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Chapter 1521: I suspect I am not a person of this universe

When Lu Chen arrived at the Heavenly Emperor Hall, the Great Emperors who were going to the Outer Domain had all gathered.

Lu Chen glanced at the emperors present and asked, “How many of you have been to the Outer Domain before? Please raise your hand.”

Subsequently, ten Great Emperors raised their hands, and after looking at them, Lu Chen said, “Surprisingly few.”

Out of nearly a hundred Great Emperors, only ten had been to the Outer Domain. Lu Chen had thought that most of the Great Emperors had been to the Outer Domain.

But it didn’t matter. As long as Empress Tianhong led the way, it was fine; she should be very familiar with the Outer Domain.

Lu Chen continued, “We’ll start assigning groups now. Those of you who have been to the Outer Domain before will be the captains. Each team will have ten people, and once in the Outer Domain, everyone must listen to the captain.”

Upon hearing this, the ten Great Emperors who had entered the Outer Domain before were extremely excited; they hadn’t expected that just entering the Outer Domain before would earn them such responsibility from Lu Chen.

Although it’s just a temporary captain, the position clearly offered them more opportunities to perform in front of Lu Chen.

Subsequently, the Great Emperors in the hall began forming groups, quickly dividing into ten groups. Seeing that the groups were formed, Lu Chen said, “Alright, let’s set off!”

With that, over a hundred Great Emperors in the hall left the Heavenly Emperor Hall and boarded the Holy Tier Star Destroyers outside.

For this trip to the Outer Domain, the Daxia Dynasty dispatched over a hundred Holy Tier Star Destroyers, with each Great Emperor commanding one.

The total number of Holy Tier Star Destroyers in the Daxia Dynasty was approaching five hundred. As the Daxia Dynasty continued to expand, the resources it possessed grew more abundant, and the speed of manufacturing Star Destroyers had noticeably increased.

The departure of the hundred-plus Holy Tier Star Destroyers would not affect the Daxia Dynasty's external expansion at all.

At this moment.

Central Star Domain.

The Central Star Domain had been bustling this past month, with top-level factions maneuvering their forces. The Shenyue Dynasty, Tianji Pavilion, Nirvana Holy Land, and Yunhua Palace had basically assembled their elite forces.

When people saw these four major forces gathering, they believed they were preparing to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Later, Tianji Pavilion released information saying that a treasure had appeared in the Outer Domain that could allow a Ninth Layer Great Emperor to break through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm. These four factions planned to join forces to go to the Outer Domain to find this treasure, and if other factions were interested, they could join them.

After hearing this announcement from Tianji Pavilion, some old Holy Lands also chose to join Tianji Pavilion's team, planning to head to the Outer Domain together.

It was a treasure that could allow a Ninth Layer Great Emperor to take that step, an irresistible temptation for nearly any Ninth Layer Great Emperor.

The most crucial point was that the information came from Tianji Pavilion. There was no doubt about Tianji Pavilion's status in the universe; when the Heavenly Mystery

Maiden was still there, she left a lasting impression that Tianji Pavilion knew everything.

Even though the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had left Tianji Pavilion, people still believed that Tianji Pavilion knew everything.

In people's views, if the Heavenly Mystery Maiden, once the second-in-command of Tianji Pavilion, possessed such high Deduction Techniques, then there's no need to further elaborate on the Tower Master's prowess, hence most Great Emperors believed in the information released by Tianji Pavilion.

Of course, some Great Emperors, despite believing this, did not intend to follow Tianji Pavilion to the Outer Domain, including Yun Qingshu.

Red Rain World.

The residence of Yun Qingshu.

Yun Qingshu continued to sit on a soft couch, eyes closed in cultivation, while that shameless man also meditated at a distance.

Recently, numerous factions' Immortal Boats passed through the Red Rain World, all aiming to join Tianji Pavilion's team. The Great Emperors onboard these boats merely rested briefly in the Red Rain World without causing any trouble.

Their goal was the rumored treasure that could enable a Ninth Layer Great Emperor to break through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm. Before reaching the Outer Domain, they didn't wish to stir any trouble, for if they suffered losses before reaching the Outer Domain, they would lose their chance to seize the treasure.

During this time, the entire universe had become somewhat harmonious, with each faction conserving its strength.

Lu Chen opened his eyes at this moment, glanced at Yun Qingshu who exuded a chill aura, and asked, "Everyone is eager to vie for the rumored treasure that can bestow the Heavenly Emperor's power, why aren't you going?"

“Are you not interested in such a supreme treasure?”

Yun Qingshu ignored Lu Chen’s words; she didn’t want to converse with this thick-skinned man now.

Lu Chen went on to say, “Why not join my fleet? I’ve also dispatched a hundred Great Emperors to the Outer Domain.”

Yun Qingshu then said, “No need.”

She was surprised that Lu Chen also intended to head to the Outer Domain. Wasn’t Lu Chen the supposed reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor? What attraction would such treasures hold for him?

It seemed his claimed status as the Heavenly Emperor’s reincarnation was another unfounded rumor.

Thinking of this, Yun Qingshu asked, “Aren’t you afraid it’s a trap?”

Lu Chen laughed and asked, “What trap?”

Yun Qingshu remained silent.

Seeing Yun Qingshu’s silence, Lu Chen said, “I also considered whether it’s a scheme designed for me, but even if it is a trap, it doesn’t matter.”

“I need to personally verify many things in the Outer Domain, and perhaps this holds the key to breaking the cycle of reincarnation.”

“Reincarnation?”

Yun Qingshu was puzzled upon hearing the word.

Lu Chen said, "I told you before, the women of my current life were my women in past lives."

"In fact, I've not just reincarnated once or twice, but countless times. Those reincarnation memories have all been sealed away. After each reincarnation, my memories get sealed."

"In the next life, I spend a great deal of time and energy recovering the last life's memories, which remain dust-laden, resulting in me never retrieving my initial memories. This forces me to continuously cycle through the Cosmic Era Tribulation."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu was utterly shocked. Reincarnated countless times?

Could it be true that someone has reincarnated through countless cycles amid the universe's destruction and rebirth?

If what Lu Chen said was true, then Lu Chen was indeed... tragic.

After going through the previous Era Tribulation, she had no wish to face that fear of death again, but Lu Chen had faced it countless times?

Of course, the premise was that Lu Chen was telling the truth.

Nonetheless, she sensed that Lu Chen was quite genuine in his words this time.

Lu Chen continued, "I suspect that I am not a being of this universe, but was somehow dropped into it and then trapped within."

As Lu Chen's realm grew higher, he felt an intense binding, always sensing something suppressing his power.

Coupled with what Empress Tianhong told him about the Outer Domain, he felt increasingly sure he was not of this universe, but belonged to the same place as those from the Otherworld.

As for what the Chaos Beasts are, he hadn't figured it out yet, but he believed he'd find the answer on this journey to the Outer Domain.

Chapter 1522: Fluctuations of Origin Power

Listening to Lu Chen's deductions, Yun Qingshu remained silent, unaware of what to say. In her memories, she had only reincarnated once.

That time was after surviving the last Era Tribulation; she came to this world and was forced to reincarnate to adapt to the Cosmic Laws of the new era.

In her memory, she couldn't recall any relationships with any man, and indeed, in her past era's memory, Lu Chen didn't exist at all.

Lu Chen, at this moment, was watching Yun Qingshu, who still had her eyes closed. "This life should be the closest I get to breaking the cycle of reincarnation. So, any woman connected to me in past lives, I'll take with me, including you."

Hearing Lu Chen's firm words, Yun Qingshu's smooth, fair forehead slightly furrowed. Listening to his words, it seemed this man was determined to lay with her.

Yun Qingshu said, "Even if what you say is true, before I recover memories related to you, I won't go with you."

This time Yun Qingshu didn't completely shut down the conversation because she indeed felt Lu Chen's words were true. She might really have had some affection or fate with Lu Chen across one or more lifetimes, but her memories were sealed, and even she didn't know.

But even if it's true, without recovering those memories, she is still who she is; she can't just dual cultivate with Lu Chen for the sake of those possibly existing memories.

Upon hearing Yun Qingshu's words, Lu Chen's lips slightly curled up, "So, you mean, as long as you recover some memories related to me, you will voluntarily go with me to the Daxia Dynasty?"

Yun Qingshu didn't respond. If what Lu Chen said was true, then leaving with him would indeed be the best choice.

Perhaps she herself is not from this universe, and to completely avoid the Cosmic Era's Tribulation, probably the only solution is to leave this universe.

