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### Chapter 1531: Confrontation with the Four Major Forces

Upon hearing the words from the Great Emperor beside him, Emperor Taikang fell into deep thought.

Indeed, if they returned now, the Lord of Qingyue might very well think they were rebelling.

Although the death of Emperor Guangze had already been recorded in the Projecting Stone, the images on the stone could be manipulated, and the Lord of Qingyue might not believe the images.

Even if the Lord of Qingyue believed the images, it was still they who first persuaded Emperor Guangze to be the scout. Just based on this alone, the Lord of Qingyue might suspect that they had long known about the dangers of the Cosmic Abyss and deliberately didn't tell Emperor Guangze, causing him to be turned into a Heavenly Demon by the Abyss.

After contemplating, Emperor Taikang finally said, "Now that Lu Chen has already grown, we are simply not his match, and staying here is futile. I will speak frankly with the Ancestor. If the Ancestor insists on attacking the Daxia Dynasty, then let him personally lead the expedition."

Lu Chen could even slay a Ninth Layer Heavenly Demon with a single sword strike. For them to get involved would be courting death. If the Lord of Qingyue wanted to court disaster, Emperor Taikang had no plans to continue serving him.

In any case, when he returned this time, he would prepare to plot how to remove the Lord of Qingyue.

The Qingyue Holy Land could no longer allow the Lord of Qingyue to continue this way, for they must preserve their strength and wait for the day the Era Tribulation arrives.

Thinking of this, Emperor Taikang ordered the Immortal Boat of Qingyue Holy Land to accelerate its return to the Holy Land.

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Outer Domain.

At this moment, Lu Chen was unaware that the major forces of the Shenyue Dynasty and Tianji Pavilion were heading towards his direction.

Recently, Empress Tianhong had led the Daxia Dynasty's Outer Domain exploration fleet to many places, but every place was the same—no creatures, let alone any Otherworldly beings.

Lu Chen even suspected that those Otherworldly beings had all perished. After all, Empress Tianhong had traversed the Outer Domain before her reincarnation. By now, that must have been billions of years ago. It's possible those Otherworldly beings had either left the Outer Domain or were all extinct.

Standing atop the palace of the Feihong Immortal Boat, Lu Chen gazed out at the endless wilderness. At this time, Empress Tianhong stood by his side as well.

Lu Chen opened his mouth and said, "There really isn't a single person. I didn't expect the Outer Domain to be so desolate. I wonder what happened in the Outer Domain after you left, such that no Otherworldly beings are to be found."

Empress Tianhong replied, "You could ask those Great Emperors who have been to the Outer Domain."

After all, she had reincarnated, and who knows how many years have passed during this cycle, but within Lu Chen's fleet, some Great Emperors had visited the Outer Domain within the last ten thousand years, making their understanding more current.

Lu Chen replied, "I've already asked them. They also don't know why the Outer Domain has become so barren."

When Lu Chen's clone explored the Outer Domain, he never encountered anyone, so he quickly gathered those Great Emperors who had been there and asked about the Outer Domain. However, the current Outer Domain bore no resemblance to their memories of it.

Back then, when they came to the Outer Domain, they had to be on constant guard against Otherworldly beings, fearing for their lives should they encounter one. But now, after being in the Outer Domain for so long, not only Otherworldly beings but even none from their own universe's Great Emperors were seen. This was not the Outer Domain they remembered.

Clearly, some changes had occurred in the Outer Domain, leading to its current desolate state.

Lu Chen was at a loss, thinking that if he couldn't find any Otherworldly beings, he wouldn't be able to understand the world from which they came, making this trip in vain?

As Lu Chen pondered whether to return, suddenly, he sensed countless Great Emperor auras rapidly approaching their location through his Divine Sense.

Lu Chen furrowed his brow. Empress Tianhong noticed it too and coldly remarked, "You were just complaining about not encountering anyone, and now people are here."

Lu Chen chuckled and said, "It's just that there are a bit too many of them."

The aura of these Great Emperors was very close to theirs, indicating they belonged to the same universe. But for so many Great Emperors to appear at once and approach so rapidly suggested they were likely not here with good intentions.

Without any hesitation, Lu Chen sent a mental message to the fleet's Great Emperors, "Enemies are approaching, prepare for battle!"

As Lu Chen's voice fell, the Holy Tier Star Destroyer ships fully activated their arrays, entering attack mode.

Meanwhile, the four major forces in the distance also noticed that the Daxia Dynasty's fleet had prepared for an attack. Their Immortal Boats spread out in a line, with all of their attack formations also fully unleashed.

However, in the Outer Domain, most of the time, the outcome isn't determined by whose Immortal Boat is superior, but by the individual strength of the Great Emperors, with the attack formations on the Immortal Boats mainly serving to deplete the enemy.

Though the attack formations on the Immortal Boats played a decisive role in victory, they were particularly crucial for depleting the strength of the Great Emperors.

The Spiritual Energy in the Outer Domain was extremely scarce, making it difficult to restore strength. If too much Spiritual Power was expended, facing multiple Great Emperor attacks could mean doom, even for a Ninth Layer Great Emperor.

At this moment, all of the Immortal Boats from the four major forces halted, and Xuan Tian stood atop the Heavenly Mechanism Hall, gazing directly at Lu Chen from a light-year away.

This was Lu Chen's first time seeing Xuan Tian, and at his first glimpse, he felt a strong sense of crisis from within, keenly sensing the Origin Power emanating from Xuan Tian.

The Origin Power on Xuan Tian was identical to the one that formed a giant palm over the Daxia Dynasty, suggesting that it was very likely Xuan Tian who had acted against the Daxia Dynasty.

Realizing this possibility, Lu Chen's face darkened instantly. If it truly was this Xuan Tian, then Xuan Tian's power undoubtedly exceeded his own. It was uncertain whether using the Spirit Gathering Array would be effective against Xuan Tian.

It seemed the forthcoming situation might prove troublesome.

Looking at Lu Chen, Xuan Tian said to the three beside him, including Emperor Shenwu, "Strike now. Once Lu Chen is dead, I can separate the Daxia Dynasty from this universe, and the threat posed by the Daxia Dynasty will vanish."

As Xuan Tian finished speaking, the Life-saving Empress issued a command to Yunhua Palace, and immediately, countless beams shot out from the Immortal Boat Array of Yunhua Palace, heading straight for the Daxia Dynasty's Outer Domain exploration fleet.

Seeing the enemy launch their attack, Lu Chen promptly ordered, "Attack with full force, don't hesitate to use the Star Destroyer ships."

The number of Great Emperors on the opposing side was immense, and today's engagement would certainly see many Star Destroyers getting destroyed. Before they were lost, they had to thoroughly weaken the enemy, using the Spirit Gathering Array as a final move once the enemy's power was sufficiently diminished.

Confronted with the formidable presence of Xuan Tian, Lu Chen dared not be presumptuous. He knew clearly that since obtaining the system, the strongest opponent he had faced was this Xuan Tian.

The moment Lu Chen gave the command, the Holy Tier Star Destroyers of the Daxia Dynasty commenced their attack, firing countless black beams from the Star Destroyers.

Chapter 1532: Everyone, the showtime is almost over

The magic fired by the Yunhua Palace Immortal Boat collided with the black light beam shot from the Holy Tier Star Destroyers of the Daxia Dynasty, instantly creating a violent explosion that left the Outer Domain continent scarred and ruptured.

However, the black light beam fired by the Holy Tier Star Destroyers was evidently more powerful, carrying the force of destruction, making the Yunhua Palace Immortal Boat completely vulnerable before the Holy Tier Star Destroyers.

Within moments, more than a dozen Yunhua Palace Immortal Boats were destroyed by the Daxia Dynasty's Star Destroyers, some Great Emperors tried to withstand the black light beams filled with destructive power, but ended up severely injured.

Seeing the power of the Holy Tier Star Destroyers, Xuan Tian's face turned dark. He never imagined that Lu Chen of this era could create such terrifying weapons.

If Lu Chen of this era were given more time to develop, who knows what terrifying weapons he might concoct that could potentially overthrow the universe.

Seeing the Yunhua Palace Immortal Boats continuously being destroyed, the Life-saving Empress grimly looked at the Emperor Shenwu and the Nirvana Master beside her, "What are you all waiting for?"

As the Life-saving Empress finished speaking, the Nirvana Master immediately issued orders for the Nirvana Holy Land Immortal Boats to likewise initiate an attack.

Compared to Yunhua Palace, the attack formations engraved on the Nirvana Holy Land Immortal Boats were far more powerful, and some magic hitting the Daxia Dynasty's Star Destroyers directly broke through the protective array of the Star Destroyers.

