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Chapter 551: It's Time to Meet Him_1
Lu Chen left Chu Yuqin's room with a frown, looking extremely grave.
For some reason, he still felt as if a pair of eyes were watching him, Lu Chen was unsure if this was merely his own illusion.
This sensation had persisted for several days now, regardless of his actions, the feeling remained, even while bathing or at the privy, he sensed someone's gaze upon him.
Lu Chen couldn't help but wonder, could that woman be a pervert, watching even as he bathed and attended to nature's call?
At this moment, Lu Chen truly couldn't ascertain if that woman was indeed surveilling him; he'd inquired with Lin Wanyun, and Lin Wanyun said that the Mysterious Moon Palace had no new messages coming to the North Country.
In his heart, Lu Chen wondered, could he have guessed wrong, and the person observing him wasn't that woman but someone else?
Or was this all a figment of his imagination, from the start there wasn't any powerful being that had come to the North Country, and the pressure emanating from Xuanyuan Chaoge was due to a new understanding that led to the restrictions of heaven and earth?

Honestly, having been repressed for so many days, playing the role of a well-behaved man, Lu Chen felt he was nearly bursting.
Used to lavish meals, now abstaining for so many days, eating vegetarian dishes while delectable meats were placed before him, it was unbearable.
This couldn't go on any longer.
At that moment, Lu Chen thought, forget it, he should just endure a bit more, perhaps that woman had truly arrived, having held on for so many days, a few more wouldn't matter.
With this thought, Lu Chen once again returned to the Wind Cloud Court for breakfast and after finishing his meal, he headed to his study to attend to state affairs once more.
After Lu Chen went to the study, his wives and concubines gathered at the pavilion in the Wind Cloud Court.
At this moment, all the women's gazes turned towards Chu Yuqin.
Mu Zixuan initiated the conversation, "Chu, have you found out anything?"
Chu Yuqin sighed softly, then responded, "Chen'er said that Great Wu will launch a military campaign against the North Country in two months. He's under a lot of pressure lately and not in the mood for other matters."

Upon hearing this, the women were taken aback.
So a significant event was about to take place in the North Country, no wonder Lu Chen had been acting like a different person lately.
Great Wu's impending attack on the North Country was indeed a matter of great concern, and it was uncertain whether the North Country would be able to withstand it this time.
With this thought, worry colored the faces of the women.
At this point, Chu Yuqin, with a smile on her face, reassured the women, "You don't need to worry too much. If Chen'er is under too much pressure and needs to vent, and truly can't hold back anymore, he will surely turn to you all. He won't keep it all in."
"As for Great Wu's attack on the North Country, I believe the North Country's army can withstand the invaders. The North Country now is not the North City of a few years ago."
After hearing these words from Chu Yuqin, the women felt somewhat better. Indeed, the military strength of the North Country was now so formidable. Although Great Wu was a dynasty and had to guard against other dynasties around it, hence they can't possibly direct all their forces to attack the North Country. It was highly likely the North Country would withstand the siege.
At this very moment, atop a certain rooftop, a woman looked on emotionlessly at the events unfolding within the pavilion of the Wind Cloud Court.

Upon witnessing Lu Chen's wives and concubines living together harmoniously, the woman murmured to herself, "Being able to maintain such harmony in the Harem, the North Prince indeed has some skills, it's time to meet him."

She did not plan to stay in North Country for too long; she was simply there to ascertain what kind of man the North Prince was. After observing him for a few days, she formed a general impression of the North Prince and decided it was time to return.

As evening approached,

Dongfang Longyue visited Lu Chen's study, where she asked him about some issues concerning newspapers. Lu Chen explained everything to her meticulously and in detail.

In front of Lu Chen, Dongfang Longyue stood very close to him. After restraining himself for these past few days, he was finding it increasingly difficult to control himself. Right now, he really wanted to press Dongfang Longyue against the desk and engage in some joyful activities with her, but he couldn't.

At that moment, Lu Chen vaguely sensed that feeling of being watched growing stronger, as if the person who had been monitoring him all this time was right in the room, yet he could not detect the person's presence.

After explaining everything to Dongfang Longyue, Lu Chen took a deep breath, trying his best to control his restless emotions. Dongfang Longyue also noticed the change in Lu Chen's demeanor.

Being a member of the North Prince Mansion, she had heard about Lu Chen's recent strangeness. This time, Dongfang Longyue tentatively asked, "Prince, if you wish, I can..."

At this point, Dongfang Longyue's face grew hot with embarrassment. Thinking that she was one of Lu Chen's women, it was natural for her to serve Lu Chen. However, to take the initiative to suggest such things was still difficult for her. Discover what's next on m-vl-em,py-r
Seeing Dongfang Longyue's blush, Lu Chen immediately understood what she meant and quickly coughed, smiling as he said, "No need, if you don't have anything else, you may leave first. I still have some matters to attend to."
Seeing that Lu Chen had politely refused, Dongfang Longyue did not insist any further. She then said, "This concubine understands, I will take my leave."
As soon as these words were spoken, Dongfang Longyue turned and left the study.
After Dongfang Longyue had left the study, Lu Chen sighed. When would this kind of life come to an end? It was truly unbearable.
The person who had been observing him in secret for so many days should come out by now. Even if that person was not Chen Wanrong's master but someone else, after observing him for so many days, they should reveal themselves and their intentions.
Lu Chen massaged his temples.

Forget it, it's better not to think too much. He would hold out for another five days. If the person hiding in the shadows still did not appear, he would stop pretending and go back to doing whatever

he needed to do.

With this in mind, Lu Chen stood up, ready to return to Wind Cloud Court for dinner. But just as he reached the door, he suddenly felt an intense bone-chilling coldness engulf him.
It was then that Xuanyuan Chaoge's voice suddenly appeared in the study, "Your Highness, be careful!!!"
At that moment, Lu Chen whirled around, only to see Xuanyuan Chaoge already standing in front of him. As a Celestial, he had sensed a powerful presence in the Prince's Mansion and immediately rushed to the study.
Right now, seated on the chair where Lu Chen had just been, was a woman dressed in white. The woman was breathtakingly beautiful, with a cold air about her, and an Immortal Aura lingering around her.
Lu Chen only took one glance at the woman and felt as though he had fallen into an eternal icy cavern, his body seemingly frozen in place. Yet, within this cavern of millennia-old ice, appeared to be a field of white snow lotuses, extraordinarily beautiful.
Lu Chen was stunned for a moment.
He had long heard from Lin Wanyun that Chen Wanrong's master was a true fairy, extremely beautiful, but he had not expected this woman to be so stunning.
Her silver-white hair cascaded down to her waist, secured at the head with a jade hairpin in a bun, and her white gown clung tightly to her body, her skin as pure as snow.
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Upon the sudden appearance of the white-haired woman in the study, Lu Chen was stunned by her beauty. His mind went blank for a long time before he could react. After what seemed like an eternity, the woman's voice rang out and echoed within the study. "I have matters to discuss with your great King," she said. Her voice was clear, icy, and brooked no refusal, as if it had the power to penetrate one's mind directly. At that moment, Lu Chen came back to his senses and immediately used the system to identify the identity of the woman sitting on his chair. Although he had already guessed who the woman was, he still needed to go through the necessary steps, especially to see the woman's favorability towards him in case she meant him harm later on. [Name: Yun Xianxian] [Identity: Chen Wanrong and Chu Yue's master, the owner of Mysterious Moon Palace, an immortal from another world, aged three thousand years. She decided to come down from the mountain personally after learning that the North Prince had deflowered her disciple to see what kind of man he is and whether he is worthy of her disciple.] [Rating: 100]



