieved but was even a bit happy because not only the Immortal Boats of Qingyue Holy Land had left, but the man who had been bothering her was also taken away.

Lu Chen's clone had always stayed in the Red Rain World, like a persistent fly, and she couldn't casually take action against Lu Chen, always feeling that harming Lu Chen would lead to significant karmic consequences.

Now that Lu Chen's clone was taken away, there would be no one to disturb her.

However, just as Yun Qingshu was thinking this, she suddenly sensed the aura of a Great Emperor rapidly approaching her pavilion.

This aura was extremely violent, clearly belonging to a Slaughter Emperor. Yun Qingshu first thought of Emperor Shenwu, but she couldn't understand why Emperor Shenwu would appear in such a place.

Although this was the Central Star Domain, it was a remote area. It was a significant coincidence that the warships of Qingyue Holy Land were resting here; Emperor Shenwu couldn't possibly rest in this place either.

Yun Qingshu immediately rose from the soft couch and directly invoked the Power of Dao. Dao Chime instantly filled the entire pavilion. Just as Yun Qingshu was prepared for battle, she found a familiar figure appearing in her room.

It was Lu Chen.

To be precise, it was Lu Chen's Great Emperor clone.

Feeling the Great Emperor aura emanating from Lu Chen, Yun Qingshu frowned and asked, "Is this your main body this time?"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "This is also a clone."

Yun Qingshu then coldly said, "What are you here for? Do you intend to use force to take me away?"

Previously, Lu Chen had been monitoring her with a Saint clone, and now directly brought his Great Emperor clone, making her suspicious of Lu Chen's intentions.

Lu Chen said, "What are you saying? I am not someone who forces others. I am here to protect you."

Yun Qingshu looked at him expressionlessly, then gently flicked her light blue long sleeve, sat back on the soft couch, and continued her cultivation, ignoring Lu Chen.

Lu Chen continued, "The Central Star Domain is becoming increasingly chaotic. Even if you are on the outskirts of the Central Star Domain, you will still be affected by the wars between top Holy Lands."

"If Qingyue Holy Land hadn't planned to avoid war this time, the Red Rain World might have already been destroyed."

"If next time, it's another Holy Land or the Shenyue Dynasty that comes, there's a high probability the Red Rain World will be annihilated."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the meditating Yun Qingshu coldly said, "You think I don't know what you're up to?"

"All these words are just to persuade me to go with you to the Daxia Dynasty."

"Let me remind you one last time, I will never follow you to the Daxia Dynasty. You better abandon that idea."

"Don't think just because my secondary body is your woman, you can do whatever you please in front of me."

Yun Qingshu found Lu Chen increasingly audacious. Previously, Lu Chen only lurked somewhere in the Red Rain World and didn't come to bother her.

But today, he actually came directly to her cultivation place. If she didn't warn him, this man might try to lay hands on her next time.

With Yun Xianxian's memories, she was too aware of what kind of man Lu Chen was. He would keep testing a woman's limits until he completely ensnared her into bed.

Seeing that Yun Qingshu was so resistant to him, Lu Chen just smiled and then said, "If you feel I'm in your way, you can directly attack me and drive me away."

Seeing Lu Chen's audacity, Yun Qingshu frowned without saying more.

The clone Lu Chen came with exuded such a strong Power of Slaughter. Although this clone was only at the First Layer Realm of a Great Emperor, killing a First Layer Realm Slaughter Emperor was not an easy task.

However, her intuition told her that if she took action against this man, it would lead to significant karmic consequences, and from any perspective, she couldn't attack Lu Chen.

Now, she could only let Lu Chen be arrogant, and simply ignore him.

At this point, a semi-circular barrier appeared around Yun Qingshu, enveloping her entirely. With this barrier, she could no longer hear Lu Chen's voice.

Seeing Yun Qingshu set up a barrier, Lu Chen said no more, then found a place, sat down cross-legged, and entered a meditation state.

After all, Yun Qingshu hadn't driven him away, so his clone would stay here and once he found a chance, he would take Yun Qingshu back to Tianchen World.

During her cultivation, Yun Qingshu noticed Lu Chen actually sitting down in her room, and her brows furrowed tightly. The cold aura on her body involuntarily spread out. In an instant, the entire room was frozen, becoming an ice cave.

