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Chapter 831 The Sum Emperor doesn't really think he can break through to the All Law Realm, does he?

Li Qianrou, who was sitting in the carriage at the time, also noticed that there was something off about Mu Yunxi's complexion. She felt very curious as well; even she didn't know Mu Yunxi's true realm, nor her age. How could this man know?

Could it be that this man also had the ability to deduce a person's origins?

From the look on Mu Yunxi's face, it was clear that the man must have hit the mark. Otherwise, her expression wouldn't be so grave and indifferent.

For a moment, Li Qianrou, too, felt pressure mount upon her. If Lu Chen was capable of threatening a Genesis Realm powerhouse, then should a confrontation truly arise later, she probably would not be a match for him either.

It was at this point that Mu Yunxi spoke up, "Being able to discern my age, it seems your strength is even greater than I had anticipated."

"I am quite curious, what would someone as powerful as you be doing in such a lower world, one that even Demon Cultivators are unwilling to come to?"

Lu Chen replied indifferently, "If the fairy is willing to surrender and become one of mine, I might be inclined to tell the fairy about my affairs."

Mu Yunxi immediately let out an ethereal laugh before responding, "It is rumored that the Sum Emperor is a lecher. Seeing you today, the reputation is indeed well-deserved."

"To think of making me yours, I'm afraid you don't have the strength for that."

Although Mu Yunxi was genuinely wary of the Earth Rank Slayer Spear, escaping was still not an issue for her; it wasn't certain that Lu Chen could hit her with the Slayer Spear even if he used it.

Lu Chen said, "Whether I have the strength or not, we'll only know after we've fought."

As they spoke, Xia Tianyuan and Mu Hongguang continued to increase the infusion of spiritual energy. In no time, Lu Chen's body was filled with spiritual energy, and then he once again lifted the Slayer Spear.

Naturally, Lu Chen had no intention of killing the two women, but in order to capture them, he must defeat them.

Seeing that Lu Chen was wielding the Slayer Spear once again, both women's hearts tightened, their expressions growing even colder and more solemn.

Although ready to flee, Mu Yunxi still decided to first test Lu Chen's strength. In the future, if she were to leave this world, she would inevitably cross paths with this man again; it was unavoidable.

At that moment, Mu Yunxi's body released waves of purple spiritual energy. Then, the bells on her jade feet also began to shake, emitting a series of bell tones.

However, the sound of the bells did not materialize this time; instead, they took the form of sound waves that reached Lu Chen's ears. Everyone who heard this sound was shocked, even the soldiers of the Daxia Army who were leaving the battlefield stood still, their eyes vacant.

After being affected, Lu Chen quickly regained his composure. Seeing him recover his lucid gaze in such a short period of time, Mu Yunxi became even more certain of her guess.

This Lu Chen must have been sent by an Aristocratic Family for tempering. Some Cultivation Families liked to send their outstanding descendants to Lower Worlds for training.

For a moment, Mu Yunxi felt somewhat unlucky to have encountered a descendant of an Aristocratic Family out tempering himself. It seemed that leaving this world would be no easy feat.

Those major families dared to let their Disciples temper in Lower Worlds because they had made sufficient preparations. Competing with Lu Chen for the opportunity to leave this world would not be easy.

At that moment, Lu Chen once again broke the silence, "Fairy, there is really no need for us to cross swords. After all, your wish is to leave this world, and perhaps one day we may find a way to take you with us."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Mu Yunxi gave a soft laugh, then spoke, "The Sum Emperor really knows how to sweet-talk. Since the Sum Emperor knows of my desire to leave this world, then you must also be very clear that the spiritual energy in this world is too thin. There is no way to transport multiple people away, not to mention the place I wish to go is far indeed."

Outside of this world lies the Chaotic Space; without using all the remaining Spiritual Energy of this world, it is highly unlikely that one could construct a spatial channel to leave it.

In Mu Yunxi's view, no matter how many Cultivators from other worlds there are, only one person can leave this world, while the rest will be trapped here for a lifetime until their natural lives reach their limits.

After hearing Mu Yunxi's words, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Fairy Mu is too pessimistic. Who can predict the future? What if there is another way to leave this world?"

Mu Yunxi let out a light chuckle again and then said, "The Sum Emperor doesn't believe he can break through to the All Law Realm, does he?"

"With the Spiritual Energy of this world, it is impossible to produce a strong cultivator of the All Law Realm."

Lu Chen was actually right; there is another way to leave this world, which is to break through to the All Law Realm. As long as one can break through to the All Law Realm, one's own Spiritual Power will be able to withstand the spatial turbulence.

But for this world to produce a strong cultivator of the All Law Realm, it would probably require ten times the world's Spiritual Energy.

Therefore, Mu Yunxi had never considered leaving through cultivation.

Lu Chen said, "Fairy Mu, what you said is correct, I indeed can break through to the All Law Realm."

"If Fairy Mu does not believe it, you can wait and see. If one day Fairy Mu has a change of heart, you are welcome to come find me."

Lu Chen also realized that it was not easy to keep Mu Yunxi, a strong cultivator of the Genesis Realm. Therefore, it was very likely that Mu Yunxi would abandon Li Qingrou and flee in a moment.

However, as there were so few women with a score of ninety in this world, Lu Chen did not want to let Mu Yunxi escape like that—he was determined to have her.

While speaking, Lu Chen had already raised the muzzle of his gun, but he did not immediately attack Mu Yunxi. Instead, he aimed the Slayer Spear upward above them.

Seeing Lu Chen's confidence, Mu Yunxi released the Spiritual Energy inside her body once more. In the next moment, the aura around her surged, becoming incredibly ferocious, and the sound of the bells turned into tangible ripples of water.

Immediately after, a water dragon emerged from the ripples and charged straight toward Lu Chen.

She didn't forget to remind Lu Chen, "This is my most powerful Cultivation Technique. If you don't want to die, dodge now."

For some reason, even though Mu Yunxi had attacked Lu Chen, she didn't actually want to see anything happen to him.

Deep inside, she had a strange feeling. She felt an incredible familiarity with Lu Chen, and she now strongly suspected that Lu Chen was from the same Cultivation World as her.

Hearing Mu Yunxi's warning, Lu Chen simply smiled faintly, then lifted the Slayer Spear, aimed at the water dragon, and pulled the trigger directly.

The next moment, a purple beam shot out from the barrel of the Slayer Spear. When the purple light touched the water dragon, it instantly shattered the creature, and the extraordinary ripples in the air shattered like glass.

However, in the instant the water dragon exploded, the sound of a bell rang out above the basin, followed by Mu Yunxi's ethereal voice.

"You are indeed very powerful. I acknowledge your strength now. Next time we meet, I will not hold back!"

"Besides, I still don't believe you can cultivate to the All Law Realm!"

Chapter 832 Are You Planning to threaten me with Junwan?

When Mu Yunxi's voice dissipated in the sky above the basin, the residual force of the exploding water dragon also vanished, and long ago there was no trace of Mu Yunxi on the carriage.

At this moment, Li Qianrou's face was as cold as frost, Sword Qi flickering incessantly around her. Soon, the carriage was completely destroyed by those Sword Qi.

Obviously, Li Qianrou was furious because of Mu Yunxi's escape.

She had long been aware that the alliance between them was unreliable, but she hadn't expected Mu Yunxi to flee at this time.

After all, Mu Yunxi was a powerhouse of the Genesis Realm, yet she had such little courage.

If that woman was of no use, then she would have to rely on herself.

Although Lu Chen was very strong, in her world, there was no such word as "fear." She did not believe that she had no way to deal with Lu Chen.

Just then, Lu Chen spoke, "Yue Emperor, now that Junwan has become my woman and you and Junwan are good friends, there really is no need for us to cross swords."

Upon hearing these words, the Yue Emperor snorted coldly and then said, "What, you want to include me in your harem as well?"

"Ridiculous!"

Not to mention she detested men the most, even if she didn't, she would never compete with her own sister for a man's favor.

In her eyes, Lu Chen was nothing more than Wu Junwan's paramour.

Hearing the Yue Emperor's icy tone, Lu Chen said with a smile, "If the Yue Emperor is willing, it is not impossible."

Li Qianrou sneered and said, "If you want me to become your woman, you'll have to see if you have the strength for that."

As she spoke, Sword Qi around Li Qianrou's body gathered together to form a huge tornado.