Such thoughts were crossing her mind, but she certainly wouldn't voice them, letting this thick-skinned man know her thoughts—who knows how arrogant he would become.

At this time, Yun Qingshu asked, "Is it your main body going?"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Are you worried about me?"

Yun Qingshu said nothing, only feeling that Lu Chen was shameless.

Seeing Yun Qingshu with a cold face, Lu Chen continued, "How could I let my main body go? I'm having a Fourth Layer Realm clone lead the way."

Yun Qingshu asked, "Many Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperors are heading to the Outer Domain; do you think your Fourth Layer Realm clone could match them?"

Lu Chen said, "I control all Power of Dao and can utilize the Spirit Gathering Array. The one hundred Great Emperors I bring can instantly grant me the power of a Heavenly Emperor, possibly even exceeding it."

This...

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu was startled inside; could this really be possible?

But thinking about it carefully, it's indeed feasible; Lu Chen had shown off his abilities in front of her before, and he indeed controls all Power of Dao.

The Spirit Gathering Array cannot exist long because the Great Emperor serving as the heart of the array cannot balance the Power of Dao within, but if the Great Emperor is someone who can control all Power of Dao, the increase in power the Spirit Gathering Array brings would be terrifying.

This man is truly a freak.

Upon reflection, it felt incredible that she could become entangled with such a freakish man.

Just then, a strange fluctuation passed over them, and Lu Chen instantly realized it was Origin Power.

Upon sensing this power, Yun Qingshu's closed beautiful eyes opened at this moment. She looked at Lu Chen, whose expression was somewhat grave, obviously having detected something.

Yun Qingshu was different from Lu Chen. Lu Chen knew it was Origin Power, but Yun Qingshu merely sensed an odd power sweeping through her body, unaware of what kind of power it was.

Yun Qingshu asked, "Did you sense it too?"

Lu Chen gave a soft "mm" and then said, "I don't know who it is, but they can actually trigger such a vast wave of Origin Power."

Just now, that Origin Power was like a ripple spreading to every corner of the universe; to trigger such a massive wave of Origin Power, Lu Chen couldn't imagine how formidable that person must be?

Lu Chen's face grew increasingly solemn. He suspected that perhaps someone had become a Heavenly Emperor, thus triggering such a wave of Origin Power.

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu's brows also furrowed slightly, "Origin Power?"

"Was that Origin Power just now?"

Yun Qingshu had never taken that step; she wasn't particularly knowledgeable about Origin Power, but she knew that Origin Power is the supreme power of the universe, and all forces in this universe come from Origin Power.

To cause such a degree of fluctuation in Origin Power, something significant must have happened.

If it had occurred naturally, that's one thing; if it's man-made, then it suggests the person responsible might have become a Heavenly Emperor, as only a Heavenly Emperor possesses such vast Origin Power.

Lu Chen immediately got up and flew into the void, with Yun Qingshu following behind him to the outside of the Red Rain World.

Outside the Red Rain World, the Immortal Boats were crazily heading towards the core area of the Central Star Domain, and Lu Chen approached a Loose Cultivator Emperor, curiously asking, "Fellow Daoist, do you know what just happened?"

The Great Emperor glanced at Lu Chen with some discontent, saying, "Why are you blocking me? Don't you know the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master opened a direct path to the Outer Domain? Right now, everyone's in a rush to the Outer Domain!"

"Move aside, don't waste my time!"

As his words fell, that Great Emperor immediately bypassed Lu Chen, heading directly to the core area of the Central Star Domain.

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned; was the Origin Power fluctuation caused by the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master just now?

Is the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master so powerful?

Could he be a Heavenly Emperor?

While Lu Chen was pondering this question, at that moment, the Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperors beside Xuan Tian were also doubting Xuan Tian's true realm.

Central Star Domain, core area.

In the void of the core area, there was a gigantic black hole spanning three light-years, which was the direct passage to the Outer Domain that Xuan Tian just established.

Originally, to reach the Outer Domain, they needed to traverse the universe to the Cosmic Rift at the universe's edge, which was vast, and reaching that Cosmic Rift would take at least a hundred years.

Yet Xuan Tian directly constructed a teleportation passage to the Outer Domain, and most importantly, all the Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperors present sensed Origin Power at the moment Xuan Tian acted.

The Ninth Layer Realm is just one step away from becoming a Heavenly Emperor. They often perceive a trace of Origin Power during their cultivation but can only sense it, not call upon it.

Yet Xuan Tian directly harnessed such vast Origin Power...

At this moment, in front of the Outer Domain passage, the Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperors of those top forces weren't in a hurry to enter the Outer Domain. They each looked at Xuan Tian above the Heavenly Mechanism Palace with peculiar eyes.

Especially Emperor Shenwu; a flash of killing intent passed through his eyes, his fists clenched unconsciously, and the Power of Slaughter on him couldn't help but emit.

Chapter 1523: You probably won't mind, right?

Emperor Shenwu had approached the Heavenly Emperor Realm countless times; he was more sensitive to Origin Power than any typical Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer Realm.

The Origin Power Xuan Tian just released was clearly not something a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer Realm could unleash; it was the power that only a Heavenly Emperor could wield.

This means Xuan Tian was indeed a Heavenly Emperor.

In other words, perhaps they've all been deceived by Xuan Tian, and Xuan Tian himself is already a Heavenly Emperor. Dealing with Lu Chen wouldn't be challenging for him; does he really need to plan this much?

Xuan Tian's actions likely have other motives.

But still, why is Xuan Tian showing his strength at this moment?

Emperor Shenwu found Xuan Tian's maneuvers somewhat perplexing.

Regardless of Xuan Tian's intentions, Emperor Shenwu already regarded Xuan Tian as a mortal adversary. If Xuan Tian was truly a Heavenly Emperor and only one Heavenly Emperor could emerge in this universe, then in order for Emperor Shenwu to take that step to become the new Heavenly Emperor, he must resolve Xuan Tian.

For Emperor Shenwu now, whether Lu Chen lives or dies has become secondary; eliminating Xuan Tian is his primary goal.

However, it's unrealistic for a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer to clash head-on with a Heavenly Emperor. He must think of another plan. Perhaps after heading to the Outer Domain, he could use those Otherworld beings to eliminate him.

With this thought, Emperor Shenwu tried to calm the turbulent Power of Slaughter within his body.

It's not yet the time to turn on him.

At this moment, Xuan Tian glanced at the Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer Realm staring at him and asked, "Why are you all staring at my presence?"

None of the Great Emperors said a word, and Xuan Tian continued, "I forgot to mention, this Heavenly Mechanism Hall below me is a treasure I acquired from the Outer Domain. With it, one can briefly utilize the Origin Power that only a Heavenly Emperor can manipulate."

Upon hearing this explanation, the Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer Realm were suddenly enlightened.

So that's it; they were pondering when a Heavenly Emperor had mysteriously emerged in this universe. According to the records passed down from the Ancient Era, when a Heavenly Emperor is born, the entire universe feels the pressure of the Heavenly Emperor.

So, it was just a Magic Treasure!

Xuan Tian's words convinced almost all the Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer Realm; they had no choice but to believe. After all, a universe could only possibly host one Heavenly Emperor. If Xuan Tian were indeed the Heavenly Emperor, then no second Heavenly Emperor would arise, and these Great Emperors would never be able to take that step.

Yet one person did not believe Xuan Tian at all, and that was Emperor Shenwu. To Emperor Shenwu, the Origin Power just now clearly erupted from Xuan Tian's body and had nothing to do with the Heavenly Mechanism Hall beneath Xuan Tian's feet.

However, Emperor Shenwu also didn't bother exposing Xuan Tian; he wanted to see exactly what plot Xuan Tian was hatching.

At this time, Xuan Tian continued, "Alright, the Transmission Passage is now fully constructed. Those wishing to go to the Outer Domain can head straight over."

As Xuan Tian finished speaking, no faction took the initiative, partly because the Transmission Passage was crafted by Tianji Pavilion, and it was proper for Tianji Pavilion's Immortal Boat to pioneer.

On the other hand, some Emperors were skeptical of this Transmission Passage's stability, as it directly led to the Outer Domain. It was their first encounter with such a passage, and no one knew whether it would hold up.

Seeing no forces dared to enter the Transmission Passage first, Xuan Tian ceased to waste his breath and directly maneuvered the Heavenly Mechanism Hall towards the distant black hole.