Lu Chen quickly bowed and said, "I pay my respects to the elder. May I ask what brings you to the North Country this time?"
Upon hearing this, Yun Xianxian asked with curiosity, "Oh? It seems you have guessed who I am?"
Lu Chen replied, "I won't hide it from the elder. Rongrong sent someone to write me a letter, so I knew earlier that the elder would come. I just didn't expect the elder to suddenly appear in the Prince's Mansion."
Yun Xianxian chuckled coldly, "In such a short time, Rongrong has been completely enamored with you. You do have some skills."
Lu Chen said neither humbly nor arrogantly, "Rongrong and I are truly in love."
As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, Yun Xianxian's body released waves of cold air, chilling Lu Chen, a Grandmaster, to the bone.
"Hmph, truly in love?"
"A man who keeps so many wives and concubines in his harem actually claims to be truly in love with Rongrong?"
"Since you and Rongrong are truly in love, why don't you dismiss all your wives and concubines right now? I will agree to your relationship immediately."

Hearing this, Lu Chen immediately realized that Yun Xianxian was testing him.
This was not the time for him to agree to Yun Xianxian's conditions.
Lu Chen then said, "While I also deeply love Rongrong, those wives and concubines of mine are now my kin. I absolutely cannot abandon my own family. If I were to abandon my beloved ones just for Rongrong, wouldn't that make me a man of fickle loyalty? I believe Rongrong wouldn't like such a cold and heartless version of me either."
Yun Xianxian snorted coldly, and a piercing cold air released from her body, freezing Lu Chen's legs solid.
"What a joke. You claim to love Rongrong deeply, but you cannot bear to part with the beauties in your harem."
"It seems to me that all you care about is coveting Rongrong's body!"
Lu Chen continued to argue, "It is true that I desire Rongrong's body, but that does not mean I only like her for that. I like her in her entirety, everything she is, which naturally includes her body."
Yun Xianxian snorted, "Sweet talker."
Lu Chen then took the initiative to say, "Regardless, I will not give up on Rongrong. Even if the elder doesn't allow us to be together, one day I will take Rongrong away."

Hearing the firmness in Lu Chen's voice, Yun Xianxian laughed lightly, then said, "Take her away? You don't think that just because the North Country has a Celestial, you have the power to take someone from the Mysterious Moon Palace, do you?"
Lu Chen replied, "The North Country is still developing. Who can say for sure whether the North Country will not produce another Celestial in the future?"
Yun Xianxian said, "Enough, I won't waste more words with you. Let's set aside the matter of Rongrong for now."
"My visit to the North Country did originally focus on assessing your character. However, once I arrived in the North Country, I discovered some very interesting things. More than your character, I am now far more curious about your identity."
Hearing Yun Xianxian's words, Lu Chen felt a sudden pang in his heart. For some reason, he began to have a bad premonition. Chapter 553: No wonder the younger generation felt an unparalleled sense of kinship when they
saw the elder just now_2 His identity?
What identity does he have?
Isn't he just the son of the Sum Emperor, a Prince of the Great Sum? Besides that, what other identity could he possibly have?
At this time, Lu Chen asked in confusion, "Senior, what do you mean by that?"

Yun Xianxian sat askew in her chair, revealing her slender jade legs, and said lightly, "I came to the North Country a few days ago. After arriving, I visited all the places that one should go to."
"Whether it's the steam locomotive, or the firearms, or even the governance model of the North Country, all of these are proving one thing."
As she spoke, Yun Xianxian's purple pupils stared into Lu Chen's eyes. Feeling Yun Xianxian's intense gaze, Lu Chen suddenly felt a bit hollow inside, as if he had been seen through.
Lu Chen continued to ask, "Proving what?"
Yun Xianxian spoke indifferently, "Proving that you are not a person from this world."
At these words, Lu Chen felt a jolt in his heart.
For him, apart from possessing the system, transmigration was one of his biggest secrets, and unexpectedly, his identity had been seen through by someone else.
A look of shock appeared on Lu Chen's face. Although he tried hard to conceal his inner emotions, Yun Xianxian still saw through him.
Yun Xianxian said coldly, "You find it unbelievable, right? Why would someone in this world be able to discern your identity."

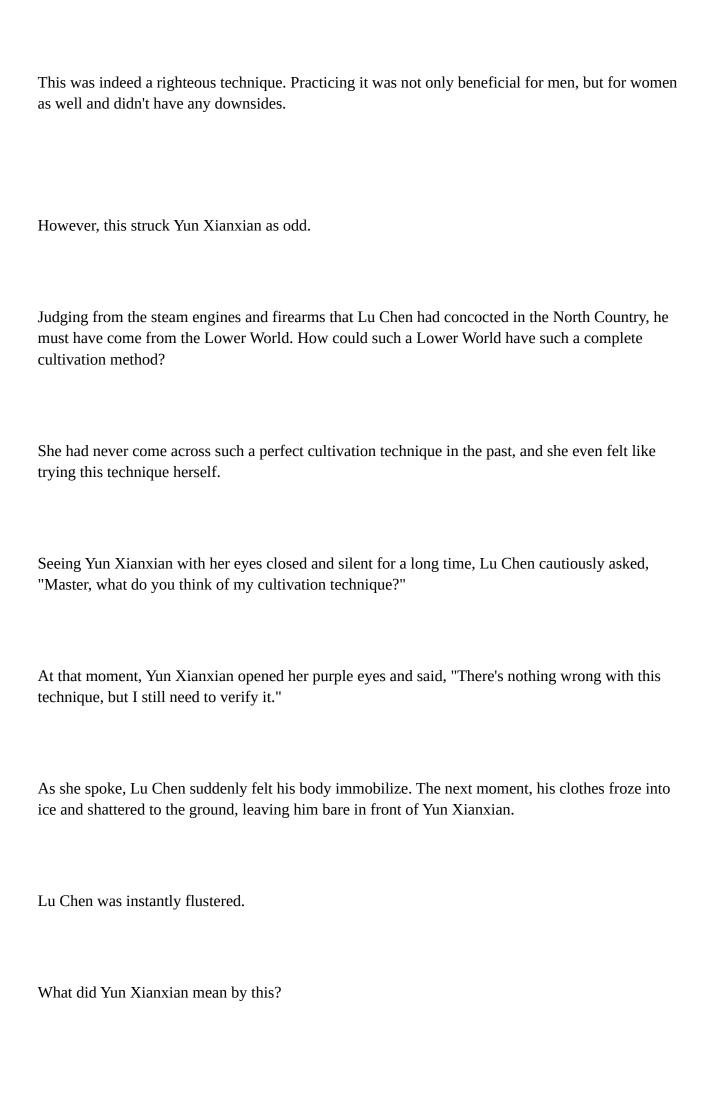
Lu Chen said, "I don't understand what Senior is talking about."
Seeing that Lu Chen wouldn't admit it, Yun Xianxian continued, "When I first heard Rongrong mention you, I thought you had received an Immortal's inheritance, that you had a fateful connection to the Immortals."
"But the moment I saw you, I didn't detect any trace of an Immortal's essence on you. If you had encountered an Immortal or received an Immortal's inheritance, you would inevitably have been imbued with some Immortal essence regardless."
"Therefore, I deduced that those things from the North Country weren't given to you by an Immortal, but are your own creations."
Lu Chen then asked, "Is Senior suspecting that I've used the Reincarnation method to take over this body?"
Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, a smile finally appeared on Yun Xianxian's frosty face.
"Reincarnation? You even know about that; it seems my guess is correct. After all, there are very few in this world who know about the art of Reincarnation."
"However, I don't think you came to this world by using Reincarnation. Your mother was my disciple. I realized that she carried a special mission with her from long ago, so when she descended from the mountain, I didn't stop her."

