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Chapter 881 Bai, Pour a Cup of Tea for Your Two Future Sisters

Hearing Lu Chen's words, a surge of tension gripped both women as Liumei's brows furrowed slightly.

Take something?

Could it be that this fellow intended to have them swallow some kind of poison?

Although the poison from this lower world could be expelled from their bodies by their spiritual power, as they were both from the Genesis Realm, Lu Chen was no ordinary man. There was a very good chance he wasn't even from this world, and he could have poisons from the High-Level Cultivation Realm.

Furthermore, there was another possibility: this man might plan to administer a certain drug, after which they could only let him toy with them.

In their current weakened state, if they really were drugged, forcing it out of their system would probably take at least four hours. By the end of that time, they didn't know how many times this lecher would have tormented them.

Mu Yunxi immediately spoke, "Your Majesty, you wouldn't be planning to give us the He Huan Powder, would you?"

Hearing this, Lu Chen laughed and said, "I am not so despicable."

"You both are strong cultivators from the Genesis Realm. Although you have surrendered now, once your strength is restored, I am certainly no match for you. If you were to suddenly attempt an assassination, I fear I wouldn't even have time to draw my Spiritual Artifact. Therefore, I need some kind of assurance."

"Rest assured, the thing I am giving you to drink will not harm you. You are both of the Genesis Realm, and I believe you can discern as much."

Just then, Bai Qingqing appeared in the distance with a kettle. Lu Chen had anticipated that these two women might feign surrender, so he had already asked Bai Qingqing to prepare the Dragon and Phoenix Tea beforehand.

After Bai Qingqing came over, Lu Chen immediately said, "Bai, pour a cup of tea for your two future sisters."

Hearing this, Bai Qingqing unhesitatingly poured two cups of tea and then brought them to Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi.

Seeing the tea in Bai Qingqing's hands, the two women didn't immediately take it but looked it over carefully.

Through their preliminary judgment, the tea seemed to be just ordinary Spiritual Tea and did not appear to have any problems.

Why would Lu Chen want them to drink ordinary Spiritual Tea?

The two women then took the Spiritual Tea from Bai Qingqing and continued to use their spiritual power to probe the tea. After several investigations, they ultimately felt that it was just ordinary Spiritual Tea without poison or harm.

But this was somewhat strange. Lu Chen wanted them to drink this for a purpose, presumably to control them so they wouldn't assassinate him once their strength was restored. If that was the case, he should have given them poison.

As long as they were poisoned, with Lu Chen holding the antidote, they would not dare to make a move rashly.

Alternatively, it could be a poison to seal their skills, but this tea clearly did not possess that capability.

Seeing the two women holding the tea but seemingly afraid to drink it, Lu Chen said, "What's the matter, you two don't dare to drink? Could it be a feigned surrender, with the goal of getting close to I and then seizing an opportunity to assassinate me?"

Seeing Lu Chen voice their inner thoughts, the women seemed to understand something. The tea indeed had no issues; Lu Chen probably wanted to use this tea to test whether their surrender was genuine.

If the two of them didn't dare to drink, it indicated they surely had intentions of assassination, hence the fear of being controlled.

If they drank it, it would prove their surrender was sincere.

Since it was ordinary Spiritual Tea, there was nothing to fear. Promptly, both women raised their tea cups and drank the tea in one gulp.

After drinking the tea, Mu Yunxi spoke with a smiling voice, "Your Majesty, now you should believe that we have truly surrendered, right?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Okay, I believe you."

Seeing Lu Chen's smile, the two women were puzzled. That's it, he just believed them? Could there be some kind of trick?

They quickly checked their own bodies and found nothing wrong. In fact, not only was there no issue, but the Spiritual Tea seemed to have helped them recover some Spiritual Power, as well as refreshed and revitalized them, eliminating fatigue.

This...

Could it be that this guy really used a cup of ordinary Spiritual Tea to test them, and now that they had passed his test, he believed them?

That can't be right!

Would Lu Chen be such a naive person? After all, he's an Emperor; how could he not have any schemes? Everything seemed very suspicious.