However, Lu Chen being a Great Emperor, mastered all Power of Dao, so this bit of Ice Power was nothing to him. Even when Ice Power seeped into Lu Chen's body, he remained unaffected.

To make Yun Qingshu give up, Lu Chen instead started invoking the Power of Dao, absorbing all the Ice Power released by Yun Qingshu.

The next moment, the cold ice in the pavilion dissipated. Realizing what had happened in the room, Yun Qingshu's beautiful eyes opened instantly, revealing a trace of confusion.

Why was her Ice Power absorbed by Lu Chen, who walked the Slaughter Path? Wasn't he supposed to control the Power of Slaughter?

He could actually absorb other powers? And seeing his demeanor, seemingly unaffected, it was as if the Ice Power had caused no discomfort.

Perceiving Yun Qingshu's expression, Lu Chen remained with his eyes closed, and calmly said, "Don't waste your efforts. I forgot to tell you, I can use all Power of Dao."

Chapter 1518: If you want to show off, show off in front of those top forces

Yun Qingshu had only received Yun Xianxian's memories from before; after the two severed their connection, she never used her divine sense to link with Yun Xianxian again, so she was unaware that Lu Chen could use all the Power of Dao.

After hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu's cold face showed a bewildered expression.

A person can use all the Power of Dao?

Is that possible?

Even in the last era, she had never heard of any Great Emperor able to use more than two Powers of Dao.

She could use two Powers of Dao because she is a survivor of the last era, but even so, she dared not recklessly use two Powers of Dao.

Soon Yun Qingshu realized that as a survivor of the last era, she could barely use two Powers of Dao, so it didn't seem strange for Lu Chen to be able to use two Powers of Dao.

As for Lu Chen's claim that he could invoke all the Powers of Dao, she obviously didn't believe it. Yun Qingshu ignored Lu Chen's words, closed her eyes directly, and chose to continue cultivating on her own.

Lu Chen also noticed that Yun Qingshu didn't believe his words. In the next moment, Lu Chen utilized the Power of the Sword Dao, and countless sword shadows appeared in the room. All the Spirit Swords in the Mysterious Moon Palace trembled as if summoned.

Feeling the third type of Power of Dao emanating from Lu Chen, Yun Qingshu's brow furrowed more and more. As a survivor of the last era, she could barely invoke two Powers of Dao, yet Lu Chen could easily use three Powers of Dao?

Could what he said be true?

As Yun Qingshu thought this, countless green halos suddenly emanated from Lu Chen's body. When these green halos touched Yun Qingshu's body, she immediately felt the wounds to her Divine Soul from the last era being gradually healed.

Is this Life Force?

Before Yun Qingshu could react, Lu Chen demonstrated other Powers of Dao, and for a moment, Yun Qingshu's pavilion was filled with various Powers of Dao.

Although these Powers of Dao intertwined, there were no signs of conflict. These Powers of Dao converged, forming a multicolored Power of Dao rainbow.

Yun Qingshu couldn't bear to watch any longer and directly said, "Enough, if you want to show off, do it in front of those top forces."

How could Yun Qingshu not realize that Lu Chen was just showing off in front of her, flaunting his strength, showing how powerful he was?

Not to mention other things, just being able to control so many Powers of Dao, Lu Chen couldn't be an ordinary Great Emperor. Now Yun Qingshu basically believed that Lu Chen was very likely the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor.

But even if Lu Chen was the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, it had nothing to do with her. Leaving her secondary body beside Lu Chen was already enough; she, as the Main Body, would definitely not degrade herself like the secondary body.

Seeing Yun Qingshu angry, Lu Chen immediately retracted all the Powers of Dao, then opened his eyes and smiled, saying, "I was afraid you wouldn't believe me, so I showed you."

Yun Qingshu no longer spoke much; she found that speaking one more word to this man would stir her heart. This guy knew how to take an inch when given a yard, so the best way was to ignore him.

Seeing Yun Qingshu silent again, Lu Chen also stopped bothering her. He closed his eyes once more and started cultivating.

In the blink of an eye, several years had passed.

As spring turned to summer, autumn, and winter, the universe's structure constantly shifted, with wars between various Empires and forces becoming more frequent, and the number of Heavenly Demons increasing day by day.

