

## Es. Benefits 751

Chapter 751 This Prince Is in a Good Mood Today\_1

The citizens of Qi Country, upon seeing Lu Chen, dared not speak a word. Although the street was crowded, it was eerily quiet.

Even though Lu Chen was remarkably handsome and didn't look like a bad person, the reputation of the North Prince had always been poor, and the common people feared that a careless mistake might provoke the North Prince and lead to the destruction of their entire family.

Seeing how quiet the whole street was, Lu Chen gave a faint smile, thinking to himself that it seemed the citizens of Qi Country still did not trust him and were very afraid of him.

Building trust indeed seemed to be a long-term process.

Lu Chen then made his way to the Qi Prince Mansion.

When the people of the Qi Prince Mansion heard that the North Prince had arrived, they were filled with terror, shaking in fright.

As Lu Chen walked into the Qi Prince Mansion, he asked, "How many children does the Qi Prince have?"

Xuanyuan Chen replied, "According to our investigation, the Qi Prince currently has no children at all."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen was stunned for a moment.

Not a single child?

How could that be?

The Qi Prince had been governing his fief for decades, hadn't he? How could he not have a single child?

Curious, Lu Chen asked, "Have you found out the reason?"

Xuanyuan Chen replied, "Not yet. We've asked the Qi Queen, and she doesn't know the reason either."

"At first, the Qi Prince thought it was a problem with the Qi Queen's health, so he took quite a few concubines, but still there were no children."

Lu Chen asked, "What Realm is the Qi Prince at?"

Generally speaking, the higher one's Realm, the harder it is to conceive. If the Qi Prince was of a high Realm, then it would be understandable for him not to have children.

Xuanyuan Chen answered, "According to the information we have gathered, the Qi Prince seems to be only at the Ninth Grade."

Lu Chen thought to himself, is it so difficult for a Ninth Grade Martial Artist to conceive?

However, on second thought, the Qi Prince being childless did spare him one less trouble.

According to the customs of this era, if the Qi Prince had children, to prevent the Qi Prince's descendants from seeking revenge, it was common to kill the Qi Prince's sons.

But no matter what, the Qi Prince was nominally Lu Chen's uncle, and Lu Chen was reluctant to do such a thing in his heart.

Since the Qi Prince had no children, then all that was needed was to disperse his wives and concubines; there was no need to kill them all.

Soon, Lu Chen arrived at the main courtyard of the Qi Prince Mansion. At that moment, hundreds of people from the Qi Prince Mansion, old and young, were all standing in the courtyard, surrounded by North Country soldiers armed with guns and knives at their waists.

When Lu Chen entered the main courtyard, the people of the Qi Prince Mansion grew even more frightened.

Seeing those people trembling ceaselessly with fear, Lu Chen chuckled to himself, wondering if he was really that terrifying.

Lu Chen then glanced at the woman standing in front of the crowd. She was clearly aged, appearing to be in her forties, but still had a trace of charm about her.

Lu Chen used the system to identify her and discovered that this woman was the Qi Queen.

[Name: Yuan Caishan]

[Identity: Qi Queen, fifty years old this year, a Sixth Grade Martial Artist and a Great Sum Shadow Guard who has been lurking by the Qi Prince's side and poisoning him for many years. She is fearful of the North Prince's arrival.]

[Rating: 87]

[Favorability: 0]

After reviewing the Qi Queen's profile, Lu Chen paused, somewhat surprised.

But now Lu Chen understood why the Qi Prince had no heirs. It looked like the Sum Emperor had been planning this for some time.

Lu Chen then approached the Qi Queen, smiling, and said, "Auntie, I'm truly sorry. Swords have no eyes, and I accidentally harmed Uncle."

"Please accept my condolences."

After hearing Lu Chen's words, the Qi Queen stuttered, "It's... it's okay."

Yuan Caishan was extremely frightened inside. Originally, she was just a pawn placed by the Sum Emperor beside the Qi Prince, and due to her constant presence by his side, she had grown accustomed to a life of luxury and privilege.

Initially, she had planned to betray the Sum Emperor and lead a good life with the Qi Prince, but she hadn't expected the North Prince to rise so suddenly and ultimately annihilate Qi Country.

Now, with the Qi Prince gone, her identity as a Shadow Guard could no longer protect her.

At this moment, Lu Chen said, "Aunt, if I let you go, where do you plan to go next?"

Hearing this, Yuan Caishan was stunned for a moment, somewhat unable to believe Lu Chen's words.

She was the Qi Queen, and moreover she was already old and faded, without much value left. Would the North Prince really let her leave?

Yuan Caishan asked with disbelief, "Prince... Prince, are you serious?"

Lu Chen replied indifferently, "After all, you are my aunt; naturally, I wouldn't kill you."

Yuan Caishan thought for a moment, then said, "If possible, I would like to stay in North Country."

Lu Chen smiled briefly and then said, "Aunt wishes to stay in North Country, but we will have to remove your identity as a Shadow Guard."

Upon hearing this, Yuan Caishan's face instantly turned ashen. She hadn't expected that Lu Chen would know her true identity.

How could this be...

She had followed the Qi Prince for decades, and even the Qi Prince didn't know she was a Shadow Guard; how could the North Prince know?

Just as Yuan Caishan feared she was undoubtedly going to die, Lu Chen suddenly extended his hand, directly infusing a burst of spiritual power into Yuan Caishan's body.

Yuan Caishan thought Lu Chen was going to kill her, but the next moment, she felt a heavy force hitting her abdomen. Immediately after, something seemed to surge out of her Dantian, followed by her spitting out a mouthful of fresh blood.

Soon, Yuan Caishan realized what had happened. She immediately said, "Thank you, great king!"

Shadow Guards who had taken poison pills were somewhat under the Sum Emperor's control, but with this blow from Lu Chen, the poisonous substances in her Dantian were expelled. This meant that she could now disregard the Sum Emperor's commands.

Lu Chen didn't pay further attention to Yuan Caishan. He glanced at the other people in the courtyard, swiftly identified the other Shadow Guards the Sum Emperor had placed by the Qi Prince, and had the North Country soldiers deal with them directly.

Afterward, Lu Chen dismissed the staff of the Qi Prince Mansion, reassigned some people to it, and decided to reside in the Qi Prince Mansion for the next few days.

In the evening.

Lu Chen captured the enchantress Xue Linglong and gave her a harsh punishment.

After the matter was settled, the utterly drained Xue Linglong asked, "Why didn't you kill the Qi Queen? Could it be, Prince, that you think the Qi Queen still retains her charms and want to take her into your harem?"

Hearing this, Lu Chen felt speechless. What did Xue Linglong take him for?

He did not have such a strong appetite. Although Yuan Caishan was well-maintained and did have some charm left, Lu Chen's preference in mature women was for those like Lin Wanyun and Wu Junwan, who showed no signs of aging.

Yuan Caishan obviously showed signs of aging, and most importantly, she didn't have a favorability rating of ninety, and she was the Qi Prince's woman.

Lu Chen then said, "How could that be? I don't take just any woman."

Xue Linglong said, "How is it not possible? You didn't even spare your own aunt and sister-in-law, so adding the Qi Queen wouldn't be strange."

Lu Chen chuckled and said, "The reason I spared her is because of her identity as the Qi Queen. Having spared even her demonstrates my leniency, which will reassure the common folk of Qi Country and put their minds at ease."

"You enchantress, with your mind filled with nothing but filthy thoughts all day."

Xue Linglong said mournfully, "One wonders who turned me into this."

Lu Chen laughed lightly and then said, "Enough, let's not talk about this anymore. Today I'm in a good mood, so I shall reward you properly."

With that, Lu Chen waved his hand, and from nowhere, a rope and a bell appeared.

Xue Linglong rolled her eyes at Lu Chen, then said, "If the people of Qi Country knew you were such a twisted Prince, they would be even more afraid of you."

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Whether they are afraid or not isn't important. What's important is that tonight I need to make you afraid of me."

With those words, Lu Chen flipped Xue Linglong over and gagged her mouth once again.



"Mmm mmm..."

## Chapter 752 It's Time to Hurry and Seize the Throne\_1

After entering Qi Country's Royal Capital, Lu Chen immediately enacted a series of policies beneficial to the common people.

In addition, since Lu Chen spared even the people of Qi Prince Mansion, the locals quickly came to view the North Prince as a merciful Prince, unwilling to kill the innocent indiscriminately. This also alleviated some of the fear the people of Qi Country had towards Lu Chen.

However, those Aristocratic Families that had once helped Qi Country resist the Northern Army mostly met with poor fates.

Once Qi Country had stabilized, the armies led by Wei Siyuan and Mu Changtian, each numbering two hundred thousand, also began their advance towards the heartland of Great Sum.