Immediately after, the tornado surged towards Lu Chen who promptly raised the Slayer Spear and aimed it at the tornado. With a single thrust, the Sword Qi tornado containing destructive power disappeared without a trace.

However, Lu Chen did not immediately attack; he only needed to defend passively until Li Qianrou admitted defeat.

Although Li Qianrou was strong, in the absence of a battle formation, her personal strength alone was not enough to contend with Lu Chen and the two Celestials standing behind him.

Li Qianrou did not give up after her first attack was interrupted; she drew her Spirit Sword and this time directly unleashed the destructive Sword Intent.

Originally, she had not intended to use Sword Intent. She was unsure whether Lu Chen could withstand her Sword Intent; if Lu Chen were to be injured, she might not be able to explain herself to her good sister later.

But not using Sword Intent was no longer an option. If she didn't use it, she would likely not be a match for Lu Chen, especially considering the enormous power of the Spiritual Artifact in his hand.

In fact, Li Qianrou had also noticed that although Lu Chen possessed such a powerful Spiritual Artifact, he had not launched an offensive move; he had always been in a defensive state.

This indicated that Lu Chen was holding back, probably sharing the same thought as hers, but even if both did not wish to harm the other's life, a victor still needed to be decided.

As the purple Sword Qi imbued with destructive Sword Intent neared Lu Chen, he once again raised the Slayer Spear, and with another thrust, the destructive Sword Intent dissipated.

Seeing this scene, Li Qianrou's brows furrowed slightly; she felt somewhat astonished. If even the Sword Intent could be easily destroyed, then that Spiritual Artifact was indeed extraordinary.

The crux of the matter was that Lu Chen had two Celestials constantly replenishing his Spiritual Energy from behind. In such a situation, Lu Chen could use that Spiritual Artifact multiple times.

Yet even so, Li Qiangrou still did not give up. She once again employed the destructive Sword Intent and launched another attack, followed by ten successive assaults, all of which were blocked by Lu Chen.

At this point, Li Qiangrou's body had clearly become weak, and her icy cheeks had turned even paler. It was evident her body had expended a great deal of Spiritual Energy and was struggling to hold up.

Just after Li Qiangrou utilized the destructive Sword Intent again, her body reached its limit. She instantly fell to her knees, then, using her sword to prop herself up, displayed immense frailty.

In the past, even in the Misty World, she had rarely encountered a battle of this magnitude. Although Lu Chen was constantly on the defense, and she incessantly on the offense, it was she who ended up wounded and weakened.

If this continued, Lu Chen would have no trouble capturing her when he wished, and she would have no choice but to surrender.

Her pride would not allow her to become this man's prisoner.

It was at that moment that Sword Qi once again gathered around Li Qiangrou's body. Lu Chen originally thought she would resume her attacks, but he quickly sensed something amiss. Li Qiangrou's Sword Qi was only converging around herself, with no intention of being released.

Lu Chen immediately understood, and he hastened to say, "Don't do anything foolish, Junwan is still waiting to see you. If something happens to you, how is she supposed to go on?"

Li Qiangrou let out a light chuckle, then said, "Are you trying to use Junwan to threaten Your Majesty?"

"Junwan knows what kind of person Your Majesty is. She has long foreseen the choices Your Majesty would make!"

"Go back and tell her that we cannot be sisters in this life. In the next, we shall be friends."

As she spoke, the Sword Qi around Li Qiangrou grew increasingly violent. She continued, "Since Junwan trusts you so much, Your Majesty believes you will always treat her well. She is in your care now!"

With that, Li Qiangrou prepared to commit suicide.

However, in the next instant, a figure suddenly appeared behind Li Qiangrou, embracing her body directly, and the next moment, all the Spiritual Energy within her was sealed, and she lost all her strength.

Li Qiangrou was stunned and after recovering her senses, she fiercely exclaimed, "How dare you!"

But Lu Chen paid no heed to Li Qiangrou. Li Qiangrou immediately began to struggle, trying to break free from Lu Chen's grasp.

No matter how Li Qiangrou struggled, she could not escape Lu Chen's arms. Lu Chen firmly held her arms, and with her Spiritual Power sealed, all her efforts to struggle were futile.

Lu Chen then said, "Your Majesty promised Junwan that no matter what happens, I would ensure your survival. So if you wish to commit suicide, it will have to be with Your Majesty's consent."

The Yue Emperor let out a scoff and said, "Ridiculous. Your Majesty can commit suicide at any time, and I don't believe you can watch over Your Majesty forever."

Li Qiangrou's thinking was simple; Lu Chen, after all, was a sovereign of a nation. How could he possibly keep her under watch forever? As soon as Lu Chen released her, she would have a chance to end her life.

She would absolutely not become this man's captive, let alone his woman.

Hearing this, Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, "You know what, Your Majesty is right. I really can keep an eye on you indefinitely."

With that, Lu Chen turned to the soldiers of Great Jue and said, "The Yue Emperor has been captured alive by Your Majesty, and Great Jue has been defeated. Those who wish to live, lay down your weapons immediately, and in a few days, Your Majesty will accept you, under the title of Imperial Noble Consort. Your Majesty promises, as long as you lay down your arms and do not resist, there will be no indiscriminate killing of the innocent."

Chapter 833 How do you think I should deal with you, the Emperor of the enemy state?

Hearing Lu Chen's words, and seeing the Yue Emperor held tightly by Lu Chen from behind, immobilized, the Dayue soldiers knew their cause was lost.

At this moment, the Dayue soldiers discarded their weapons one after another, then raised their hands, making a gesture of surrender.

Soon, the entire Dayue army surrendered, and even the generals chose to yield. Their mightiest Emperor had been captured by the Sum Emperor; if they continued to resist, they would meet nothing but destruction.

Moreover, the Sum Emperor had said that he would take the Yue Emperor as his Imperial Noble Consort. Even if Dayue was annihilated, as long as the Yue Emperor was alive, the people of Dayue might not become slaves.

After the army of Dayue had laid down their arms, the Daxia Army approached, and a group of military generals came before Lu Chen.

Seeing Lu Chen embrace the Yue Emperor Li Qingrou in an ambiguous manner, the generals looked at each other with uncertainty.

Lu Chen was, after all, a sovereign ruler; it was inappropriate for him to continue holding the Yue Emperor like this. However, since Lu Chen had just declared Li Qingrou to be the Imperial Noble Consort, the generals were not in a position to suggest directly stripping her of her martial arts skills. And even if they did disable Li Qingrou's martial arts, she could still take her own life if she chose to.

Lu Chen, realizing the impropriety of the situation, directly said, "Prepare the carriage; I will personally escort the Yue Emperor to the Dayue Capital City!"

Upon hearing these words, people immediately started to make preparations, and soon the carriage was ready.

Seeing the carriage before her, Li Qingrou once again attempted to struggle, but she still found herself unable to break free.

She didn't understand how Lu Chen achieved this—merely touching her body was enough to drain all her spiritual power. It was her first time hearing of such a technique.

Lu Chen then embraced Li Qingrou's body and directly entered the carriage, and the next moment, the horns sounded to advance, as the Daxia Army, escorting the soldiers of Dayue, continued their march towards the capital of Dayue.

After Lu Chen brought Li Qingrou into the carriage, he had her sit directly on his lap. Li Qingrou's Phoenix Robe was already somewhat tattered at this point, revealing her fair thighs.

At that moment, a faint fragrance from Li Qingrou drifted into Lu Chen's nostrils, instantly stirring him.

Sensing Lu Chen's change, Li Qingrou coldly said, "The Sum Emperor truly is a lecherous man!"

Lu Chen, smiling, replied, "I have never denied being a lecherous man."

Hearing this from Lu Chen, Li Qingrou was completely helpless. She couldn't escape his grasp, and with all her spiritual power sealed, she would be powerless if he decided to dishonor her in the carriage.

Li Qingrou suddenly thought of something, then said, "You obtained Junwan's body in the same way, didn't you?"

Lu Chen answered indifferently, "My relationship with Junwan is true love; I don't need to resort to such methods."

Li Qingrou scoffed, then said, "Do you think I would believe that?"

"It seems that is how Junwan was defiled by you, so she had no choice but to become your woman."

Although Li Qingrou did not know what method Lu Chen used, she was certain he must have employed it on countless women, including Wu Junwan.