Now, regardless of which Empire, all have suffered attacks from Heavenly Demons, and almost every force has suffered losses. However, the Great Sum is the only one where no Heavenly Demon has managed to enter.

This made the top forces in the universe increasingly desire the Formation of the Great Sum. Unfortunately, although the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion had allied for so many years, they hadn't taken any action against the Great Sum.

On the contrary, Qingyue Holy Land announced its intention to attack the Great Sum early on, but after so many years, Qingyue Holy Land hadn't even reached the front line Star Domain. Their Immortal Boat warships seemed to have disappeared without a trace.

Tianchen World.

Heavenly Emperor Hall.

Lu Chen sat on the Dragon Throne, looking at the projection within the hall, and said to the Great Emperors present, "I have received word that the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion are preparing to head to the Outer Domain, so we must set out too."

Upon hearing this, the Thunderbolt Emperor immediately stood and said, "Your Majesty, not all Great Emperors are going to the Outer Domain, right?"

Lu Chen said, "I plan to leave fifty Great Emperors to continue expanding our territories."

As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, the Great Emperors in the hall looked at each other, apparently reluctant to stay.

Although territorial expansion seemed to offer great merit, the Daxia Dynasty had already become the Empire with the largest Star Domain territory in the universe; they did not lack Star Domain.

It was obvious that staying by the Heavenly Emperor's side was likely to earn more favor and contribute more; hence, the Great Emperors all favored heading to the Outer Domain.

Most importantly, the Outer Domain was filled with various opportunities. Some Great Emperors previously dared not venture into the Outer Domain alone because of the many powerful beings outside the realms, whom they couldn't defeat and would easily fall in the Outer Domain.

But this time, they would be heading to the Outer Domain as a group, so it was relatively much safer. This was the best opportunity for any Great Emperor to venture into the Outer Domain.

Lu Chen also noticed the thoughts of the Great Emperors in the hall and then said, "Is there anyone willing to stay and continue expanding our territories for the Daxia Dynasty?"

At this question, the entire Heavenly Emperor Hall suddenly fell silent; no one spoke for quite a while.

Lu Chen said, "It seems you all want to go to the Outer Domain."

Just as Lu Chen was about to speak further, the Thunderbolt Emperor suddenly stood up and said, "Your Majesty, I am willing to stay and continue expanding territories for the Daxia Dynasty!"

Hearing this, Lu Chen looked at the Thunderbolt Emperor and then asked, "You don't want to go to the Outer Domain?"

The Thunderbolt Emperor said, "I do, but someone has to stay and expand the territories for Your Majesty."

After the Thunderbolt Emperor finished, his former subordinates all stood up, saying, “Your Majesty, we are also willing to stay, to increase the Star Domain size for the Daxia Dynasty, to make the Daxia Dynasty’s Qi Fortune more profound.”

Seeing so many Great Emperors stand up, the ones who wanted to go to the Outer Domain also followed suit. Almost all the Great Emperors expressed their willingness to stay and continue expanding territories for the Daxia Dynasty.

However, there was only one person in the hall who stood still, saying nothing, as if she hadn’t seen any of this—naturally, this was Empress Tianhong. She was determined to go to the Outer Domain, as it was the battlefield most suited for her.

Lu Chen glanced across the Great Emperors in the hall and then said, “If you all stay, who will protect me?”

“Forget it, let’s draw lots instead.”

Chapter 1519: It seems there are many secrets in the Outer Domain

Lu Chen also knew that all the Great Emperors present wanted to go to the Outer Domain, but it wasn’t possible for all of them to go.

They stepped forward voluntarily to stay, actually seeing others step forward; if they didn’t, it would appear disloyal.

All were expressing loyalty, but this meant he had to arrange who would accompany him to the Outer Domain.

For Lu Chen, it didn’t matter which Great Emperor followed him to the Outer Domain; they were all the same.

They were essentially his tools for becoming stronger. The biggest role of these Great Emperors was to become part of the Spirit Gathering Array, providing him with power.

Since that’s the case, let’s draw lots. Whoever is selected will go.

After Lu Chen finished speaking, the Great Emperors on site all said, "We await the Heavenly Emperor's arrangements!"