Mu Changtian and Wei Siyuan led the vanguard. Their task was to eliminate the majority of Great Sum's military before Lu Chen would march straight for the Capital city.

Time flew by, and half a month later,

Lu Chen's temporary office.

Lu Chen was reviewing some official documents sent from Yan County when Bai Qingqing's voice sounded at the door.

"Commander Qin requests an audience."

Lu Chen replied indifferently, "Let him in."

Then Qin Yushan entered the room, "Paying respects to the Prince."

Lu Chen nodded and said, "Hmm, any recent intelligence?"

Qin Yushan immediately handed over the intelligence he held to Lu Chen and reported, "Prince Lu Yi's men have discovered the ingredients for making gunpowder and have already begun attempting to produce firearms."

"Moreover, in order not to clash with the Northern Army, Prince Lu Yi has already led his troops to move southward."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen was taken aback.

Have the people of this world discovered gunpowder so quickly?

Lu Chen regained his composure, thinking that although it had only been a few short years, the firearms of the North Country had already undergone several generations of improvement. It shouldn't be strange that the people of this world had discovered gunpowder.

Lu Chen then opened the letter in his hands and began reading it carefully. The intelligence detailed how Prince Lu Yi had discovered gunpowder.

Seeing that Prince Lu Yi had discovered gunpowder through the alchemical experiments of Fake Taoist Priests, Lu Chen thought to himself that if he had not appeared, even if they had discovered gunpowder, they probably would have only used it for fireworks. Without several hundred years, they likely wouldn't have applied gunpowder to military uses.

But on another note, even if Prince Lu Yi and his group had discovered gunpowder, the gunpowder they could produce would be at best black gunpowder, certainly not as powerful as the firearms of North Country, which had already been upgraded through several generations.

Of course, this was indeed a significant threat; he needed to seize the imperial throne quickly.

Now that Prince Lu Yi had discovered gunpowder, other forces might have done the same. As time passed, other dynasties could potentially possess firearms as well.

Although their firearms wouldn't be as powerful as those of North Country, if other dynasties acquired firearms, it would pose a significant threat to the soldiers of North Country. When North Country prepared to unify the several major dynasties in the future, firearms would inevitably slow down the process.

It would be best to conquer the major dynasties before any of them could invent firearms.

With that thought, Lu Chen picked up his pen and began to write military orders.

Soon, new military orders reached Wei Siyuan and Mu Changtian, and in the following days, they quickened the pace of their offensive.

Meanwhile,

In a city to the south,

Zhao King looked at the intelligence in his hands, his brows furrowed, and he remained silent for a long time.

Standing in front of Zhao King were more than a dozen of his subordinates. One of them spoke up, "My King, now that we are not present, Prince Lu Yi has colluded with the remnants of the Seigniors and occupied the territories we fought hard to win. We cannot let this go unnoticed!"

No sooner had this subordinate finished speaking than another one added, "Indeed, my King, if we do not take action now, who knows what else Prince Lu Yi will do!"

Zhao King had his own clear objectives, and he didn't value the gain or loss of some lands that much, but his subordinates were different. They had managed to conquer those feudal states with great difficulty, only for Prince Lu Yi to come and occupy those lands.

Putting down the intelligence report in his hand, Zhao King glanced at his subordinates before saying indifferently, "Qi Country has been annihilated, and North Country has dispatched a total of six hundred thousand troops to march south. It won't be long before the Capital city falls. If North Prince manages to break through to the Capital city before me, that position will belong to him."

"Once North Prince becomes Emperor, all of my efforts will have been in vain. If I divide my forces now to contest those few pieces of land with Prince Lu Yi, how can I then contend with North Prince for that position?"

Upon hearing Zhao King's words, his subordinates were momentarily stunned.

At that moment, one of Zhao King's subordinates spoke up, "The King's vision is long-term, his strategies profound, we all admire you!"

Zhao King continued, "We must hurry northward to stop the Northern Army from advancing toward the Capital City!"

"Especially that army advancing from the east of Heyang County."

With that, Zhao King looked up into the distance, his heart filled with a myriad of emotions.

Is this what you wanted!

The war had progressed to such an extent that even if the ultimate unification were achieved and the Sum Emperor's power peaked with no more seigniors within Great Sum, what would fall into the Sum Emperor's hands would still be a shattered Great Sum.

It's uncertain how many years it would take for Great Sum to recover to its pre-war level.

Zhao King felt that the Sum Emperor's actions were somewhat excessive.

However, after all, he stood on the side of the Sum Emperor and wasn't in a position to say much.

Now he could only follow the Sum Emperor's orders to head south as quickly as possible to help the imperial court deal with North Prince, this "last seignior."

Upon receiving Lu Chen's military orders, Mu Changtian and Wei Siyuan hastened their offensive. Initially, the Sum Emperor did not intend to stop them from heading toward the Capital City, so in a very short time, the majority of Great Sum's counties were under the control of North Country.

But the advancement of Mu Changtian and Wei Siyuan was so swift that they were almost reaching the area controlled by the Capital City.

The Emperor realized that Lu Chen was still lingering in the Royal Capital of Qi Country, unmoved, and if he continued to allow the two North Country armies to press on, there was a risk that the Capital City would fall to their four hundred thousand-strong force.

This definitely could not happen. They had to find a way to delay until Lu Chen could move south before allowing them to get near the Capital City. Immediately, the Sum Emperor began to move troops and send generals, and secretly dispatched a letter to Zhao King, instructing him to find a way to delay Mu Changtian's army.

As for the Great Sum imperial court, they turned their attention to dealing with the North Country Navy from the east.

The skirmishes had been minor up until now; the real war was yet to come.

After receiving the letter from the Sum Emperor, Zhao King immediately ordered his troops to move closer to Mu Changtian's army.

At that time, Mu Changtian's two hundred thousand-strong army was still stationed in Jingjiang City for rest and reorganization. With the presence of the Brocade Guard, Mu Changtian was aware of every move made by Zhao King, and he also knew that Zhao King had led a four hundred thousand-strong army close to Jingjiang City.

Even though Zhao King's army was twice the size of theirs, Mu Changtian wasn't panicked in the slightest.

Zhao King and he could be considered old friends by now.

In past years, to help the Sum Emperor seize the throne, they had collaborated multiple times, and Mu Changtian was well aware that Zhao King was the Sum Emperor's man.

Although it appeared that Zhao King had started his rebellion, the fact that he didn't directly attack the Capital City but instead came to intercept the North Country army was enough to see that Zhao King still stood by the Sum Emperor.

At this point, Zhao King did not know who was leading the North Country army he was about to battle. After nearing Jingjiang City, he immediately led his army planning to launch a probing attack, testing the combat strength of the North Country troops.

Zhao King had long heard of the North Country army's formidable strength, and coupled with the Northern Army's achievements in the north, it necessitated his caution.

However, to Zhao King's surprise, just as his forces reached the outskirts of the city, the Northern Army shrank back inside Jingjiang City without launching an attack, which Zhao King found very odd.

Just when Zhao King was about to order his soldiers to initiate the assault, the appearance of Mu Changtian on Jingjiang City's watchtower directly stunned Zhao King.

Chapter 753 This Prince Is Back!\_1

After ascending the city wall, Mu Changtian took up a loudspeaker and called out loudly, "Zhao King, hope you've been well. It's been over a decade since we've last seen each other, hasn't it?"

Hearing this voice as Mu Changtian's, the Zhao King's eyebrows immediately knitted together.

He was somewhat confused. Wasn't Mu Changtian long dead? How had he turned up in North Country?

After his mind paused momentarily, Zhao King regained his composure and shouted back, "Indeed, it has been ten years."

"You really do have a large life, I thought you had died long ago, but unexpectedly, you are still alive!"

Mu Changtian let out a laugh, and then said, "I also did not expect I could live until today."

Zhao King said, "You coming out at this time, I'm afraid it's not to get chummy with me!"



Mu Changtian didn't entertain Zhao King's words, but instead said, "Zhao King, who would have thought that after seeing the outcome of myself and old Zhou, you would still stand by Lu Xingqiu's side! A tyrant like Lu Xingqiu, who disposes of his millers and kills his donkeys, is he really worth your loyalty?"

Upon hearing Mu Changtian's words, Zhao King's face turned dark in an instant.

Although Zhao King indeed stood on the side of the Sum Emperor, his men were never aware of this fact; they all believed that he fought to annihilate the Seigniors within Great Sum's territory and chose to march north in order to vie for the throne.

By Mu Changtian speaking such words outright, if Zhao King's men were to believe them, they would certainly feel discontent towards Zhao King.