Once the martial skills of a female warrior were sealed, Lu Chen could do whatever he pleased with them.

Li Qingrou continued, "What do you plan to do with me?"

Lu Chen answered, "Didn't I already say? I will make you my Imperial Noble Consort, and you will bear my children."

Li Qianrou immediately said, "I walk the Unfeeling Tao. To think I would bear children for you, you are delusional!"

"Even if I truly became pregnant with your child, I would personally see to its end!"

Li Qianrou had no intention of becoming Lu Chen's woman; she had once been a ruler of a nation, after all. How could she accept such humiliation? Even in death, she would not become Lu Chen's woman.

After hearing Li Qianrou's words, Lu Chen said indifferently, "It's normal for you to have such thoughts now. Wait until you meet Junwan. You'll find she had the same thoughts initially, but now she is carrying my child."

Li Qianrou's heart skipped a beat, her Liumei brows furrowing slightly.

"As a ruler of a nation, to be enthralled by lust for women, even if you unite the world, one day Great Sum will fall by your hand."

Hearing Li Qianrou's words, Lu Chen said, unconcerned, "I am merely fond of beauty, not a muddled ruler. I would never let my indulgence in beauty delay my responsibilities."

"Now, there are so many beauties in my harem, yet it still hasn't affected my campaign against Great Jue."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Li Qianrou always felt some discomfort in her heart.

She diligently governed Great Jue, ensuring a stable life for its citizens, and even annexed the Barbarian Tribe. In the end, she lost to such a lecherous man, which to her, was an utter and great humiliation.

But now she was captured by Lu Chen and had no way to end her own life.

The thought of being violated by this man made her feel worse than death itself.

Lu Chen did not care what Li Qianrou was thinking. On the way to Dayue Capital City, he held Li Qianrou the entire trip. In the Pseudo-Celestial Realm, it was no problem not to eat, drink, or relieve oneself for ten days to half a month.

Meanwhile, the Dayue Army that set out to intercept the Black Dragon Country's forces also suffered a defeat. Although the Dayue Army could employ battle arrays, they posed little threat to Liu Zhengchu, an experienced Celestial.

Liu Zhengchu led the Black Dragon Country's forces and swiftly broke through the Dayue Army's defenses.

After more than ten days, Liu Zhengchu's Black Dragon Country forces formally joined up with the Daxia Army outside Great Jue's Capital City.

Upon hearing of the Yue Emperor's defeat and the siege by the Great Sum Army, the officials and nobles within Great Jue Capital City were so frightened that they hurriedly came out to surrender, and with that, Great Jue was officially conquered.

While accepting the surrender, Lu Chen and Li Qianrou both sat inside a carriage; it was Great Sum's Military Generals who received the surrender letters.

Hearing the servile words of Great Jue's ministers, Li Qianrou felt a deep pain in her heart. The nation that her father had managed to establish, under her rule, had not lasted a hundred years before it fell.

After the surrender ceremony concluded, Lu Chen had the carriage brought into the Imperial Palace.

As the carriage entered the Imperial Palace, Lu Chen held Li Qianrou as they alighted. Looking at the Jinluan Hall before them, Lu Chen whispered in Li Qianrou's ear, "What do you think? I said I wouldn't let you die, and I meant it."

Li Qianrou replied coldly, "Now that Great Jue has fallen, what's the point of bringing me here?"

Lu Chen smiled and said, "To me, you are the emperor of the enemy country. Now that the enemy country has been conquered by me, what do you think I should do with you, the emperor of the enemy nation?"

Hearing this, Li Qianrou seemed to realize something, her face turning pale instantly. Then, she once again tried to mobilize the spiritual power within her body.

Chapter 834 This Damn Bastard, Actually...

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Li Qingrou's struggles were ultimately in vain, as with her spiritual power sealed, she had no means to counter Lu Chen.

Lu Chen directly carried Li Qingrou into the Jinluan Hall, then placed her on the Phoenix Chair.

Realizing that things could continue to take a turn for the worse, she might lose her chastity, Li Qingrou immediately threatened, "If you dare to do such a thing to me, I'll kill myself right away!"

Hearing this, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Even if I don't do that to you, you'll still kill yourself."

As he spoke, Lu Chen turned Li Qingrou's body around and pinned her jade arms behind her. He leaned his entire body onto her buttocks and continued to whisper in her ear, "On the way to Great Jue, I asked Junwan if she would mind if I wanted you. Junwan indicated that as long as I wished, I could make you my woman."

Stunned by Lu Chen's words, Li Qingrou was momentarily at a loss.

She never expected Wu Junwan, her close sister-in-arms, who had shared life and death with her and knew her personality, could betray her so easily.

For a moment, Li Qingrou felt a chill in her heart, never having imagined her dear sister would betray her one day.

Seeing that Li Qingrou stopped struggling after hearing Wu Junwan's name, Lu Chen whispered in her ear, "Junwan is still waiting for you in Yan County. Death isn't a solution to the problem. Even if you're no longer the Yue Emperor, your future life won't be too bad, and I won't slaughter the common people of Great Jue indiscriminately."

Upon hearing Lu Chen mention the common people of Great Jue, Li Qingrou instantly understood what he was implying: this man was threatening her with the lives of Great Jue's citizens.

If she did not comply with him and was determined to commit suicide, he might lift the sword against the commoners of Great Jue.

In fact, Li Qingrou was overthinking. Lu Chen had no such intentions; he spoke the truth. To be united against the enemies from the Misty World in the future, Lu Chen would as much as possible unite the people of this world. Why would he kill without reason?

Killing was not the goal, but a political tool.

Certainly, some would have to be killed, but only those who defied his rule or plotted against him. As long as the people of Great Jue truly surrendered to Great Sum, Lu Chen would treat them just like the citizens of Great Sum.

At that moment, Li Qingrou fell into silence. Seeing that she did not speak anymore, Lu Chen's hands moved to her already tattered Phoenix Robe.

During the ten-plus days on the road to Dayue Capital City, Lu Chen had been holding Li Qingrou in an ambiguous posture, and for him, patience had already reached its limit.

Li Qingrou was about to say something when she heard a ripping sound. She quickly twisted her body, trying to struggle, but the more Li Qingrou struggled, the more frequent her contact with Lu Chen became.

"Scoundrel! I am the ruler of Great Jue; you cannot defile my purity like this!"

Lu Chen certainly didn't care about Li Qingrou's words. Holding her body, he gently turned her head and covered her red lips with his.

"Mmm mmm mmm..."

It was Li Qingrou's first time kissing a man. She initially wanted to resist, but soon she found her mind becoming extraordinarily clear, as if she had encountered something refreshing and invigorating.

Li Qingrou was puzzled, how could kissing a man make her feel so spirited?

However, this feeling did not last long, and soon her consciousness became blurry.

Deep inside her, a voice kept reminding her that she was the ruler of Great Jue, and she couldn't let the enemy take advantage of her here. But no matter how the voice inside her called, it was useless; she had completely sunk into it.

Just as Li Qingrou's mind was hazy, she suddenly sensed something wrong, "Mmm!"

Li Qingrou snapped alert in an instant. This person who cultivated the Unfeeling Tao now felt both shame and rage; the despicable man had actually...

Immediately, Li Qingrou cursed Lu Chen in her heart.

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Bastard!

How dare he treat me like this!

I must kill him!

As the situation was now a fait accompli, Li Qingrou gradually accepted her fate, at least for the short term.

After all, in her current predicament, with her spiritual power sealed and her body strengthless, there was nothing she could do to resist whatever the male pet of Wu Junwan wanted to do to her.

Soon, Li Qingrou came to a realization, Lu Chen had also consummated marriage with Wu Junwan, and now that Lu Chen had taken her own purity, it was as if she had indirectly shared an intimate connection with Wu Junwan as well.

Of course, this was merely a thought to comfort herself.

Under Lu Chen's control, Li Qingrou quickly became dazed, and Lu Chen said with a smile by her ear, "Junwan was right; one must use a firm hand with you, otherwise you would never submit."

Hearing this, Li Qingrou sobered up a bit and exhaled before saying, "... Junwan would never say such a thing."

Even now, she still refused to believe that Wu Junwan had betrayed her.

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Wait until you get to Great Jue, then you can ask her if she has ever said such a thing."