After all, the Nirvana Master is a survivor from the previous era, Nirvana Holy Land still has some heritage, seeing such power from the Nirvana Holy Land Immortal Boats, Xuan Tian's brow also slightly furrowed.

Unexpectedly, surviving remnants from the previous era could also research such powerful formations, it seems this era's tribulations need to be more thorough, not allowing those powerful holy lands to continue their legacy; otherwise, in the next era, who knows what they might create.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu was still observing Xuan Tian's reactions out of the corner of his eye; seeing Xuan Tian's furrowed brows, Emperor Shenwu immediately discerned part of Xuan Tian's thoughts.

The strength of the Daxia Dynasty is too great, causing Xuan Tian to feel threatened; similarly, the strength of Nirvana Holy Land was too overwhelming, making Xuan Tian somewhat uneasy.

In other words, as long as anyone's strength reaches a certain degree, Xuan Tian will consider them a threat.

At this point, it seems Xuan Tian has sensed Emperor Shenwu's gaze, he suddenly turned his head towards Emperor Shenwu, "Shenwu, why haven't you let the Shenyue Dynasty Immortal Boats attack yet?"

Emperor Shenwu didn't respond to Xuan Tian's question, and subsequently, he ordered the Shenyue Dynasty Immortal Boats to initiate their attack.

When the Shenyue Dynasty Immortal Boats joined the battlefield, the fighting became even more intense, with Immortal Boats exploding in the Outer Domain, engulfed in flames.

The Daxia Dynasty wasn't faring well either, with over a dozen Star Destroyers destroyed; however, Lu Chen had anticipated losses from the start, so these losses were still within his acceptable range.

Moreover, compared to the losses of the Daxia Dynasty, the Four Great Forces suffered much more severely; one after another, Immortal Boats exploded, and most importantly, the Great Emperors of the Four Great Forces were implicated, many were seriously injured in this first round of confrontation.

Even before the melee has begun, they are already severely wounded, when close combat ensues later, they will inevitably be at a disadvantage.

Seeing this scene, Xuan Tian reminded, "Everyone, the time for watching is about over; if we let the Daxia Dynasty's Immortal Boats continue bombing like this, our Great Emperors over here may all perish."

Xuan Tian's words were a reminder to Emperor Shenwu and the others, that the Nine Layers Realm Great Emperors needed to take to the field next.

Upon hearing Xuan Tian's reminder, the Life-saving Empress was the first to step forward; with this step, countless vines suddenly started growing from the land of the Outer Domain, rapidly expanding below the Daxia Dynasty's Star Destroyers and enveloping the nearby Star Destroyers.

Within moments, those Star Destroyers wrapped by the vines were directly shredded by the vines.

After the Life-saving Empress took action, Emperor Shenwu didn't hesitate as before, even though Xuan Tian would likely be his enemy in the end, Lu Chen also deserved to die.

Anyone who would prevent him from taking that step has to be eliminated.

And if he doesn't kill Lu Chen, perhaps he wouldn't know what Xuan Tian truly feared about Lu Chen; he needs answers from Lu Chen to effectively deal with Xuan Tian.

Emperor Shenwu's aura of blood scattered, making the whole battlefield turn blood-red.

In the next instant, Emperor Shenwu's body suddenly vanished; when he reappeared, he was already among the Starship fleet of the Daxia Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu gripped the Holy Demon Spear given by Xuan Tian, thrusting it out, releasing spear qi imbued with the power of slaughter from the spear tip and destroying all the Star Destroyers in that row of the Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen furrowed his brow slightly; this was the power of the Ninth Layer Realm Slaughter Emperor, it appeared he needed to use a Spirit Gathering Array to deal with Emperor Shenwu.

But using a Spirit Gathering Array now would be risky; who knows what methods Xuan Tian might still have, after all, Xuan Tian is the most fearsome enemy here.

After Emperor Shenwu took action, the Nirvana Master also didn't continue to wait; stepping forward and reappearing in front of the Feihong Immortal Boat.

The Nirvana Master's target was clear, aiming to kill Lu Chen.



Seeing the Nirvana Master heading straight for Lu Chen, Empress Tianhong immediately rushed up, directly blocking the Nirvana Master's path.

Empress Tianhong has been patient for a long time; today, she could finally engage with her full strength.

Feeling the power of slaughter emanating from Empress Tianhong, the Nirvana Master's brow only slightly furrowed, but he didn't back down at all.

Though the Slaughter Emperor was difficult to deal with, yet the current Slaughter Emperor before him was only at the Sixth Layer Realm, if this woman's realm were the same as Emperor Shenwu's, he might have hesitated slightly, but unfortunately, there was a gap of three layers between their realms.

The Nirvana Master shouted loudly, "Nirvana Fire!!!"

As he finished speaking, a blazing flame like a tide swept directly towards Empress Tianhong.

Yet, Empress Tianhong didn't dodge, directly mobilizing the power of slaughter within her to greet the coming blaze, upon the blood-red power of slaughter touching the Nirvana Fire from the Nirvana Master, an explosion occurred instantly, forcing both back under the impact, but they quickly steadied themselves.

Once the Nirvana Master regained balance, countless flying swords appeared above Empress Tianhong; while she held tight to the Emperor's Sword, stabbing towards the Nirvana Master.

The Emperor's Sword, enveloped by the strength of slaughter, transformed into a dragon and charged towards the Nirvana Master, feeling the threat from the dragon formed by the Emperor's Sword and the power of slaughter, the Nirvana Master had no intention of directly confronting it.

With a flash of his body, he attempted to evade Empress Tianhong's attack.

However, unexpectedly, as he swiftly teleported to another location, he discovered that the blood-red dragon was again rushing straight towards him as if it had locked onto his position.

### Chapter 1533: Why Can He Use Life Force?

The Nirvana Master sneered and said, "Since you insist on courting death, then I shall grant your wish."

After all, he is a Great Emperor who has survived from the previous era. Although the Power of Slaughter is indeed formidable, he possesses the power of Nirvana, which is no easy adversary either.

Since he has already been locked onto by the Power of Slaughter, he might as well confront it head-on. He wanted to see whether the Power of Slaughter was more domineering or if his Nirvana power was stronger.

Subsequently, the Nirvana Master once again mobilized the Nirvana power. With a mighty strike of his palm, a Phoenix evolved from the Nirvana power charged directly at the Blood Dragon.

At the moment of collision between the Blood Dragon and the Phoenix, the two forces of Dao exploded once again, though both parties were not in great condition this time.

Empress Tianhong and the Nirvana Master were both sent flying by the force generated from this explosion, and both sustained some injuries.

As Empress Tianhong felt the blood oozing from the corner of her mouth, she instantly seemed like a beast that sensed the smell of blood. In the next moment, the blood-colored Evil Qi around her became even denser, and the Power of Slaughter grew more turbulent, making her appear as if she had gone berserk.

Empress Tianhong slowly raised her hand, and the Emperor's Sword beside her continuously emitted sword cries. Next, countless Emperor's Swords manifested in the sky.

The Emperor's Sword's greatest function is to bear Empress Tianhong's Power of Slaughter. The more clones of the Emperor's Sword there are, the more ferocious Empress Tianhong's next attack will be.

The Nirvana Master also realized this; he mobilized the Nirvana power again, preparing to engage with Empress Tianhong once more. However, at this moment, the Life-saving Empress suddenly appeared beside the Nirvana Master.

Seeing the Life-saving Empress come to his aid, the Nirvana Master smiled slightly, then said, "Even if you are the Slaughter Emperor, you cannot withstand the attack of two Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors."

The Life-saving Empress glanced at Empress Tianhong and then said to the Nirvana Master, "I am surprised that an elder of a top force like you would show such tenderness, unable to be ruthless even against a Sixth Layer Realm Great Emperor, requiring my help."

The Nirvana Master chuckled and then said, "Now is not the time to talk about this. Hurry and get rid of her so that Lu Chen doesn't escape later."

The Life-saving Empress did not continue to tease the Nirvana Master. She lifted her hand and waved it, and a surge of enormous Life Force flowed into the Nirvana Master's body, instantly healing his injuries.

Feeling his injuries disappear, the Nirvana Master was momentarily stunned. Only then did he realize that the Life-saving Empress followed the Life Dao.

The Life-saving Empress is the best support. With her present, he could now fully unleash his attack without needing to be as cautious as before.

Immediately after, the Nirvana Master mobilized the full force of his Nirvana power. In an instant, a gigantic Law Manifestation appeared behind him.

The Nirvana Master continued to say to Empress Tianhong, "Allow me to experience your Power of Slaughter once again!"

Fire God Nine Heavens Seal!!!