In a mere moment, both the Heavenly Mechanism Hall and Tianji Pavilion's Immortal Boat vanished into the black hole. Seeing Tianji Pavilion's entities enter the Transmission Passage, other factions' Immortal Boats then followed suit into the Transmission Passage crafted by Xuan Tian.

Facing the black hole, Emperor Shenwu hesitated briefly before deciding to enter it.

He believed Xuan Tian's actual plot was laid out in the Outer Domain, and it wasn't possible to entrap them at this moment.

In a short span, Immortal Boats of top-tier powers across the Central Star Domain vanished into the black hole.

Meanwhile, in the Red Rain World.

Within Red Maple Valley.

Initially, Lu Chen hadn't planned to reveal this place, but to reach the Central Star Domain as swiftly as possible, his fleet had to utilize the Holy Tier Teleportation Array.

At this moment, Yun Qingshu had returned to her loft to cultivate, but as soon as she closed her eyes, she noticed the sudden emergence of an unfamiliar Emperor's presence in the Red Rain World, completely unexpected.

Yun Qingshu furrowed her brows, wondering what was happening with this Emperor.

When she arrived in the Red Rain World, she had already scanned it thoroughly; there was no Emperor's presence, nor any Emperor secluded there. How was there suddenly an extra Emperor?

Could it possibly be that man's clone?

Considering this possibility, Yun Qingshu didn't even bother opening her eyes, intending to ignore this Emperor.

But moments later, yet another Emperor's presence appeared in the Red Rain World, and this Emperor occupied the same location as the previous one.

Hmm?

Yun Qingshu sensed something amiss and opened her beautiful eyes to probe the location where the Emperor manifested.

As soon as she cast her Divine Sense out, she found more Emperors appearing, and within moments, dozens of Emperors had emerged at that location, along with quite a number of Immortal Boats.

Yun Qingshu's face instantly darkened; she immediately understood what was going on, for among those Emperors, she detected Lu Chen's presence. Clearly, those Emperors were from the Great Sum Empire.

The next moment, Yun Qingshu vanished on the spot and reappeared above Red Maple Valley.

Observing the colossal Teleportation Array below Red Maple Valley, Yun Qingshu couldn't help but unleash chill surges around her, enraged that she was unaware Lu Chen had crafted such a massive formation here.

Judging by the speed at which this Teleportation Array transferred Emperors, its rank wasn't any lower than those Heaven Rank Teleportation Arrays of Tianji Pavilion.

The higher the rank of a Teleportation Array, the faster and farther it can transmit. If this Teleportation Array's rank was higher than the Heaven Rank Teleportation Array's, imagine how terrifying its transmission distance could be.

The Heaven Rank Teleportation Array could transfer to nearby Super Star Domain Groups; if this array surpassed Heaven Rank, it might transmit half a universe's distance.

Doesn't this imply the Great Sum Empire's people could directly reach the Red Rain World?

This was akin to the Great Sum Empire establishing their borders in the Red Rain World.

Yun Qingshu glanced at Lu Chen, commanding, then swiftly appeared beside him. Feeling the cold air emanating around him, Lu Chen turned to Yun Qingshu and smiled, asking, "Why are you here?"

Yun Qingshu glared coldly at Lu Chen without speaking, seemingly demanding an explanation from him.

Lu Chen continued, "It's too far from the Great Sum Empire to the Central Star Domain, and I feared we might not arrive on time, so I built a Teleportation Array here. You wouldn't mind, would you?"

Chapter 1524: Clone Explores the Path

Yun Qingshu ignored Lu Chen's words, and coldly asked, "What level is your transmission array?"

Lu Chen replied, "Holy Tier."

The chill on Yun Qingshu's body suddenly surged, and soon after, she emitted black and purple gases.

Holy Tier?

This meant Lu Chen really considered the Red Rain World as the gateway to the Daxia Dynasty.

Yun Qingshu said coldly, “Disassemble it immediately after the teleportation.”

Lu Chen said, “Why disassemble it? When we return from the Outer Domain, we’ll need to get back to the Daxia Dynasty from here.”

Yun Qingshu was about to say something but suddenly sensed a crisis that made her very uncomfortable.

The next moment, a woman in a red dress, exuding a bloody aura, stepped out of the transmission array. She walked in the air, heading towards the Central Star Domain.

Seeing the woman’s figure, Yun Qingshu frowned slightly.

Slaughter Emperor, and a Sixth Layer Slaughter Emperor at that.

Although she had heard of a high-realm Slaughter Emperor in the Daxia Dynasty, encountering him for the first time was utterly shocking.

Even though she survived the last era and could barely tap into two kinds of Power of Dao, she still had no chance of winning against a Slaughter Emperor of the same realm.

Just as Empress Tianhong was about to leave the Red Rain World, she slightly turned and looked at Yun Qingshu and Lu Chen.

Her gaze swept over Yun Qingshu’s body, and she couldn’t help but sneer internally, this dog of a man truly never lacks women wherever he goes.

Empress Tianhong did not linger further, she turned her head and continued towards the Central Star Domain. After Empress Tianhong’s figure disappeared from the Red Rain World, Yun Qingshu let out a sigh of relief.

The oppressive presence of the Slaughter Emperor was indeed terrifying, especially that glance over her shoulder, which showed her a scene of blood-soaked mountains.

Yun Qingshu thought to herself, was that woman warning her?

Considering this possibility, Yun Qingshu was not inclined to bother with Lu Chen anymore. Let him build his transmission array, she wouldn't go to the Daxia Dynasty through it regardless.

Yun Qingshu didn't speak further, and with a space teleportation, returned to her pavilion to continue meditating and cultivating.

Very soon, the Daxia Dynasty's Outer Domain exploration fleet transmitted entirely to the Central Star Domain from the Holy Tier transmission array. At this moment, a Great Emperor clone of Lu Chen had already headed to the Outer Domain transmission channel created by Xuan Tian.

Seeing the huge black hole in the distance, and the Origin Power maintaining its operation, Lu Chen thought to himself that Xuan Tian was likely a Heavenly Emperor.

At this time, Lu Chen noticed that some Great Emperors near the black hole had not entered the transmission channel. He approached a Loose Cultivator Emperor and curiously asked, "Why aren't you going in?"

The Great Emperor sighed and said, "The Outer Domain is too dangerous. Besides, I'm only Sixth Layer here. Let alone breaking through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm, I'm afraid I won't even reach the Ninth Layer Realm in this lifetime. Why go seek a breakthrough magic treasure?"

Lu Chen looked at the other Loose Cultivator Emperors. Their cultivation state was also quite low, presumably they shared the same sentiment—they didn't want to go to the Outer Domain to court death, which was understandable.

Lu Chen then asked, "I heard the transmission channel to the Outer Domain was created by the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master. Were you present at the time?"

Emperor Anfeng glanced at Lu Chen and replied, "Of course I was present. Such a spectacular scene, naturally I had to join the excitement. Are you new here?"

Lu Chen replied, "Yes."

Emperor Anfeng said, "What a pity then, you didn't get to witness the terrifying power of the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master."

Lu Chen said, "If the Heavenly Mechanism Tower Master could create such a transmission channel then he must be a Heavenly Emperor, right? Only a Heavenly Emperor would have such great power. Did no one suspect he was a Heavenly Emperor at the time?"

Emperor Anfeng chuckled, "It's not so easy to produce a Heavenly Emperor. The Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion possesses a magic treasure acquired from the Outer Domain, enabling him to use Origin Power temporarily."

Lu Chen remained skeptical of this reply from Emperor Anfeng. He didn't believe there were any magic treasures in this world capable of helping one grasp the highest cosmic powers, but he did not probe further.

At this moment, Emperor Anfeng asked Lu Chen, "Do you also want to have a look at the Outer Domain?"

"I advise you not to go courting death. As a First Layer Great Emperor, you wouldn't survive a year in the Outer Domain."

Lu Chen smiled and said, "I thought since the Era Tribulation is about to arrive, perhaps there's something in the Outer Domain that can help counteract the Era Tribulation. It makes more sense to explore than to wait for death."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Anfeng paused in surprise. He hadn't expected that a little First Layer Great Emperor would have such insight.

After Lu Chen finished speaking, he flew directly towards the black hole. This clone of his was mainly meant to explore whether his Divine Soul could continue to control the clone after entering the Outer Domain.

When he arrived outside the black hole, his body was instantly pulled in by a massive gravitational force. The next moment, his vision went completely dark, and he couldn't see anything.

Lu Chen found that after entering the black hole, his Divine Soul could still control the clone, which reassured him greatly.