Lu Chen didn't waste any time; he waved his hand, using Spiritual Power to create a projection for drawing lots. All the Great Emperors' portraits were on the projection, and whoever's portrait was framed would follow him to the Outer Domain.

Next, the portraits of the Great Emperors on the projection began to flicker. In a moment, they were locked in place.

Seeing his own portrait not selected, Thunderbolt Emperor sighed inwardly. Although he was the first to step forward and express his desire to stay and expand the territory for the Daxia Dynasty, honestly, when the drawing lots was mentioned, he hoped to be chosen to go with Lu Chen to the Outer Domain.

But since the drawing results were already set, there was nothing to be done.

Lu Chen glanced at the draw results and said, "Alright, those people will accompany me to the Outer Domain, while the rest stay in the Daxia Dynasty to lead the War Dragon Army and continue to expand outwards."

"Today's meeting ends here. Those Great Emperors going to the Outer Domain, prepare yourselves. A month from now, you will set out with me."

As his words fell, Lu Chen's body vanished.

After Lu Chen left, the Great Emperors in the hall were either excited or crestfallen.

The Great Emperors who were chosen were quite excited, while those staying in the Daxia Dynasty wore worried expressions.

At this time, Empress Tianhong passed through the crowd of Great Emperors, her face expressionless. Feeling her aura, the Great Emperors in the hall quieted down. After she left the hall, they resumed their discussion.

Just after Empress Tianhong left the Heavenly Emperor Hall, she felt a force pulling her into a spatial channel. In the Daxia Dynasty, only one man could have such power. Empress Tianhong offered no resistance and allowed Lu Chen to pull her into her chamber.

Upon returning to her chamber, she saw Lu Chen lying on her couch with one hand under his head, looking at the red luxurious curtains.

Empress Tianhong coldly asked, "What's the matter?"

Lu Chen hurriedly pulling her here must mean something important. Lu Chen turned to look at Empress Tianhong in the room and said, "You should be familiar with the Outer Domain, right?"

The Outer Domain appeared only in this life, and Lu Chen hadn't heard of it in his previous life.

Lu Chen thought since Empress Tianhong perished in the Outer Domain before, she should know a lot about it. It would be a good opportunity to ask her about it, to understand the situation of the Outer Domain so he wouldn't be clueless when entering it.

As Lu Chen finished speaking, he lightly raised a hand, and in the next moment, Empress Tianhong's body uncontrollably flew onto the couch, into Lu Chen's embrace.

The Power of Slaughter from Empress Tianhong's body surged out, but since Lu Chen could also control the Power of Slaughter, it couldn't harm him. He directly absorbed it and then flipped Empress Tianhong's noble body beneath him.

Empress Tianhong's red eyes stared intently at Lu Chen, "If you have questions, just ask; don't get handsy."

Lu Chen chuckled, "I can ask questions and get handsy, it's not a conflict."

With those words, Empress Tianhong heard a ripping sound, her expression growing colder. This man was growing increasingly unruly.

Before Empress Tianhong could do anything, Lu Chen leaned down and whispered in her ear, "I'm very curious about those Otherworld beings."

"You should have fought them before, right? How strong are they?" Lu Chen asked while starting to make moves.

Empress Tianhong, weary of Lu Chen's antics, thought that he had already trespassed her boundaries many times, answered, "I have fought them, they are very strong."

Lu Chen asked, "Is there any difference in the power used by those Otherworld beings compared to ours?"

Empress Tianhong answered, "No difference."

Lu Chen thought, with the Otherworld having different Laws, why would the powers they use be the same as theirs?

Lu Chen continued asking, "Are there Heavenly Demons existing in the Outer Domain?"

Empress Tianhong flatly responded, "Yes."

Empress Tianhong's answers remained brief. In this state, she was already doing well to answer Lu Chen's questions; she didn't feel like talking to this guy at all.

Lu Chen continued, "Have you seen any passways the Otherworld beings used to enter the Outer Domain?"

Empress Tianhong: "No."

Lu Chen lapsed into a brief silence, only focusing on his actions.

After some time passed, Lu Chen said, "Have you encountered anything or anyone in the Outer Domain that left a deep impression on you?"