"Now it seems, the fact that you could arrive in this world must have been intentional on your mother's part. Although I don't know why you appeared in this world, I can be sure of one thing, your arrival is no accident, and it will certainly bring about earth-shattering changes to this world."
Hearing Yun Xianxian's words, Lu Chen's heart was even more shocked; he hadn't expected this woman to know so much.
Could she also guess the matter of him having a system?
Seeing Lu Chen fall silent, Yun Xianxian continued, "I am like you, also not from this world."
Lu Chen was taken aback once more.
Yun Xianxian is also a transmigrator?
Just as Lu Chen wanted to ask if Yun Xianxian also came from Earth, Yun Xianxian said, "I come from the Immortal Realm. I was accidentally sucked into a temporal maelstrom and fell to this world, trapped here unable to leave."
This
Lu Chen quickly realized that Yun Xianxian's situation and his own weren't the same at all. Yun Xianxian had physically traversed to this world, while he had come here in spirit.

After processing the information Yun Xianxian had revealed, Lu Chen tried to calm his emotions and then asked, "I am indeed not from this world, Senior. I simply went to sleep and then found myself here."
"I never expected that there are others like me in this world. No wonder I felt an inexplicable sense of kinship when I first saw Senior."
Hearing this, Yun Xianxian snorted coldly, then said, "Don't try to cozy up to me. Even though you're not from this world, judging by the things you've implemented in the North Country, I can tell that you're at best from a Lower World."
"Steam engines, firearms—these are all products of a Lower World."
Lu Chen was momentarily stunned.
This woman seems difficult to fool.
Yun Xianxian continued, "I won't delve into how you arrived in this world. Since you are Yue's child, I will give you an opportunity. Take me as your master and from now on obediently follow my instructions. Not only will I agree to let Rongrong marry you, but if I find a way to leave this world, I will also inform you at the earliest."
Hearing Yun Xianxian's words, Lu Chen felt surprised inside; he hadn't expected this woman to agree so easily to his union with Chen Wanrong. He thought he would have to go through some ordeals first.

Without a second thought, Lu Chen immediately said to Yun Xianxian, "Disciple Lu Chen greets the Master!"
Seeing how decisively Lu Chen accepted the offer, Yun Xianxian then said, "You are a smart man. I hope you will treat Rongrong well. If she suffers any grievances, don't blame me for being ruthless."
At this moment, Lu Chen asked, "Master, when will Rongrong be able to return to the North Country?"
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Yun Xianxian spoke coldly, "Rongrong is still the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace, and she won't leave the Mysterious Moon Palace easily. In the future, I will allow Rongrong a few days each year to come down the mountain and reunite with you. If you want to see her, you'll have to go to the Mysterious Moon Palace to find her."
This
This feels like the tale of the Cowherd and the Weaving Maid.
At this point, Yun Xianxian suddenly thought of the dual cultivation technique.
She then asked, "I've heard that you and Rongrong have cultivated the dual cultivation technique. Show me your dual cultivation technique. I need to verify whether this technique is an Evil Cultivation. If it is, you are forbidden from practicing it in the future."
Lu Chen was stunned. Why was Yun Xianxian interested in the dual cultivation technique?

However, left without a choice, Lu Chen ultimately decided to show Yun Xianxian the Dragon-Phenix Yin-Yang Spell. Since Yun Xianxian knew his biggest secret and, given her powerful skills, there was no need to make an enemy of her.
Furthermore, by gaining Yun Xianxian's favor, not only would he receive tremendous help in this world, but if he really could travel to other worlds in the future, he would also be able to learn about them through her.
At that moment, Lu Chen said to the system in his mind, "System, can I directly take out the cultivation technique to show someone else?"
[You can.]
The next moment, the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill condensed into a transparent crystal badge. With a thought, the crystal badge appeared in Lu Chen's hand.
Without a second word, Lu Chen handed the crystal badge to Yun Xianxian, "Master, this is the dual cultivation technique I have been practicing."
Yun Xianxian took the crystal badge from Lu Chen, then crushed it, and the essentials of the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill immediately entered her mind.
Yun Xianxian scrutinized every step of the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill seriously, and she soon made a judgment about the technique.

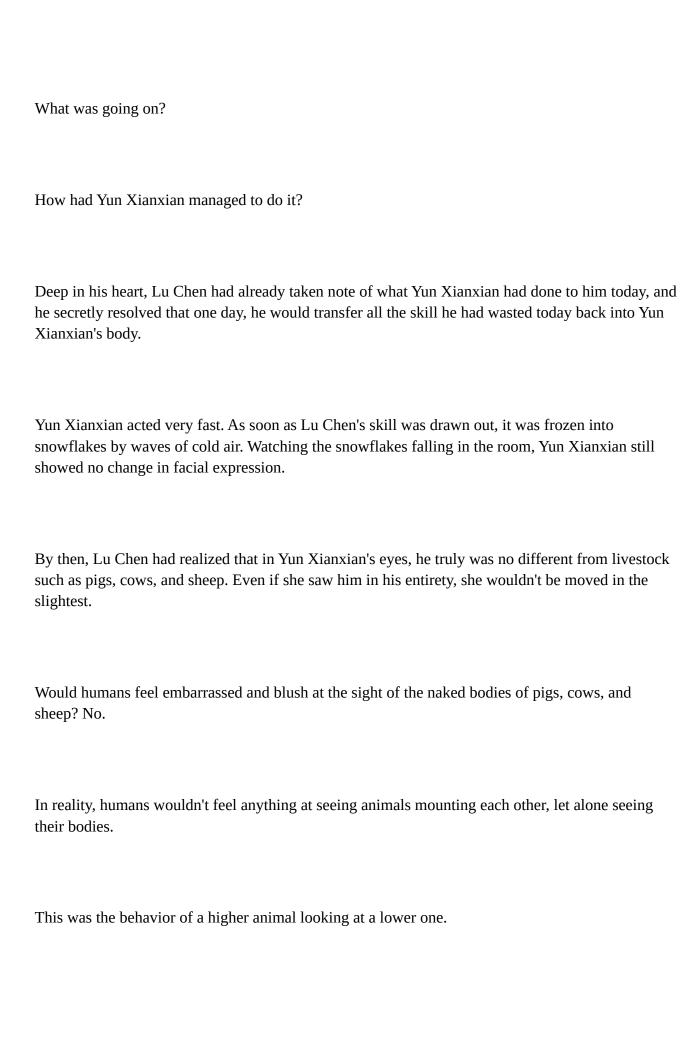




Although the voice persisted, Lu Chen was no fool. He was well aware that this was Yun Xianxian's doing.
What on earth did this woman want to do?
Could it be that she just wanted to see him make a fool of himself?
Yun Xianxian remained expressionless, and then she said, "Your technique still requires further examination by me."
Lu Chen's heart leapt—no, it was more a jolt of alarm—and he hastily said, "Master, what do you mean by this? Now that I have taken you as my master, and since Rongrong is my woman, how can you look at my body?"
Yun Xianxian said coldly, "To me, there's no difference between you and pigs, cattle, or sheep."
In the world of immortals, those high and mighty beings indeed view ordinary mortals much as they do livestock.
Feeling somewhat irate, Lu Chen knew, under some technique of Yun Xianxian's, that he was eager to overpower and fiercely discipline her, but he could only move one part of his body, as a powerful force had restrained his hands and feet.
Just as Lu Chen wondered if he was about to be 'violated' by this three-thousand-year-old fairy, he realized Yun Xianxian was still seated in her chair, unmoved, simply staring at his body.