However, the transmission channel was extremely lengthy, with the sensation of his clone being in the black hole for hundreds of years. Because his clone was controlled uniformly by his Divine Soul, he could sense the passage of time inside compared to outside the black hole.

Not long after, the Outer Domain exploration fleet of the Daxia Dynasty also arrived at this black hole. Just when Empress Tianhong was about to enter the transmission channel directly, Lu Chen's Fourth Layer Realm clone stopped and said, "Wait, hold up."

Empress Tianhong turned to look at Lu Chen, puzzled. They were already at the transmission channel, and she was eager to rush into the Outer Domain to start slaughtering.

Lu Chen said, "My clone is still inside the transmission channel; let him enter the Outer Domain first."

After hearing Lu Chen's words, Empress Tianhong calmed her inner restlessness, agreeing that they should confirm the stability of the transmission channel first.

After all, it was man-made—it might not be as stable as a cosmic rift at the edge of the universe.

They waited for a year.

Fortunately, the transmission channel created by Xuan Tian was extremely stable. The Origin Power on its surface continued maintaining the black hole, and a year passed with no signs of collapse.

To Great Emperors, a decade isn't long—blink once and it's gone.

However, Lu Chen, with memories from Earth, found a decade rather prolonged. Fortunately, during these ten years, he controlled his clone to assist his wives and concubines in cultivation, making it quite fulfilling.

Ten years later.

Outer Domain.

A man enshrouded in a multicolored Creation Power emerged from a vortex; the moment he saw the light, he felt blissfully comfortable.

After staying in the pitch-black transmission channel for hundreds of years, if it weren't for this being a Divine Soul-controlled clone, Lu Chen felt he would have gone insane.

Presently, Lu Chen's Divine Soul checked the clone's status, discovering that it was unexpectedly good, and suddenly his clone's realm increased, continuously climbing.

Chapter 1525: Beyond the Universe Is a Realm of Chaos

Lu Chen was a bit confused. What is going on? Why did the realm of his clone suddenly rise rapidly after entering the Outer Domain?

In just the blink of an eye, the realm of his clone broke through to the Fifth Layer Realm.

Logically speaking, the strength of his Divine Soul shouldn't be able to control both a Sixth Layer Realm main body and a Fifth Layer Realm clone at the same time. However, this Fifth Layer Realm clone didn't make him feel any discomfort.

Lu Chen thought to himself, this could be due to the differences in the Cosmic Laws. The Outer Domain might not belong to the original universe; the laws are different, and without the constraints of the original universe's laws, he can control a stronger physical body with a weaker Divine Soul.

Now is not the time to dwell on this. Since it's proven that this transmission channel can indeed reach the Outer Domain, the exploration fleet of the Great Sum Empire should also set out.

At this moment.

Central Star Domain.

On the Feihong Immortal Boat, Lu Chen, hugging the waist of the Empress Tianhong, suddenly stopped. Seeing Lu Chen suddenly stop, Empress Tianhong turned her head slightly, looking at Lu Chen with a puzzled expression.

Lu Chen said, "We can set off now."

As his words ended, Lu Chen released Empress Tianhong and then transmitted a message to the Great Emperors on the other Immortal Boats, "The time is almost here, we can set off. Remember the grouping I made at the start, if we get separated after entering the Outer Domain, the team leader of each group is responsible for locating their team members."

Hearing Lu Chen's voice, all the Great Emperors who were in closed-door cultivation opened their eyes wide. They were all very excited — after waiting for so long, they could finally enter the Outer Domain.

After Lu Chen finished his transmission, Empress Tianhong eagerly controlled the Feihong Immortal Boat to fly towards the distant black hole.

As the Feihong Immortal Boat entered the black hole, the surroundings instantly turned pitch black, but at this moment, the light emitted by the formation on the Feihong Immortal Boat illuminated the nearby area.

As more and more starships entered the black hole, the number of light points inside the black hole increased progressively.

Meanwhile.

Somewhere in the Outer Domain.

Xuan Tian was sitting cross-legged in the loft of the Heavenly Mechanism Hall. His eyes, which were previously closed, suddenly opened, and the corners of his mouth couldn't help but lift slightly.

Very well, Lu Chen has finally taken the bait.

Earlier, when Lu Chen's Great Emperor clone came through the passage, he almost thought that was Lu Chen's main body. Fortunately, he held back and did not act immediately.

But this time he sensed a Fourth Layer Realm Lu Chen entering the transmission channel, and this time it must be Lu Chen's main body coming over.

Once Lu Chen's main body completely entered the Outer Domain, he would immediately send the Great Sum Empire and that Immortal Artifact out of this universe together.

At this time, Emperor Shenwu, Nirvana Master, and Life-saving Empress came in front of Xuan Tian. Seeing Xuan Tian's full smile, Emperor Shenwu slightly furrowed his brows.

Previously, he did think that Xuan Tian did so many things just to deal with Lu Chen, but after witnessing Xuan Tian's various methods and strengths, Emperor Shenwu felt increasingly that Xuan Tian's layout was not just to deal with Lu Chen — it might also be aimed at them.

Of course, this obviously was Emperor Shenwu overestimating himself, as Xuan Tian never regarded anyone beside Lu Chen and Xuan Qingyun as important.

Nirvana Master asked at this moment, "Is Building Master Xuan so happy because the plan succeeded?"

Xuan Tian replied, "Yes, Lu Chen's main body has already traveled to the Outer Domain via my transmission channel."

Life-saving Empress curiously asked at this point, "Can Building Master Xuan really send the entire Great Sum Empire out of this universe?"

The current Great Sum Empire is not just a small country at the edge of the universe; its territory is now the most vast in the entire universe.

To send the entire Great Sum Empire out of this universe would require terrifying strength to accomplish, right?

If Xuan Tian could truly do that, then shouldn't he also possess the ability to directly destroy that Immortal Artifact? Why go through all the trouble and make such a complex setup to lure Lu Chen's main body? Isn't this unnecessarily complicated?

Life-saving Empress also felt increasingly that Xuan Tian's approach was somewhat suspicious.

Xuan Tian could see that the three in front of him were all growing suspicious, and he said lightly, "I am able to accomplish this because of the Heavenly Mechanism Hall below me."

At this moment, Nirvana Master posed a very crucial question.

"Since this Heavenly Mechanism Hall is so powerful that it can send such a massive empire out of this universe, does that mean it can also send us out of this universe, thereby avoiding the Era Tribulation?"

From the beginning, when Nirvana Master heard Xuan Tian's plan, he was thinking about this. His greatest interest in the plan lay here.

Initially, he did want to eliminate Lu Chen to prevent Lu Chen from becoming the Heavenly Emperor before him, but later he heard that Xuan Tian could actually send the Great Sum Empire out of this universe. Even though he was somewhat skeptical, he still chose to join them.

He wanted to see if Xuan Tian really had such capability. If he did, then wouldn't they be able to avoid the Era Tribulation by simply leaving this universe?

It couldn't be that other universes are also facing Era Tribulations, could it?

Upon hearing Nirvana Master's question, Life-saving Empress and Emperor Shenwu were stunned for a moment, and then the two of them looked at Xuan Tian, awaiting his response to this question.

The three of them indeed all wanted to become the Heavenly Emperor, but besides aspiring to this, they also faced an even more urgent matter to contend with, which was the Era Tribulation.

According to the records of the Ancient Era, there can only be one Heavenly Emperor, so not everyone can become the Heavenly Emperor. Even if one among them becomes the Heavenly Emperor, there will still only be one.

Perhaps the Heavenly Emperor can easily avoid the Era Tribulation, but other Great Emperors can't. Although they can seek the Era Transition Land to avoid the Era Tribulation, this method isn't completely reliable either, as it's a method left from the last era; who knows if this era's Era Tribulation will be different?

The only way to ensure safety is to leave this universe, and if they manage to leave, the Era Tribulation would have nothing to do with them.

Xuan Tian could see their thoughts, and he smiled as he said, "Do you know what is outside the universe?"

Emperor Shenwu expressionlessly asked back, "Does Building Master Xuan know?"

Xuan Tian smiled and said, "I might as well tell you directly, outside the universe is chaos; do you think by leaving this universe you can avoid the Era Tribulation and survive?"

"The Chaotic Qi outside the universe can corrode the power of any cultivator. Once a cultivator enters the chaos, they will die within fifteen minutes."

"Those Otherworld people risk their lives to enter our universe through the Outer Domain, what do you think they are doing it for?"