They had followed Zhao King through thick and thin, all for the purpose of putting him into that position, so they might themselves become ministers beneath a dragon. And yet, Zhao King, seemingly a dog serving the Sum Emperor in secrecy, how could his men possibly tolerate that?

Zhao King let out a cold laugh and said, "As a Seignior of Great Sum, naturally, I cannot stand by as treacherous officials usurp power!"

Zhao King neither confirmed nor denied, considering they marched north under the banner of loyally supporting the Emperor; his men would find nothing amiss with these words.

"As for you, Mu Changtian, His Majesty had suspected that your Mu Family was contemplating rebellion. Who would have thought you would actually rebel!"

"However, I am quite curious - the North Prince is also the Emperor's son, yet why have you pledged loyalty to the North Prince? Aren't you still a servant of the Lu family, a dog of the Lu family?"

Mu Changtian calmly replied, "The North Prince is a wise and enlightened monarch, far from comparable to the tyrant Lu Xingqiu."

Upon hearing these words, Zhao King burst into laughter, "A person plotting to kill his father and seize the throne can be a wise and enlightened monarch?"

Mu Changtian ignored Zhao King's words and stated, "Zhao King, before the battle begins, considering the camaraderie of our youth, I advise you one last time to surrender to the North Prince. It is your only choice!"

Zhao King said, "Ridiculous, why would I surrender to a traitor and usurper!"

Mu Changtian said, "Since Zhao King remains obstinately ignorant, then further talk is pointless. Let the battle commence!"

As Mu Changtian's voice fell, Zhao King immediately drew his sword from its sheath, "Attack!"

The next instant, drumbeats sounded, and countless arrows shot forth from the ranks of soldiers.

Mu Changtian also raised his sword and commanded, "Attack!"

Immediately, the "woo woo woo~" sound of horns filled the sky above Jingjiang City.

The instant the horn calls sounded, the booming of cannons reverberated over Jingjiang City.

In an instant, numerous cannonballs fell amidst Zhao King's army. His soldiers had not yet responded when they were overturned by the cannon fire.

Where the cannonballs exploded, bodies were flung in disarray, dust filled the air, limbs scattered in all directions, with barely one in ten of Zhao's soldiers surviving.

Seeing this, Zhao King's soldiers were all struck with terror; panic spread through the ranks at once.

Zhao King muttered to himself, "So, these are the weapons of North Country!"

"No wonder Great Wu fell to North Country."

Zhao King quickly came to his senses and shouted loudly, "Retreat!"

Originally, his attack was merely a probing one, and he had no intention of taking Jingjiang City.

Now, having witnessed such a terrifying weapon from North Country, not just the soldiers but Zhao King himself had lost the will to fight.

As the retreat horn sounds and the command flags waved, the Zhao army soldiers quickly withdrew. The speed of the Zhao army's withdrawal was very fast, and most crucially, there was not the slightest disarray.

Even under cannon fire, the Zhao soldiers managed to steady their inner panic.

At that moment, a deputy beside Mu Changtian said, "General, should we pursue?"

Mu Changtian immediately replied, "No need."

The orderly retreat of Zhao King's army demonstrated its exceptional nature; pursuing them now without the ability to bring heavy cannons and relying on muskets and hand grenades might not yield significant results.

While firearms were relatively powerful, enemy arrows were not to be underestimated either.

Of course, the key point was that Lu Chen had said in the military orders to deter and persuade to surrender the armies with strong combat capabilities as much as possible.

After all, Great Sum was to be Lu Chen's in the future, and if he completely decimated it, leaving hardly any men left in Great Sum, how would he then unify the other dynasties?

For Lu Chen, the population was still a crucial resource.

Mu Changtian believed that the weapons of North Country had already deterred Zhao King; now it was a matter of how Zhao King would choose. If Zhao King insisted on standing with the Sum Emperor, then there was nothing to be done.

After Zhao King retreated to a city they had occupied, his emotions still could not settle for a long time. He had anticipated that North Country's weapons might be extremely formidable, but he had not expected their power to rival that of a Grandmaster's.

How could those exploding iron balls be made, and how could such a small iron ball possess such tremendous power?

It was fortunate that Mu Changtian did not lead a chase; otherwise, they might have lost at least a third of their troops today.

Now, there was trouble. With North Country possessing such formidable weapons, his soldiers could not defend the path to the Capital city, and he feared he might not be able to complete the task given to him by the Sum Emperor.

Thinking of this, Zhao King felt immensely depressed—how did the North Prince manage to create so much in such a short time in North Country? Previously, there were no such things as exploding iron balls in this world.

Zhao King started to worry. The outcome of the battle was now difficult to predict.

The upcoming war was not something ordinary people could interfere with; the only hope rested on the Grandmasters and the Celestials.

If the Sum Emperor could kill Mysterious Moon Palace's Celestial and become one himself, then North Country's weapons might be ineffective against him, allowing a possible turnaround.

But if the Sum Emperor's plan failed, he would have to step down from his position.

If the Sum Emperor failed, what should he do?

Zhao King furrowed his brows, inundated with thoughts. In the following days, Zhao King would guard against Mu Changtian's eastward advance while pondering his next move.

Meanwhile, the war by the sea had also essentially reached a conclusion. Although Great Sum dispatched elite forces, under the bombardment of North Country's artillery, the Imperial Army was still consistently beaten back.

Seeing the situation so critical, the Sum Emperor had even considered sending a Grandmaster to support the fight. However, just then, the North Country armies from both the east and west stopped their advance, as if they were waiting for something.

At the same time.

In the Royal Capital of Qi Country.

Amidst the farewell of the common people of Qi Prince, Lu Chen embarked on his journey to the south.

Lu Chen, sitting on his horse, gazed in the direction of the Capital city and murmured to himself, "This prince has returned!"

Chapter 754 Who Is This Wicked Disciple After All?\_1

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Upon hearing the news that Lu Chen was leading an army of 150,000 troops southward, the Sum Emperor and the traitors of the Mysterious Moon Palace were all extremely excited and agitated.

After such a long wait, their plan could finally be put into action.

The moment North Prince arrived at the Capital city would be the day North Prince and the former Palace Master of the Mysterious Moon Palace met their demise!

The army of 150,000 that Lu Chen led southward moved incredibly fast, encountering almost no resistance along the way, and arrived in the Capital District in less than half a month.

After reaching the outskirts of the Capital city, Lu Chen did not rush to initiate an attack. Instead, he had the Brocade Guards become active, gathering more intelligence about the Capital city.

The real threat in the Capital city wasn't the soldiers of the court but the experts currently in the Capital city.

After investigations by the Brocade Guards and other sources, Lu Chen had basically figured out the current situation in the Capital city.

There were ten individuals in the Capital city with Grandmaster-level strength or above, including the Grandmaster of the Mysterious Moon Palace. Among these, there were three Pseudo Celestials, meaning the Sun Emperor and the two traitors from the Mysterious Moon Palace were Pseudo Celestials.

There weren't many Grandmasters on Lu Chen's side, but there were two Celestials.

One Celestial could easily match ten Grandmasters, so Lu Chen was not worried about the number of Grandmasters in the Capital city. What concerned him most now was the weapon in the Imperial Palace that could kill a Celestial.

Only after that weapon was destroyed could he attack the Capital city with peace of mind.

However, after about half a month of reconnaissance, the Brocade Guards had still not found the location of that weapon that could kill a Celestial.

Tai'an City.

The mansion of a certain Aristocratic Family.

Tai'an City was already part of the Capital District. After Lu Chen's arrival in Tai'an City, the Aristocratic Families of Tai'an City were so frightened that they had all fled.

Lu Chen simply chose a courtyard of one of these Aristocratic Families as a place to stay.



At this moment, seated on a stone bench in the pavilion, Lu Chen flipped through the intelligence reports brought by the Brocade Guards.

That's when Yun Xianxian and Chen Wanrong entered the courtyard.

Looking at Lu Chen, Yun Xianxian asked directly, "When do you plan to attack the Capital city?"

Putting down the intelligence in his hand, Lu Chen looked up at Yun Xianxian and sighed softly, "I originally planned to launch the attack after we had news of that Divine Weapon, but so much time has passed, and the Brocade Guards still haven't located the Divine Weapon's whereabouts."

Yun Xianxian said indifferently, "How could they take out that Divine Weapon if I haven't made an appearance?"

"The only option now is a direct assault. Once they see me, they'll definitely use that Divine Weapon to ambush me."

After thinking it over, Lu Chen realized that if there was no other way, they would have to do just that.

Just as Lu Chen was about to call for a maid to summon the Military Generals for a military meeting, a guard rushed into the courtyard in a hurry, "Prince, there are many unidentified people outside the mansion. They claim they are from the Sunset Sword Sect and the Tai Chu Divine Hall."