Lu Chen was puzzled; wasn't she supposed to verify the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill? Why was she showing no signs of action when he was already prepared?
As Lu Chen grappled with confusion, suddenly a warm current entered his body, and the next moment, to his astonishment, he found that the skill inside him was flowing toward Yun Xianxian. Simultaneously, the Spiritual Power from Yun Xianxian's body was also flowing into his.
Ah, what
Their bodies hadn't even touched, so how did the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill activate on its own?
Lu Chen was puzzled. According to logic, this technique should only operate when he was in intimate contact with his wives, yet Yun Xianxian managed to effortlessly activate the technique from such a distance.
While Lu Chen remained baffled, Yun Xianxian murmured, "Just as I suspected, this technique is above the Heaven Rank."
As soon as Yun Xianxian's words fell, Lu Chen felt a tingling sensation rush up his spine to the crown of his head, causing his skill to uncontrollably surge within him. Chapter 555: What a Good Name for Wind Cloud Palace_1
At this moment, Lu Chen was feeling somewhat puzzled.
He and Yun Xianxian had done nothing, and they were several meters apart, but his internal skill

had burst forth.



At this moment, Yun Xianxian's gaze was one that regarded a lower animal. Perhaps in Yun Xianxian's eyes, immortals were higher beings, and humans were lower ones.
At that time, Lu Chen's face turned red with anger. He said resentfully, "Master, this Cultivation Technique is not supposed to be practiced like this, it requires bodily contact to cultivate properly."
Hearing this, Yun Xianxian snorted coldly, "What, do you want to engage in the act between men and women with me?"
Seeing Yun Xianxian's icy demeanor, Lu Chen truly wanted to press her down, but unfortunately, he wasn't strong enough yet.
Lu Chen thought furiously that this woman had better not fall into his hands, otherwise if she didn't bear him a hundred children in this lifetime, he would never let her off.
Lu Chen then asked, "Master, since you've already verified the Cultivation Technique, isn't it time you released your disciple?"
As Lu Chen finished speaking, Yun Xianxian paid no attention to him and continued maintaining the circulation of the Cultivation Technique between them.
Lu Chen was somewhat speechless. What did this woman mean? Hadn't she already verified the feasibility of the Cultivation Technique? Why wouldn't she let him go?
As time ticked away second by second, the more Lu Chen looked at the woman with silver-white

hair and purple pupils before him, the hotter his heart grew.

Yun Xianxian's snow-white skin, delicate collarbones, voluptuous figure, and tempting red lips constantly provoked Lu Chen's deepest desires, inflaming his passions to boundless extents.
Lu Chen thought to himself, this despicable woman, having seen all of him, wouldn't even let him touch her, using such contemptible means to incite his passions for her.
Lu Chen had almost figured out why Yun Xianxian could operate the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill. Although their bodies hadn't touched and were separated by several meters, Yun Xianxian had used some special method to amplify his innermost desires and captivated his heart.
Then they met the conditions for dual cultivation, and the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill was successfully operated. Still, Lu Chen was somewhat perplexed.
Logically speaking, the Cultivation Technique should only be effective if Yun Xianxian also had such thoughts towards him.
However, judging by Yun Xianxian's indifferent expression, although her favorability towards him had reached ninety, she harbored no romantic feelings for him.
If there were no romantic feelings, then why could this dual cultivation technique still be used between them?
Just as Lu Chen was puzzled, that same sensation of something rushing towards his crown chakra came again.

Lu Chen felt somewhat helpless, as he had become no different from Yun Xianxian's plaything.
So be it, he thought, if he had to suffer a bit of a loss, then he would. He definitely remembered today's humiliation anyway, and he would one day take his revenge.
Meanwhile, Yun Xianxian saw that Lu Chen still appeared very excited and furrowed her brows slightly.
What was going on?
Yun Xianxian was puzzled, but she didn't take it seriously. This was a good opportunity for her to restore some of her strength.
She realized that this dual cultivation technique was perfect; it restored her strength very quickly when she cultivated with Lu Chen, offering her only benefits and no drawbacks.
As for Lu Chen, he would not suffer any harm, at most he would expend some energy. Moreover, this would also be beneficial for Lu Chen. Although it would not help him Break through the Heavenly Human Realm, it could still help him further enhance his strength.
After an indeterminate amount of time, Lu Chen's consciousness grew blurry, and he felt as if he was engaging in the act between man and woman with Yun Xianxian, which, of course, was impossible. It was all an illusion.
However, illusion or not, the sensations were real. He didn't know what methods Yun Xianxian had used to give him the same feelings he'd only experienced during intimate moments with his wives and concubines.

The night grew deep, and the light was still on in the study, from where Lu Chen's voice could occasionally be heard.

Mu Zixuan and a group of Lu Chen's wives and concubines were waiting for him to return to the Wind Cloud Court for dinner, but Lu Chen did not come back. Mu Zixuan then decided to send a maid to hurry him along.

Soon, the maid returned with a crimson face. Seeing the maid's flushed complexion, everyone seemed to understand what had happened, and they finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Lu Chen had been abnormal for so many days, and they were all worried that the pressure inside him was too great, which could affect him and even lead to him becoming possessed by devils.

Fortunately, Lu Chen could no longer hold back. They guessed he was probably in the study clashing with that woman again.