Upon hearing this, Emperor Shenwu frowned and then asked again, "Since there is chaos outside the universe, where did those Otherworld people come from?"

Chapter 1526: Xuan Tian Takes Action

Xuan Tian had obviously anticipated that Emperor Shenwu would ask this question. He replied unhurriedly, "Those people from the Otherworld all come from subsidiary universes of this universe, and when this universe encounters a catastrophe, they too will face a great calamity."

"Moreover, many of those subsidiary universes have already begun to collapse; that's why they fled to the Outer Domain, hoping to reach our universe through the Outer Domain."

After listening to Xuan Tian's explanation, Emperor Shenwu found it amusing. He did not believe a word of what Xuan Tian said.

The reason was simple: he had fought against those from the Otherworld. Though most of them didn't speak the same language, and he couldn't understand what they were saying, their strength was formidable.

How could such powerful beings from the Otherworld possibly come from a subsidiary universe of theirs?

In principle, the Law of the Main Universe should be more complete, and the powerful individuals born from it should be stronger. How could the average strength of the people from subsidiary universes be superior to that of the Main Universe?

As Emperor Shenwu pondered this, Xuan Tian continued, "These individuals from subsidiary universes are generally the most powerful within those universes, so they appear extremely strong."

"Those of average strength from the Otherworld can't even make it to the Outer Domain."

Upon hearing this, Nirvana Master and Life-saving Empress found some logic in it. After all, since the subsidiary universes had collapsed, survivors with any strength and skills would indeed be the ones who managed to survive.

Emperor Shenwu furrowed his brows and said no more. Xuan Tian's words did provide a plausible explanation for the average strength of the Otherworldly beings. But was it truly as Xuan Tian had said?

Emperor Shenwu remained skeptical of Xuan Tian, and once seeds of doubt were sown, they would continue to grow and flourish.

Of course, Xuan Tian didn't care whether they doubted him or not. To him, Emperor Shenwu and the others were merely tools at his disposal; he continued talking to them only because they still held some value for him.

Another ten years passed swiftly. The Daxia Dynasty expanded throughout the universe using Holy Tier Star Destroyers, and the Dynasty's Qi Fortune grew more abundant. More cultivators of the Daxia Dynasty broke through to become Great Emperors.

For a time, there were Great Emperors in nearly every Star Domain of the Daxia Dynasty. Especially in the Tianchen World, the number of Great Emperors was skyrocketing. Although Lu Chen's Divine Soul did not break through, he could clearly sense the pressure becoming more apparent.

He gradually felt shackles upon himself, confirming some of his internal suspicions.

The Daxia Dynasty's exploration fleet of the Outer Domain finally reached the Outer Domain. Luckily, when the fleet arrived, it didn't scatter as Lu Chen had anticipated; all the Star Destroyers and Great Emperors were intact.

With these Great Emperors present, Lu Chen needn't worry about encountering formidable Otherworldly beings that might be beyond his ability to handle.

At that moment, the Feihong Immortal Boat slowly came to a halt in the void of the Outer Domain. The Outer Domain was entirely different from the Main Universe, featuring a massive landmass. Although the land was ruined, it had a surface.

However, above the Outer Domain was an expanse of true void without any starlight, making the Outer Domain significantly darker than the Main Universe.

The light in the Outer Domain primarily came from certain luminous Crystal Stones scattered across the land. Without these glowing stones, the Outer Domain would be pitch-black.

As with the previous time Lu Chen's clone entered the Outer Domain, his Fourth Layer clone broke through upon entering once more, but only advanced by one layer, stopping at the Fifth Layer without another breakthrough.

Thus, Lu Chen had two Fifth Layer clones in the Outer Domain.

At present, the first clone Lu Chen sent into the Outer Domain had gone deeper into exploration, yet he hadn't encountered a single soul.

Not to mention people from the Otherworld, he hadn't even seen the Great Emperors' Immortal Boats from the Main Universe, as the emptiness of the Outer Domain was beyond imagination.

Lu Chen's clone stood on a Crystal Stone emanating a purple glow, gazing at the distant, dark, desolate land, covered in damp moss. Though the world was barren, it still sustained some life.

Lu Chen was perplexed. Despite having been in the Outer Domain for so long, he hadn't encountered people, let alone living animals or even insects. The world seemed filled only with moss, and the air carried a mossy scent.

Lu Chen used his Divine Sense to probe the surroundings again and still found nothing within the range of his Great Emperor's perception.

At this moment, with Empress Tianhong beneath him, Lu Chen asked, "How did you encounter beings from outside the realm in such a vast expanse?"

"My clone has been in the Outer Domain for so long and hasn't encountered a single living creature, let alone beings from beyond the realm."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the Empress Tianhong, lying on a soft couch, turned her head slightly to glance at Lu Chen behind her and said, "Impossible."

Empress Tianhong recalled her past life in the Outer Domain, where she could encounter beings from the Otherworld in less than half a month. It made no sense for Lu Chen's initial clone in the Outer Domain to meet no living entities after such a long time.

Seeing that Empress Tianhong didn't believe him, Lu Chen said, "You will soon know. My clone indeed encountered nothing during these days. I wanted to find an Otherworldly being to ask about their world."

As Lu Chen finished speaking, Empress Tianhong proactively released her Divine Sense to probe the surroundings and indeed found nothing.

Lu Chen said, "Let's go check elsewhere. Maybe the people in the Outer Domain discovered some supreme treasure and gathered together."

With a gentle raise of her hand, Empress Tianhong directed the Feihong Immortal Boat to fly deeper into the Outer Domain.

During this time in the teleportation passage, Lu Chen had been pressing down on her, which left her quite displeased, and she now needed a battle to release her pent-up frustrations.

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Somewhere in the Outer Domain.

On the Heavenly Mechanism Hall.

Sensing that Lu Chen's Immortal Boat had completely left the teleportation passage, Xuan Tian immediately stood up.

Seeing Xuan Tian rise, Life-saving Empress quickly asked, "Has Lu Chen's main body arrived in the Outer Domain?"

Xuan Tian replied, "Yes, the plan can now commence."

As soon as he finished speaking, Xuan Tian's aura suddenly surged. In an instant, the oppressive power from Xuan Tian caused the three Ninth Layer Great Emperors present to feel unable to move the Spiritual Power within their bodies.

Emperor Shenwu became more convinced of his suspicions. Xuan Tian truly was a hidden Heavenly Emperor and had been deceiving them all along.

At this time, Xuan Tian's body soared into the air above the continent of the Outer Domain, surrounded by the Law, as if he were the ruler of that world.

Meanwhile, in the Daxia Dynasty of the Main Universe.

Lu Chen's main body was still discussing with Yun Xianxian whether to use forceful measures against Yun Qingshu when he suddenly sensed a massive hand approaching to strike the Daxia Dynasty.

Chapter 1527: Dangerous Cosmic Rift

After sensing that gigantic hand, Lu Chen's main body immediately withdrew from Yun Xianxian, then flew outside the Tianchen World.

As he had perceived, the entire Great Sum Dynasty was being driven by a tremendous force, and at the junction where the Great Sum met other Star Domains, there appeared a gigantic rift, as if the Great Sum Dynasty was about to be severed from this universe.

Above the Great Sum Dynasty, there was a massive hand formed by Origin Power, invisible to the ordinary person; even a Great Emperor wouldn't be able to detect it, only Lu Chen distinctly felt the presence of that giant hand.

This invisible giant hand was surrounded by various Power of Laws, those laws repelling the Great Sum Dynasty.

At this moment, Lu Chen was still somewhat dazed, not knowing what was happening. Logically, this shouldn't be an Era Tribulation; in his memory, when Era Tribulation occurred, it seemed nothing like this would happen?

Can a universe drift like Earth's continental plates?

Something's not right, it's evident someone has acted against the Great Sum Dynasty.

The mastermind is the one who gathered Origin Power to form the giant hand.

Origin Power?

Lu Chen suddenly thought of the Tower Master Xuan Tian from the Tianji Pavilion.

When Xuan Tian created the transport passage to the Outer Domain, he used vast Origin Power. If anyone in this universe could mobilize so much Origin Power, it could only be Xuan Tian.

But hadn't Xuan Tian gone to the Outer Domain? Can he still use Origin Power to remotely act against the Great Sum Dynasty? What kind of terrifying prowess does Xuan Tian possess?

Could Xuan Tian truly be a Heavenly Emperor?