The Law Manifestation of the Nirvana Master blasted out a palm, and a massive Square Seal appeared in the sky, burning with intense flames as if it would incinerate everything in contact.

This was the Nirvana Master's strongest move. Employing this technique would deplete a substantial amount of his Spiritual Power, but to conclude the battle quickly and eliminate Lu Chen, who was hiding behind this woman, he had to use it, considering the opponent was not a simple character either.

Ordinary magic would be ineffective against a Sixth Layer Realm Slaughter Emperor, but he did not believe Empress Tianhong could withstand this move.

Feeling the oppressive pressure brought by the large seal in the sky, Empress Tianhong slightly furrowed her brows. Undeniably, she indeed felt a threat to her life.

The Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor was indeed not easy to handle, especially those old-school Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors from top Holy Lands.

Just as Empress Tianhong was about to fully mobilize her Power of Slaughter for an all-out effort, she suddenly felt her body become incredibly light, and her previous injuries vanished in an instant.

Empress Tianhong immediately understood the situation. The opponent had a Great Emperor who wielded the power of life, and they also had one on their side who wielded the power of life.

Witnessing Empress Tianhong's recovery, the expression of the Nirvana Master became more solemn.

Isn't Lu Chen the Slaughter Emperor? How can he utilize the power of life?

The Life-saving Empress beside him also felt puzzled. When Lu Chen infused Empress Tianhong with Life Force, she sensed that surge as well.

She discovered that Lu Chen's Life Force was more potent and vibrant than hers.

A Great Emperor who corroborates the Dao with Slaughter, yet can command such pure Life Force, is unheard of. She's unsure how Lu Chen achieved this.

The Nirvana Master, coming to his senses, said, "So what if they've recovered? They'll still be killed by me!"

As he spoke, the Nirvana power within him became more ferocious, and the large seal in the sky descended faster, growing larger, and sealing off the surrounding space. Empress Tianhong was utterly locked on, making it impossible to employ Instant Teleportation or Space Teleportation.

Gathering all her Power of Slaughter, Empress Tianhong coldly uttered a few words.

"Destructive Sword Technique!"

Next, all the Emperor's Swords floating in the sky turned black, and the aura they emitted transformed from red Evil Qi to black Evil Qi.

Just the sight of these Emperor's Swords emanating black Evil Qi would send shivers down one's spine.

The Emperor's Swords levitated in the sky like tombstones, seemingly presiding over the doom of all beings.

As the fiery Square Seal in the sky was about to reach Empress Tianhong, the Emperor's Swords radiating black Evil Qi converged into a single massive black Emperor's Sword and pierced upward towards the square seal in the sky.

With this strike, the massive black Emperor's Sword directly punctured through the seal. While the seal dissipated, the enormous Emperor's Sword remained, heading straight for the Nirvana Master.

Witnessing this scene, the Nirvana Master's expression changed drastically. He evidently did not expect Empress Tianhong to withstand his attack and even launch a counteroffensive.

The Nirvana Master quickly gathered Nirvana power to form a shield in front of him, but the black Emperor's Sword effortlessly pierced through it, shattering the shield.

In the next moment, the black Emperor's Sword pierced through the Nirvana Master's body, causing his Law Manifestation to collapse at this instant.

This...

Beside him, the Life-saving Empress was in disbelief. The Nirvana Master, at the Nine Layers of Realm, had been counter-killed by Empress Tianhong, who was of the Sixth Layer Realm?

Has the Slaughter Emperor grown this powerful?

No, if not even the Nirvana Master is a match for that woman, she definitely isn't either. This woman should be left to Emperor Shenwu or directly handled by Xuan Tian.

Just as the Nirvana Master was about to dissolve into stardust, he burst into laughter, "Indeed, I underestimated you, but if you think this can kill me, you are underestimating me too much."

Chapter 1534: Let You Witness the True Strength of the Great Sum Empire

After the Nirvana Master's body turned into starlight, in just the blink of an eye, his body was reformed by the power of Nirvana, and his Divine Soul was restored as well.

Seeing this scene, Lu Chen fell into deep thought. Could the power of Nirvana make someone immortal and indestructible?

If this were true, then wouldn't this Nirvana Master be exceptionally troublesome?

There shouldn't be immortal and indestructible beings in this universe, there must be some kind of limitation, right?

Perhaps just killing the Nirvana Master several times would be enough to finally kill him. As Lu Chen thought about waiting for Empress Tianhong to deal with the Nirvana Master, he noticed Empress Tianhong spitting a mouthful of fresh blood, the Power of Slaughter quickly returned to her body, and she staggered, about to fall.

This...

Lu Chen hurriedly rushed behind Empress Tianhong, stabilizing her body, then used the Life Force to help her recover a bit.

As he helped Empress Tianhong recover, Lu Chen checked her body and finally understood what was happening. The Destructive Sword Technique she just used harmed not only the enemy but also herself.

This is a sword technique where one injures the enemy by a thousand at the cost of eight hundred to oneself.

Lu Chen said speechlessly, "You'd better not use this swordsmanship in the future."

Although he was beside Empress Tianhong and could help her recover quickly, if one day he wasn't around and she used this technique, wouldn't she be left to die?

Lu Chen felt that in her past life, Empress Tianhong fell after using this technique.

Empress Tianhong said nothing, coldly gazing at the distant Nirvana Master. Even after using all her strength, she still couldn't kill the Nirvana Master. It seemed she wasn't able to deal with them further.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu also flashed to the Nirvana Master's side, along with two other Ninth Layer Great Emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty.

In an instant, they had five Ninth Layer Great Emperors on their side. In fact, there were not just five Ninth Layer Great Emperors from the Outer Domain, the Yunhua Palace also had a Ninth Layer Great Emperor, and other than the Nirvana Master, the Nirvana Holy Land had sent two more Ninth Layer Great Emperors.

The Nirvana Master considered that Lu Chen was likely the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor. Fearing Lu Chen had any special tactics, just like him, hard to deal with, he specially brought two extra Ninth Layer Great Emperors just in case.

Lu Chen glanced at the distant Emperor Shenwu and others. The situation was extremely unfavorable for the Daxia Dynasty.

The Daxia Dynasty did not have a single Ninth Layer Great Emperor, while the opponent's Ninth Layer Great Emperors were almost exceeding ten, and this was without counting the Tianji Pavilion.

The most important thing was that these Ninth Layer Great Emperors were not the hardest to deal with; the hardest was Xuan Tian, who hadn't made a move yet.

Emperor Shenwu looked at Lu Chen and said, "I never thought one day you would grow to the point where I have to unite with the top forces of the universe to deal with you."

Hearing this, Lu Chen chuckled, saying, "I fear you never considered this Emperor to be your offspring. In your eyes, this Emperor was just a vessel for reincarnation."

"Alright, let's skip the pleasantries. You may proceed."

Seeing Lu Chen so calm, Emperor Shenwu's three men didn't act immediately. They felt something was amiss.

With Daxia Dynasty having not even a single Ninth Layer Great Emperor, logically Lu Chen should have a trace of panic in such a situation, but he seemed indifferent.

This made people feel Lu Chen still had cards up his sleeve.

Life-saving Empress said, "If you have any cards, hurry and use them; don't blame us later for not giving you a chance."



Lu Chen smiled faintly and said, "Very well then, let me show you the real trump card of the Daxia Dynasty."

With these words, Lu Chen immediately transmitted to the emperors behind him, "Form the array!"

In a moment, all the emperors of the Daxia Dynasty gathered together, and before Emperor Shenwu and the others figured out Lu Chen's intentions, a Spirit Gathering Array appeared under Lu Chen's feet, making him the center of the entire array.

This...

Emperor Shenwu and his two men were taken aback.

A Spirit Gathering Array?

The Nirvana Master chuckled, "It seems you've reached an impasse, even resorting to a Spirit Gathering Array. But even if we don't move, how long can your Spirit Gathering Array last?"

The Spirit Gathering Array gathers all the Power of Dao; with Lu Chen's Fifth Layer Realm body, it wouldn't take a quarter of an hour for his body to be exploded by this force. This move was all right to scare ordinary emperors.

These Ninth Layer Great Emperors have seen everything; a Spirit Gathering Array before them was a joke.

They all disdained to take the initiative, intending to wait for Lu Chen's body to be exploded by this force.

However, the anticipated event did not occur. They soon sensed something wrong, as Lu Chen became the center of the Spirit Gathering Array, various Power of Dao gathered into his body, and Lu Chen's strength rapidly increased to that of a Ninth Layer Great Emperor.

Not only that, Lu Chen's power continued to climb, and the pressure he released made even the Ninth Layer Great Emperors like Emperor Shenwu feel uncomfortable.