At this moment, Lu Chen's gaze fell upon Liu Qingqiu's cold and frosty face. He said to her, "Since you have surrendered, then prepare the Surrender Document. I will return to the Daqian Capital City with you."

Liu Qingqiu replied coldly, "Okay."

Then Lu Chen said, "Alright, the two of you will follow me to Danxin City to stay for a day. We will set off for the Daqian Capital City first thing tomorrow morning."

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen turned and walked towards Danxin City. He quickly brushed past Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi.

After Lu Chen passed by Liu Qingqiu, she suddenly raised her hand. She felt that now was the best opportunity to eliminate Lu Chen. He had let his guard down, thinking they had surrendered and was even turned away from them.

Add to that the close proximity between them, and their chance of success if they acted now was very high.

Only by getting rid of Lu Chen would they not have to deal with so many issues afterwards. However, as she raised her hand, it was immediately seized by Mu Yunxi.

Seeing her wrist tightly gripped by Mu Yunxi, Liu Qingqiu turned her head and glared at her, sending a message with her mind, "What are you doing!"

Mu Yunxi sent back a telepathic message, "I certainly do not want to be killed by you. You don't really think Lu Chen believed us that easily, do you?"

"If you act now, I can assure you, he would definitely react instantly and take both of us down!"

"Why are you in such a hurry? Right now, we both are almost out of Spiritual Power. Wouldn't it be better if we waited until we've fully regained our power and are absolutely certain before making a move?"

Liu Qingqiu thought it over and felt there was some truth in Mu Yunxi's words. It was unlikely that Lu Chen would trust them so quickly.

As he walked by them, he was probably still testing them. If they acted now, they might indeed be instantly killed by the Spiritual Artifact Lu Chen possessed.

With that in mind, Liu Qingqiu lowered her hand again.

In fact, Lu Chen had no such thoughts. Having drunk the Dragon and Phoenix Tea, Liu Qingqiu, and Mu Yunxi were no longer a significant threat to him.

At this time, Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi turned around and followed Lu Chen back to Danxin City.

Seeing that Lu Chen had captured Liu Qingqiu, the Demon Queen, the people of Danxin City from Great Qian cheered and were overjoyed, believing that the Demon Queen was finally apprehended and that the plague would soon vanish, restoring normalcy to Great Qian.

After returning to Danxin City, Lu Chen brought Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi to the study. He didn't do anything excessive; his main reason for bringing them to the study was to discuss a serious matter.

Chapter 882 Heavenly Demon Revival

Seeing that Lu Chen had led them to the study, Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu were both somewhat confused. What did this guy want to do?

After entering the study, Lu Chen sat down on the chair behind the desk, then sized up the two peerless beauties.

At this moment, Liu Qingqiu, somewhat impatient, asked, "Didn't you say you would give us our freedom? Why have you brought us here?"

Lu Chen replied, "Of course, it is to discuss an important matter with you."

Mu Yunxi, curious, inquired, "What important matter?"

Lu Chen countered, "Have the two fairies heard of the Heavenly Demons before?"

Upon hearing this question, the women's hearts skipped a beat.

Heavenly Demon?

That was the most terrifying presence within the Cultivation World, feeding on cultivators and spreading fear everywhere, bringing all sorts of disasters to the Cultivation World.

Regaining her composure, Liu Qingqiu said, "Heavenly Demons are the natural enemies of all cultivators; of course, we know about them."

Lu Chen responded at once, "Good to know."

"According to my intelligence, the plague in Great Qian is not a normal one, but caused by a Heavenly Demon."

Hearing this, the women were once again startled.

How could that be?

This was just a lower Realm, how could it possibly attract a Heavenly Demon?

Compared to cultivators, Heavenly Demons preferred locations abundant in spiritual energy, they had no reason to come to a lower Realm.

Seeing that Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi seemed incredulous, Lu Chen continued, "Have you not considered why the plague in Great Qian keeps recurring, persisting for over a year without any respite, even though the Great Qian Dynasty has made all manner of efforts, only for the plague to continue spreading?"

Liu Qingqiu responded coldly at that moment, "Isn't it just someone secretly spreading it? Great Xia remains the most suspicious."