Thinking this, Lu Chen's face became extremely serious. He could feel that the power contained in the giant hand was beyond what he could currently resist; he could only watch helplessly as the giant hand attempted to peel apart the Great Sum Dynasty.

Yet, just when Lu Chen thought the Great Sum Dynasty was about to be completely separated from this universe, he suddenly noticed that no matter how hard the giant hand tried, it couldn't continue tearing the Great Sum Dynasty away.

What is happening?

Lu Chen watched the entire ordeal, doing nothing, hardly believing it had anything to do with him.

He could feel that the terrifying power contained in the giant hand should be able to completely peel away the Great Sum Dynasty, but the giant hand seemed to encounter some resistance, unable to further pull the Great Sum Dynasty.

Meanwhile, in the Outer Domain, upon feeling that resistance, Xuan Tian's face instantly darkened. He never anticipated encountering such enormous resistance while trying to peel away part of his Inner Universe.

What is this situation?

Unwilling to give up, Xuan Tian again mobilized the universe's Power of Laws, attempting to expel both the Great Sum Dynasty and the Immortal Spirit Umbrella.

No matter the method he used, the Great Sum Dynasty seemed glued to this universe, unable to be peeled away.

Xuan Tian found it hard to believe, for he wielded supreme power, Origin Power, even resorting to the universe's Power of Laws, how could he not excise the Great Sum Dynasty, this tumor?

Xuan Tian tried several more times, spending an entire year doing so, but a year passed in the blink of an eye, and the Great Sum Dynasty still remained within this universe.

Moreover, the rift between the Great Sum Dynasty and the universe was gradually healing, with the Great Sum Dynasty reconnecting seamlessly with the universe.

Seeing Xuan Tian's displeased expression, knowing he had been casting spells for a year gave Emperor Shenwu and others the immediate realization that Xuan Tian's plan might have already failed.

At this moment, Xuan Tian abruptly ceased his spell-casting, withdrawing all Origin Power.

Watching Xuan Tian slowly descend to the rooftop of the Heavenly Mechanism Hall, the Life-saving Empress promptly asked, "Building Master Xuan, how are things?"

With a furrowed brow, Xuan Tian said, "The Qi Fortune of the Great Sum Dynasty is too deeply bound to Lu Chen. One must first eliminate Lu Chen to sever the Great Sum Dynasty from this universe."

Xuan Tian himself wasn't sure of the precise reason; it's all he could surmise now.

Only Xuan Qingyun and the Great Sum Dynasty currently resisted him fully expelling this universe's foreign entity.

Xuan Qingyun is a living being, with certain abilities to remain in this universe, but the Great Sum Dynasty and that Immortal Artifact are dead objects, logically should not be this troublesome.

In the end, Xuan Tian could only attribute it all to Lu Chen still living, the Qi Fortune of the Great Sum Dynasty binding too deeply to Lu Chen. To sever the Great Sum Dynasty from this universe, one must first deal with Lu Chen.

Upon hearing Xuan Tian's words, the Nirvana Master commented, "Since Lu Chen has come to the Outer Domain, no longer shielded by the Great Sum Dynasty's Barrier, it's time for us to act."

The Life-saving Empress added beside him, "But the Outer Domain is vast, we might struggle to locate his position?"

Xuan Tian replied calmly, "This seat can calculate his position; simply follow me."

Upon finishing his words, Xuan Tian commanded the Heavenly Mechanism Hall to fly in a specific direction within the Outer Domain.

As the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion, both the Life-saving Empress and Nirvana Master deeply trusted his predictive ability, thus without hesitation, they took their Great Emperors and headed towards Lu Chen's location.

Watching their departing figures, Emperor Shenwu's expression grew solemn. With Xuan Tian's prowess, he should easily extinguish Lu Chen.

No matter how formidable Lu Chen was, he was only between the Fifth to Sixth Layer as a Great Emperor, not even a Heavenly Emperor, possibly still not breaking through to the Ninth Layer of Realm.

With Xuan Tian wielding such vast Origin Power, able even to remotely act against the Great Sum Dynasty from the Outer Domain, would he need to go through so much trouble to kill one Lu Chen with his methods and power?

What exactly made this rebel child so special to warrant such attention from Xuan Tian?

Yet mired in thought, Emperor Shenwu still couldn't figure out their connection, but decided not to ruminate excessively; going over there would reveal the truth.

Therewith, Emperor Shenwu also took the Shenyue Dynasty's Immortal Boat and followed them.

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Great Sum Dynasty.

Lu Chen's main body arrived at the boundary between the Great Sum Dynasty and the universe, looking at the gigantic rift before him, below which lay a vast expanse of darkness.

Yet the rift between the Great Sum Dynasty and the universe was steadily reducing, with some parts even vanishing. Once the rift completely vanished, the Great Sum Dynasty would merge with this universe once again.

Lu Chen pondered, wondering what lay beneath this rift; could it be the Outer Domain?

Thinking this, Lu Chen immediately created a Quasi-Emperor clone and directed it to plunge into the bottomless cosmic abyss below.

His Quasi-Emperor clone had just entered the bottomless cosmic abyss when it was instantly pulled by a massive force, and in moments, his clone was dragged into the darkness, losing connection with his Divine Soul's control.

This...

Realizing the danger of this cosmic abyss, a bead of cold sweat formed on Lu Chen's forehead.

What kind of world lies beneath, to be so perilous?

Chapter 1528: The Arrival of the Qingyue Holy Land's Army

To verify what kind of realm is necessary to survive in this cosmic rift, Lu Chen subsequently created another physical body, this time at the Great Emperor Second Realm.

Once the physical body was created, Lu Chen carefully controlled the Great Emperor Second Realm's body towards that cosmic rift.

As expected, just like before, the Great Emperor body immediately felt a massive gravitational pull upon entering the vicinity of the rift. However, this time, Lu Chen immediately deployed his Origin Power to stabilize himself and prevent his body from being pulled in.

Yet, Lu Chen barely held on for a moment. The pull was incredibly terrifying, and in mere moments, the Great Emperor Second Layer body was unable to resist and was sucked in immediately.

Just like the Quasi-Emperor body before it, once the Second Layer body fell into that dark abyss, it too lost its connection to Lu Chen's Divine Soul instantly.

This...

What exactly lies beneath this abyss that even a Great Emperor Second Realm body cannot withstand?

To explore what was in this abyss, Lu Chen then attempted to send a Great Emperor Fifth Layer body inside, but the result was the same, as if this abyss was a forbidden zone of life where any life entering would instantly perish.

Realizing the danger of this cosmic rift, Lu Chen promptly issued a notice, advising everyone in the Great Sum Empire to steer clear of this cosmic rift.

Lu Chen looked up at the void once more. At that moment, the large hand in the void had completely disappeared, indicating that the person behind it had realized the Great Sum Empire couldn't be isolated from the universe and thus had given up.

Whether it was a permanent or temporary abandonment remained unknown.

Lu Chen was highly wary of the entity behind the hand, knowing full well he was no match for them at this point.

Simultaneously.

Emperor Taikang arrived at the cosmic rift with the Immortal Boat from the Qingyue Holy Land, and upon seeing this cosmic rift, which separated the Great Sum Empire from the universe, Emperor Taikang was utterly astonished.

On their way to the Great Sum Empire, they had sensed that terrifying power and realized the Great Sum Empire was moving away from this universe. At that time, they thought the Great Sum Empire intended to completely separate from the universe.

Just witnessing from afar was enough to make one tremble, and seeing the rift up close was even more shocking.

Emperor Taikang frowned and said, "What kind of terrifying power could separate the Great Sum Empire from the universe?"

At that moment, an emperor next to Emperor Taikang said, "Could it be Lu Chen's doing?"

Emperor Taikang replied, "According to the information I've gathered, Lu Chen's main body has already taken many Great Emperors from the Great Sum Empire to the Outer Domain."

Although they hadn't encountered the Great Sum's fleet along the way, Emperor Taikang had been closely monitoring the events in the Central Star Domain and was aware of everything happening there.

Clearly, Lu Chen had used a high-tier Transmission Array to directly teleport those Immortal Boats of the Great Sum Empire to the Central Star Domain, so it was not surprising they hadn't encountered them.

As Emperor Taikang finished speaking, another emperor next to him said, "If it's not Lu Chen, then who else possesses such power?"

"Only the Heavenly Emperor might be capable of all this, right?"

At that moment, Lu Chen's clone said, "Could it be that the Cosmic Laws are rejecting the Great Sum Empire?"