With that, Lu Chen turned Li Qingrou over, making her face him directly.

Li Qingrou's face, typically as cold as ice, was now covered with a crimson blush.

Li Qingrou's eyes stared fixedly at Lu Chen, as if she wanted to kill him with her gaze.

Lu Chen, however, did not care for Li Qingrou's look and continued as he pleased.

At that moment, Lu Chen remarked, "You usually hold court here, don't you?"

"I wonder what the ministers of Great Jue would think if they knew what you and I were doing in this place."

Facing Lu Chen's humiliating words, Li Qingrou felt an immense sense of shame, but what could she do? Now she regretted not having taken her life earlier, which had resulted in her capture by this man and reduced her to his plaything.

However, just as Li Qingrou was overwhelmed by shame, she suddenly discovered that the spiritual power within her body seemed to have started moving again, and a special form of spiritual power had entered her body, forming a cycle with her own spiritual power.

It was as if the restrictions on her years of cultivation had been completely lifted at that moment.

Li Qingrou was puzzled. What was happening?

Wasn't she following the Unfeeling Tao? Why would losing her virtue lead to a loosening in her cultivation?

The Misty World was different from this one.

In the Misty World, even after cultivators entered the Unity Realm and became Pseudo Celestials, they would not have any enlightenment on how to become true Celestials.

They could only rely on their own insights to become true Celestials.

Li Qingrou became a Pseudo Celestial in the Misty World, so she had always believed that by continue following the Unfeeling Tao, she would be able to break through and become a true Celestial smoothly.

But she had not anticipated that a Celestial from the Misty World and one from this world were not the same; the condition for her to become a Celestial in this world was to be defeated by a stronger man and become his woman.

By a twist of fate, Lu Chen inadvertently helped Li Qingrou become a Celestial.

Chapter 835 It Seems You Haven't Learned Your Lesson!

Lu Chen also felt that Li Qingrou's aura was madly climbing, and her imposing presence had already clearly surpassed his own.

This is...

Lu Chen stopped his actions and glanced at Li Qingrou, who was lying on the Phoenix Chair.

At that moment, an immense oppressive force was released from Li Qingrou's body.

Feeling that she had broken through to become a Celestial, Li Qingrou let out a cold laugh, then looked at Lu Chen and said, "You didn't expect this, did you? I have broken through at this moment!"

"Now those two Celestials are outside, how will they come to your rescue!"

"Tell me, how do you wish to die!"

The intent to kill in Li Qingrou's eyes was chilling, although she was still beneath Lu Chen's body, she was already prepared to act against Lu Chen at any moment.

This man had taken her purity, even if he was Wu Junwan's male pet, no matter how much Wu Junwan liked this man, she had to punish this man harshly, otherwise, she could not quell the anger in her heart.

Feeling Li Qingrou's breakthrough to the Heavenly Human Realm, Lu Chen not only didn't feel scared, but a smile appeared on his face instead.

"I want to die happily, is that possible?"

Seeing that Lu Chen was still joking even at this time, not immediately kneeling down to admit his wrongs but instead continuing to press on her, Li Qingrou said coldly, "It seems that you won't shed a tear until you see the coffin!"

Having said this, Li Qingrou was about to act against Lu Chen, but as soon as she lifted her jade arm, Lu Chen caught it with both hands and pressed them to either side of her head, pinning her onto the Phoenix Chair.

Li Qingrou was stunned momentarily, she had indeed broken through to the Celestial realm and had felt the flow of Spiritual Power within her body, so why at this moment did her Spiritual Power seem to have vanished, what was going on.

At this time, Li Qingrou seemed to understand why Lu Chen was not afraid of her earlier, she said indignantly, "What have you done to me!"

Although a Celestial was not a big deal in the Misty World, a Celestial was still considered one of the highest combat powers in this world, how could Lu Chen so easily suppress her, a Celestial, and so thoroughly at that, it was beyond Li Qingrou's comprehension.

Lu Chen looked down at the phoenix-shaped pupils of Li Qingrou and said with a smile, "I told you, I want to die happily, now I'm giving you a chance to let me die happily."

"You! Mmm mmm mmm..."

Li Qingrou wanted to say something else, but Lu Chen covered her red lips with his mouth, and ultimately, the Yue Emperor who had become a Celestial, suffered under Lu Chen's torment for several days and nights in the Jinluan Hall.

Unfortunately, Li Qingrou still did not succeed in letting Lu Chen die, on the contrary, Li Qingrou felt she was about to die herself. She, a proud Celestial, couldn't defeat Lu Chen, which once again plunged her into boundless humiliation.

After several days of interaction in the Jinluan Hall, Li Qingrou's mindset had begun to change, and she realized why Wu Junwan had chosen this man.

This man was truly exceptional, and if he were to be regarded as a male pet, then nothing could be more suitable.

These past days, Li Qingrou had constantly been thinking of ways to turn the tables and take charge; as the former Empress of Dayue, her dignity wouldn't allow her to be suppressed by a man, but no matter how hard she tried, she could only passively be dealt with by Lu Chen.

Utterly exhausted, Li Qingrou failed to turn the tables and was thoroughly defeated.

The Jinluan Hall was in complete disarray at this time, with Lu Chen still hugging Li Qingrou, lying on her back.

Suddenly a voice came from outside, "Your Majesty, the Qian Emperor has died!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen was startled.

He thought about getting up, but remembering the ruthless woman beneath him, he didn't get up. Instead, he said to the Brocade Guard at the door conveying the message, "I got it, report to me later."

"Yes."

Seeing that Lu Chen actually didn't get up, Li Qingrou said coldly at that moment, "How long do you plan to continue like this, do you plan to stay this way for a lifetime!"

Leaning down beside her ear, Lu Chen said, "You're right, I indeed plan to stay this way for a lifetime."

Lu Chen's words were not without merit; his reference to "a lifetime" did not imply without pause or interruption.

Li Qingrou said, "If you release me now, I can consider sparing your life!"

Lu Chen replied, "Your Majesty? Dayue seems to have forgotten that you are no longer the Yue Emperor but my Imperial Noble Consort. There cannot be two sovereigns in one nation; you should refer to me as I."

Li Qingrou said coldly, "As long as I live, Dayue has not perished!"

Seeing Li Qingrou so stubborn, Lu Chen had no choice but to start using means.

Soon, the dialogue between Lu Chen and Li Qingrou resounded again within the Jinluan Hall.

"Huff huff... has Dayue perished or not?"

"It has not... ah..."

"Say it again, has it perished?"

"It hasn't..."

"What is your identity now?"

"I... ah... I am..."

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"Dayue... has perished, and I... am your... woman..."

Under Lu Chen's relentless questioning, Li Qingrou finally stopped denying and admitted both the fall of Dayue and her identity as Lu Chen's woman.

However, as soon as Lu Chen ceased his techniques, Li Qingrou spoke again, "You are well aware that the words I just spoke were coerced by you, and I will not submit to this."

"As soon as you release me, I will certainly kill you!"

Seeing Li Qingrou stubborn once more, Lu Chen originally planned to continue using his methods, but he did not do so this time. Instead, he slowly stood up and separated from Li Qingrou.

Li Qingrou, who had been suppressed for several days, suddenly felt her spiritual power fully restored and her body free again at that moment. She looked at Lu Chen beside the Phoenix Chair in disbelief.

Li Qingrou asked coldly, "You do realize what the consequences of releasing me are, right?"

As she spoke, the Celestial might of Li Qingrou was instantly unleashed.

For the past few days, she had been toyed with by Lu Chen as if she were a mere plaything. Although she hadn't suffered any material losses, her pride had been deeply wounded.

Always a dominant woman, she had been humiliated and oppressed.

Even if she didn't kill Lu Chen today, she vowed to repay the humiliation of these past few days.

At that moment, Li Qingrou's delicate hand grabbed Lu Chen's neck, and staring directly into his eyes, she said, "You are the first who has dared to treat me this way, and you will be the last. For Junwan's sake, I will not kill you, but I..."

Before Li Qingrou could finish, Lu Chen suddenly reached out and grasped the arm that Li Qingrou used to grab his neck, pressed her arm behind her back, and once again pinned Li Qingrou against the Phoenix Chair.

Realizing that her spiritual power had vanished once more, Li Qingrou stood flabbergasted.