Hearing this, Lu Chen was taken aback, Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall?

How did they arrive so quickly?

Lu Chen initially thought that it would take at least half a year for people from these two forces to get in contact with him since they were at sea, yet they arrived in less than three months.

He had never expected the Sunset Sword Sect and the Tai Chu Divine Hall to play a role in this war from the start.

But now that they had come, things were different.

He just didn't know how many Pseudo Celestials and Grandmasters were among those who came.

Lu Chen immediately said, "Bring them to the courtyard at once."

"Yes, Prince."

Soon, the guard brought two robust, white-haired, venerable old men into the courtyard.

The moment these two elderly men appeared, Yun Xianxian frowned and instantly became more vigilant.

At the same time, Xuanyuan Chaoge suddenly appeared in the courtyard; although he didn't make a move, he also watched the two old men with a guarded expression.

Just then, Lu Chen quickly used the system to identify their identities.

[Name: Mu Hongguang]

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[Identity: Hall Master of the Tai Chu Divine Hall]

[Strength: Heavenly Human Realm]

[Loyalty: 100]

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[Name: Xia Tianyuan]

[Identity: Sect Master of the Sunset Sword Sect]

[Strength: Celestial]

[Loyalty: 100]

This...

Seeing the information of the two people, Lu Chen was stunned for a moment.

He had only issued them the order to establish contact with himself, but he hadn't expected that the two Sect Masters would personally come to see him.

After regaining his composure, Lu Chen immediately said, "The two of you have come from afar, it must have been tough."

Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang hurriedly performed a salute at the same time, then one after the other said:

"Sect Master Xia Tianyuan of the Sunset Sword Sect, greets the young master!"

"Hall Master Mu Hongguang of the Tai Chu Divine Hall, greets the young master!"

Hearing the two people's words, Xuanyuan Chaoge breathed a sigh of relief, they were his own people after all.

But Yun Xianxian was unsettled.

Although the two elders had concealed their auras, she could feel that both of the elders were Celestial powerhouses.

Though Celestial powerhouses weren't much in the cultivation realm, Celestials in this world were still rather precious. Now, two Celestials had appeared at the same time, and they were even saluting Lu Chen. They seemed to hold Lu Chen in high regard, calling him 'young master,' as if they were Lu Chen's own people.

How was that possible?

Lu Chen already had a Celestial by his side, and now two more had appeared?

Just who exactly was this rebellious disciple?

Why could she form relationships with so many Celestials in this Lower World?

That shouldn't be the case, should it?

Moreover, she had been in this world for many years, but she had never heard of the existence of the Tai Chu Divine Hall and the Sunset Sword Sect. Where had these two powers suddenly come from?

Yun Xianxian suddenly felt as if she might have provoked a noble son from a Cultivation Family that had fallen from the cultivation world.

At this time, Lu Chen said, "I did not expect the two of you to come personally."

Xia Tianyuan said, "We have been waiting in this world for the young master for a thousand years. Now that the young master has finally arrived, it is natural for us to come in person to protect the young master's safety."

Upon hearing Xia Tianyuan's words, Yun Xianxian's eyebrows slightly raised.

Judging by his words, was Lu Chen's arrival in this world already predetermined? That meant it was indeed possible that Lu Chen had been sent to this world for training from the cultivation world.

This kind of thing was very common in the cultivation world. Some families would like to send their younger generation to Lower Worlds to train and only allow them to return to their original world once they had reached a certain level of cultivation.

No wonder Lu Chen had the high-level cultivation technique the Dragon-Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell; his identity must have been extraordinary from the start.

Suddenly, Yun Xianxian felt like she had picked up a hot potato. She had always been somewhat reclusive in the cultivation world and did not wish to interact with any junior members of Cultivation Families.

Just then, Lu Chen thought of Yun Xianxian's presence and said to her, "Master, I have matters to attend to. We will discuss what we talked about earlier tomorrow."

Having said this, Lu Chen then told Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang, "Sect Master Xia, Hall Master Mu, follow me."

Afterward, Lu Chen took Mu Hongguang and Xia Tianyuan to the study. Watching their retreating figures, Yun Xianxian fell into deep thought, seemingly pondering something.

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Lu Chen brought Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang to the study and, through them, gained an understanding of the current situations of the Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall, as well as a rough idea of how Sunset Island and Tai Chu Island were developing at present.

After learning about the matters related to the Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall, Lu Chen thought of another question.

He glanced at Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang, then said to Sect Master Xia, "Sect Master Xia, you said that you have been waiting in this world for a thousand years for me. I am quite curious, why would you say such a thing?"

Before now, Lu Chen had never dug deep into the backgrounds of those summoned by the system, feeling that the system would prevent him from inquiring into certain matters, but this time, he couldn't hold back his curiosity any longer, and he didn't care whether the system would stop him or not.

Hearing Lu Chen's question, Xia Tianyuan replied, "Replying to the young master, according to our sect's archives, the ancestors of our Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall were not natives of this world. After arriving here, they were already gravely injured.

Knowing that you, young master, will definitely come to this world, they left behind documents instructing us to await your arrival—and thus, over a thousand years have passed."

Surprised by this response, Lu Chen gave a moment's pause, realizing why the system did not prevent him from asking these questions—the system's arrangements were indeed flawless.

The ancestors of the Tai Chu Divine Hall and Sunset Sword Sect were gone, so no matter how much he inquired, he wouldn't be able to learn much else.

Lu Chen decided not to waste any more time on this matter, focusing instead on the most important task at hand—seizing the throne of Great Sum.

With this in mind, Lu Chen said to Sect Master Xia and Hall Master Mu, "Sect Master Xia, Hall Master Mu, your timing couldn't be better. I am planning to attack the Capital city and seize the throne of Great Sum."

"With the help of both of you, I believe this endeavor will go very smoothly."

Xia Tianyuan immediately said, "This is our duty."

At that moment, Mu Hongguang interjected, "Young Master, on our way here, we encountered the presence of the Demon Sect within the territory of Great Sum."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen's heart skipped a beat, and then he asked, "You live in the Southeast Sea year-round, so you are aware of the existence of the Demon Sect?"

"Yes," Xia Tianyuan replied, "Some members of the Demon Sect have come to both Tai Chu Island and Sunset Island to cause trouble, but they were eventually driven off by us."



Lu Chen then asked, "Do you know of the Taiyin Divine Sect?"

Upon hearing this question, Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang exchanged a glance, and then Mu Hongguang said, "Yes, the Taiyin Divine Sect has attacked Tai Chu Island and Sunset Island multiple times, but five hundred years ago, the two major powers of our seas united, killing many of the Taiyin Divine Sect's experts, even their sect hierarch perished at our hands."

Responding evenly, Lu Chen said, "Recently, the Taiyin Divine Sect has become active again, and their sect hierarch has been resurrected."

This...

Mu Hongguang and Xia Tianyuan were momentarily stunned, clearly not having expected that the sect hierarch of the Taiyin Divine Sect could revive.

After regaining their composure, Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang simultaneously assured, "Please rest assured, young master. We will certainly find a way to exterminate the Taiyin Divine Sect to alleviate your concerns."

Lu Chen nodded lightly and continued to inquire, "How many Grandmasters have you brought with you to Great Sum this time?"

Mu Hongguang was the first to answer, "Tai Chu Divine Hall has brought two Unity Realm Elders and ten Grandmasters to Great Sum this time."

After Mu Hongguang finished speaking, Sect Master Xia followed, "The Sunset Sword Sect has brought one Unity Realm Elder and thirteen Grandmasters to Great Sum this time."

Hearing their replies, Lu Chen was momentarily taken aback.

When the system had initially awarded enhancements to the Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall, it had described the number of Grandmasters in these two forces as "several Grandmasters." At that time, Lu Chen had not grasped just how many Grandmasters these two forces truly had; he had assumed that "several" meant just a few, at most not more than ten.

He had thought since the system had already rewarded him with Celestials and Pseudo Celestials, the Grandmasters seemed relatively insignificant, so that's why the system would overlook the number of Grandmasters. Now it seemed he had completely misunderstood.

The fact that the Tai Chu Divine Hall and Sunset Sword Sect brought out so many Grandmasters clearly shows that the "several Grandmasters" mentioned by the system really are "several."

After Lu Chen came back to his senses, he asked curiously, "How many Grandmasters does each of your forces have?"

Mu Hongguang was the first to reply, "Responding to the young master, when I left the Tai Chu Divine Hall, there were a total of fifty Grandmasters."

Lu Chen's heart skipped a beat, and his gaze immediately shifted to Xia Tianyuan, who said, "The Sunset Sword Sect has a total of seventy-five Grandmasters."