The Nirvana Master scowled, "Something's wrong. Why hasn't he exploded yet!"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "This is the surprise I prepared for you all; I hope you like it."

With those words, Lu Chen drew the Shattering God Sword from the System Space.

As the Shattering God Sword appeared in the Outer Domain, a terrifying Immortal Artifact aura descended.

Xuan Tian's face turned pale, and cold sweat began to flow involuntarily from the foreheads of Emperor Shenwu and his Ninth Layer Great Emperors.

What level of weapon is this?

How could there be such a terrifying pressure?

Just a weapon was enough to immobilize them; was this Lu Chen's true trump card?

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu suddenly understood why even someone as powerful as Xuan Tian feared Lu Chen and sent them to deal with him; it turned out Lu Chen had such a terrifying weapon.

After the initial fear, Emperor Shenwu's emotions quickly changed, his gaze turning greedy.

If he could kill Lu Chen and obtain the weapon in his hand, could he not defeat Xuan Tian?

Xuan Tian didn't dare to appear now; he was most likely afraid of this weapon.

Thinking of this, Emperor Shenwu didn't hesitate, directly wielding the Holy Demon Spear.

Then, the Bloodline Power around Emperor Shenwu erupted, and the surrounding space twisted continuously.

In an instant, their location became a sea of blood and corpse hills. Feeling the pressure from Lu Chen, Emperor Shenwu knew he had to use his full strength, so he directly unleashed the Slaughter Domain.

Chapter 1535: Can a human achieve this?

Seeing Emperor Shenwu daring to reveal his weapon after feeling the pressure released by himself, Lu Chen smiled faintly, realizing today he must become a rebellious son.

Emperor Shenwu is, after all, his father in this life, but unfortunately, this father never regarded him as a person from the beginning.

Lu Chen didn't dwell on these matters; since Emperor Shenwu decided to strike him, he couldn't be blamed.

Here, there are no father and son, only enemies.

Lu Chen gripped the Shattering God Sword tightly, infusing all the Power of Dao into it. The sword instantly emitted a seven-colored radiance.

Seeing Lu Chen actually fused all the Power of Dao, the Great Emperors of the four forces present were shocked into silence.

Nirvana Master widened his eyes like a cow, staring straight at the seven-colored power emanating from Lu Chen, murmuring, "How... can this be..."

The Life-saving Empress was even more stunned into speechlessness by the scene before her.

At this moment, everyone was staring intently at Lu Chen, and Emperor Shenwu's expression became extremely serious.

They had never heard of anyone who could manipulate all the Power of Dao without internal conflict.

Is this something a person can do?

A Great Emperor can prove only one path, how could they master other paths' power? Of course, if survivors from a previous era exist because they had proven other paths, they might control an additional type of power.

But such mastery is very weak, not as freely manipulable as the power of the path they proved.

Yet Lu Chen not only mastered one path's power, observing his ease, his control over these powers reached the level a Great Emperor has over their own path.

It's as if when Lu Chen proved his path, he proved all of the paths, allowing this harmony without conflict within his body.

But how could someone in this universe prove all the paths? Is this something the Cosmic Law allows?

This moment, Xuan Tian was staring intently at Lu Chen, with Origin Power spilling from him uncontrollably, causing space around him to distort increasingly.

Xuan Tian never expected Lu Chen to reach this point in this life. If not quickly extinguished, he might really overturn the sky.

Emperor Shenwu hesitated for a moment, then quickly came to his senses; given the current situation, no matter how strong Lu Chen was, he had to act.

He could feel the threat from Lu Chen's sword; if he didn't act, the one who would die was him.

Emperor Shenwu immediately opened the entire Slaughter Domain, trying to suppress Lu Chen's power, preventing him from exerting his full strength.

But Lu Chen had already merged all the Power of Dao, including the Power of Slaughter; Emperor Shenwu's Slaughter Domain had no effect on him.

Ignoring its effectiveness, Emperor Shenwu directly mobilized all his Power of Slaughter.

Purgatory Fire Lotus!!!

In the next moment, countless burning lotuses appeared in the Slaughter Domain, emitting strong blood energy, corroding anything touched with rapid speed.

Soon after, all these lotuses flew towards Lu Chen, who gripped the Shattering God Sword tightly and slashed once.

This slash didn't utilize any swordsmanship, with no embellishments, just purely Sword Qi.

Yet the Sword Qi, containing various Power of Dao, instantly destroyed all the fire lotuses upon contact.

Seeing Lu Chen effortlessly break his magic, Emperor Shenwu's face darkened. He knew his Slaughter Domain might not suppress Lu Chen's strength, but didn't expect Lu Chen, after using the Spirit Gathering Array, had become this powerful.

Such an ordinary slash could actually block his Heaven Rank magic.

Emperor Shenwu couldn't help but grip his Holy Demon Spear tighter in that moment.

It seemed he could only use that move.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu said to the Life-saving Empress and Nirvana Master: “How long do you two plan to just watch?”

Hearing Emperor Shenwu’s voice, the two finally came to their senses, and Nirvana Master immediately acted.

His Law Manifestation appeared behind him, the golden apparition holding a massive sword, Nirvana Master shouted, “Fire Phoenix Nirvana Slash!!!”

Then a flaming yellow Sword Qi sliced towards Lu Chen, transforming increasingly into a burning phoenix as it neared his body.

Lu Chen still gently lifted the Shattering God Sword, a swing, and similarly, a Sword Qi containing various Power of Dao instantly broke Nirvana Master’s magic.

Seeing this, the Life-saving Empress felt a deep despair she had never anticipated provoking such a terrifying existence.

Looking at Emperor Shenwu and the others in the distance, Lu Chen smiled as he said, “Whatever means you have left, go ahead and use them. Next, it will be my turn to strike.”

Upon hearing this, Great Emperors of the four forces at the Ninth Layer of Realm also struck one after another, but all ended the same. Lu Chen could easily deflect them.

Suddenly, Nirvana Master remembered something and shouted loudly, “Lu Chen’s power comes from those Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty; if we destroy the Spirit Gathering Array, the power he gains will vanish immediately.”

Hearing Nirvana Master’s words, everyone realized, yes, they need not deal with Lu Chen now. Lu Chen had nearly reached the Heavenly Emperor’s level, perhaps almost identical.

They couldn’t hurt Lu Chen, but couldn’t they hurt those Great Emperors behind him?

The Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty gave their power to Lu Chen, so now is when they are most vulnerable, they could be slain without much effort.

Thinking of this, the Great Emperors from the four forces aimed at the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty behind Lu Chen, wanting to destroy the Spirit Gathering Array and deprive Lu Chen of his power.

Realizing the thoughts of the four forces, Lu Chen still smiled. He had long predicted they would use such a tactic.

However, the Spirit Gathering Array wasn't so easily broken. As long as he, as the formation's center, released power to protect those Great Emperors, no one from the four forces could touch the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen immediately released Origin Power, forming a massive barrier that enveloped all the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty. Although the Origin Power within him was scarce, it was enough for short-term protection.

Feeling the Origin Power emanating from Lu Chen, Emperor Shenwu could no longer stand.

Why can both, one and the other, utilize Origin Power?

Xuan Tian can use Origin Power, and now even Lu Chen can call upon Origin Power?

Xuan Tian is a hidden Heavenly Emperor, so let's put that aside. But Lu Chen isn't the Heavenly Emperor; where did his Origin Power come from?

Is the Heavenly Dao of this universe so unfair!

He persisted on the Slaughter Path, only barely sensing a trace of Origin Power, yet Lu Chen, his own son, can directly invoke Origin Power.

Chapter 1536: In This Life, You've Actually Grown to This Extent

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu's heart was filled with immense anger, anger towards the Heavenly Dao. If he had only discovered that Xuan Tian alone could harness the Origin Power, he might have reluctantly accepted it, but Lu Chen, who relied on the Spirit Gathering Array to enhance his power, could also control the Origin Power.

Lu Chen was not the Heavenly Emperor, so how could he control the Origin Power? Does this mean that the Heavenly Dao has already silently acknowledged Lu Chen as the Heavenly Emperor?

The thought of his own son taking that step before him ignited a wild rage within Emperor Shenwu.

At this time, the blood-colored Evil Qi surrounding Emperor Shenwu gradually turned black, becoming increasingly eerie, and the surrounding space began to distort.

The Life-saving Empress sensed something was wrong with Emperor Shenwu. She urgently infused Life Force into him and took out the Magic Treasure, the Awakening Bell, in an attempt to stabilize his mind.

“Emperor Shenwu, wake up immediately!”

The voice of the Life-saving Empress directly entered Emperor Shenwu's mind. After hearing her voice, Emperor Shenwu's eyes suddenly regained clarity.