Hadn't her spiritual power just returned? Why had it disappeared again? What was happening?

Li Qingrou's mind swiftly recounted what had transpired just before the disappearance of her spiritual power, and soon she realized what was going on.

It seemed that whenever her body came into contact with Lu Chen, her spiritual power would be sealed away.

After pressing Li Qingrou against the Phoenix Chair, Lu Chen said with a smile, "It seems you haven't learned your lesson!"

Chapter 836 I Just Love Your Stubbornness

Lu Chen had planned to give Li Qingrou a temporary respite, intending to listen to a report from the Brocade Guard regarding the Qian Emperor's affairs, but Li Qingrou was thinking of turning the tables.

Having no choice, Lu Chen had to suppress her again. With several of his techniques, even as a Celestial, Li Qingrou could no longer bear it.

Moreover, Li Qingrou, a woman who had been obsessed with martial arts from a young age and never experienced the company of a man, felt like she was seeing a whole new world for the first time after encountering a man like Lu Chen.

Gradually, all the pride in Li Qingrou's heart was crushed by Lu Chen; she truly couldn't comprehend where this guy got so many strategies for dealing with people.

Time passed, and the sky grew dark. The setting sun shone through the window into the Jinluan Hall, casting its light on a body drenched in sweat. Under the glow of the setting sun, the beads of sweat seemed to glisten with exceptional clarity.

At that moment, Li Qingrou, who lay on the Phoenix Chair, said, "Is this how you dealt with Junwan?"

Li Qingrou had initially thought Wu Junwan chose to become his woman because she was attracted to Lu Chen's good looks, but now it seemed that Wu Junwan might not have been willing at first.

It's likely that this guy had done those things to Wu Junwan and used those manipulative techniques, leading to Wu Junwan completely losing the will to resist and ultimately having no choice but to become Lu Chen's woman.

It had to be said, when it came to dealing with women, there were few men who could compare to Lu Chen.

Although Li Qingrou had no experience with the opposite sex, it was evident that Lu Chen's prowess had surpassed common sense.

Hearing Li Qingrou's question, Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, "She approached me of her own accord; it had nothing to do with any techniques that I might have used."

Seeing that Lu Chen wouldn't admit it, Li Qingrou didn't pursue the topic further.

"Do you really plan to imprison me forever? As a ruler of a nation, and now that you've conquered Great Jue, you have many matters to attend to," she said.

Li Qingrou had lost all will to resist at this point, and although there was some unwillingness in her heart, she knew that she had no way to harm this despicable man.

Whether out of consideration for Wu Junwan or for her own sake, she couldn't bring herself to hurt Lu Chen.

Having shared a similar experience to Wu Junwan's, Li Qingrou knew that Wu Junwan could never leave this man. If she were to harm him, Wu Junwan would surely hate her for the rest of her life.

From her own perspective, she felt that she had already become entangled with Lu Chen through karma. After all, her breakthrough to the Heavenly Human Realm had been obtained by relying on certain methods. If she turned on Lu Chen now, she might incur the punishment of the Heavenly Dao.

Moreover, after spending these few days together with Lu Chen, she had grown to like the sensation. As much as she felt like she had lost her dignity, she was much consoled by the thought of her dear friend becoming this man's woman.

In the past, back in the Misty World, she would often joke with Wu Junwan that if they were to seek a man, they would find the same one.

It had been a joke then, but now, the joke had come true in an unexpected turn of events. Since it had come true, she thought, why not just go along with it?

Since Great Jue was already destroyed, with a man like Lu Chen standing in her way, it seemed there was little hope for her to restore her kingdom.

Leaving aside the fact that Lu Chen could instantly seal her spiritual power, leaving her a weak and powerless woman, the Divine Weapon he wielded on the battlefield was not so easily dealt with.

Lu Chen said, "You're right, Your Majesty indeed has many matters to attend to."

Having said that, Lu Chen immediately turned toward the door and said, "Have someone prepare hot water, I wish to bathe with my beloved consort."

As soon as Lu Chen's voice fell, the voice of the female guards came from outside, "Your Majesty, the hot water is already prepared."

Hearing this, Lu Chen smiled slightly and looked at Li Qianrou on the Phoenix Chair, saying, "Since the hot water is ready, let's change locations now."

Upon saying this, Lu Chen immediately released his spiritual power and sensed the location of the Yue Emperor's bathing pool within the Imperial Palace.

Quickly, he locked on to the location of the bathhouse, and then he lifted Li Qianrou's delicate body, and with a Shadow Shifting move, they instantly arrived at Li Qianrou's bathing pool.

After entering the bathing pool, Lu Chen still embraced Li Qianrou's slender waist, resting his head on her fragrant shoulder.

By this time, the bathing pool was filled with flower petals, its fragrance was overwhelming, and the surface of the water was steaming hot, making the whole bathhouse seem incredibly dreamlike.

At this moment, Lu Chen asked in Li Qianrou's ear, "Every time Junwan comes here, do the two of you take a bath together in this same pool?"

As soon as he finished speaking, Lu Chen gently blew into Li Qianrou's ear. Hearing this question, Li Qianrou said coldly, "What does this have to do with you? I do not recall ever having such a close relationship with you that I would discuss such matters with you!"

Although Li Qianrou was clear that she temporarily could not leave this man, she was not willing to tell him everything; she had already decided in her heart to treat this man as a consort from now on.

Anyway, she had already broken through to the Heavenly Human Realm, and once she followed this man back to Yan County, she would find a way to take Wu Junwan with her.

The restrictions of the Misty World were about to disappear, and even if they could no longer stay in this world, the two of them could return to the sects they had belonged to before.

No matter how powerful Lu Chen was, he couldn't possibly contend with the sects of the Misty World.

Hearing Li Qianrou's indifferent words, Lu Chen's hand slowly slid to her abdomen, and as he caressed her stomach, he said, "We already share the reality of husband and wife, yet you remain so cold to Your Majesty. You have not been this cold towards Your Majesty within Jinluan Hall these past few days."

Li Qianrou said coldly, "Although I don't know how you managed to control my body using various means, I will not submit, unless you kill me!"

Hearing this, Lu Chen raised his hand, stroking Li Qianrou's jade neck, "Kill? What kind of person do you take me for? I would certainly not kill my own woman!"

Lu Chen continued, "And I do like your stubbornness. When Junwan first came to Yan County, she was just like you, and in the end, she still bore my child."

"Not only Junwan, but in the future, I also want you to bear my child."

Hearing this, Li Qianrou felt a shock in her heart. Losing her virginity was one thing, after all, she was in her thirties, and being a ruler herself, she valued her purity but would not let it dictate her life and death.

However, a child was different. She could give her body to Lu Chen, but she absolutely could not bear his child.

She had once heard her Honored Master say that in the Cultivation World, the principle of cause and effect was paramount. If she were to bear Lu Chen's child, her life might end up being forever tied to Lu Chen's.

Li Qianrou then said, "The sun hasn't set yet, and the Sum Emperor is already talking in his dreams."

Lu Chen chuckled, "Talking in dreams? This day will not end too late." Chapter 837 If You Have the Ability, Make Me Willingly Change My Words
Lu Chen had so far not managed to entice any Heavenly Human, but he believed that as long as his realm advanced to the Heavenly Human Realm, the probability of Li Qingrou bearing his progeny would greatly increase.

Now that both Great Wu and Great Jue had been annihilated, only the Great Qian Dynasty remained as his obstacle. By destroying Great Qian, he could become a Celestial and enter the next phase of power enhancement.

At this moment, Li Qingrou spoke, "How do you plan to deal with the other Imperial Family Members of Great Jue?"

Although there were fewer members of the Great Jue Royal Family, dealing with them was nevertheless a troublesome matter.

Lu Chen thought for a moment, then said, "I don't intend to kill them. Let them all move to Yan County where they can still enjoy wealth and splendor."

After all, the wealth of the Great Jue Royal Family had already been seized by Great Sum. Casually allocating a portion of it would ensure the prosperity of this generation of the Great Jue Imperial Family Members. As for the next generation, that would be a matter for the future.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's response, Li Qingrou fell silent, not saying much further. She had roughly guessed that Lu Chen would act this way, as it demonstrated that he was a benevolent and righteous ruler, preparing for the campaign against Great Qian.