Lu Chen, with a smile, said, "I am not so inhumane. To me, the population of this world is the most important resource; I would never spread the plague deliberately."

"In fact, the reason for the unceasing spread of the plague is that there is a Heavenly Demon behind it all, probably feeding off the fear and despair of the populace of Great Qian."

"I am not particularly familiar with Heavenly Demons, but I believe you should know why a Heavenly Demon would intentionally spread a plague."

Hearing what Lu Chen said, both Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu fell into contemplation.

They both felt that Lu Chen's guess was not wrong; if a Heavenly Demon was indeed causing trouble in the background, its motive could indeed be to feed on the negative energy generated by human fear and despair.

In the Cultivation Realm, what Heavenly Demons enjoyed the most was creating desperate situations for cultivators, then relishing the fear and despair of the cultivators, ultimately leading to their deaths enveloped in fear and despair.

After a while, Mu Yunxi asked, "How did you know that Great Qian had a Heavenly Demon?"

Lu Chen replied, "I cannot tell you that for now. You only need to know that there is a Heavenly Demon in Great Qian."

At this juncture, Liu Qingqiu interjected coldly from the side, "If you don't tell us how you know about the Heavenly Demon, how are we to know if you are lying or not?"

With a smile, Lu Chen said, "I have no need to joke about this, and moreover, the reason I am telling you this is to ask for your advice on how to locate the Heavenly Demon. When the time comes, I'll deal with the Heavenly Demon myself, without requiring you to lift a finger."

That...

Hearing Lu Chen speak like this, the two women essentially believed his words. If Lu Chen was planning to resolve the issue himself, indeed there was no need for him to lie to them. In that case, did Great Qian truly have a Heavenly Demon?

Mu Yunxi said, "If the plague in Great Qian is truly caused by a Heavenly Demon, there is no need for you to seek it out. Once it sees you dispersing the plague, it will come after you on its own initiative."

The primary goal of the Heavenly Demon spreading the plague was to propagate fear and despair. Now that someone had dispelled its plague, naturally it would come seeking trouble with that person.

Lu Chen thought to himself that it was really this simple to find the Heavenly Demon. Next, all he needed to do was to continue to use the Demon-Expelling Banner to dispel the plague across the various parts of Great Qian.

With this in mind, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Thank you, Fairy Yunxi, for telling me all this."

Lu Chen continued, "I have already arranged accommodations for you two fairies. You may head there now."

At this point, Lu Chen spoke to the people outside the study, "Someone come, take the two madams down to rest."

Hearing Lu Chen address them as madams, both women snorted coldly in their hearts, thinking that once their strength was restored, they would come looking for trouble with this lecher.

After Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu left, Lu Chen took a moment to examine his body. He felt something was amiss. By now, hadn't he effectively eradicated Great Qian? Liu Qingqiu, the actual ruler of Great Qian, had fallen into his hands, so why hadn't he broken through to become a Celestial?

What was going on?

Then, the system's notification sound rang out.

[Host has not obtained the Surrender Document from Great Qian, nor has he completely taken over Great Qian, so this world is not yet considered unified.]

Lu Chen realized then that, alright, he needed to hasten his campaign to occupy every region of Great Qian, aiming to break through to the Celestial Realm before the Heavenly Demon came seeking trouble with him.

Evening.

Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi sat in the room arranged by Lu Chen, unable to sleep.

They checked the situation outside their room. There were only a few female guards on watch, and no powerful figures were present. If they wanted to escape now, they were very likely to succeed.

Nonetheless, they didn't plan on running away. It had not been easy to get close to Lu Chen, and if they escaped now, it would be even harder to gain his trust later.

Yet, the two women then considered another problem: if the Heavenly Demon Lu Chen spoke of truly existed, and if Lu Chen failed to eradicate the Heavenly Demon and instead, they managed to take down Lu Chen, how would they confront the Heavenly Demon when it came for them?

For Cultivators, Heavenly Demons were natural enemies. Even a weak Heavenly Demon could pose significant trouble for Cultivators.