Emperor Shenwu frowned, looking down at his body, seeing the black Evil Qi emanating from it, and felt extremely puzzled.

What's going on?

Why did he have a Qi deviation at this time?

Just moments ago, he suddenly felt that the universe was unfair to him. Lu Chen could harness the Origin Power while he, who had practiced the Slaughter Path his whole life, could not take that step. Such a Heavenly Dao should be destroyed.



Then he gradually lost consciousness. He vaguely perceived a power he had never encountered before—a power immensely attractive to him, as if acquiring it would instantly make him the Heavenly Emperor.

Upon regaining clarity, Emperor Shenwu instantly understood what had happened. Someone was manipulating him, influencing his mind.

Although he did feel that the Heavenly Dao was unfair, it was not enough to cause a Qi deviation under such circumstances. It was evident someone had used something to amplify the negative emotions within him.

At this time, Lu Chen did not initiate an attack. Upon seeing the black Evil Qi emanating from Emperor Shenwu, he suddenly thought of the Heavenly Demon birthed in Chu Yuqin's sub-universe, and he also clearly sensed a trace of the Heavenly Demon Power.

If it weren't for the Life-saving Empress using the Awakening Bell, perhaps Emperor Shenwu would have already transformed into a Heavenly Demon.

Lu Chen was puzzled. Although he already knew that the world's Heavenly Demons might be transformed from cultivators, under what circumstances could a cultivator transform into a Heavenly Demon?

The last time, he saw the Great Emperor of Qingyue Holy Land transform into a Heavenly Demon in the Abyss. This time, Emperor Shenwu almost transformed into a Heavenly Demon without doing anything.

What mechanism lies behind cultivators transforming into Heavenly Demons?

After regaining consciousness, Emperor Shenwu tightly gripped the Holy Demon Spear, and then he activated the Power of Slaughter across his body. While preparing to attack again, he said to the Nirvana Master, the Life-saving Empress, and the other Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer Realm, "I will find a way to break open that Barrier; once it's broken, act immediately."

Emperor Shenwu did not believe he was completely powerless against the Origin Power, even though the Origin Power was the universe's supreme power. But since Lu Chen was not the Heavenly Emperor, he likely couldn't control large amounts of it.

The power, although strong, still requires someone to control it.

In the next moment, Emperor Shenwu's body slowly ascended into the air, and a shirtless Golden Body Dharma Form appeared behind him, standing with tremendous solemnity. Its muscles bulged, exuding a blood-red Power of Slaughter, making it appear extremely fierce.

Emperor Shenwu, gripping the Holy Demon Spear, pointed at Lu Chen in the distance and said, "Let's see if you can withstand this spear of mine next!"

In the next moment, the Power of Slaughter on Emperor Shenwu surged wildly, converging towards the Holy Demon Spear.

Once the Power of Slaughter gathered to a certain extent, Emperor Shenwu thrust the spear.

Blood Slaughter God Slaying Spear!!!

With that thrust, a massive spear appeared in the sky, heading straight towards Lu Chen.

Lu Chen also felt the threat of this Magic and raised the Shattering God Sword in his hand, intending to use the Blood Soul Slash. However, the next moment, the massive spear in the sky suddenly vanished, as if nothing had happened.

Lu Chen frowned. Now possessing the power of the Heavenly Emperor, he could keenly sense the spatial fluctuations around him. They were now in Emperor Shenwu's Slaughter Domain; Emperor Shenwu could freely change the direction and location of the Magic attack.

In the next moment, that spear imbued with intense Power of Slaughter appeared behind Lu Chen. Upon detecting the spear's location, Lu Chen instantly understood Emperor Shenwu's intent.

Emperor Shenwu intended to destroy the Spirit Gathering Array and strip him of his power.

Lu Chen chuckled. Using such small tricks before him now wouldn't succeed so easily.

In the next moment, Lu Chen's body disappeared from the spot, reappearing before the spear, where he swung his sword.

Blood Soul Slash!!!

The Sword Qi, containing an even more immense Power of Slaughter, was unleashed, directly nullifying Emperor Shenwu's Magic.

Seeing Lu Chen nullify his Magic, Emperor Shenwu's expression turned grim. Within his Slaughter Domain, Lu Chen could still freely use Space Teleportation.

It seemed the Slaughter Domain had no effect on Lu Chen.

This was troublesome. Lu Chen hadn't even initiated an attack yet. Once he did, none of them could withstand his Magic.

Emperor Shenwu immediately retracted the Slaughter Domain. He slightly turned his head, instantly looking at Xuan Tian on the Heavenly Mechanism Hall.

He wanted to know how long Xuan Tian planned to wait. They couldn't possibly be Lu Chen's match. Now, their only hope for a victory lay with Xuan Tian personally taking action.

Yet, Xuan Tian simply watched.

Emperor Shenwu stopped being polite and directly named, "Xuan Tian, how long do you plan to wait?"

Hearing his name mentioned, Xuan Tian seemed to come to, stepping forward, appearing in front of Lu Chen in the next moment.

Seeing Xuan Tian, Lu Chen felt a deep sense of crisis.

This Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion was incredibly strong!

So strong that perhaps even he couldn't contend presently.

Lu Chen tightly gripped the Shattering God Sword, preparing for a fight to the death.

Looking at Lu Chen, Xuan Tian remarked, "I never expected you to grow to this extent in this lifetime!"

Hearing Xuan Tian's words, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned.

His words sounded as if they had known each other in a previous life?

No, his words implied he had been observing him throughout lifetimes.

Lu Chen asked coldly, "Who are you?"

Xuan Tian ignored Lu Chen's question and looked at the Shattering God Sword in Lu Chen's hand.

"I have a question."

"Where did you obtain these Immortal Artifacts?"

Chapter 1537: Xuan Tian Ran Away

Xuan Tian was most puzzled by the origin of the two Immortal Artifacts on Lu Chen. When Lu Chen entered this universe, he had no Immortal Artifacts on him.

Moreover, Lu Chen had reincarnated over a hundred times, and in none of those lifetimes did he bring out any Immortal Artifacts.

Yet this time, he suddenly took out two Immortal Artifacts.

Lu Chen sneered and said, "You seem to know quite a bit about my affairs, and if that's the case, you should also know the origin of these two Immortal Artifacts."

Seeing that Lu Chen was unwilling to speak, Xuan Tian did not press further and said casually, "Forget it, I will soon find out what these two Immortal Artifacts are all about."

"Having reincarnated over a hundred lifetimes, there is not much Divine Soul Power left in you."

"Everything should come to an end."

With these words, Xuan Tian's body turned into starlight and directly dissipated.

Seeing Xuan Tian disappear, all the Great Emperors present were dumbfounded, especially the Great Emperors of the four great forces.

They came with Xuan Tian to besiege Lu Chen, yet Xuan Tian, the most formidable among them, did nothing but exchange a few words with Lu Chen, then fled?

What is Xuan Tian trying to convey?

With Xuan Tian gone, how could they possibly be a match for Lu Chen?

Lu Chen also felt perplexed, initially thinking Xuan Tian intended to make a move against him, feeling pressured. Yet after uttering a few cryptic remarks, Xuan Tian vanished.

However, from Xuan Tian's words, Lu Chen managed to extract some critical information.

It seemed likely that Xuan Tian was the mastermind behind his repeated reincarnations, and it was related to his Divine Soul Power, though he didn't understand why Xuan Tian would do this.

In conclusion, Xuan Tian was likely his greatest enemy.

But the question arose, if Xuan Tian wanted him dead, why did he flee instead?

Given Xuan Tian's ability to remotely target the Daxia Dynasty, his power was undoubtedly superior. Even if Lu Chen utilized the Spirit Gathering Array, he probably wouldn't be Xuan Tian's match, so why wouldn't Xuan Tian strike directly?

Could it be that he had other plans?

Forget it; now is not the time to ponder these things. Since Xuan Tian has fled, it's time to deal with the people present.

With this thought, Lu Chen immediately summoned the Power of Slaughter, and in the next moment, a golden Law Manifestation identical to him appeared behind him.

Lu Chen looked at Emperor Shenwu and others in the distance and said, "Since you have no other means, it's time for the Empire to make a move."

As he spoke, the Power of Slaughter on Lu Chen's body surged into the Shattering God Sword, and his Power of Slaughter was even fiercer than that of Emperor Shenwu. People trembled uncontrollably just seeing it from afar.

Even Emperor Shenwu, a Slaughter Emperor of the Ninth Layer Realm, felt his Power of Slaughter retreat upon sensing Lu Chen's unleashed Power of Slaughter.