Seeing that Li Qingrou had stopped talking, Lu Chen's hands once again began to wander over her body, and he sighed, "Truly like Junwan's good sister, your body is so supple."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Li Qingrou did not pay much attention, striving hard to control her emotions.

Seeing that Li Qingrou was still silent, Lu Chen wrapped his arms around her body and walked towards the bath. Lu Chen, who had a strong playful streak when it came to novel experiences, would always frolic for a long while with a woman once he got her.

When Li Qingrou saw that Lu Chen had pushed her to the edge of the bath, she turned to look at him and asked coldly, "What are you doing?"

"You... mmm!!!"

Li Qingrou hadn't finished speaking when her mouth was once again blocked by Lu Chen, who showed no courtesy whatsoever.

Then the water in the bath churned, and the steam grew denser.

After an indeterminate amount of time, Li Qingrou, exhaling a fragrance like orchids, rested her arm on the edge of the bath and her head on her arm, saying weakly, "Phew, do you really have no intention of handling the affairs of Great Jue first?"

Great Jue had been destroyed many days ago, yet this man had been continuously indulging in those activities with her in the Jinluan Hall, showing no signs of attending to state affairs.

Lu Chen said indifferently, "There's no need; my generals can handle it well."

Before they launched the attack on Great Jue, they had already planned how to conquer Great Jue, how to take over after its fall, and how to govern Great Jue. All these things had been discussed and settled, so there was no need for Lu Chen to do anything at all.

Now that the war had temporarily ended, Lu Chen could fully enjoy himself.

After hearing Lu Chen's answer, Li Qingrou immediately cursed him as a "foolish ruler" in her heart.

She had heard of rulers foolishly infatuated with women, and history wasn't short of rulers who lost their nations due to such obsessions. Yet, this was the first time she encountered a ruler like Lu Chen who engaged in those activities for several days in a row, utterly neglecting the territory he had won.

Li Qingrou couldn't help but feel puzzled; could such a person really manage the entire Great Sum effectively, and would the Celestials truly want to follow him?

Although she was full of doubts about Lu Chen, Li Qingrou didn't voice them. If she were to express her skepticism now, she feared this man wouldn't leave her alone again, and who knew how long it would last.

Although she was a Celestial, she was not so powerful that she could engage in those activities with this man for ten days to half a month.

Then Li Qingrou said, "I can be your woman, but I have a few conditions."

At this statement, Lu Chen's interest piqued instantly, "Oh? Weren't you defiant unto death before? What made you change your mind all of a sudden?"

"You're not deceiving me, planning to wait for me to let you go before finding an opportunity to assassinate me or to take your own life, are you?"

Li Qingrou said indifferently, "My word has always been as solid as gold."

Embracing Li Qingrou's slender waist, Lu Chen said, "Oh, then let's hear it. What kind of conditions do you have?"

Li Qingrou immediately said, "Once we arrive in Yan County, I want to live with Junwan."

Upon hearing this first request, Lu Chen sneered secretly. Live with Wu Junwan?

What kind of request was that?

For him, it couldn't even be considered a request but rather a good thing. He wouldn't have to run around anymore.

He wondered what Li Qingrou would think when she saw Murong Xue'er, whom he had once sent to be by his side.

Lu Chen asked, "Aside from this request, do you have any others?"

Li Qingrou said, "Release the control you have over me."

Li Qingrou had always felt she was under this man's control, otherwise, how could a person who practiced the Unfeeling Tao become like a wanton woman? It clearly defied logic.

Lu Chen immediately said, "There is no such control."

Seeing Lu Chen continue to deny it, Li Qingrou coldly said, "If you are unwilling to release the control over me, I would rather take my own life."

Lu Chen laughed and said, "You see, you've said it yourself, if I actually had a way to control you, do you think I would release it? What if you took your own life? Wouldn't that be a big loss for me?"

Li Qingrou's eyebrows lifted, and she fell silent.

Indeed, even if this man truly had a method to control her, he would not release it at this time.

However, she had never expected Lu Chen to release his control over her. She said that earlier just to test Lu Chen, to see if he truly had some method of controlling her.

Now, it seemed likely that this man indeed possessed such a method.

Thinking this, it was probable that this man had also used a similar art of control on Wu Junwan. In order to help Wu Junwan escape from him, Li Qingrou decided to compromise for the time being. After finding a way to break the control, she would then settle the score with this man.

At this moment, Lu Chen leaned down and stroked her hair with his hand. In her ear, he whispered, "Qingrou, do you have any other requests?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen call her "Qingrou", Li Qingrou, who had always held a high position, suddenly got goosebumps all over her body.

How could this man say such things!

Li Qingrou said coldly, "I haven't thought of any other requests yet. If you find me troublesome, then just kill me directly!"

Lu Chen chuckled, "You're saying such things again. Haven't I told you? I would never kill my own woman."

"However, speaking of which, I also have a request for you."

"What request?" Li Qingrou asked.

Lu Chen said, "There can't be two rulers in a nation, you will have to change the way you address me."

Li Qingrou laughed coldly, "If you have the ability, make me willingly change how I address you... I..."

"Ah!"

Before Li Qingrou could finish her sentence, Lu Chen interrupted her with his actions.

Lu Chen thought to himself, willingly, is it? He didn't believe he couldn't conquer this enemy nation's emperor.

Chapter 838 You Better Pray That Your Tricks Will Always Work

When Lu Chen and Li Qingrou left the bathhouse, night had fully fallen.

The two returned to Jinluan Hall, but this time they were dressed, and the scraps of cloth that had littered the floor of the hall had been cleaned up.

However, Lu Chen still did not let go. Even after they had dressed, Lu Chen was still holding Li Qingrou, letting her sit on his lap.

After several days of Lu Chen's torment, Li Qingrou, a Celestial, was now exhausted. She was slumped in Lu Chen's arms, her expression indifferent but her cheeks flushed, her face full of charm.

At this time, Lu Chen said to the female guards outside, "Report on the situation in Great Qian."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's order, a female guard entered Jinluan Hall and immediately said, "Currently, the Qian Emperor has passed away, and the Daqian Crown Prince is young, so the Daqian Empress now has full control over Great Qian. Everything in Great Qian is under the Empress's say."

After hearing the report, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

The Daqian Empress?

Could the death of the Qian Emperor be related to the Daqian Empress?

After all, as the direct beneficiary, now that the Crown Prince is young, she could take this opportunity to seize control of the court.

But then again, what good would her control of the court do?

Great Wu and Great Jue had already been destroyed, and next would be Great Qian. Even if that woman has become the highest center of power in Great Qian, it will soon be destroyed by Great Sum, and her status will fall greatly.

At that moment, Lu Chen asked, "How did the Qian Emperor die?"

The female guard replied, "According to the Brocade Guard's investigation, the Qian Emperor was infected with the plague before his demise. It is very likely that he died untreated from the plague."

Lu Chen pondered again for a moment. The possibility of dying untreated from the plague was not impossible, but he still found it strange.

There could also be another reason, that the Empress of Great Qian took advantage of the plague to kill the Qian Emperor, then blamed his death on the plague.

Regardless of how the Qian Emperor died, the biggest problem now was not the political structure of Great Qian. Lu Chen did not care who was in power in Great Qian; no matter who it was, Great Qian would become a part of Great Sum.

What was most troubling to Lu Chen now was the plague in Great Qian. Qin Yushan, after going to Great Qian, had been investigating the epidemic.

Through Qin Yushan's investigations, the methods of virus and bacterial prevention that Lu Chen had taught were effective against the plague, indicating that it was a virus within Lu Chen's understanding.

However, there was a significant problem. Although Qin Yushan used the Flying Star Sect as a cover to teach many plague prevention methods to the common people of Great Qian, and those people also applied these methods, the plague still erupted over and over again.

This gave the impression that someone was spreading the plague.

After thinking for a moment, Lu Chen said to the reporting female guard, "Investigate the background of this Daqian Empress."

Lu Chen suspected that if the death of the Qian Emperor was indeed related to the Empress of Great Qian, then the epidemic might also be related to the Empress, or perhaps there was someone else behind the Empress.

If the person spreading the plague could be dealt with, there might still be a way to contain the plague in Great Qian. If it continued like this, he would not be able to send troops to Great Qian, which would greatly slow down his progress in unifying the world.

For Lu Chen at this moment, becoming a Celestial was just within reach. If this dragged on, he always felt uneasy, for only by becoming a Celestial quickly, could his strength continue to rise.