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Lu Chen fell into a long silence.

The system had said from the beginning that as his number of children increased, the rewards he would receive after having more offspring could be even more substantial, but he never expected to receive such massive forces this time.

The total number of Grandmasters the great dynasties openly claim to have probably isn't even as many as just one force from the Tai Chu Divine Hall, right?

Lu Chen asked, puzzled, "Why do your two forces have so many Grandmasters?"

Upon hearing this question, Mu Hongguang and Xia Tianyuan exchanged glances, clearly not expecting Lu Chen to ask this.

Xia Tianyuan then asked with confusion, "Why does the young master ask this?"

Lu Chen stated plainly, "Presently, the sum of the openly acknowledged Grandmasters from all the great dynasties is probably not as many as the Grandmasters from the Tai Chu Divine Hall."

This...

Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang then understood why Lu Chen would ask such a question.

Xia Tianyuan continued, "Young master, our two forces have always been situated on Sunset Island and Tai Chu Island, and we don't particularly understand the several great dynasties. We have been developing peacefully for a thousand years, which naturally resulted in us having so many Grandmasters."

"Moreover, we lost quite a few Grandmasters when we were resisting the invasion of the Taiyin Divine Sect."

Lu Chen fell into thought once again.

Either the hidden number of Grandmasters that the great dynasties have is greater than he imagined, or something must have happened to cause a sharp decline in the number of Grandmasters.

Speaking of which, Lu Chen suddenly remembered something he had heard about before: a Celestial from the Mysterious Moon Palace once went on a killing spree among the Grandmasters of the great dynasties, and the surviving Grandmasters were so scared that they went into hiding.

Could this be the reason for the scarcity of Grandmasters in the great dynasties?

With this thought, Lu Chen didn't dwell on the issue any further and said, "Alright, I'll accompany you to meet the disciples of the Tai Chu Divine Hall and the Sunset Sword Sect!"

Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang said in unison, "Yes, young master."

Under the guidance of Mu Hongguang and Xia Tianyuan, Lu Chen met those people they had brought from the Tai Chu Divine Hall and the Sunset Sword Sect.

When Lu Chen saw these people, he was once again shocked; among those that came from the Sunset Sword Sect and the Tai Chu Divine Hall, almost everyone was a Grandmaster. There were very few who were Half-step Grandmasters, and none below the Ninth Grade.

Lu Chen wondered if with this force, uniting the great dynasties might not even require firearms.

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After his meetings with the representatives from the Tai Chu Divine Hall and the Sunset Sword Sect, Lu Chen's emotions couldn't settle down for a long time.

His heart was ablaze with fervor, dreaming of commanding a mighty army to sweep across the great dynasties, unifying the world.

In the afternoon, Lu Chen summoned Xuanyuan Chen and a group of military generals, making arrangements for the following day.

Tomorrow, they would send troops to assault the Capital City, but the main stage wouldn't be the North Country soldiers versus the imperial army.

With the involvement of Pseudo Celestials, even soldiers equipped with firearms would be of little use against them. The main role of the North Country soldiers would be to enter the Capital City and take control of the imperial army and maintain order after Lu Chen and his team had dealt with the most troublesome individuals.

After concluding the military meeting, Xuanyuan Chen and the other generals left Lu Chen's temporary study.

It was now evening, and Lu Chen didn't linger in the study, heading straight to the main compound, planning to have dinner and rest early that night.

Just as he entered his room, a cold voice suddenly came from his bed, "Who are you, really?"

Lu Chen looked toward the source of the voice and saw Yun Xianxian, wearing a pale cyan gauze dress, sitting cross-legged on his bed, her body emanating a faint, yet chilly, immortal aura.

Lu Chen did not respond immediately; instead, he turned to close the door properly before turning back and saying, "What kind of question is that, Master?"

"Hasn't the Master long known that this disciple is a person who has reincarnated from another world into this world?"

Yun Xianxian spoke with an icy tone, "As your teacher, of course I know that you come from another world, but I don't know your true identity."

"Your ability to rally so many Celestials in such a short time is enough to prove you're no ordinary person. Someone has paved the way for you in this world."

"To you, all this is just a trial."

"To my knowledge, only certain Cultivation Families from the Immortal world would send their family descendants to Lower Worlds for training."

Hearing Yun Xianxian's words, Lu Chen, with a smile, asked, "So, Master thinks I am a scion of some great family?"

"If you were not from a Cultivation Family, it would be impossible for you to possess high-level cultivation techniques like the Dragon-Phoenix Yin-Yang Spell."

Lu Chen still did not directly answer Yun Xianxian's question, instead counter-asking, "If the disciple truly is from a Cultivation Family, what does Master plan to do?"

Yun Xianxian replied indifferently, "Then I would have to consider keeping my distance from you after leaving this world."

"I have always been a loner and dislike engaging with people from Cultivation Families."

Lu Chen said, "I see."

"However, Master need not worry; there is no so-called Cultivation Family behind me, I am just an ordinary person."

Hearing Lu Chen's answer, Yun Xianxian's purple pupils stared intently at him as if trying to see through him.

For a moment, the air in the room became even colder, and Lu Chen could feel a distinct chill as the master and disciple looked at each other.

After what seemed like a long time, Yun Xianxian coldly broke the silence, "Do you think I am a fool?"

Lu Chen replied with a smile, "Disciple has never had such a thought."

Yun Xianxian said, "If you have no Cultivation Family behind you, then why would two major forces like the Sunset Sword Sect and the Tai Chu Divine Hall come to your side? Do you mean to say those two Celestials are out of their minds?"

Lu Chen said, "There are some things I can't tell Master just yet, but please trust your disciple, I really don't have any Cultivation Family behind me, I was just an ordinary person in my past life."

Just as Lu Chen spoke these words, those purple pupils of Yun Xianxian emitted a purple light.

As Lu Chen's words sank in, Yun Xianxian blinked slightly in surprise — could what he said be true?

She had the ability to discern whether someone was lying to some extent, and if Lu Chen was lying, she would have known right away. But upon her judgment, Lu Chen truly wasn't lying.

Which means, in his past life, Lu Chen really was just an ordinary person with no backing from a Cultivation Family.

But if he didn't have a massive force behind him, how could it be possible for the Sunset Sword Sect and the Tai Chu Divine Hall to come to pledge allegiance to Lu Chen willingly?



When Yun Xianxian regained her composure, she asked, "When do you plan to share these secrets with your teacher?"

Lu Chen said, "When the time is ripe, the disciple will naturally tell Master everything."

Yun Xianxian huffed lightly and said, "Your teacher advises you to stay vigilant and not become someone else's pawn."

There's no such thing as a free lunch in this world. If indeed there is a power behind Lu Chen, helping him and even able to make enormous forces like the Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall submit to him, then it's evident that this power must want something from Lu Chen.

As a person from the Immortal world herself, Yun Xianxian understood the ruthlessness of the cultivation world; even she initially approached Lu Chen with the aim of using him for dual cultivation to restore her strength. Therefore, she believed that this power must also want to use Lu Chen for something.

Although her initial purpose in approaching Lu Chen was to use him, deep down, Yun Xianxian had developed a sense of possessiveness; in her view, Lu Chen was now her disciple, and she did not want to see anyone else use him for their purposes.

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Even if using Lu Chen, it should only be for my own benefit.

Lu Chen said, "Thank you, Master, for your concern. Your disciple will certainly heed your teachings."

Yun Xianxian then said, "I won't waste words on you. As long as you understand, that's enough."

At this point, Yun Xianxian was ready to leave, but Lu Chen suddenly spoke out, "Master, please wait!"

Upon hearing these words, Yun Xianxian turned her head, looking at Lu Chen expressionlessly, and asked, "What is it, do you have something else to say?"

Lu Chen, with a smile on his face, said, "Master, I am about to attack the Capital City tomorrow, would you like me to help you continue restoring your strength?"

Yun Xianxian spoke indifferently, "Now that you have two Celestials by your side, and judging by those who came from Tai Chu Divine Hall and Sunset Sword Sect, both forces are extremely powerful. There's simply no need for me."

Lu Chen said, "What is Master saying? If your disciple hadn't had your help, how could he have found that Divine Weapon?"

Upon hearing this, Yun Xianxian chuckled inwardly. It seemed this disciple wasn't foolish after all; despite the arrival of the two other Celestials, he was still aware of her usefulness to him.

Yun Xianxian then said, "Very well, come up."

As soon as Yun Xianxian's voice fell, Lu Chen, without even having dinner, walked straight towards the bed. As he walked, he stripped off his clothes, revealing his perfect abs and physique.