The blood-colored aura on Emperor Shenwu dissipated, his expression turning grim. Despite all his calculations, he never anticipated Xuan Tian would flee at this moment.

He initially thought Lu Chen posed a great threat to Xuan Tian, thus Xuan Tian would find a way to eliminate Lu Chen. Yet, after uttering a few words, Xuan Tian vanished.

Could Xuan Tian be intending to have Lu Chen resolve them all first, then appear to deal with Lu Chen himself?

Considering this possibility, the Power of Slaughter on Emperor Shenwu became extremely agitated. He found himself growing increasingly irritable for no apparent reason today.

Emperor Shenwu quickly calmed himself, thinking, certainly something is affecting him.

At this point, Emperor Shenwu released his Divine Sense, scanning the surroundings but finding nothing affecting his mind.

He merely conducted a quick scan; now is not the time for such thoughts. Lu Chen was about to strike, and even with their combined might, they likely would not be a match for him.

The Nirvana Master then said, "Ladies and gentlemen, show your trump cards quickly, or you won't have the chance later."

For top forces like them, they certainly had some trump cards up their sleeves.

With the Nirvana Master's words, the emperors present unveiled their trump cards, yet Emperor Shenwu continued to clutch the Holy Demon Spear bestowed by Xuan Tian.

His trump card couldn't possibly be the Holy Demon Spear, but he hesitated over revealing his Magic Treasure, initially intended for use against Xuan Tian. Given the current scenario, if they couldn't survive the immediate threat, what point was there in saving Xuan Tian?

After contemplating for a moment, Emperor Shenwu eventually retrieved a Skeleton Staff from his Space Ring.

This staff was seized from Otherworldly entities in the Outer Domain years ago. Its grade was unknown, but by sacrificing some Divine Soul, the staff could wield substantial destructive power.

Though potent, the staff's biggest drawback was the requirement to burn Divine Soul for activation, highly valued by an emperor, hence Emperor Shenwu tested it once upon obtaining but never used it thereafter.

Upon seeing the staff in Emperor Shenwu's hand, Lu Chen felt a familiar aura emanate from it, although he couldn't recall when he had seen it.

Moreover, the staff gave him a sense of immense danger.

Lu Chen immediately stopped hesitating, channeling the Seven-colored Power formed of Dao powers. These powers, influenced by the Creation Dao, were controllable by Lu Chen without conflict while within him.

However, once released from Lu Chen's body and upon contact with other objects, they would instantly clash, producing huge destructive force greater than the Power of Slaughter's destruction.

Lu Chen gripped the Shattering God Sword and struck.

Blood Soul Slash!!!

A Sword Qi, infused with Seven-colored Power, swiftly targeted the emperors of the four great forces. Where the Sword Qi passed, space fractured, and an Abyss appeared in the sky, continually emitting black gases.

Witnessing this scene, Lu Chen frowned. He'd encountered the effects of these black gases outside the Daxia Dynasty, knowing they could transform emperors into Heavenly Demons.

Unforeseen, merely fracturing space had released these black gases.



Emperor Shenwu and others hadn't noticed these gases yet, nor understood the effects they might have on them.

The Nirvana Master now employed Nirvana Power, shouting, "Phoenix Feather Robe!!!"

While the Life-saving Empress cast a talisman paper upward, immediately conjuring a Qiankun Eight Diagram above her.

Qiankun Life-saving Talisman!!!

The Life-saving Empress and Nirvana Master's treasures were defensive, unlike Emperor Shenwu's.

Emperor Shenwu hurled the staff before him, igniting it with his Divine Soul Power, setting aflame the fire within the skeleton's eyes.

#### Chapter 1538: The Strange Black Air

At the moment when the Skeleton Staff in Emperor Shenwu's hand was lit up, a strange wave of power spread in all directions. When that power passed through Lu Chen's body, he couldn't help but shiver.

What kind of power is this?

Why does it feel even more terrifying than the Origin Power?

Just as Lu Chen was puzzled, the Sword Qi he had unleashed had already reached those Great Emperors. Some tried to escape but found that their bodies seemed fixed in place, unable to move, and could only face the incoming Sword Qi.

Soon, the Great Emperors who touched that Sword Qi turned into dust and vanished into the Outer Domain. When the Sword Qi came before the Life-saving Empress, her Qiankun Barrier surprisingly withstood it.

Similarly, the Nirvana Master's garment, blazing with flames, transformed into a Spirit Armor. When Lu Chen's Sword Qi struck the Spirit Armor, it couldn't penetrate at first.

Other Great Emperors of the Nine Layers of Realm also had their life-saving trump cards, and they barely blocked this sword strike.

Seeing this scene, Lu Chen was not very surprised. After all, these were the Great Emperors of top cosmic forces with life-saving cards; it was natural they couldn't be easily dealt with.

However, his first strike was merely a probing attack. The fact that these Great Emperors of the Nine Layers of Realm blocked the first sword alone had already consumed a lot of Spiritual Power, making it much more difficult to take the second sword.

Subsequently, Lu Chen mobilized the Seven-colored Power and then swung another sword. Like the last one, wherever the Sword Qi passed, space shattered inch by inch, and more Black Qi emerged.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu also fully activated the staff in his hand and shouted coldly.

Absolute Soul Devouring!

The next moment, countless Heavenly Demons were released from the staff, all of which were in the Emperor Realm.

Seeing that Emperor Shenwu actually summoned Heavenly Demons, everyone present was stunned. Nirvana Master and others never imagined that Emperor Shenwu could actually command Heavenly Demons.

Lu Chen also did not expect that Heavenly Demons could be manipulated by a cultivator.

Moreover, the Heavenly Demons summoned by Emperor Shenwu all had Emperor Realm levels, extremely powerful. Just by emerging from the staff, the rampant

Heavenly Demon Power made the cultivators present feel extremely uncomfortable, and their Spiritual Power couldn't circulate.

However, these Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons could not stir up much trouble in front of Lu Chen. Seeing these Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons, Lu Chen couldn't help but smile.

For him, dealing with Heavenly Demons was even easier than dealing with ordinary Great Emperors because his internal power inherently restrained them.

Lu Chen then swung another sword. This time he used none of the powers from other Great Emperors, but only his own Spiritual Power, making the strike appear far less powerful.

Yet when his Sword Qi touched those Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons, they instantly turned into dust and dissipated.

Seeing this, Emperor Shenwu's hand trembled slightly while holding the Absolute Soul-devouring Staff.

How is this possible?

Those were Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons, who should easily suppress cultivators across levels. With the Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons, facing a Heavenly Emperor shouldn't be problematic, especially since Lu Chen is not a true Heavenly Emperor; his abilities might only temporarily reach that level.

And from Lu Chen's demeanor, it seemed he did not even exert full force, casually annihilating these Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons.

In mere moments, all the advancing Emperor Realm Heavenly Demons vanished into the air. After the last Heavenly Demon summoned by the staff disappeared, Emperor Shenwu suffered backlash from the Absolute Soul-devouring Staff, spitting a mouthful of blood, and his arm holding the staff turned black instantly.

His body was covered with black fine lines, looking extremely horrifying.

Lu Chen said at this time, “It seems that these are all your trump cards. If so, then it’s time to end this.”

After his words dropped, Lu Chen once again mobilized the Seven-colored Power formed by all the Power of Dao, filling the sky of the Outer Domain with rainbow colors, as if a divine blessing had descended. Other Great Emperors in different places, upon seeing this scene, assumed a treasure was emerging and rushed in this direction.

As Lu Chen’s words fell, he unleashes a Blood Soul Slash again. Even before the sword was swung, signs of collapse appeared on the continent of the Outer Domain.

At this moment, the entire world trembled, and countless Black Qi spread into the Outer Domain from all directions. Some Great Emperors of the four great forces fell painfully to the ground and struggled upon encountering the Black Qi.

Meanwhile, the Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors of the four great forces also felt very uncomfortable contacting the Black Qi but could barely circulate their internal Spiritual Power to resist.

Nirvana Master said in panic, “What the hell is this? Why can it suppress my Nirvana Power?”

Nirvana Power is crucial for the Nirvana Master, as it allows him to rise from the dead instantly, even if the Divine Soul dissipates, as long as the Nirvana Power circulates.

However, the Black Qi emerging from the Space Rift could suppress Nirvana Power, preventing it from circulating. This means if he dies this time, he will indeed perish, which naturally terrifies the Nirvana Master.

Likewise, the Life-saving Empress also felt her internal Life Force was suppressed by this Black Qi. Her Life Force should dispel many adverse elements from the body, but it couldn’t affect this Black Qi at all.

In mere moments, some Great Emperors of the four great forces began to exhibit signs of demonic transformation, their bodies turning into black mist, and the Heavenly Demon Power thickening on them.