Lu Chen then said indifferently, "You may leave."

"Yes, Your Majesty," the female guard replied and then turned and left Jinluan Hall.

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After the guard left, Li Qingrou spoke up, "Such a mighty Sum Emperor, to actually furrow his brow over a minor nation like Qian."

"Aren't you very powerful? Not only did you annihilate Great Wu, but also Great Jue. Why don't you plan to continue deploying troops to extinguish Great Qian?"

Upon hearing Li Qingrou's sarcastic remarks, Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, "Don't be anxious. The destruction of Great Qian is only a matter of time."

Lu Chen knew Li Qingrou still harbored resentment. He hadn't only destroyed her kingdom but also taken possession of her body. If she didn't feel the slightest bit of anger, she wouldn't be the Yue Emperor.

At that moment, Lu Chen thought of something and asked, "As the Emperor of Great Jue, you must have received a fair share of intelligence about Great Qian, especially concerning the plague. Have you discerned anything from those reports?"

The plague in Great Qian had been raging for quite some time, and Li Qingrou must have surely obtained a considerable amount of intelligence on it. Every dynasty had its own intelligence agencies, and the Dayue Dynasty was no exception.

Hearing Lu Chen's question, Li Qingrou was about to continue her sarcastic tone, but Lu Chen suddenly said, "Leave it. In a few days, we will return to Yan County. We should make the most of our time and create more beautiful memories in this Jinluan Hall."

While saying this, Lu Chen's mouth drew close to Li Qingrou's ear, and then he continued, "After all, this is where you once attended court."

Upon hearing this, Li Qingrou's heart shuddered.

She instantly grasped Lu Chen's implication. This man was not yet satiated and wanted to continue toying with her body.

Li Qingrou immediately said, "There's a high probability that Great Qian harbors Cultivators from another world."

Hearing these words, the hand that Lu Chen had placed on Li Qingrou's thigh halted its upward movement.

"Cultivators from another world?"

"Do you have any evidence? Or how did you come to this conclusion?"

Li Qingrou said, "You can have someone search my Imperial Study Room. There's still plenty of intelligence about the Great Qian plague there."

Lu Chen immediately instructed the guards at the door, "Bring all the intelligence and memorials from the Imperial Study Room to the Jinluan Hall. I want to review them slowly."

After giving the guard his orders, Lu Chen continued to embrace the beauty in his arms and said, "I actually had my suspicions too, but I never had concrete evidence."

When Lu Chen first heard that the plague might have originated from the sea, he suspected it came from another world, but the Brocade Guard's every move in Great Qian was incredibly challenging.

Only after he sent Qin Yushan to Great Qian did the Brocade Guard begin to collect more intelligence, yet Lu Chen's understanding of Great Qian remained quite limited.

Lu Chen was curious about how much Li Qingrou, the Emperor from the northwestern region, knew about Great Qian.

Li Qingrou said indifferently, "If I don't tell you, you probably wouldn't even suspect."

Lu Chen laughed and said, "The way you talk, it's as if I am inferior to you. If I weren't better than you, how could I possibly have conquered Great Jue and taken your body, and even made you submit thoroughly?"

Hearing Lu Chen's humiliating words, Li Qingrou did not lose her temper. With an expressionless face, she said, "You had better pray your methods always work, or else one day I will certainly end your life with my own hands!"

Lu Chen didn't take Li Qingrou's threat to heart at all.

His stern wife was probably just sick; with him as a divine doctor, there was no need for medicine —a single injection would do the trick.

Chapter 839 Aren't you afraid that I will kill them then?

Just as Lu Chen was planning to continue disciplining Li Qianrou for her obstinacy, the female guards outside had already moved the memorials and intelligence reports from within the Imperial Study Room into the grand hall.

Lu Chen glanced at the large boxes in the Jinluan Hall and immediately felt a headache coming on. He then said to the female guards, "Go and call a few more people, and then sift through all the memorials and intelligence related to Great Qian."

If Lu Chen had to go through these memorials and intelligence reports by himself, it was uncertain how long it would take him to find all the intelligence related to Great Qian.

As the Emperor, Lu Chen was not obliged to handle these troublesome matters himself.

Subsequently, Lu Chen's trusted aides began tirelessly sorting through the memorials and the intelligence previously collected by Great Jue. Before long, they had selected all the relevant documents pertaining to Great Qian and brought them to Lu Chen.

Lu Chen glanced at the stack of intelligence and memorials concerning Great Qian and couldn't help but feel some emotions stirring; Li Qianrou, that woman, seemed to pay quite a bit of attention to the situation in Great Qian, given she had so many memorials and reports about it.

Lu Chen then picked up the memorials and intelligence beside him and began to look through them. After a while, he essentially understood why Li Qianrou thought that Great Qian also had cultivators from other worlds.

Great Jue's intelligence personnel had infiltrated Great Qian quite early and, fortunately enough, became a core figure in Great Qian, which is why Great Jue knew many things even Lu Chen's Brocade Guard had not discovered.

Great Jue's spies found out that the Empress had changed significantly, especially after the outbreak of the plague; she seemed like a completely different person, and her power had grown immensely.

There were many assassins who tried to kill her, but she easily eliminated all of them.

Most crucially, this Empress of Great Qian had once spoken of gathering luck to combat the evil gods.

This made Li Qianrou think of Mu Yunxi. Mu Yunxi wanted to unify the world, gather some sort of national fortune, gain the approval of the Heavenly Dao, and thereby obtain the ability to open the transportation channel.

Li Qianrou felt that the goals of the Empress of Great Qian were likely the same as those of Mu Yunxi. If the Empress also wanted the recognition of the Heavenly Dao, it indicated that she too wanted to leave this world.

Of course, all of this was just Li Qianrou's speculation; whether the Empress of Great Qian was really a cultivator from another world was still uncertain.

After reading through the intelligence about Great Qian, Lu Chen spoke as he embraced the soft body of Li Qianrou, "I didn't expect you to act faster than me and extend your reach so long that you've even managed to plant spies who have become important ministers in Great Qian."

"Speaking of spies, I am reminded of someone."

"Do you know who I am talking about?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's question, the cold beauty in his arms responded indifferently, "I don't know."

Although Li Qianrou said she didn't know, Lu Chen still wanted to say it out loud; he directly said, "The person I'm talking about is Murong Xue'er."

"You truly are a great wife of mine. You haven't even married over yet but already sent Murong Xue'er, a beautifully attractive and talented stunner, to serve by my side."

"I must say, her body is indeed splendid."

"Especially the Curse Pattern you designed for her; it is very suitable. Every time, I am affected by that Curse Pattern, which greatly enhances my spirits."

Faced with Lu Chen's words, Li Qianrou treated them as if she hadn't heard them. In her view, Lu Chen using her failures as a topic was an insult to her.

Insult me then, she thought. I've already lost my virginity, what more do I have to fear from being insulted.

Seeing that Li Qianrou did not want to engage with him, Lu Chen did not continue on the topic and simply said, "Once you go to Yan County, you will live together with Murong Xue'er and Junwan. The three of you together will certainly be very interesting."

Li Qianrou still said nothing.

Just at that moment, Li Qianrou suddenly realized that Lu Chen's hand had slipped into her clothes, and he began to undress her, looking as if he were about to do something to her.

Seeing this, Li Qianrou hastily said, "What are you doing?"

After so many consecutive days, she was a Celestial, not a real deity; how could she withstand it?

What kind of background does this scoundrel have!

In order not to let Lu Chen continue doing that sort of thing to her, Li Qianrou threw out a topic, "You unified this world, for what? To leave this world?"

Lu Chen smiled faintly, his hand still reaching into Li Qianrou's clothes, "You could say that."

Li Qianrou said, "If you leave, what about your wives and children, aren't you afraid that I will kill them then?"

"Or are you planning to eliminate everyone who could threaten your offspring's lives before you leave?"

Mu Yunxi had told Li Qianrou that the Spiritual Energy of this world was extremely limited. Once the transport portal was opened, it could basically only transport one person out, which was why Mu Yunxi had not chosen to cooperate with Lu Chen.

In Li Qianrou's view, if there came a day when Lu Chen wanted to leave, then he would be leaving alone.