With this in mind, the women ultimately decided to hold off on taking action against Lu Chen for the time being, waiting until he dealt with the Heavenly Demon.

Or, they could let Lu Chen attract the attention of the Heavenly Demon. With Lu Chen present, the Heavenly Demon probably wouldn't notice them.

Meanwhile.

In a certain sea area to the south.

Deep within the ocean, there was a mass of black material. Suddenly, a pair of crimson eyes appeared within it.

The next moment, all the living beings in the surrounding marine area died, animals turned into skeletons, and the plants withered away.

The black material spread rapidly, and the sea area around it turned black as well.

At that very moment, out at sea, a large ship sailed smoothly forward.

Upon seeing the spreading black material, a man's voice came from the deck of the ship, "Heavenly Demon, we know who has disrupted your plan!"

Chapter 883 Arriving at Great Qian Capital City

The originally calm sea surface, because of someone on the large ship, instantly became turbulent, and the large ship was in danger of capsizing; once again, the voice of that man came from the cabin of the large ship.

"Heavenly Demon Lord, this humble one can take you to find him!"

"This humble one knows that the Heavenly Demon Lord has not yet recovered, so I specially prepared a container for you."

As he spoke, the door of the large ship's cabin opened, and inside were hundreds of young men and women bound.

The young men and women who saw the black sea towering over the ship turned pale with fear, and cries of terror filled the dark night for a moment.

At that moment, the black seawater suddenly surged into the cabin and, in an instant, the men and women were swallowed by the sea.

When the black seawater receded, only one man was still standing in the middle of the cabin, his eyes emitting a crimson glow, as he looked towards the attic of the large ship.

At that time, a young man dressed in black bowed respectfully and said, "This humble one greets the Heavenly Demon Lord!"

By then, the man in the middle of the cabin had been possessed by the legendary Heavenly Demon.

The Heavenly Demon, in a murky voice, said, "I can feel the demonic qi on you, are you a demon cultivator?"

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect answered, "Yes, my lord."

The Heavenly Demon continued, "How did you find out I was here?"

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect said, "When the Great Qian Dynasty was hit by a plague, this humble one sensed your presence, but at that time your qi was very weak, and I could not determine your location."

The Heavenly Demon did not continue on this subject, but instead said, "Recently, my feeding ground has been disrupted, do you know who is messing with it?"

Upon hearing this, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect instantly smiled and quickly said, "Heavenly Demon Lord, this humble one knows who has disrupted your feeding ground."

"Not long ago, the Daxia Emperor led his troops to attack the Great Qian, and wherever he went, he dispersed the plague, he must be a cultivator from the high-level cultivation realm."

At the words "cultivator," the Heavenly Demon's eyes instantly emitted a dazzling red light. What he lacked most now was power; if he could devour that cultivator, his power should recover significantly.

Eventually, he could leave this place devoid of spiritual energy.

In such a low-level world, not to mention cultivators, even a Heavenly Demon could not bear to remain.

Ever since he fell into this world, he had been sleeping at the bottom of the ocean, and it wasn't easy to awaken; it took countless years to encounter humans and begin spreading the plague in the Great Qian.

But restoring power in this way was always too slow; it was quicker to directly devour a cultivator.

The Heavenly Demon promptly said, "Take me to find the cultivator you mentioned immediately!"

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect smiled, bowed, and said, "Yes, this humble one will take the Heavenly Demon Lord there right away!"

In his mind, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect thought, this was finally the chance to get rid of that freak.

Ever since they went into hiding, they had been constantly hunted by Lu Chen's people. Initially, they thought that from the shadows, they could continuously create all sorts of trouble for Lu Chen. What they hadn't expected was that Lu Chen's people, having learned some kind of cultivation technique, were actually able to sense the demonic qi on them in advance.

Many strongholds of the Taiyin Sect had been uprooted by the Daxia Dynasty, and the members of the Taiyin Sect, upon encountering the disciples from the Sunset Sword Sect and Tai Chu Divine Hall, mostly had no option but to flee. The cultivation techniques practiced by these two sects were particularly effective against demon cultivators, forcing the Taiyin Sect to take refuge in Great Qian.