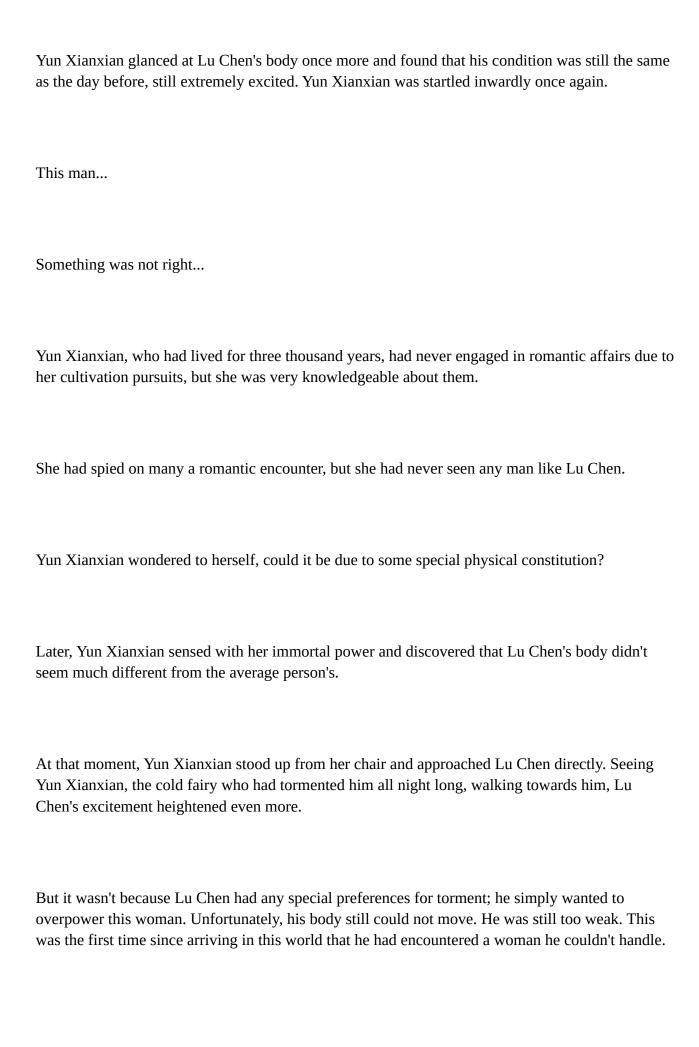
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Mu Zixuan and the others did not know that Lu Chen had been standing as a punishment all night long.

The next morning, when he saw the light outside the window, Lu Chen finally sobered up a bit. He was still extremely excited, his blood boiling within him.

At this moment, Yun Xianxian, who was sitting in meditation, suddenly opened her eyes. After a night of cultivation, her skill had recovered a great deal; so much so that she wouldn't even need to enter seclusion anymore.

This came as a very pleasant surprise to Yun Xianxian. She hadn't expected this disciple to be so useful—no, that wasn't quite right—it was the Cultivation Technique courtesy of this disciple that proved so beneficial.
She had previously planned to go into closed-door cultivation for fifty, a hundred, or even five hundred years, without any intention of coming out. Now, she had no need for it at all.
The lack of abundant Spiritual Energy in this world meant one had to enter prolonged seclusion to restore strength. Now that she had found an alternative, Yun Xianxian felt some joy in her heart.
Cultivation Techniques of the Heaven Rank are indeed useful.
This also confirmed one thing for Yun Xianxian: it was very likely that Lu Chen was not someone who had crossed over from the Lower World. Possessing such a flawless cultivation technique, he was likely from a world with complete rules.
Presently, Yun Xianxian had no intention of dwelling on who Lu Chen really was. After all, this man was now her disciple and was destined to be the companion of another disciple of hers. As his mentor, there should be no issue using his body to restore her strength, right?
By now, Lu Chen had also recovered a bit of consciousness. He spoke up, "Mentor, it's been a night. Shouldn't it be about time?"
Lu Chen was no fool. At this point, how could he not have understood Yun Xianxian's purpose? This woman was using him for cultivation—freeloading off his Cultivation Technique.



After walking up to Lu Chen, Yun Xianxian raised her delicate hand and touched his chest lightly, then, treating him like an animal, she felt here and peeked there.
After an indeterminate amount of time, Yun Xianxian considered that perhaps it was due to the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill that his physical condition remained so stable.
With this thought, Yun Xianxian decided not to waste more time. She then said, "Thanks to you, I've recovered the majority of my strength. You may make a request of me. As long as it's not excessive, I can grant it."
Lu Chen thought to himself that his request would be to devour her completely.
Of course, he couldn't actually say that. Lu Chen then responded, "Disciple hasn't decided yet. I will make my request once I have given it some thought, Mentor."
Yun Xianxian replied indifferently, "That's acceptable."
Just then, Lu Chen suddenly had an idea and said with a slight smile, "Mentor, since you have come to the North Country, why not stay a little longer? It would allow your disciple to properly honor you."
Yun Xianxian responded without expression, "There's no need. I cannot be away from the Mysterious Moon Palace for too long."
Lu Chen felt a pang of displeasure. This woman wanted to leave after draining him dry.

Lu Chen then said, "Mentor, I suspect my father, the emperor, is conspiring with Fixed Wind Mountain and Four Directions Mountain to harm the Mysterious Moon Palace."
Yun Xianxian replied without concern, "In the past, perhaps I would have been worried. But now that I've regained much of my strength, should they dare to act against the Mysterious Moon Palace, only destruction awaits them."
With that, Yun Xianxian scanned Lu Chen's body once more. Now, he did not feel even a shred of shame at being looked at—let it be.
He would consider it a display of his strength, showcasing his assets.
Yun Xianxian then said, "Your body is well-suited to this Cultivation Technique. However, I must remind you not to become addicted to the pleasures of the flesh. Once you succumb to it, you will find yourself unable to think of anything else, and it's very easy to be led astray."
"With just a little trick from me, you indulged in it all night, unable to extricate yourself. Fortunately, I did not desire your life. If it were someone with ulterior motives, you would probably be dead by now."
Though Lu Chen was inwardly unconvinced, he replied politely, "Disciple will heed Mentor's teachings."
Yun Xianxian declared, "Good. It's time for me to leave."

Just as Yun Xianxian was about to leave, something suddenly occurred to her. In the next moment, her hand held a blue pigeon.

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"This is a Spirit Dove. If you encounter any confusion in your cultivation in the future, you can write a letter and use the Spirit Dove to send a message to me,"

Lu Chen cast a glance at the dove in Yun Xianxian's hand, about to say something, when suddenly, Yun Xianxian's body disappeared on the spot, leaving only the blue dove behind.

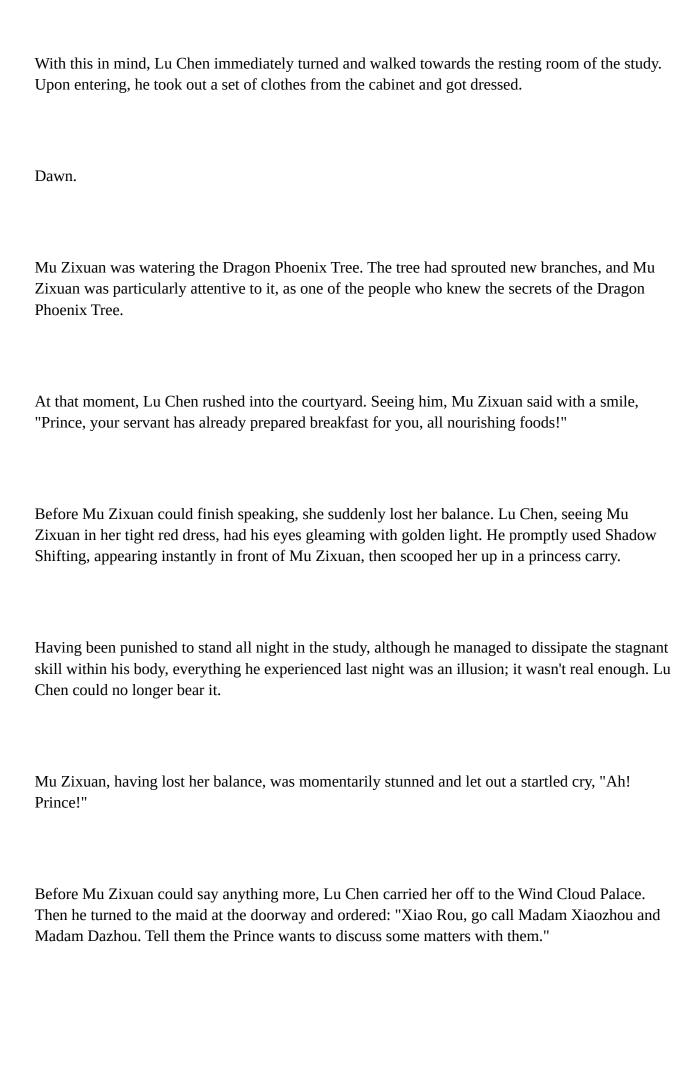
After Yun Xianxian vanished, the restriction on Lu Chen's body was lifted. He quickly bowed his head to check his body and, finding everything in order, he finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Looking at the Spirit Dove left behind by Yun Xianxian on the desk, Lu Chen felt a surge of anger in his belly. What he wanted to do most now was to kill this Spirit Dove and make soup out of it to vent his frustration.