After getting on the bed, Lu Chen sat across from Yun Xianxian, crossing his legs.

Once on the bed, Lu Chen began to circulate his Spiritual Power. Yun Xianxian's purple pupils fixed on Lu Chen's eyes, and soon stirred up the desires deep within his heart.

Enduring the restlessness in his body, Lu Chen asked curiously, "Master, have you ever cultivated like this with other men before?"

Yun Xianxian answered coldly, "What do you think I am? Someone who throws herself at every man she sees?"

Lu Chen said, "Then, disciple is the first man you've cultivated with?"

"So Master gave her first to the disciple."

Hearing this, Yun Xianxian's beautiful eyes lifted, her eyebrows slightly furrowed. For some reason, she always felt that Lu Chen's words were strange.

Lu Chen continued, "Master, not everyone is capable of cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill."

Hearing this, Yun Xianxian said, "Oh? Is that so?"

Yun Xianxian was still unaware of what cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill implied. In her view, it was just a dual cultivation technique that men and women could practice together; no other conditions were necessary.

Lu Chen said, "There is a crucial condition for cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill. Master, after so many times of cultivating together, haven't you noticed it?"

Having heard Lu Chen put it this way, Yun Xianxian was slightly startled. A crucial condition?

What condition was that?

Why had she been unaware of it?

Yun Xianxian immediately asked, "What condition?"

Lu Chen answered, "This cultivation technique requires both the man and the woman to have feelings for each other to cultivate it. Master, when you first cultivated with your disciple, didn't you utilize a certain method to stir a wicked heart in me? You should have known since then that this was the case."

Lu Chen's response instantly stunned Yun Xianxian. But in the next moment, she released waves of cold air from her body, freezing the entire room, almost encasing Lu Chen in ice as well.

Yun Xianxian's purple pupils gazed at Lu Chen with a cold intensity, "What are you trying to say?"

Seeing the cold air emanating from Yun Xianxian, Lu Chen quickly said, "Your disciple is merely speaking the truth. Your disciple begs for your forgiveness if he has angered you."

Yun Xianxian could not possibly have misunderstood Lu Chen's earlier words. If cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill required the man and the woman to have feelings for each other, wasn't Lu Chen suggesting that she had those sorts of feelings for him?

This man truly dared to dream!

How could she, a Saintess of the Immortal Realm, harbor such thoughts for him!

What a disobedient disciple!

He indeed aimed to betray his master!

Yun Xianxian then said, "I advise you not to harbor any other thoughts. Just because I have taken you as a disciple does not mean I can endlessly tolerate your behavior."

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Lu Chen did not immediately admit to being scared. Perhaps because two Celestials had recently arrived at his side, Lu Chen seemed to have grown much bolder.

Lu Chen said, "Master, your disciple merely stated the necessary conditions for cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill. Why would you get angry, Master?"

"Could it be that I struck a nerve, and that's why you're angry and in such a hurry to deny it?"

Yun Xianxian felt a jolt in her heart, "You!"

Yun Xianxian had not expected Lu Chen to be so daring today, to be so blatantly disrespectful towards her. Although she had long been aware of the thoughts Lu Chen harbored for her, and that this man probably even called out 'Master' during his intimate moments with Chen Wanrong.

Then something occurred to Yun Xianxian, and she said, "It seems the arrival of those two Celestials has emboldened you, giving you the courage to speak to me this way."

"Celestials are indeed powerful in this world, but don't forget that being a Celestial is just the beginning of cultivation. Away from this world, Celestials are nothing."

"If you continue to be so unreasonable and obstinate, once we leave this world, I will have no choice but to punish you severely!"

Lu Chen looked directly into Yun Xianxian's majestic purple eyes and said, "Your disciple once heard a saying, 'In cultivation, one cultivates the heart.' If Master intends to deny her own heart, and her own feelings, there's no need to wait until we leave this world. You could just kill your disciple right now. That would settle your worldly heart."

With Lu Chen's words, a bone-chilling cold aura burst forth from Yun Xianxian once more, and she immediately rebuked him, "Shut up! Do you really think I wouldn't dare to kill you!"

At that moment, Lu Chen felt as if his body had been frozen, and soon layers of ice began to climb up his body, with his lower body quickly feeling as if it had been encased in ice.

Lu Chen then closed his eyes, "Disciple still holds the same opinion. If Master wishes to make a move, do it now."

"Truth be told, cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill requires mutual affection between a man and a woman. In other words, Master also has feelings for your disciple!"

"You!"

Whoosh, another icy blast of cold air erupted from Yun Xianxian's body, and now the entire residence could feel the piercing cold, with people turning their gaze towards Lu Chen's room.

At that moment, Xuanyuan Chaoge's voice sounded from outside the door, "My King, are you... all right?"

Although Xuanyuan Chaoge knew that the cold air had erupted from Yun Xianxian, the commotion in the room still made her worry that something might have happened inside.

If there indeed was trouble, she knew she had to rush in quickly to protect Lu Chen.

Lu Chen replied, "I'm fine."

Reassured by Lu Chen's voice, Xuanyuan Chaoge finally eased her concerns.

"If there's anything, Your Majesty, remember to alert me. I shall take my leave."

Lu Chen said indifferently, "You may leave."

With Xuanyuan Chaoge's interjection, Yun Xianxian calmed down a bit and coldly said to Lu Chen, "Today's cultivation ends here; I'm going back."

Although she had acted very fiercely just now, it was only to intimidate Lu Chen, and it did not mean that she really wanted to hurt him.

For one thing, Lu Chen was still very useful to her; she relied on him to quickly restore her strength.

On the other hand, there were indeed some fluctuations in her heart, seeing Lu Chen's fearless demeanor only made her feel helpless.

Yun Xianxian seethed inwardly, thinking, 'This ingrate actually dares to have such thoughts about me.'

If it weren't for the sake of regaining her strength, she would freeze him into an ice sculpture!



Just as Yun Xianxian was about to leave, Lu Chen spoke up again, "Master, your disciple has another matter to discuss!"

Yun Xianxian responded coldly, "I have no desire to speak further with you!"

Lu Chen said, "If Master wishes to keep running away like this, I have nothing more to say."

"But have you ever considered that the actions of practicing together with your disciple are what dao companions do?"

"You have cultivated with me so many times. If one day we leave this world and return to the Immortal world, what will your sect members or your family think if they find out about this?"

"You may not care, but do you think they won't care?"

"A man and a woman alone in a room, on the same bed, claiming to do nothing but meditate in earnest, cultivating the special Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill—do you think they will believe we are pure and innocent?"

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Hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Xianxian's heart shook violently, and she looked coldly into his eyes and said, "Are you threatening me?"

They hadn't left yet, and Lu Chen was already using what could happen after they left to make his point, a matter that probably nobody would know about if Lu Chen himself didn't speak of it.

But by speaking so directly, it was clear that Lu Chen was using it to threaten her.

Lu Chen immediately responded, "The disciple wouldn't dare!"

Yun Xianxian asked in a cold voice, "What exactly do you want to do?"

Lu Chen said, "The disciple doesn't want to do anything, the disciple merely feels that the master should not suppress her own emotions."

Yun Xianxian spoke indifferently, "You think I don't know what you're trying to do?"

"I've been by your side for so long, I already know what kind of person you are, you're just coveting my body."

Lu Chen said, "The disciple admits that he indeed covets the master's body, but this is also for the master's own good."

"Although the disciple and the master have always been cultivating the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, with their current method of meditation, they can't fully harness its potential."

"If the master and the disciple were to use the correct cultivation method of the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, perhaps the master's strength would have already been restored."

Yun Xianxian said coldly, "There's no need to say more, I will absolutely not agree to this!"

As her words fell, Yun Xianxian disappeared on the spot, returning to her own room.

Seeing Yun Xianxian run off like that, Lu Chen didn't feel discouraged; on the contrary, the corners of his mouth lifted slightly.

Yun Xianxian's favorability towards him had long reached ninety-eight, and he thought it was time to give her a push. If they continued their current method of cultivation, their relationship would hardly progress further; it was more straightforward to lay it all out.

Lu Chen believed that Yun Xianxian knew he lusted after her body, and since she was aware, there was no need for him to continue the charade.

Of course, establishing a relationship with Yun Xianxian might not be something that could be achieved quickly, especially since she was a fairy from the Immortal world.

In the beginning, it took him quite some time to break down Chu Yuqin's defenses, so Lu Chen was not in a particular hurry, he would just take his time.

At the same time.

After returning to her room, Yun Xianxian felt indignant recalling what Lu Chen had said to her. A chill spread continuously throughout the room, turning it into an ice cave.

Although she had long known of the scoundrel's designs on her body and had even utilized his desires to cultivate the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill with him, she had never expected him to be so bold as to voice it out loud.