Once he left, those Celestials around him would definitely be thrown into confusion, and they might even leave one after another. Without the protection of those Celestials, Lu Chen's wives and offspring might likely be subject to retaliation. Therefore, if Lu Chen cared about his wives and offspring, then before leaving this world, he would definitely find a way to eliminate all existences that could threaten their survival, such as the Celestials of this world.

Lu Chen answered with a smile, "I never said I would be the only one leaving. Not only will I leave this world, but my women and children will also leave this world."

This...

Li Qianrou had not expected Lu Chen to actually want to take everyone with him, which would likely be very difficult to achieve.

But then again, if Lu Chen was truly a descendant of a Cultivator family sent to gain experience, perhaps he really had a way to collectively leave this world.

At that moment, Lu Chen once again pressed Li Qianrou's body onto the Phoenix Chair, looking down at her with cold eyes and said, "Enough of this now. In a few days, we will depart back to Yan County, let's create more beautiful memories."

Seeing that Lu Chen still wanted to continue with that act, Li Qianrou's eyes instantly turned even colder, looking as though she wanted to kill Lu Chen.

"I can't take it anymore, let your trusted aides serve you."

Li Qianrou didn't even say "I" anymore, she was afraid of Lu Chen. Although she also wanted to overpower Lu Chen in that matter, based on the events of the past few days, she understood that she couldn't possibly be a match for Lu Chen yet.

Lu Chen ignored Li Qianrou's words, and he continued to undress her, while Li Qianrou went on to say, "Your trusted aides are all beauties, they can satisfy you just the same."

Lu Chen's female trusted aides were all handpicked by Chu Yuqin, each one exceptionally beautiful, generally scoring between eighty and ninety points.

If Lu Chen needed, he could let them attend him at any time.

But Lu Chen does not like to waste his energy.

Lu Chen ignored Li Qianrou's words and carried on with his own business.

Very soon, Li Qianrou was once again overpowered by Lu Chen.

Chapter 840 After all, you've enjoyed what you should have.

Since his arrival in Dayue Capital City, Lu Chen and Li Qianrou had hardly ever left the Jinluan Hall, to the extent that even Li Qianrou's Phoenix Bed had been moved to the Jinluan Hall by Lu Chen.

Under Lu Chen's dominance, even though Li Qianrou was once a very strong-willed Empress, she had now become incredibly weak.

In this period, Lu Chen wasn't entirely neglecting state affairs, but even when he dealt with them, he did so while embracing Li Qianrou, appearing now as if he were bewitched by a calamity-bringing bitch.

Of course, the soldiers of Great Sum didn't see anything wrong with that after all. Li Qianrou was a very powerful individual, and without Lu Chen keeping her in check, even a Celestial might have had a hard time keeping an eye on her.

After all, Li Qianrou was now their Majesty's woman, so it was no problem for their Majesty to keep her in his embrace constantly.

The soldiers of Great Sum not only didn't see it as a big problem, they actually took it as a matter of pride, since even the Empress of Great Jue had been conquered by their Majesty.

After an absurd month in Dayue's Jinluan Hall, most matters of Dayue were almost dealt with, so Lu Chen left Black Dragon Country's troops to guard Dayue while he himself prepared to lead Great Sum's troops back to Yan County.

Inside the Jinluan Hall, smoke curled, and fragrance filled the air.

At this moment, Lu Chen was embracing the soft, delicate body of the beautiful Li Qianrou, lying on the Phoenix Chair, with his hands roaming over her body, and occasionally blowing in her ear.

At this time, the beautiful woman's face was emotionless, but a blush tinged her exquisite features, with sweat beads trickling down her white, smooth forehead.

It was obvious what they had just done.

Lu Chen then said, "We will be setting off for Yan County tomorrow. You must be very much looking forward to seeing Junwan, aren't you?"

Li Qianrou didn't respond to Lu Chen's words. Over the past few days, she couldn't be bothered with whatever he said.

She now felt like she had become no more than a plaything for Lu Chen, solely for satisfying his lusts, despite being an Emperor of a dynasty, and now she had fallen so low.

What's more, she was still a Celestial now, in front of a Pseudo Celestial, she not only lacked any power to resist but was instead only subjected to his advances, which left her feeling quite resentful inside.

Now, except for when Lu Chen touched her and she would make some noises, for the rest of the time, she remained silent.

This guy might as well just kill her!

She would never show him a good face, that's for sure!

Even as a dethroned Emperor, she still had the dignity of one!

Seeing that Li Qianrou didn't speak, Lu Chen did not get angry. He continued, "Junwan will definitely be very happy to see you."

"Once we return to Yan County, I will give you your freedom."

Upon hearing this, Li Qianrou scoffed, "You think I would believe your lies?"

She was a Celestial, after all. If Lu Chen were to set her free, besides running away, she might well turn Yan County upside down.

And Yan County was where Lu Chen's wives, concubines, and children lived; he couldn't possibly let her go without worries.

This man had even taken to doing that something while handling state affairs, keeping her in his embraces.

Li Qianrou couldn't understand men like Lu Chen. She still couldn't figure out what made this lascivious man so appealing and how he had managed to gain so much support from other Celestials; was it really all just due to his background?

She had never heard of anyone who, when not locking something, still left the key in the lock.

Seeing that Li Qianrou didn't believe his words, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Don't believe me? Junwan used to not believe my words either. Now she leaves the Imperial Palace every day to run around Yan County."

Li Qingrou said, "Aren't you afraid I'll kill your wife, concubines, and children?"

Lu Chen replied indifferently, "I still have confidence in you."

Li Qingrou coldly asked, "I'm quite curious, where does this confidence come from, thinking that a person whose body you've forcefully occupied won't hold a grudge against you?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "If it were someone else, they might hate me, but you are different."

Li Qingrou inquired, "Please do tell, I would like to hear what makes me different from the other women."

Lu Chen answered, "After performing the duties of husband and wife with me, you broke through and became a Celestial."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Li Qingrou asked, "Is that all?"

Lu Chen continued, "In this world, to become a Celestial, one must go through the trials of the Heavenly Dao."

"And the trials of the Heavenly Dao are closely related to one's personal experiences."

"You couldn't become a Celestial before because you cultivated the Unfeeling Dao, and the condition for your breakthrough was that the man you fancy defeated you in person and took possession of your body. Because of the Unfeeling Dao, you always thought you didn't fancy anyone, but in reality, you've always had feelings for me."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Li Qingrou's eyebrows knitted slightly, and she said coldly, "How ridiculous. I became a Celestial by my own strength; what does that have to do with you!"

Li Qingrou was no fool; of course, she knew that her breakthrough was largely related to Lu Chen, but as a proud woman, how could she possibly admit such a thing.

The condition for her to become a Celestial was to be defeated and conquered by a man stronger than her. How would others look at her if such a condition were known? Where would her dignity stand?

A proud woman, secretly hoping for a strong man to defeat her and subject her to humiliation—that's just disgraceful.

Anyway, Li Qingrou couldn't accept such a version of herself, so she would never admit what Lu Chen said.

Seeing Li Qingrou stubbornly denying it, Lu Chen chuckled, "Whether or not that's the condition for you to become a Celestial, you know very well in your heart."

At that moment, Li Qingrou said, "If you dare to release me, you will bear the consequences for whatever happens next."

"I advise you better kill me, since you've had your fun anyway. With your abilities, the beautiful women of this world will all be at your disposal, and you won't be lacking one more without me."

Hearing this, Lu Chen tightened his arms, pulling Li Qingrou's soft body close, "Look at what you're saying. Are you speaking out of anger? I'm not the kind of man who walks away without taking responsibility after pulling up his pants."

"My Qingrou is so beautiful and outstanding. How can those garish floozies out there compare to you?"

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen blew gently by Li Qingrou's ear and then lifted his right hand, slowly tracing her pale neck with his fingertips, feeling her delicate and smooth skin.

"Do you think I'm the kind of woman who likes to hear sweet nothings?"

Li Qingrou, as an Empress who once held great power, was very rational at heart and had never been fond of men's sweet nothings.

Thinking sweet words alone could win her over was utterly impossible.

Lu Chen said, "I'm a straightforward person and don't like sweet talk; what I say is the truth."

Li Qingrou let out a cold laugh and then fell silent again, not continuing the conversation.

Just then, a maid at the door said, "Your Majesty, the Phoenix Robe is ready."