Of course, he didn't actually do that. He glanced again at the white snowflakes on the ground, all of which had been frozen by the cold Spiritual Energy released by Yun Xianxian.

Lu Chen sighed. What an ordeal— he had been tormented by a woman all night long and ended up without even a kiss or an embrace.

Nevermind, in the end, he had passed the test of Yun Xianxian, not only could he freely indulge in mischief with the fairy Chen Wanrong, but he also gained the Mysterious Moon Palace as a backing. His status in this world was thus increasingly stable.

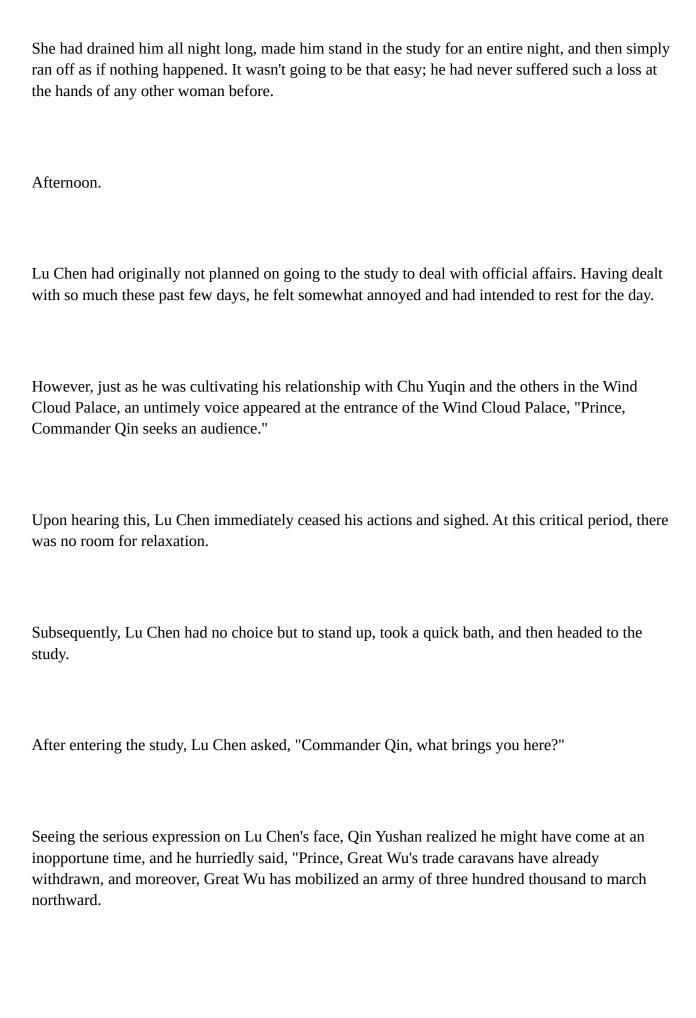


Without waiting for the maid to respond, Lu Chen entered the Wind Cloud Palace, tossing Mu Zixuan onto the soft large bed.
Mu Zixuan was still a bit dazed. She had just thought that Lu Chen, not having returned the previous night, must have spent a flirtatious night in the study.
But in the next moment, she became the prey of Lu Chen.
Mu Zixuan didn't think too much about it; after all, as Lu Chen's wife, it was her duty to attend to him.
However, she quickly realized something was amiss. Lu Chen seemed particularly fiery today, and she suspected that he might have been provoked in some way.
Fortunately, Zhou Youyou and Zhou Xiaoxiao arrived at the Wind Cloud Palace just in time.
In the mornings, Lu Chen's wives and concubines would usually gather in the Wind Cloud Court for conversation and tea.
Today was no exception.
When Chu Yuqin arrived at the Wind Cloud Court, she found Yelv Nanyan and the others sitting quietly in the pavilion without a word. Chu Qingli watched the Wind Cloud Palace with a strange look on her face.

Chu Yuqin walked into the pavilion and said, "What's going on here?"
At this point, Chu Yuqin noticed that Mu Zixuan, Zhou Youyou, and Zhou Xiaoxiao were all absent On any regular day, the two Zhous would be the first to arrive in the courtyard, as they were the most idle in the Prince's Mansion. All the other women in the mansion had tasks to a greater or lesser extent, but their main duty was to take care of the children.
Yet today, they hadn't shown up even though it was getting late.
Chu Yuqin continued, "Have Youyou and Xiaoxiao gone out? Why haven't I seen them?"
"Now is a critical time; it's best to take more people when going out."
Soon, Great Wu would declare war on North Country, and Yan County was surely filled with Great Wu's spies. No one could be certain that those spies wouldn't harm Lu Chen's wives and concubines.
Chu Qingli then said, "Sister, you're already a Grandmaster; are your ears still that bad? Just listen to what's happening in the Wind Cloud Palace."
Upon hearing Chu Qingli's words, Chu Yuqin was momentarily stunned before she tuned into the situation inside the Wind Cloud Palace. In the next moment, she could hear the intermittent voices.
And clearly, Mu Zixuan along with Big Zhou and Little Zhou were all there.