However, it wasn't long before Daxia launched another military assault on Great Qian. Fortunately, at this time, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect detected an area over the sea that was filled with dense demonic qi.

As a demonic cultivator, he immediately guessed what had caused this concentration of demonic qi. Coupled with the ongoing plague in Great Qian, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect concluded that a Heavenly Demon had also appeared in this world.

Since Heavenly Demons are the natural enemies of cultivators, by simply telling the Heavenly Demon that there were cultivators in this world to consume, the Heavenly Demon would certainly follow him.

Efforts paid off for those who persevered; they finally located the Heavenly Demon and even succeeded in gaining its allegiance.

Next, they only needed to bring the Heavenly Demon to where Lu Chen was. With the Heavenly Demon on their side, even if Lu Chen had the support of many Celestials behind him, they wouldn't stand a chance against them.

Thinking of this, the smile on the Leader of the Taiyin Sect's face grew more and more fervent.

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After the battle at Danxin City, Lu Chen, along with Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi, headed towards the capital of Great Qian. During their journey, he had not done anything to the two fairies, as he had just conquered Great Qian and had many tasks to attend to.

Even on the road to the capital of Great Qian, Lu Chen was busy with various state affairs inside the carriage, which made Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi realize that Lu Chen was not just lecherous, he was an ambitious emperor.

After more than ten days of arduous travel, they finally arrived at the capital of Great Qian. When the commonfolk of the capital heard of the arrival of the Daxia Emperor, they spontaneously came out of the city or waited on the streets.

During his journey to Great Qian, Lu Chen had introduced many policies beneficial to the commonfolk and used the Demon-Expelling Banner at each stop to dispel the plague there.

This deed had already spread to the capital, and Lu Chen's popularity in Great Qian had far surpassed that of the former Qian Emperor.

Mu Yunxi, sitting in the carriage, saw the sea of people outside the city welcoming Lu Chen. She turned to Liu Qingqiu with a smile and said, "Seeing this scene, what do you feel?"

"You've been struggling in Great Qian for so many years, yet you never gained the approval of the people of Great Qian. They even called you Demon Queen, while Lu Chen gained the hearts of the people of Great Qian in just a few months."

Liu Qingqiu did not respond, her expression cold. Naturally, she felt uncomfortable, but she didn't care anymore, since all of this was only temporary. Once she dealt with Lu Chen, she would ascend the throne and declare emperorship. By then, she would enact policies beneficial to the people, and the hearts of the people of Great Qian would return to her once again.

Lu Chen did not stay in the carriage the entire time. When he arrived outside the capital of Great Qian, he stepped out from the carriage and mounted a horse, allowing the commonfolk to see what their emperor looked like.

Usually, the emperors of Great Qian rode inside a carriage, and most commoners never knew what their emperor looked like in their lifetimes.

When the people of Great Qian saw Lu Chen, they were very excited. They had not expected the Daxia Emperor to appear so approachable.

When Lu Chen arrived at the gates of the capital, the ministers of Great Qian had already prepared the documents of surrender and brought the Jade Seal.

At this moment, Liu Qingqiu stepped out of the carriage and walked up to the assembled officials.

Upon seeing Liu Qingqiu, the Demon Queen, some who had seen her before immediately started cursing.

"Demon Queen, it's all because of this Demon Queen that Great Qian has suffered so much!"

"This Demon Queen is still not dead!"

"Execute her! Execute her!"

Chapter 884 Becoming a Celestial

Facing the irate common folk, Liu Qingqiu's expression remained cold and impassive. She simply regarded these fools as trying to show off in front of the new Emperor to curry favor with him by displaying such anger.

After receiving the Surrender Document from the hands of the Daqian minister, Liu Qingqiu paid her respects to Lu Chen, "Your subject, Liu Qingqiu, pays homage to Your Majesty!"

Lu Chen wore a faint smile as he took the Surrender Document and the Jade Seal from Liu Qingqiu's hands. With this, Daqian was effectively annihilated, and Lu Chen had completed his conquest for unification.