Empress Tianhong was about to say no but then recalled something and said, "I did meet an Otherworld being who once said something to me."

Lu Chen curiously asked, "What did they say?"

Words that left a deep impression on Empress Tianhong piqued Lu Chen's curiosity.

Empress Tianhong answered directly, "That person said you are just food for Chaos Beasts, yet you help them slaughter your own kind."

Hearing this, Lu Chen was slightly taken aback. Food for Chaos Beasts?

Own kind?

What are Chaos Beasts?

The idea that the Otherworld being said Empress Tianhong was helping Chaos Beasts massacre her own kind implied that the so-called own kind in that context refers to the Otherworld beings?

The fact that the Otherworld beings claim Empress Tianhong as one of their own kind—is this possible?

What's going on here?

Lu Chen fell silent again, lost in thought, until a long time later Empress Tianhong suddenly activated the Mysterious Female Technique, snapping him back to reality.

He exhaled deeply and said, "Those Otherworld beings considering you as their own kind—might that be because you look like them, making them think you're an Otherworld being too?"

Empress Tianhong coldly replied, "I don't know."

She indeed didn't know why the Otherworld beings said so, but she wasn't particularly concerned about it. However, she had to admit that the words of that Otherworld being did leave a significant impression on her.

What intrigued her most was the Chaos Beasts mentioned by that person, why did that Otherworld being feel she was helping Chaos Beasts slaughter their own kind?

She had never even heard of Chaos Beasts.

Lu Chen thought to himself, it seems there are many secrets in the Outer Domain. This journey to the Outer Domain might uncover some intelligence related to the system or the Reincarnation Stone.

Chapter 1520: Honghong, this time it's all thanks to you

After listening to Empress Tianhong's words, Lu Chen's anticipation for the Outer Domain journey grew increasingly stronger.

Like Empress Tianhong, he was very concerned about the Chaos Beast, and he too had never heard of a Chaos Beast.

From the mouth of that otherworldly being, he learned that in the eyes of those beings from the Otherworld, people of this universe might all be the minions of the Chaos Beast.

Therefore, the otherworldly being who fought with Empress Tianhong couldn't understand why these humans would stand on the side of that so-called Chaos Beast.

As Lu Chen moved, he pondered, what kind of creature is this Chaos Beast?

He searched through his known memories but still had no clue; there really was no such thing as a Chaos Beast in this universe.

Could it be that those otherworldly beings meant the Heavenly Demons?

Forget it, it's better not to think too much. Once he arrives in the Outer Domain, he can simply capture an otherworldly being and ask them about it.

With this thought, Lu Chen no longer continued to ponder and started busying himself with his proper affairs.

Seeing that Lu Chen stopped asking her questions and instead focused on business, Empress Tianhong's blushing cheeks turned even colder.

This rascal came to ask me things, but only asked a few questions and now he's done?

What kind of questioning is this, he clearly has something else in mind.

Forget it, we already have a child together, let him do as he pleases.

Empress Tianhong did not fuss with Lu Chen, but later used the Mysterious Female Technique to suppress him variously.

A month passed quickly, and just before leaving the Daxia Dynasty for the Outer Domain, Lu Chen suddenly found his realm's bottleneck loosening.

This surprised Lu Chen a bit; the Daxia Dynasty had expanded such a vast territory and accumulated such strong Qi Fortune, yet his realm had not loosened at all during this time.

Unexpectedly, before heading to the Outer Domain, having a spat with Empress Tianhong caused his realm to loosen. It seems that breaking through realms really can't be rushed; going with the flow allows it to break through even faster.

At this moment, within Empress Tianhong's palace, she sensed the skyrocketing momentum emanating from Lu Chen, and her expression became extremely serious.

This scoundrel actually broke through at this moment!

Now, their realms have become equal again. This won't do. When they go to the Outer Domain next, she must unleash wanton slaughter to ensure her realm surpasses Lu Chen's once more.

Although due to the Artifact Spirit Contract, she currently has no way to deal with Lu Chen, at least surpassing him in realm can give her a sense of satisfaction.

If her realm were inferior to Lu Chen's, she would feel even worse. As a strong-willed Empress, she absolutely won't allow her power to be lower than that of this scoundrel, Lu Chen.