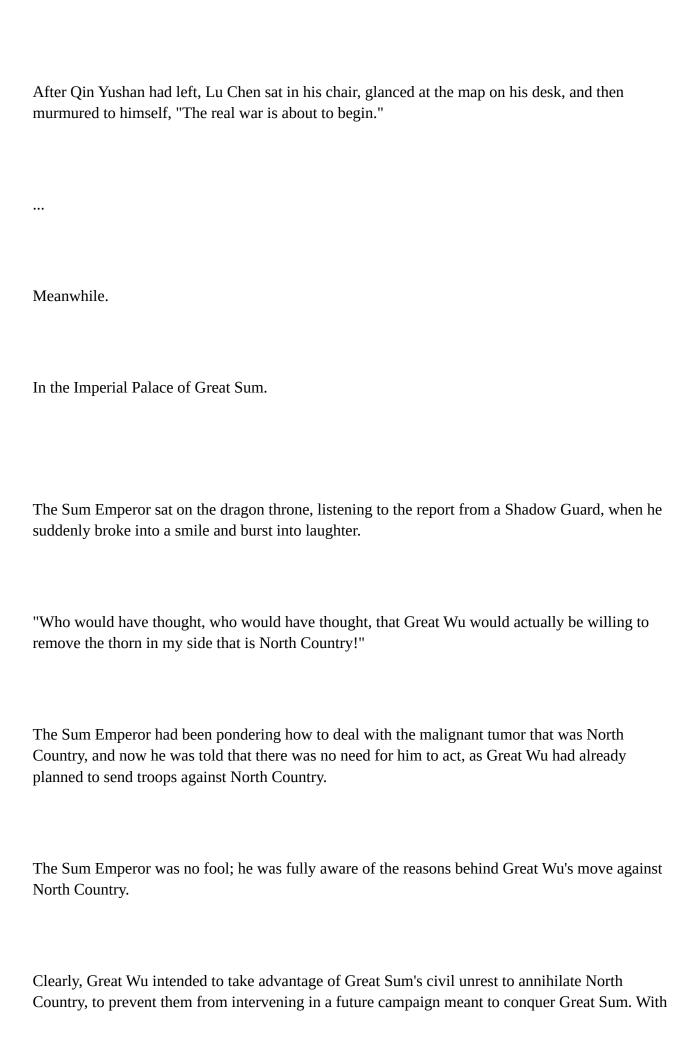


She might not be able to share Lu Chen's worries about the matters of North Country, but she could bring him peace of mind.
With that thought, Chu Yuqin resolutely headed toward the Wind Cloud Palace.
Seeing this, Chu Qingli was taken aback and quickly asked, "Sister, what are you doing?"
Chu Yuqin's face flushed as she said, "I'm going to check if anything has happened to Chen'er, you guys continue chatting."
Hearing this, Chu Qingli silently watched Chu Yuqin.
Without saying more, Chu Yuqin quickly entered the Wind Cloud Palace.
Yelv Nanyan took a sip of tea and then remarked indifferently, "The name 'Wind Cloud Palace' really is well-chosen; the Prince indeed has foresight." Chapter 558: Disciple Thanks Master for His Fulfillment_1
After venting all his anger towards Yun Xianxian, Lu Chen finally felt much more relaxed. However, deep down, he had etched into his memory the humiliation she had caused him, and he was determined to take his revenge.
Just as he had originally thought, if this woman did not bear him a hundred children, he would not rest until he had his way.



The pace of this army's advance is incredibly swift, as they are carrying virtually no logistical supplies with them."
Under normal circumstances, a nation waging war must first ensure the logistics of its military forces.
There's a saying, "The soldiers do not move until the grain and fodder go forth," but Great Wu's actions were clearly unusual.
That was an army of three hundred thousand, yet they were moving north without any food and supply; what would they eat once they reached the front line?
Hearing Qin Yushan's words, Lu Chen also felt that something wasn't quite right. He immediately picked up the intelligence report that Qin Yushan had placed on the desk and scanned it carefully.
The intelligence indeed confirmed what Qin Yushan had said; their spies in Great Wu had indeed not seen any of the three hundred thousand-strong northern army carrying any grain or supplies.
Humans, after all, are not stones; they need to eat. Even if Great Wu was in a rush to attack North Country, it was impossible not to bring any supplies at all.
After thinking for a moment, Lu Chen then said to Qin Yushan, "Investigate why this army of three hundred thousand has not brought any supplies."
Qin Yushan replied, "Our people are already gathering information, but it might take some time to find out the exact reason."

Lu Chen then recalled something and asked, "Right, how many chambers of commerce have been won over from this return to Great Wu?"
Qin Yushan answered, "Your Highness, we have covertly won over four chambers of commerce, and these chambers have virtually no connection with Wu Junwan; they are not part of her faction. We have already established preliminary contact with some of the Great Wu ministers."
Lu Chen said, "Hmm, good, hurry with winning over Great Wu's ministers. As long as Wu Junwan has not formed an alliance with Great Jue, let them impeach her."
Qin Yushan responded, "Yes, I understand."
Getting the ministers of Great Wu to impeach Wu Junwan was just laying the groundwork. Lu Chen was not naïve enough to believe that just a few ministers' impeaching Wu Junwan would be enough to strip her of her power.
What Lu Chen truly intended was, after the war had ended, to have Great Wu deliver Wu Junwan, the Princess, to North Country.
Lu Chen then said, "All right, if there's nothing else, you may leave."
Qin Yushan immediately responded, "Yes, I shall take my leave."
Qin Yushan left the study quickly and without any delay.



North Country gone, without the threat from the north, Great Wu could then confidently and boldly initiate a war of conquest against Great Sum.

Moreover, North Country posed a significant threat to other dynasties too; the North Prince's personal ambitions were simply too grand.

He not only spoke of dominating under heaven and claiming every subject within its borders but also talked of laying railways across the entire world. Such great ambition, coupled with North Country's growing military strength, meant Great Wu could not possibly allow North Country to continue developing.

At this moment, the Sum Emperor felt extremely content. Initially, his plan was merely to draw North Country into the fray and lure Lu Chen back, then eliminate all the Seigniors.

Although he failed, this instead indirectly prompted Great Wu's idea of taking action against North Country.

Because of the current civil strife within Great Sum, Great Wu had entertained the idea of sending troops against North Country. If Great Sum were still under the direct rule of the Sum Emperor without internal chaos, even if Great Wu was fully aware of the great threat North Country represented, they would not have moved against North Country at this time.

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This is the case of the old saying, "Flowers don't bloom when planted intentionally, but willows grow into shade when planted casually."

At this moment, the Sum Emperor calmed his emotions. Since Great Wu had decided on a military campaign against the North Country, he had to accelerate his plans and could no longer afford to delay.

After Great Wu helped the Sum Imperial Court defeat North Country, the Sum Emperor planned to give the Martial Emperor a big surprise.
With formidable military strength, the Sum Emperor believed North Country would last a considerable time, which would not only deplete Great Wu's military might, exacerbate its internal contradictions, but also rid Great Sum of this trouble with North Country.
Once Great Wu eliminated the nuisance of North Country, the internal problems of Great Sum would be nearly resolved. The Sum Emperor believed by that time, he would have likely ascended to the Heavenly Human Realm.
With him as a Celestial holding the fort, what would Great Wu count for then?
As the Sum Emperor was contemplating this, the voice of a soldier came from outside the sleeping quarters, "Your Majesty, two venerable ancestors from Four Directions Mountain and Fixed Wind Mountain have arrived, and they are waiting outside the palace gate."
Upon hearing this, the Sum Emperor promptly rose from his dragon bed and said, "Bring them in. Also, send for the State Preceptor."
"Yes, Your Majesty."
Not long after, the Sect Hierarch of Four Directions Mountain and the Eternally Mysterious Taoist of Fixed Wind Mountain appeared in the Sum Emperor's sleeping quarters.