Just as Lu Chen took the Surrender Document and the Daqian Jade Seal, the clouds above suddenly gathered, and the next moment, a golden giant dragon phantom appeared among the clouds.

Following that, Lu Chen's body emitted a golden glow. Upon witnessing this, the common people of Daqian knelt down one by one.

With such a celestial phenomenon occurring, what did it signify? It signified that the Sum Emperor was indeed the "Real Dragon" of this world.

"Hail to Your Majesty, may our Emperor live forever and ever!!!"

The voices of the common folk resounded across the skies of Daqian Capital City. Seeing this scene, both Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi frowned.

They had initially intended to get close to Lu Chen, and then, once their strength had recovered, they planned to strike against him. However, Lu Chen had unexpectedly advanced to the Heavenly Human Realm.

Even as naive as the two were, by this point, they had guessed what the test for Lu Chen to become a Celestial might be. Clearly, the test for Lu Chen's ascension to Celestial status was to unify this world.

Thinking that she had become merely a stepping stone for Lu Chen to become a Celestial, Liu Qingqiu felt extremely displeased. At this moment, she stared intently at Lu Chen, thinking that even though this man had become a Celestial, as long as her power was restored, she could still deal with him.

She couldn't exert her Genesis Realm strength in this world. Killing Lu Chen was not as easy as before, but that didn't mean there was no chance at all.

At that moment, Lu Chen, feeling the surging spiritual power within him, felt extremely relieved. After such a long time, he had finally broken through.

Having become a Celestial, his strength's Realm would no longer be restricted, and his power could elevate rapidly.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen felt immensely happy inside. However, as his gaze swept over Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi, he suddenly thought of something and quickly asked the system.

"System, if my strength surpasses the Heavenly Human Realm, can I exert strength beyond the Heavenly Human Realm in this world, or like Liu Qingqiu and the others, will I be suppressed by the Heavenly Dao of this world?"

[This world has incomplete rules. If powers beyond the Heavenly Human Realm are used, it might destroy this world. Therefore, the Heavenly Dao of this world will necessarily suppress the host's strength.]

Hearing the system's response, Lu Chen frowned. It turned out that his strength would also be limited by this world's constraints.

So, if he continues to live in this world, even if he becomes incredibly strong, even an Immortal, he won't be able to fully exert his strength?

While Lu Chen was thinking this, the system suddenly continued to prompt.

[The host has a chance to complete the laws of this world using the Reincarnation Stone. Once the laws of this world are completed, the host will be able to directly control the entire world, and henceforth this world will become one of the host's own small worlds.]

This...

Is that even possible?

So that's what the Reincarnation Stone is used for?

Every time he accessed the system bag and saw the Reincarnation Stone, he would think what use this broken stone could have.

He had not realized the Reincarnation Stone held such great importance.

However...

Lu Chen continued to ask, "When will I be able to use the Reincarnation Stone?"

[Once the host's realm is elevated to the All Law Realm, you can unlock the first layer of the Reincarnation Stone's seal and use the power of the Reincarnation Stone.]

Lu Chen mentally recited the realms following the Heavenly Human Realm. After the Heavenly Human is the Genesis Realm and the Yin-Yang Realm, and after the Yin-Yang Realm is the All Law Realm.

Thus, it seemed that he only needed to breakthrough three more times to be able to use the Reincarnation Stone.

It looked like he needed to make haste in cultivating with his wives.

Thinking of cultivation, Lu Chen's gaze once again settled on Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi.

Presumably, cultivating with these two fairies would greatly increase his own cultivation experience.

With that thought, Lu Chen conceived an idea, but he would not implement it immediately. He planned to wait until after he had dealt with the Heavenly Demon before carrying out his plan.

Although Liu Qingqiu was the incarnation of a certain great power, for Lu Chen, as long as she fell into his hands, she was merely his woman.

Even if she was the incarnation of a great power, what of it? Now that this world was isolated from all perceptions of that great power, by the time that power found Liu Qingqiu, she might have already borne him a multitude of children.

After the surrender ceremony, Lu Chen led the Daxia Army directly into the Daqian Capital City. Bai Qingqing swiftly cleared out the entire Daqian Imperial Palace, facilitating Lu Chen's move into the palace.