But upon reflection, what Lu Chen said about the cultivation conditions of the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill didn't seem to be nonsense.

As a cultivator familiar with the functioning of cultivation techniques, it was precisely because she was familiar with the workings of the technique that she would have Lu Chen gaze into her eyes during their cultivation sessions and actively provoke his deepest desires.

Previously, it was always she who provoked the desires deep within Lu Chen, but she had never considered that she might harbor such feelings for him as well.

It now occurred to her that if she didn't hold some favor for Lu Chen, they would not have been able to cultivate the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill together.

At this thought, Yun Xianxian's brows furrowed. She, who had lived for a thousand years, seemed to have developed feelings for a lascivious rogue.

In the past, in the Immortal world, she hated those cultivators who were always thinking about women, particularly the young masters from large families who did not engage in proper pursuits, just seeking out beautiful fairies for mere flings.

Yun Xianxian hurriedly circulated her spiritual power to pacify the turmoil in her heart.

She thought that perhaps it was because she had been in this world for too long and had not seen anyone from her own world for ages, which made her regard Lu Chen, who came from another world, as a companion, thus developing a fondness for him.

At this idea, Yun Xianxian snorted coldly to herself, muttering, "The traitorous disciple covets his master's body, but it remains to be seen if he has the skill to obtain it!"

Yun Xianxian decided she would be wary of Lu Chen from here on out, to prevent him from seizing the opportunity to really ruin her.

As for the thought of killing Lu Chen to put an end to future troubles, it was out of the question for her. Lu Chen was very important to her, both for practical benefits and emotional attachment, so all she could do was to guard against him to prevent his success.

Yun Xianxian firmly resolved that once she had the ability to leave this world, she would keep her distance from that ill-fated disciple. The Immortal world was vast, and once she returned to her original world, it would be exceedingly difficult for them to meet again in their lifetime.

With that in mind, the fairy, who was always cold and never bowed to difficulties before her, sighed softly that day.

"What a cursed fate!"

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The next morning.

When Lu Chen awoke, Yun Xianxian was already in the courtyard, and although last night's events had occurred, she had to come out because they were attacking the Capital city today.

The moment Lu Chen stepped out of his room, Yun Xianxian's body emitted waves of cold air, and Lu Chen felt it rushing towards him.

Seeing this scene, Lu Chen did not pay much attention. He said with a smile, "Master, you've risen early."

Yun Xianxian did not respond to Lu Chen's words, but indifferently said, "After you ascend the throne and proclaim yourself Emperor, Rongrong and I will return to Mysterious Moon Palace."

Lu Chen was startled for a moment but said nothing more. Let them return if they must; after all, Yun Xianxian could not escape his grasp, and one day, he would make this fairy his woman.

"I understand," he said.

Yun Xianxian then walked towards the outside of the courtyard, saying as she walked, "Hurry up and get your Celestial subordinates ready. Once Sun Emperor and his forces use that Divine Weapon, snatch it immediately."

Lu Chen did not hesitate and directly followed Yun Xianxian to the military camp.

Soon after, Lu Chen led an army of 150,000 straight towards the capital city.

It took less than a morning for Lu Chen to arrive at the capital city. During this period, they encountered no resistance whatsoever—it was unbelievably smooth.

Lu Chen saw through Sum Emperor's thoughts. Sum Emperor certainly planned to deal with Mysterious Moon Palace's Celestial first and then let the Imperial Army counterattack. Once the North Country no longer had its Celestial, and Sum Emperor had a Pseudo-Celestial on his side, the Pseudo-Celestial would be able to crush the soldiers from North Country.

If the Imperial Army were to stop the soldiers from North Country now, it would bring no benefit to them. They had already witnessed the combat strength of the soldiers from North Country. Sending troops to block Lu Chen's advance to the south would merely send the Imperial soldiers to their deaths.

The Imperial Army still near the capital consisted of the elite of the elite, and Sum Emperor would certainly not send them off to die.

Both sides were very clear that the key to this battle was to take out the most powerful figures of the opposing side. Once both sides' Pseudo-Celestials and Celestials were gone, there would essentially be nothing left to fight for in this war.

Inside the capital city, there was panic everywhere. Those who could run had already fled to the south; most of the remaining people had no way to escape.

After arriving outside the capital city, Lu Chen immediately ordered the soldiers to start drafting a proclamation of punitive expedition. Lu Chen did not say who he wanted to punish; he only said there were traitorous officials beside Sum Emperor.

At this time, the court officials had already gathered in Xuanzheng Hall, waiting anxiously.

North Prince was already at the gates, yet Sum Emperor had not sent out his troops. Thinking of the combat prowess of the North Country's army, the officials turned pale with fear.

Some even prepared to surrender directly to North Prince, and this mindset was not uncommon; in fact, it was the majority.

In their eyes, they were all part of the Lu family; it did not matter who became Emperor. A son and father competing for the throne had nothing to do with them as subjects. They just needed to wait and see who would emerge victorious.

As the ministers inside the hall were restlessly anxious, suddenly, a figure in golden armor caught their attention.

The man, dressed in a yellow robe, slowly walked into the hall. Upon seeing that it was Sum Emperor, the officials immediately quieted down and in unison exclaimed, "Long live the Emperor! Long may he reign!"

After paying their respects, one official immediately said, "Your Majesty, the rebels are at the gates. The capital is in imminent peril. This official urgently requests that you dispatch troops immediately!"

Sum Emperor indifferently said, "Did you not see the armor I am wearing?"

This...



The officials seemingly understood Sum Emperor's intention, and one quickly said, "Your Majesty, the battlefield is dangerous, you must not..."

But before the official could finish, Sum Emperor interrupted him, "I heard that the traitorous son just recited a proclamation outside the city, saying he wants to punish a treacherous official. Let all the dear officials follow me to the city wall and see which treacherous official he intends to punish!"

Upon hearing this, cold sweat broke out on the officials' backs.

If North Prince were defeated, the treacherous official North Prince wanted to punish could become the most trusted by Sum Emperor. But if North Prince succeeded, the first problem he'd solve after entering the city would likely be these so-called treacherous officials.

With North Prince's momentum, no one wanted to become the treacherous official in his eyes.

At this moment, Lin Gaoyuan stood up and volunteered, "This official is willing to accompany Your Majesty to the city wall! Together we will withstand the rebel assault!"

Hearing these words, Sum Emperor laughed heartily, "Lin, I knew I wasn't wrong about you!"

Seeing Lin Gaoyuan speak up, other officials also voiced their stance, "We are willing to stay with Your Majesty to defend the capital city! We swear we will not retreat unto death!"

"Good! Very good!"

"Then let us now go and see what that traitorous son really intends to do," said Sum Emperor.

With that, Sum Emperor turned and left Xuanzheng Hall, heading straight down the main road towards the city wall.

Sum Emperor's stride was strong, his eyes were firm, full of energy, and his heart was boiling with passion.

He had not felt this way in a long time.

Sum Emperor whispered to himself,

After today, Great Sum shall have no more Seigniors!

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Soon, the Sum Emperor led a group of ministers to the city tower, looking out at the distant army of the North Country.

When the ministers saw the North Prince again, their hearts were filled with infinite emotion.

In the past, they had all misjudged him, always believing the North Prince to be worthless. Yet, to their surprise, he had managed to develop the North Country so powerfully within just a few years.

He had not only defeated the Barbarian Tribe in the north but also crushed the army of Great Wu, forcing them to sign a peace treaty, and ultimately led his troops to the Capital city of Great Sum.

A few years back, who could have imagined the North Prince achieving such a feat.

Some ministers deeply regretted not having formed good relations with the North Prince back then. If they had gotten on good terms with him, they wouldn't be so frightened now, seeing his troops approaching the city.

At that moment, the Sum Emperor shouted from the city tower, "Rebel son, are you seeking to revolt?"

Lu Chen didn't immediately answer the Sum Emperor. Upon seeing him, Lu Chen dismounted and then, facing the city tower where the Sum Emperor stood, performed a ceremonial bow, saying, "This son pays respect to Father Emperor! Long live the Emperor, long live, long live!"

Although Lu Chen had come to seize the throne, the Sum Emperor was his biological father in public. Despite his lack of emotional attachment to the Sum Emperor, he still observed the proper etiquette.

Moreover, Lu Chen felt that if he were to usurp the throne by committing patricide now, his own children might very well follow suit in the future, setting a poor example for them.

Of course, despite these concerns, Lu Chen was still intent on fighting for the throne.

The Sum Emperor sneered and said, "Rebel son, leading your troops to besiege the Capital city, why bother with such false civility in saluting me!"