As they entered the Sum Emperor's sleeping quarters, they saw the Sum Emperor himself looking spirited, not at all like the dying man rumored by the outside world.
Seeing the Sum Emperor so lively, both were stunned.
They quickly noticed the Sum Emperor carried the same aura as them—could it be that the Sum Emperor was also a Pseudo Celestial at the Unity Realm?
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The Eternally Mysterious Taoist and the Sect Hierarch, crafty characters who had lived for over a century, knew full well what was happening, even at this point.
Clearly, the supposed invitation from the State Preceptor was merely a ruse to deceive outsiders; it was the Sum Emperor himself who had invited them, and it was he who was the royal ancestor that had ascended to the Unity Realm.
The Sect Hierarch of Divine Communication then said with a smile, "Your Majesty, you've hidden your true strength deeply. Everyone outside has been fooled by you."
Since Four Directions Mountain and Fixed Wind Mountain were already major powers, the Sect Hierarch and the Eternally Mysterious Taoist did not show excessive deference to the Sum Emperor.
The Sum Emperor said indifferently, "If some people knew that I was about to become a Celestial, wouldn't that put me in great danger? I had no choice but to act this way."

	ternally Mysterious Taoist said, "Your Majesty, since you've already summoned us both, let's he formalities. Just tell us directly how we can help you break through to Celestial status."
	um Emperor said, "The condition for my breakthrough to Celestial status is quite simple; it is all the seigniors of Great Sum. Once they are all dead, I will be able to become a Celestial."
Upon	hearing this, the Sect Hierarch and the Eternally Mysterious Taoist were taken aback.
straigl	did not expect the condition for the Sum Emperor to become a Celestial to be so htforward. Compared to their own conditions to become a Celestial, the Sum Emperor's rement was trivial.
Consi	seemed to be only nine seigniors with bestowed fiefs in the entirety of Great Sum. dering the power of Four Directions Mountain and Fixed Wind Mountain, aside from the or of North Country who posed a challenge, the rest could be easily dealt with.
elimin	ce, an ominous feeling arose in both of them. If they so easily helped the Sum Emperor nate those seigniors, would the Sum Emperor turn his sights on Four Directions Mountain and Wind Mountain after his breakthrough to Celestial status?
	would the Sum Emperor assist them in ascending to Celestial status? They certainly didn't have asy as the Sum Emperor in becoming Celestials.
For a	moment, both lapsed into silence.

The Sum Emperor continued, "I know what you both are worried about. I can assure you that once I reach the Heavenly Human Realm, I will absolutely not lay a hand on Four Directions Mountain and Fixed Wind Mountain. Besides, we have a common enemy."

The Eternally Mysterious Taoist said with a laugh, "We dare not trust Your Majesty's assurances. Although we share a common enemy, how can you be so certain that once you become a Celestial, we will be able to defeat the Mysterious Moon Palace?"

"Even though the Mysterious Moon Palace has a Celestial, and that person has been in that state for many years now, Your Majesty may not necessarily be a match for them."

The Sum Emperor said lightly, "Though the Mysterious Moon Palace does have a Celestial, it is very possible that this Celestial has been injured or encountered some difficulty."

At the Sum Emperor's conjecture, the Eternally Mysterious Taoist and Sect Hierarch felt a jolt, and the former immediately asked, "Oh? Why does Your Majesty believe so?"

The Sum Emperor responded, "Hasn't there always been a rumor outside that the royal family has obtained the Sacred Artifact of the Mysterious Moon Palace?"

The Sect Hierarch inquired, "Could it be that this is not just a rumor?"

The Sum Emperor affirmed, "It is not merely a rumor, I have indeed obtained the Sacred Artifact of the Mysterious Moon Palace. However, the Mysterious Moon Palace has not sent anyone to seize the artifact, which indicates they are not confident in their own strength. This also proves that the condition of their Celestial is not very stable."

"If in the future you both ascend to Celestial status and someone seizes your faction's treasured artifact, would you ignore it indefinitely?"

Hearing the Sum Emperor's words, the Sect Hierarch and the Eternally Mysterious Taoist fell silent. If their precious treasures were taken, they would spare no effort to retrieve them, especially given their status as Celestials.

As Celestials, they would already be immortals of this world; how could they still fear those mundane forces.

Chapter 560: Disciple Thanks Master for His Fulfillment_3

If what the Sum Emperor said was true, and the sacred artifact of the Mysterious Moon Palace was indeed in the Great Sum Imperial Palace, then it was likely that something had indeed happened to the Celestial of the Mysterious Moon Palace, possibly a mishap in cultivation which led to severe injuries.

If the Celestial of the Mysterious Moon Palace had truly encountered trouble, then this would be an incredible opportunity for Fixed Wind Mountain and Four Directions Mountain to rise, as their chance had come.

Once the Mysterious Moon Palace was eliminated, they would no longer need to cower and hide in the mountains.

However, they couldn't fully trust the Sum Emperor. Since the Sum Emperor had already revealed to them the conditions for becoming a Celestial, it would be very easy for them to constrain him.

They could secretly protect a certain Seignior, then observe the Sum Emperor's situation. Once they confirmed that the Sum Emperor had no intent to strike against them, they would quietly kill that Seignior to aid the Sum Emperor in ascending to Celestial status.

At this time, the Eternally Mysterious Taoist and The Master of Divine Communication certainly did not anticipate that the Sum Emperor hadn't told them the whole truth. To become a Celestial, the Sum Emperor did indeed need to kill some Seigniors, but not all of them.
Subsequently, the Sum Emperor discussed his plans with The Master of Divine Communication and the Eternally Mysterious Taoist. He planned to carry out his scheme when Great Wu attacked the North Country. This way, neither the North Country nor Great Wu would pose a threat to his plans.
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Meanwhile.
Mysterious Moon Palace.
After Yun Xianxian had recovered some of her strength, she flew directly back to the Mysterious Moon Palace, and the people of the palace didn't even know she had left.
Upon returning to her thatched cottage, Yun Xianxian immediately summoned Chen Wanrong to the cottage.
Chen Wanrong thought Yun Xianxian was calling her to speak about descending the mountain; she arrived at the thatched cottage quickly.
When Chen Wanrong reached the entrance of the cottage, she bowed respectfully and said, "Disciple pays respects to the master."

Yun Xianxian's voice was cold as she said, "Come in."
As soon as Yun Xianxian finished speaking, Chen Wanrong pushed open the door of the thatched cottage and went inside.
Within the cottage, Yun Xianxian sat cross-legged, holding a teacup, and was sipping the tea delicately.
At this moment, Chen Wanrong asked, "May I know why the master has summoned her disciple?"
Yun Xianxian stated indifferently, "I have met with the North Prince a few days ago."
Hearing this, Chen Wanrong's heart tightened. She hadn't expected that Yun Xianxian had silently descended from the mountain, and she was completely unaware of such a development.
All was lost; without her having warned Lu Chen, given his character, he was certainly indulging in a life of profligacy daily, perhaps entangled with women every evening.
Her master must have witnessed Lu Chen and his wives committing transgressions daily.
Now, her master would probably not agree to let her be with Lu Chen.



Although she didn't know how Lu Chen had passed the master's test, the fact was he had passed.
Since he had passed, there was no need to inquire about the process.
Yun Xianxian went on, "Although I have agreed to let you be together, I want to remind you that you are still the Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace. If there's no important matter, you should not leave the mountain at will, and the affairs of the Mysterious Moon Palace, both great and small, will still be managed by you."
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Chen Wanrong paused, initially assuming that after Yun Xianxian's agreement for her to be with the North Prince, she would be allowed to leave the Mysterious Moon Palace and that another Palace Master would be chosen, given that there were many in the palace stronger than her, selecting a new master should not be an issue. However, her master still had no intention of letting her leave.
Yun Xianxian added, "Each year, I will give you one or two opportunities to leave the mountain, and if the North Prince comes to the mountain, I will not hinder your time together."
Chen Wanrong thought to herself that perhaps her master was worried she would become lost in the pleasures of love and forget about cultivation, hence the decision.
One or two times a year?