Upon hearing this explanation, Emperor Taikang was enlightened, "It's not impossible. The Great Sum Empire is flourishing, and with Lu Chen suspected of being a reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, if allowed to continue expanding, the accumulation of Dynast Qi Fortune would accelerate Lu Chen's growth. Once Lu Chen grows, he might threaten the universe's supreme Heavenly Dao, so the Heavenly Dao wishes to completely sever the Great Sum Empire."

Saying this, Emperor Taikang gazed at the distant cosmic rift once more, "Nevertheless, it seems to me that the Heavenly Dao has failed."

Though a massive rift appeared between the Great Sum Empire and the universe, it isn't expanding further.

In fact, not only hasn't it expanded, but it's also shrinking continuously. At this rate, it won't be long before the Star Domain, where the Great Sum Empire resides, will refuse with the universe.

Doesn't this mean that the Heavenly Dao has failed?

Can the Heavenly Dao fail?

One emperor asked, "Then what should we do now? Even the Heavenly Dao can't handle Lu Chen and the Great Sum Empire, so how could we be their opponents?"

Emperor Taikang directly said, "Stay and rest here."

"Now there's such a grand chasm between us and the Great Sum Empire, preventing us from crossing. Even if we were to attack the Great Sum Empire, we must wait for the Great Sum Star Domain to connect with this universe."

As soon as Emperor Taikang finished, a hurried emperor approached him and said, "Saint Heir, the Holy Master has sent someone!"

Upon hearing this, Emperor Taikang's face darkened immediately.

Sending someone at this moment clearly meant supervision of the battle.

The next instant, everyone present felt a terrifying pressure. Only Emperor Taikang could easily withstand it, while the other emperors showed discomfort, sweating under the strain.

Then a voice emerged from the void, "Saint Heir, why linger when we've already arrived at the Great Sum Empire?"

Right after, a middle-aged man in a purple robe appeared above them, scanning the emperors before finally fixing his gaze on Emperor Taikang.

Upon seeing the visitor, Emperor Taikang's face turned even more unpleasant, never expecting it to be Emperor Guangze, an emperor long thought lost.

With a frown, Emperor Taikang asked, "Why you? Weren't you already lost?"

Emperor Guangze smiled and said, "I have the Ancestor's secret technique to thank, which allowed me to break into the Ninth Layer of Realm and bypass my limitations."

"We'll discuss my affairs later; the Saint Heir should consider how to attack the Great Sum Empire, instead."

"The Ancestor commands that since Lu Chen's main body is now in the Outer Domain, it's the best time to destroy the Great Sum Empire."

Emperor Taikang chuckled lightly, "The best time to destroy the Great Sum Empire? Doesn't the Ancestor know that even a Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperor can't break through the Great Sum's barrier?"

Emperor Guangze calmly said, "This isn't my concern; it's something you ought to consider. I'm just here to deliver the message."

Emperor Taikang realized that the Lord of Qingyue had anticipated his thoughts and deliberately sent Emperor Guangze to supervise him, also as a warning.

After all, Emperor Guangze was once a candidate for the Saint Heir of Qingyue Holy Land, but since he couldn't breakthrough to the Great Emperor's Ninth Layer and suffered some Dao injuries, his time was up. Eventually, the Saint Heir position went to Emperor Taikang.

Now, sending this former Saint Heir candidate clearly signaled Emperor Taikang that if he disobeyed, Qingyue Holy Land might as well choose another Saint Heir.

Chapter 1529: Cultivator Becomes Heavenly Demon

After a moment of silence, Emperor Taikang gazed into the distant cosmic rift and said, “To attack the Daxia Dynasty, we must first pass through this cosmic rift. Unfortunately, we can’t cross it now. We’ll have to wait until the Star Domain of Daxia Dynasty merges with this universe before we can reach it.”

Hearing Emperor Taikang’s words, Emperor Guangze finally realized that there was a vast and bottomless abyss not far away.

He glanced at the distant abyss and chuckled lightly, “Taikang, you’re not even trying to come up with a decent excuse. It’s just a rift; you could simply fly over it. Are you really stopping because of such a small chasm?”

Emperor Taikang replied calmly, “This abyss has just formed, and no one knows what dangers lie within. As the Saint Heir of Qingyue Holy Land, I cannot risk the lives of the people of Qingyue Holy Land.”

Seeing Taikang’s reluctance to deploy troops, Emperor Guangze said directly, “Fine, since you consider it dangerous, I will personally scout the way for you. If it’s safe, you must attack the Daxia Dynasty today.”

Emperor Guangze thought to himself, even if Lu Chen’s main body is no longer in Daxia Dynasty, their barrier is not easy to break. If Emperor Taikang returns without success, it will certainly displease the Lord of Qingyue. At that time, if I fan the flames, it’s possible that Qingyue Holy Land’s Saint Heir will soon need a replacement.

Although the Era Tribulation is approaching, Emperor Guangze still has a deep obsession with the control of Qingyue Holy Land. He has been in closed-door cultivation all these years for this very reason.

At this moment, Emperor Guangze flew towards the distant cosmic abyss without hesitation. Watching the silhouette of Emperor Guangze, Lu Chen’s lips curved slightly upward.

This is the perfect opportunity to test how powerful a being this cosmic abyss can engulf.

Soon, Emperor Guangze reached the top of the cosmic abyss. He flew directly over it without any hesitation.

Yet, as soon as he reached above the cosmic abyss, his body seemed to be held in place by something, and he no longer ascended.

Upon witnessing this scene, everyone's expressions turned serious. Although Emperor Taikang and others indeed hoped for trouble for Emperor Guangze, if he truly perished here, it would be difficult to explain upon returning.

At this moment, Emperor Guangze felt as if something was holding him back, and the power of his Emperor Realm within was rapidly slipping away.

Emperor Guangze desperately mobilized his Power of Dao, trying to escape the abyss's pull, but no matter how he struggled, his body remained motionless.

Unwilling to accept this, Emperor Guangze directly burned his Divine Soul. Seeing the red halo appearing on him, the atmosphere at the scene grew heavier.

No one knew what Emperor Guangze was experiencing, but the fact that he burned his Divine Soul meant he was in a life-and-death situation.

Could just passing over this cosmic rift lead to a life-or-death crisis?

This made Emperor Taikang and the others break into a cold sweat, grateful they hadn't rashly crossed earlier, or they would be the ones burning their Divine Souls now.

Emperor Guangze turned his head with great difficulty towards the spectators behind him. His face was twisted, looking incredibly pained.

With all his might, he pleaded, "Save...me!!!"

Though Emperor Guangze's voice was faint, the Emperors present heard it clearly, yet none of them moved.

Only Emperor Guangze and Emperor Taikang were Emperor Realm Ninth Layer here, and now, even Emperor Guangze, an Emperor Realm Ninth Layer, was trapped by the abyss. The only one capable of intervening was Emperor Taikang.

However, Emperor Taikang would never risk himself for Emperor Guangze. This abyss is one even an Emperor Realm Ninth Layer couldn't escape by burning their Divine Soul.

Seeing the apathy from Emperor Taikang and others, Emperor Guangze's anger reached its peak, "Even if I die, I won't let you have it easy!!!"

With that, Emperor Guangze frantically burned his Divine Soul, attempting to break free from the abyss's restraints. Just then, black fog emerged from the abyss, enveloping Emperor Guangze's body.

Before anyone could react, Emperor Guangze's body twisted continually within the black mist, and the next moment, a Heavenly Demon at the Emperor Realm level appeared before them.

Seeing this demonic figure lashing out, everyone was stunned. They never expected that Heavenly Demons could be born like this.

Emperor Taikang snapped out of it and shouted, "Not good, it's an Emperor Realm Heavenly Demon. We're no match for it. Retreat now!"

Emperor Guangze was already Emperor Realm Ninth Layer, and now turning into a Heavenly Demon, which could crush Cultivators of the same Realm. An Emperor Realm Ninth Layer Heavenly Demon was absolutely beyond what they could handle at this moment.

As Emperor Taikang's words fell, the Immortal Boats from Qingyue Holy Land turned around in a rush, preparing to flee this place.

Right then, Lu Chen stood still, lost in thought, watching the transformed Heavenly Demon from Emperor Guangze.

When Heavenly Demons first appeared in his wife's child world, he pondered whether some Heavenly Demons were actually Cultivators of this universe, transformed. He hadn't anticipated witnessing such an instance today.

Though a Heavenly Demon in the Ninth Layer is formidable, for Lu Chen, who cultivated the Chaos Demon Slaying Technique, dealing with Emperor Guangze was straightforward.