Lu Chen thought to himself, thank goodness the cultivators of the Daxia Dynasty have practiced cultivation techniques that can disperse Heavenly Demon Power. Otherwise, if the Daxia Dynasty's cultivators encountered this Black Qi, they might react similarly. Thinking this, Lu Chen glanced with his peripheral vision at those Great Emperors behind him.

The Black Qi spreading from the Space Rift directly penetrated the shield constructed from Origin Power, but it did not approach the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty. Even if some of the Black Qi touched them, it would quickly retreat as if afraid of something on those Great Emperors.

Lu Chen instantly understood what was happening. It appears that cultivating the Demon Burying Spell and Chaos Demon Slaying Technique even allows resistance against such eerie Black Qi.

But then again, why does his Clone lose contact with the Divine Soul upon entering the Abyss, even though the Clone has also cultivated Chaos Demon Slaying Technique? It should not be affected by this Black Qi.

Lu Chen pondered for a moment but did not dwell on the issue further.

Forget it, let's resolve the matter at hand first and then slowly explore what this Black Qi truly is.

Chapter 1539: You're Not a Beast Guard?

Lu Chen didn't waste any more time. He squinted slightly; his aura abruptly stagnated. Then he slowly raised the sword in his hand; the patterns on the sword's hilt seemed infused with vitality, emitting a faint yet chilling glow.

Immediately all following, he swiftly swung his arm, slashing out with a sword, sending a vast Sword Qi surging towards the Great Emperors of the four major forces in the distance.

The Sword Qi was like a galaxy pouring down from the heavens above, carrying an unmatched majesty. As it passed, the air was torn, producing piercing howls, and space shattered inch by inch.

The Great Emperors, affected by the black aura, had their bodies bound by invisible shackles, unable to move. Now confronted with the seven-colored Sword Qi surging like a tidal wave, a tinge of fear and despair flickered in their eyes. Their lips trembled slightly, but they couldn't even cry for help in time.

The Nirvana Master widened his eyes, veins popped on his forehead, and he shouted hoarsely: "No! I must not die here!!!" His voice was filled with reluctance and fear, but just as he spoke, his body scattered like dust blown by a fierce wind, leaving not even a trace.

At this moment, the Life-saving Empress's eyes flashed with hesitation and struggle, as if wishing to make one final stand. She opened her mouth, attempting to utter words of surrender, but Lu Chen's Sword Qi had already surged forth like a furious tide, making it impossible to retract.

In the next moment, the Sword Qi ruthlessly swept across the Life-saving Empress, her body instantly turned to dust, dissipating in the air as if she never existed.

Wherever the seven-colored Sword Qi passed, whether it was the Great Emperors of the Ninth Layers of Realm, all were swept away like fallen leaves in a storm, rendered powerless, turning to dust and becoming part of this desolate land of the Outer Domain.

Watching the Sword Qi approach Emperor Shenwu, he suddenly raised his head; his eyes had turned black, resembling two deep, bottomless pools. His entire being emitted a thick black aura, as if he had crawled from the depths of hell, appearing as if he had completely become a Heavenly Demon.

Lu Chen indeed felt the Heavenly Demon Power from Emperor Shenwu's body. But he keenly sensed a flicker of original consciousness in Emperor Shenwu's eyes, like a candle flame in the darkness, weak but still present.

Emperor Shenwu suddenly raised the staff in his hand slowly. His movements were slow but carried a strange power. Then he laughed loudly at the sky of the Outer Domain, saying: “So that’s how it is, so that’s how it is!!! Hahahahaha!!!” His laughter contained madness and pride, reverberating through the silent space, sending chills down the spine.

“Heavenly Emperor! I am finally going to become the Heavenly Emperor!!!” As his words fell, a strange fluctuation of power was released from the staff. That power spread like ripples in the air, and suddenly, a black vortex appeared before Emperor Shenwu, its center emitting a strong suction force, seemingly able to swallow everything.

Before Lu Chen could respond, Emperor Shenwu’s body was sucked into the vortex, disappearing without a trace.

This sudden turn of events stunned Lu Chen. His brows furrowed tightly, and his eyes were filled with shock and confusion.

He had used power close to that of the Heavenly Emperor to seal the surrounding space; why could Emperor Shenwu still break through the space? This question lingered in his mind, leaving him utterly puzzled.

After Emperor Shenwu fled, the Great Emperors of the four major forces were swiftly dealt with by Lu Chen’s powerful Sword Qi; his one sword cleared the entire field.

However, after taking care of the people from the four major forces, Lu Chen could feel the power of those Great Emperors behind him almost completely depleted. Their aura had become weak and their faces somewhat pale, which inevitably made Lu Chen somewhat worried.

It seemed that even though the Spirit Gathering Array was effective, with his current rate of consumption, even a hundred Great Emperors combined weren’t enough for him to act a few times. It seems that he should avoid using power recklessly in the future; if it can be resolved in one go, it is best to do so.

Then Lu Chen withdrew the Spirit Gathering Array. His body lightly leaped, flying to a place near a Space Rift, then cautiously investigated the black aura. As his hand was about to touch the faintly scattered black aura in the air, the aura shied away like a frightened little beast, seemingly conscious.

Lu Chen clearly felt that these black auras were afraid of the Spiritual Power within his body, thus avoiding it.

With a thought, he directly activated the Spiritual Power within his body, enveloping a group of black aura, intending to investigate the composition of the aura, to see what it was.

However, as soon as his Spiritual Power touched the black aura in the air, the aura disintegrated like paper burned by fire, instantly preventing him from examining its composition.

At this moment, the Outer Domain continent suddenly shook violently, as if the whole world was about to collapse. The ground beneath his feet trembled intensely, and the distant mountains swayed, seeming to be on the brink of collapse.

Lu Chen hurriedly steadied himself. His figure slightly swayed in the air, then quickly adjusted his posture, flying into the sky, his gaze vigilant as he scanned his surroundings.

Suddenly, a Great Emperor shouted loudly: “Look over there, what is that thing!” His voice was tinged with a trace of panic, his finger trembling as he pointed to the distant sky.

As soon as this Great Emperor finished speaking, a massive black vortex suddenly appeared in the distant sky, and the vortex began rapidly expanding, growing to the size of a low-level world in the blink of an eye, as if it would consume the entire sky.

Immediately after, another Great Emperor said: “It seems something is about to emerge from that vortex!!!”

His voice was filled with shock and fear. Following his gaze, everyone saw faint flashes of light within the black vortex.

Lu Chen furrowed his brow, staring intently at the black vortex, a hint of seriousness flashed in his eyes; he had a premonition that the otherworldly figure mentioned by Empress Tianhong was about to appear.



In the next moment, a massive black palace slowly emerged from the vortex. Seeing the palace, everyone's expression turned grave. The palace emitted a formidable pressure, making it hard to breathe. The rank of this palace was likely no lower than that of the sword held by Emperor Xia.

Lu Chen instinctively tightened his grip on the Shattering God Sword, his fingers exerting slight force; the icy touch of the sword hilt made him more acutely aware of the crisis ahead.

He clearly felt that this palace was an Immortal Artifact; unexpectedly, there was someone else with an Immortal Artifact in this world besides him.

As the palace slowly emerged from the vortex, the black vortex gradually closed. Suddenly, a man's voice was heard: "So lively, is this a welcome for my arrival?" This voice carried a trace of frivolity and arrogance, unusually striking in the silent space of the Outer Domain.

Upon hearing these words, the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty looked at one another, their faces perplexed. Clearly, they did not understand the meaning of the words, which sounded like gibberish to them.

However, there was one person who understood; Lu Chen looked at the palace in the sky with surprise. Although he heard the words for the first time, his mind instinctively translated their meaning.

Lu Chen was confused as to why he could understand this person's words. With uncertainty filling his heart, he couldn't help but turn to look at the Great Emperors behind him and asked, "Did any of you understand what that person said?"

The Great Emperors all shook their heads, not one of them understood. Lu Chen then looked at Empress Tianhong, who replied expressionlessly, "A little." Her voice was cold and brief.

Just as Lu Chen was about to ask Empress Tianhong if this was the language of the otherworldly figure, a man dressed in luxurious white robes appeared in front of the palace. The man lowered his head, looking down at Lu Chen and the others with a touch of disdain and scrutiny in his eyes, as though he was gazing at a group of ants.

“Not even a Ninth Layer realm, has the Chaos Beast given up resisting?” The man’s voice carried a hint of sarcasm. Upon hearing the man’s words, Lu Chen basically determined this man was the otherworldly figure. He didn’t care if the man could understand him, he directly asked, “What do you mean by Chaos Beast?” His voice was filled with urgency and curiosity, wanting to unravel the truth behind it.