Lu Chen, at this moment, looked down at Empress Tianhong with a smile and said, “Honghong, thanks to you this time, I was able to break through to Great Emperor Sixth Layer Realm in such a short period.”

“I must say, your Mysterious Female Technique is the best practiced among all my women.”

Empress Tianhong coldly glared at Lu Chen without speaking.

Lu Chen continued, “Time is about right, we should be heading out.”

As he spoke, Lu Chen slowly stood up, and seeing him rise, Empress Tianhong asked curiously, “Is your main body going?”

Lu Chen’s main body was already in the Sixth Layer Realm, and coupled with the Spirit Gathering Array having no negative effect on him, once his main body enters the Outer Domain, basically no one would be his match.

Lu Chen said, “No need.”

Having just broken through, he found that his Divine Soul could now control one more clone; however, Lu Chen still had some concerns.

If his clone leaves the Outer Domain, will it still be under his control? His clone is different from others; his clone is more like a puppet, controlled by the same Divine Soul at the same time.

He can achieve this in this universe, but the Outer Domain seems not to be part of this universe anymore. If the clone enters the Outer Domain, and the connection to his Divine Soul gets severed, then the clone is useless, reduced to a mere corpse.

Lu Chen planned to disregard this for now. Once he arrives in the Outer Domain, he'll know if it's feasible. If he cannot control them in the Outer Domain, he'll split a strand of his Divine Soul to create a true clone to replace him in going to the Outer Domain.

Currently, the most important thing is to create a new clone. After breaking through, he found that his Divine Soul had grown notably stronger, and should now be capable of controlling even more powerful clones simultaneously.

At this point, Lu Chen mobilized Creation Power, conjuring a Great Emperor's physical body out of thin air, and this Great Emperor's physical body had reached the Fourth Layer Realm.

Feeling the Fourth Layer Realm aura emanating from this body, Empress Tianhong felt somewhat uncomfortable.

She was well aware that Lu Chen's clones differed from others; even if his clone died, it wouldn't damage Lu Chen's Divine Soul, making them akin to puppets.

Lu Chen can now control Fourth Layer Realm clones, allowing him to handle matters without personally attending to them, making it unbelievably safe.

In situations like Lu Chen's, the main body could casually hide away and rely on clones to wear down enemies to death.

Empress Tianhong asked him, "Could you teach me your Puppetry Technique?"

Empress Tianhong was unaware that Lu Chen used Creation Power to create clones; she believed it was Lu Chen's more advanced Puppetry Technique. Previously, Lu Chen had passed on Holy Tier Puppetry Technique to her.

But the effects of Puppetry Technique vary greatly in different hands. Although she could make puppets to be remotely controlled, she couldn't achieve the lifelike vividness Lu Chen did, nor did it feel capable of being directly transmitted to the Divine Soul.

Lu Chen chuckled and said, "This isn't a mere Puppetry Technique, but a Divine Skill I created based on Puppetry Technique, requiring Creation Power. You are on the Slaughter Path, and won't be able to learn it."

Upon hearing Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong didn't speak further; she didn't doubt if Lu Chen was deceiving her, for such heaven-defying magic indeed shouldn't be something everyone can wield.

Were everyone able to master such magic as Lu Chen's, this universe would surely be overturned.

Once Lu Chen finished speaking, his Fourth Layer Realm physical body began to move; with a wave of his hand, a black-golden dragon robe draped his body, and Lu Chen then headed out of Empress Tianhong's chamber.

After Lu Chen's clone departed, his main body vanished as well. Seeing both of Lu Chen's bodies leave, Empress Tianhong snorted coldly.

Lu Chen was becoming more cynical with her, no longer bothering to comfort or, at the very least, take a bath together after finishing.

Even though they possessed Great Emperor bodies, able to cleanse themselves of impurities with a mere magic, bathing was more about cultivating feelings.

In the past, Lu Chen would still do those things, but now Lu Chen pulls up his pants and walks away.

Empress Tianhong didn't think much of it; leaving meant leaving, and she didn't need Lu Chen to cultivate feelings with her.

Soon after, Empress Tianhong also rose from the soft couch, raised her hand, and a phoenix robe with a gold-threaded red base appeared on her.

Then, she too left her chamber, heading toward the Heavenly Emperor Hall.