Emperor Guangze suddenly broke free from the abyss and flew directly towards the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty. Noticing that Emperor Guangze didn't pursue, Emperor Taikang and his group turned back.

An Emperor among them exclaimed in astonishment, "He's not pursuing; he's going to attack the Daxia Dynasty!"

Subsequently, the crowd from Qingyue Holy Land halted their retreat to watch the spectacle, eager to see whether the Ninth Layer Heavenly Demon could destroy the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty.

Although they had no intention of attacking the Daxia Dynasty, the Dynasty was a critical threat to the universe. If the newly transformed Heavenly Demon, Emperor Guangze, could annihilate it, it would be beneficial for Qingyue Holy Land and the entire universe.

Just as everyone eagerly awaited the outcome, a point of light suddenly shot out from the Daxia Dynasty.

When the light stopped, people saw a figure exuding the Fifth Layer Realm's Emperor aura, along with the Power of Slaughter.

Seeing the Fifth Layer Clone of Lu Chen, Emperor Taikang and the others were dumbfounded.

Power of Slaughter?

According to their information, the entire Daxia Dynasty only had two Slaughter Emperors, one being Lu Chen and the other an Empress.

Wasn't Lu Chen's main body supposed to have ventured into the Outer Domain? How could there now be a Fifth Layer Slaughter Emperor? More crucially, that Slaughter Emperor's Divine Soul seemed intact, far from resembling a Clone.

An Emperor commented, "How is this possible? Wasn't Lu Chen supposed to have gone to the Outer Domain? How is he here?"

Chapter 1530: One Sword Slashes the Heavenly Demon

When everyone was surprised by the appearance of Lu Chen outside the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, an emperor suddenly muttered quietly: "Huh, don't you think this Lu Chen looks a lot like Chen Lu?"

Even though the voice of this emperor was low, it was still heard by Emperor Taikang. Emperor Taikang's gaze suddenly turned to Lu Chen, who hadn't fled and was still in place, and he found that Lu Chen's appearance indeed resembled that of the Lu Chen outside the Daxia Dynasty barrier.

It's just that due to the differences in realm, the aura and pressure they emitted were different, making their demeanors somewhat different.

The Lu Chen in the distance exuded a blood-red power of slaughter, making him appear like a war god, whereas "Chen Lu" looked more like a refined gentleman.

Although the divine souls of both appeared complete, they were too similar, and for someone like Chen Lu to be a Saint at such a young age was unprecedented in the universe.

Emperor Taikang frowned and directly asked, "Chen Lu, is there something you are hiding from your mentor?"

Lu Chen smiled faintly, and the next moment, his body disintegrated, turning into countless light dots and dissipating into the void.

Upon witnessing this scene, how could Emperor Taikang still not understand? This so-called Chen Lu was actually Lu Chen.

Reversing Chen Lu, isn't it just Lu Chen...

Unexpectedly, Lu Chen actually used a clone to follow them all the way.

After understanding Chen Lu's identity, everyone's gaze fell on Lu Chen standing outside the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty. They just wanted to see how Lu Chen, a Great Emperor of the Fifth Layer Realm, was going to defeat a Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon.

Facing the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon, not only did Lu Chen not shrink back into the barrier of the Daxia Dynasty, but chose to come out; he must be confident in dealing with this Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon.

Lu Chen glanced at the Heavenly Demon transformed from Emperor Guangze not far away, and next, a silver-white longsword appeared out of thin air in his hand.

The moment the longsword fell into Lu Chen's hand, its blade instantly turned blood-red, and it released a terrifying pressure.

This pressure made the emperors from the Qingyue Holy Land in the distance unable to stand straight, not even Emperor Taikang, a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer Realm, could withstand it.

Emperor Taikang's expression changed drastically. What level of weapon was this, to have such terrifying pressure?

Struggling to lift his head, Emperor Taikang stared at Lu Chen in the distance, and at this moment he unexpectedly discovered that the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon was so frightened it was retreating continuously.

That's a Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon, and Lu Chen merely took out a spiritual artifact to scare it.

This was the first time Emperor Taikang had seen a Heavenly Demon afraid.

Seeing Emperor Guangze seemingly having thoughts of escaping, Lu Chen laughed and said, “Don’t think about running away, let me assist you in finding release.”

As he spoke, Lu Chen gathered the power of slaughter on his body, and in the next moment, his body transformed into a flash of blood light, instantly appearing before Emperor Guangze.

Following that, he swung his sword, countless rays of bloodlight slashing out from the Shattering God Sword.

Blood Soul Slash!!!

The next moment, Emperor Guangze’s body was torn apart, blood-red light emanating from the cracks, growing increasingly bright. Before Emperor Guangze could react, his body exploded abruptly.

This was Lu Chen’s first time using a Holy Tier swordsmanship, and even he did not expect its power to be so immense. He knew he could handle the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon, but did not anticipate it would be so effortlessly.

Nor did the people beyond the Cosmic Abyss.

Seeing the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon transformed by Emperor Guangze being cut down with one sword by Lu Chen, everyone from the Qingyue Holy Land widened their eyes and stared fixedly at Lu Chen, with an expression of disbelief.

That was a Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon, yet it was cut down with just one sword?

Even if they sent out a Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperor, they couldn’t deal with the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon, yet Lu Chen, only a Great Emperor of the Fifth Layer Realm, effortlessly slayed the Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon. How terrifying must his strength be?

If he could slay a Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon with ease, does that mean he could also easily slay a Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperor? Thinking of this possibility, the emperors present from the Qingyue Holy Land were drenched in sweat, including Emperor Taikang. At this moment, Emperor Taikang internally felt his end was near.

The Slaughter Emperor loved nothing more than slaughter, and Lu Chen probably had his eyes on them now.

After recovering, Emperor Taikang immediately said, “Run!”

As soon as he finished speaking, the emperors from the Qingyue Holy Land snapped out of their trance, quickly turning around and fleeing towards the distance. They had no desire whatsoever to engage Lu Chen in battle.

Other people had slain a Ninth Layer Realm Heavenly Demon with one swing, to fight Lu Chen would be to court death.

The only way they could survive now was to use the Cosmic Abyss to stall Lu Chen, preventing him from coming over and creating a chance for them to escape.

Seeing Emperor Taikang and the others fleeing in a panic, Lu Chen simply chuckled and didn’t pursue them.

With this Cosmic Abyss in between, he indeed couldn’t chase directly at present, but he had a Holy Tier Transmission Array in the Central Star Domain, so there was no need to chase them directly to block their path.

After a day and a night of fleeing, Emperor Taikang and the others suddenly found that no one seemed to be chasing after them.

At this moment, an emperor said, “Saint Heir, with that Cosmic Abyss, even if Lu Chen is strong, he likely wouldn’t dare to come after us.”

That place couldn’t even let a Ninth Layer Realm Great Emperor escape, and the most eerie thing was that abyss could directly transform people into Heavenly Demons.

They believed that Lu Chen would not take such a big risk to kill them.

Emperor Taikang stopped, turned back to gaze in the direction of the Daxia Dynasty, and released his divine sense to perceive, indeed not detecting Lu Chen's presence.

Emperor Taikang let out a slight sigh of relief; if it weren't for that Cosmic Abyss, they might all have perished here.

After relaxing, Emperor Taikang took a deep breath, "I really didn't expect Lu Chen to be so patient."

Logically speaking, with someone as powerful as Lu Chen, he should have the dignity of a strong person. Yet he created a clone to follow the immortal boat of the Qingyue Holy Land, even acknowledging him as a mentor, showing no trace of a powerhouse's airs.

An emperor next to Emperor Taikang said, "It's truly baffling why Lu Chen needed to send a clone to follow us."

Emperor Taikang said, "This can be blamed on my eagerness to take on a disciple. If it weren't for my seeing his high talent and wanting to cultivate an outstanding disciple, I wouldn't have fallen for it. He merely went along with the plan."

"Oh well, in any case, it didn't cause any real loss."

Another emperor said, "Saint Heir, not only did we fail to conquer the Daxia Dynasty, but we also retreated so quickly. Our ancestor will likely be displeased."

"Moreover, the issue with Emperor Guangze will probably be difficult to explain."

Emperor Guangze had come as the overseer, and yet, out of all the workers, the overseer Emperor Guangze, who was of the Ninth Layer Realm, was the one who died. Returning with such an outcome, the inherently suspicious Lord of Qingyue would surely think they conspired to kill Emperor Guangze.