Seeing Lu Chen take the initiative to inquire, the man in the sky unexpectedly sported an incredulous expression, his eyes widening slightly, somewhat surprised.

Because he also understood what Lu Chen said. Previously, the Beast Guards he encountered couldn’t converse with him; they basically acted upon meeting. Even when those Beast Guards communicated among themselves, he couldn’t understand what they were saying.

Yet he unexpectedly understood what this person in front of him said.

Chu Zhengyu snapped back to reality, seriously scrutinizing Lu Chen. His gaze was like a sharp sword sweeping over Lu Chen, then tentatively asked, “You aren’t a Beast Guard?” His voice held a hint of uncertainty.

Lu Chen looked at the young man in white in the sky with a puzzled expression, “Beast Guard, what is that?” His eyes were full of confusion, clearly unfamiliar with the term.

Seeing Lu Chen knew nothing, Chu Zhengyu wondered why this person should be a Beast Guard; his power was sourced from the Chaos Beast, yet why could they communicate? It was inexplicable. Out of curiosity, Chu Zhengyu did not plan to act immediately, he continued asking, “Do you know who you are?”

Lu Chen replied, “Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty.” His voice carried a trace of pride, a symbol of his identity.

Chu Zhengyu was full of questions, Daxia Dynasty? What kind of power is that, never heard of it.

He frowned, seemingly contemplating something, then seemed to think of something, wait, could it be that these Beast Guards also have a country, and the Daxia Dynasty he referred to is the power this Beast Guard belongs to?

Chapter 1540: It seems you don't know what this place is.

Chu Zhengyu, after realizing something, tentatively asked, "I mean, do you know where you are?"

Lu Chen replied, "Isn't this the Outer Domain?"

Chu Zhengyu seemed to have thought of something, and then asked, "You mean, in your view, you have come to the Outer Domain?"

Lu Chen was dumbfounded by Chu Zhengyu's question. Aren't they in the Outer Domain now? The puzzled expression on Lu Chen's face was immediately captured by Chu Zhengyu.

Chu Zhengyu then muttered to himself, "This is interesting; it seems you don't know what place this is."

Chu Zhengyu directly said, "The place you are in is the tongue of a Chaos Beast."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen was completely stunned.

The tongue of a Chaos Beast?

This implies that they have actually been inside the belly of a Chaos Beast the entire time?

Although he had long felt that the universe's operational mode was somewhat akin to a living organism, he had never thought in this direction before.

If that's the case, then those otherworldly people came from outside the Chaos Beast?

Could his true identity be the same as these people?

Seeing Lu Chen's shocked look, Chu Zhengyu continued to say, "I never expected that there would be someone in the Beast Guard who can talk with me; it seems your identity is quite unusual."

Lu Chen snapped back to reality, and he looked up at Chu Zhengyu in the sky and said, "Do you think there's a possibility that I also come from the outside world?"

This...

Chu Zhengyu was taken aback by Lu Chen's words; he even doubted whether he had judged wrong. He instinctively checked Lu Chen's power again, and after a moment, he said, "You have quite a sense of humor, Beast Guard."

"Your power is the same as the Chaos Beast's; how could you come from the outside world."

Lu Chen said, "If I don't come from the outside, how could I understand what you're saying, or communicate with you?"

This...

Hearing Lu Chen say this, Chu Zhengyu suddenly thought it made a lot of sense, and he now recalled someone who had entered the Chaos Beast's stomach.

Chu Zhengyu tentatively asked, "If you're really from the outside world, do you know the Heavenly Girl of our Nine Heavens Institute? She's also inside the Chaos Beast's stomach."

Lu Chen was stunned.

The Heavenly Girl of Nine Heavens Institute?

Who is that?

He had never even heard of her.

But Lu Chen's mind quickly raced, thinking of the famous and powerful women in the universe, and soon he zeroed in on someone.

Then he said, "Are you talking about the Heavenly Mystery Maiden?"

Chu Zhengyu looked at Lu Chen with a strange expression; their Heavenly Girl indeed excelled at calculating heavenly mechanisms, but when did she get the nickname "Heavenly Mystery Maiden"? Does this person really know their Heavenly Girl?

Chu Zhengyu then tried to deceive Lu Chen by saying, "Alright, Beast Guard, stop pretending, as if you're trying to confuse me and then take action against me."

"I advise you not to waste time; just take action directly."

Without hesitation, Lu Chen revealed the Shattering God Sword, and the moment it appeared, Chu Zhengyu's expression froze.

A Low-Tier Immortal Artifact?

Though low-tier, it's still an Immortal Artifact, something only possible from the outside world.

Chu Zhengyu quickly realized, "It seems you're a lucky Beast Guard, able to pick up an Immortal Artifact dropped by our people."

Chu Zhengyu could sense that the person speaking with him was just a Fifth Layer Realm Great Emperor, merely a small fry.

Someone like that couldn't possibly defeat cultivators who have Low-Tier Immortal Artifacts, so this Immortal Artifact in his hand was most likely picked up.

Chu Zhengyu continued, "Unfortunately, even if you have obtained an Immortal Artifact, you cannot use it."

The power of a Beast Guard is the same as that of a Chaos Beast, and a Chaos Beast cannot stimulate an Immortal Artifact; it's common knowledge, so in Chu Zhengyu's view, even if the Immortal Artifact fell into the hands of a Beast Guard, it poses no threat to them.

However, Chu Zhengyu's worldview was soon overturned, as Lu Chen immediately activated the Shattering God Sword, and in the next moment, its overwhelming power rushed towards Chu Zhengyu.

With just a lift of his hand, Chu Zhengyu blocked the oppressive force of the Shattering God Sword, and both faces showed expressions of amazement.

Chu Zhengyu was amazed that Lu Chen could activate an Immortal Artifact, and Lu Chen was surprised that Chu Zhengyu could easily withstand the Shattering God Sword's oppressive force, which proved that the young man's strength might already have reached the Heavenly Emperor Realm.

Chu Zhengyu thought to himself, could this person in front of him really have come from the outside world? Only to be assimilated by the Chaos Beast after being inside it for too long, thus gaining the ability to use the Chaos Beast's power?

Lu Chen then said to the system, "System, identify the information of the person in front of me."

In the next moment, the system responded, "The host has no access permission."

Upon hearing the system's reply, Lu Chen thought that he indeed touched upon the highest secret of this universe.

He might really be from the outside world, just continuously reincarnating within it.

That Xuan Tian knew about his situation, so Xuan Tian is likely the mastermind causing his endless reincarnation.

At this moment, Chu Zhengyu said, "Even if you truly are a cultivator from the outside world, now that you've been assimilated by the Chaos Beast, becoming a Beast Guard, you're still my enemy."

As he spoke, the power of the Heavenly Emperor emanated from Chu Zhengyu, and a terrifying oppressive force descended upon the Outer Domain, causing all the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty to be pinned to the ground.

Lu Chen could barely withstand the pressure, but his body also bent down.

Lu Chen gritted his teeth, gripping the Shattering God Sword tightly in his hand.

"So strong!"

This was the second person he had ever encountered who could make him feel fear.

Chu Zhengyu continued to say, "This master is kind-hearted; I'll help you find peace!"

As he spoke, Chu Zhengyu began mobilizing immortal power, preparing to use magic to deal with Lu Chen and the others below.

The Beast Guard had to be eliminated; otherwise, he wouldn't be able to enter the Chaos Beast's stomach to find their Nine Heavens Institute's Heavenly Girl.

Although the Beast Guard looked non-threatening, once they were controlled by the will of the Chaos Beast, they would undoubtedly launch an attack on these outsiders.

Just as Chu Zhengyu was about to eliminate Lu Chen and the others, Lu Chen suddenly shouted, "Form the array!"

As he spoke, the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty exerted all their effort to channel the spiritual power within them, and in the next moment, they reestablished the Spirit Gathering Array.

With the emergence of the Spirit Gathering Array, all the oppressive force released by Chu Zhengyu was borne by Lu Chen, who stood at the core of the array. Lu Chen straightened his body, and behind him, the Law Manifestation slowly materialized.

Seeing that the combined power of these Beast Guards had reached his own level, Chu Zhengyu was astounded again. Although he'd been in the "Outer Domain" for some time, he had never encountered such formidable Beast Guards.

Could the power of these Beast Guards actually be combined to become stronger???

Chu Zhengyu suddenly felt pressured; ever since he came in, he hadn't encountered any strong opponents, it was essentially one-sided crushing.

Lu Chen, having gained power, didn't make a move immediately; he still wanted to know more about the outside world.