After finishing his bow, Lu Chen spoke loudly, "My Father Emperor is surrounded by treacherous officials, who not only have misled you into committing heinous acts but also have held you hostage to give orders to the world. Now, as your son, I lead my troops here, determined to eradicate these treacherous officials for you and restore your freedom, to revive the imperial majesty!"

Hearing this, the Sum Emperor burst into laughter, "Ha-ha-ha-ha, treacherous officials? Ridiculous!"

"I have only loyal officials by my side, never so-called treacherous officials. If you wish to rebel, at least make up a decent excuse."

"Enough. Since you have embarked on this path of rebellion, I can no longer consider our father-son relationship."

As he spoke, the archers on the wall all stepped forward, each equipped with the Piercing Cloud Bow and Piercing Cloud Arrow.

The Sum Emperor raised his hand and waved it forward. In an instant, numerous Piercing Cloud Arrows flew toward the army outside.

The North Country army immediately changed formation, soldiers bearing shields rushing to the front. However, before the Piercing Cloud Arrows could touch the North Country soldiers, they were seized in mid-air by a powerful force.

This scene caused panic among the ministers.

What kind of power was this, to intercept so many arrows outright?

Celestials?

Yes! It must be a Celestial!

Only a Celestial would possess such an ability!

They had long heard that the Celestial from Mysterious Moon Palace had gone to the North Country, and now it seemed the rumors were true!

The Celestial of Mysterious Moon Palace was indeed standing with the North Country!

This was disastrous!

With a Celestial on the North Prince's side, wouldn't seizing the throne be an easy task?

Suddenly, nearly all the ministers on the city tower began contemplating the manner in which they would surrender once the North Prince breached the Capital city.

However, unlike those ministers, the Sum Emperor didn't panic at the sight, his lips even curving into a slight smile.

He had been waiting for the Celestial to appear. If he could deal with the Celestial, the war could end swiftly.

Just then, the North Country soldiers began a sudden retreat, leaving behind only a few people.

Seeing this, the people on the city tower were once again stunned. What was happening?

Why were the North Country soldiers retreating?

Didn't they want to attack the city?

Why were they withdrawing so soon?

Soon, a barefoot woman in a green dress with white hair arrived in front of where Lu Chen and the others were.

Upon her arrival, everyone on the city wall was momentarily lost in her beauty.

Such a beautiful woman!

This woman didn't seem like an ordinary person from this world!

Everyone instantly realized that she was the Celestial from Mysterious Moon Palace!

Seeing Yun Xianxian appear, Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou in their cloaks approached the Sum Emperor.

Yu Changqing said, "Your Majesty, we shall kill the North Prince for you. Please seize this opportunity to eliminate the Celestial from Mysterious Moon Palace. If this Celestial does not die, all our efforts will be in vain."

The Sum Emperor calmly replied, "You needn't remind me, I know what to do."

Hearing their conversation, the nearby ministers were once again stunned.

From their words, the Sum Emperor could kill a Celestial?

How was that possible?

To most people, Celestials were akin to Immortals, beyond the reach of ordinary humans. How could a mortal kill such a being?

And who were these people in black robes, and why had they never heard of them?

The ministers were filled with questions, but they were certain about one thing—the Sum Emperor had been concealing his strength, still holding cards close to his chest, and was not afraid of Celestials.

People were reminded of the rumors that had circulated some time ago, claiming that the Imperial Palace held a Divine Weapon capable of killing a Celestial. Previously, many had dismissed it as mere rumor.

Now it seemed quite possible that the Sum Emperor indeed possessed a Divine Weapon that could slay a Celestial.

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"So, does that mean the outcome of this war is still an unknown?"

Just then, the black-robed figure beside Sum Emperor leapt instantly from the city wall, heading straight for Lu Chen in the distance.

At the same time, Sum Emperor also ordered the evil divine weapon to be brought to him.

The Shadow Guard swiftly brought forward a box emitting black Qi to Sum Emperor. Sensing the terrifying aura from the box, the ministers on the city wall couldn't help but retreat a few steps backward.

Sum Emperor paid no heed to the reactions of his ministers and directly opened the box.

As the box was opened, the black Qi inside burst out instantaneously, engulfing the entire city wall. The ministers and soldiers on the city wall were enveloped by the black Qi, becoming panic-stricken, thinking some calamity was about to ensue.



But in the end, nothing happened.

Lu Chen, from afar, also saw the black Qi erupting from the city wall. Every cell in his body trembled at that moment, and with a furrow in his brow, he realized the divine weapon had been brought out.

Just then, Yun Xianxian controlled her life-sized puppet and flew into the sky.

Seeing this scene, Sum Emperor's eyes flashed with a sharp light, what a good opportunity!

He immediately gripped the divine weapon, aiming it towards Yun Xianxian in the sky.

As Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou nearly reached Lu Chen, they launched their attack, unleashing waves of Sword Qi heading straight for Lu Chen, but Lu Chen did not dodge. Instead, he raised his hand and a sword swept out.

Thousand Layered Waves!!!

Countless Sword Qi rose to meet it, clashing and raising dust that filled the sky.

Seeing this, the ministers on the city wall were stunned once again.

The might emanating from Lu Chen, just now, had certainly surpassed a Grandmaster's. In particular, the Sword Qi he released, causing such a disturbance, indicated he had at least the strength of a Great Grandmaster.

The North Prince is actually a Great Grandmaster!!!

When North Prince went to North Country, he had never trained in martial arts, no matter how exceptionally talented he was. It was impossible for him to become a Great Grandmaster in just a few short years, wasn't it?

Keep in mind that some people practice martial arts their whole lives without ever becoming a Great Grandmaster.

How did North Prince achieve this!

At that moment, Sum Emperor was also momentarily taken aback, but he quickly collected himself. To him, it didn't matter what strength Lu Chen possessed because soon, Lu Chen would be dead.

It was at this time that the arrival of Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou caught Yun Xianxian's attention, and she released the oppressive might of a Celestial instantly.

The next moment, everyone present felt as if they couldn't breathe.

Foreheads broke out in cold sweat, and some people even lost their footing, kneeling directly on the ground.

Some people on the city wall abruptly realized that Sum Emperor seemed unbothered as if nothing was amiss. Supposedly, he, as a Grandmaster, should not have been able to withstand such pressure, yet Sum Emperor was resisting with such ease.

People quickly understood that Sum Emperor's true strength was not just that of a Grandmaster but could even surpass a Great Grandmaster, lying beyond that level.

People had an epiphany, Sum Emperor had indeed hidden his true power!

Sum Emperor glanced at Yun Xianxian in the sky, eager to use the divine weapon in his hands, but he was most worried about the possibility of her evading it. He decided to wait a little longer, until Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou diverted Yun Xianxian's attention, then he would act.

It would be best if Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou, these two old fogeys, could align themselves with the Celestial from Mysterious Moon Palace, which would allow him to dispose of all three at once.

At that moment, Yu Changqing's body sprang up, surrounded by numerous sword lights. The next instant, those sword lights darted towards Yun Xianxian in the sky.

The puppet "Yun Xianxian," expressionless, simply raised her hand slowly. The next moment, a series of Ice Cones formed around "Yun Xianxian's" body.

Just as the sword lights were about to reach Yun Xianxian's body, the Ice Cones shot out fiercely, and in the blink of an eye, they neutralized the sword lights.

Yu Changqing found this odd, as he felt the oppressive aura emanating from the "Yun Xianxian" above was unstable, not at all like the Yun Xianxian they usually knew.

He couldn't help thinking, could it be Yun Xianxian's injuries had worsened? Was that what caused the instability in her aura?

Considering this possibility, Yu Changqing immediately said to Fu Hongchou, "Her injuries haven't healed, her strength is unstable, she can't look after anything else. Hurry and kill North Prince!"

Hearing this, Fu Hongchou, without a word, transformed into an afterimage, hurtling towards Lu Chen.

Just as Fu Hongchou was about to reach Lu Chen, "Yun Xianxian" turned her head in Lu Chen's direction, seemingly distracted.

Seeing this, Sum Emperor felt the moment had come. Although Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou were not standing with the Celestial from Mysterious Moon Palace, since they were so close, Sum Emperor believed that once he activated the divine weapon in his hands, even if it was not possible to kill Yu Changqing and Fu Hongchou, he might still be able to severely injure both of them.

With that thought, Sum Emperor immediately lifted the evil divine weapon in his hands, aiming at "Yun Xianxian" in the sky.

Just then, still airborne, Yu Changqing had a strong sense of crisis; as if he had realized something, he quickly turned to look and, indeed, saw Sum Emperor planning to take advantage of the alignment with Yun Xianxian to finish them both off at once.