During the time Bai Qingqing had people clean up the Daqian Imperial Palace, Lu Chen went directly to the Qian Emperor's Imperial Study Room, wanting to see if there were any interesting things inside.

Almost every royal family has some secrets. Both the Dawu Royal Family and the Dayue Royal Family had their secrets, but those secrets held no allure for Lu Chen.

Upon entering the Imperial Study Room, guided by the people of Daqian, Lu Chen found the place where successive Qian Emperors had hidden their secrets and began to peruse these secrets one by one.

Late at night.

The lights in the Imperial Study Room were still flickering. Lu Chen had not gone to sleep; he was still looking through the scrolls left by successive emperors of Daqian. These scrolls contained many bizarre and unusual events, many of which related to immortals.

Of course, Lu Chen's reading of these scrolls was not merely for amusement. He had learned many secrets about the world's past from the royal secrets of Dawu and Dayue, and now from Daqian's royal scrolls.

In these secrets, the founding of each dynasty was invariably guided by immortals.

Initially, Lu Chen thought the immortals mentioned in the secrets of the Dawu and Dayue royal families were simply an excuse to legitimize the founding of dynasties.

But now, it seemed that except for some insignificant small countries without the guidance of immortals, these four major dynasties all had immortal guidance, which had a significant impact on the world, indicating that indeed there was a force pushing for the transformation of the world.

Seeing what was recorded in the Daqian royal scrolls, Lu Chen wondered if the immortals guiding the establishment of these major dynasties were related to the system?

For some reason, he always felt the presence of the system in all this.

Just as Lu Chen was lost in thought, suddenly, the candlelight in the room flickered violently, and a chilling breeze blew through, giving an eerie feeling.

At that moment, Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi, who were meditating in the room, also felt the cold wind. Both women simultaneously opened their eyes.

Chapter 885 Who on Earth Are You!

Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu were both cultivators from the High-Level Cultivation Realm, and they had both seen Heavenly Demons and even participated in their encirclement and suppression.

Some sects in the Cultivation World would use Heavenly Demons as trial objects to lessen the fear disciples would face when they encountered such demons.

Only by overcoming the fear of Heavenly Demons in their hearts could they avoid providing the very fear that Heavenly Demons needed to become stronger during a confrontation.

When some Heavenly Demons encountered cultivators, their strength often was not as formidable as that of the cultivators; however, should a cultivator be so frightened by the sight of a Heavenly Demon that they were paralyzed with fear, and considering that Heavenly Demons could magnify the fears in one's heart and feed off the power generated by that fear, it was common for a Heavenly Demon to become more powerful than the cultivator it faced in a short time.

This was precisely why the first thing sects in the High-Level Cultivation Realm needed to do was to temper their disciples' inner strength.

Having detected the presence of the Demonic Qi, the two women were not afraid; they understood that if they allowed themselves to be frightened, their fear would feed into the strength of the Heavenly Demon.

At this moment, the two women thought that since Lu Chen said he was going to find the Heavenly Demon, it proved that he was capable of dealing with it.

Now that the Heavenly Demon had come, all they needed to do was to hide behind Lu Chen.

With that thought, the two women quickly sensed Lu Chen's location and found that he was currently behind the Daqian Emperor's Imperial Study Room, and they went there as quickly as they could.

When the two women entered the Imperial Study Room, they saw Lu Chen engrossed in a scroll, seemingly completely unaware that the Heavenly Demon had arrived.

At that moment, Mu Yunxi couldn't help but remind him, "Your Majesty, haven't you always been searching for the Heavenly Demon? Now that it has come to your doorstep, don't you plan to do something?"

Lu Chen said, "Heavenly Demon? Where?"

Hearing Lu Chen's question, both women felt it was absurd; they didn't believe he was unaware of the Heavenly Demon's arrival. They could sense the Demonic Qi; it was impossible for Lu Chen to not feel it at all.

In the High-Level Cultivation Realm, it was only the cultivators from smaller, lower ranking sects who rarely had the chance to temper their inner strength with Heavenly Demons, while the larger, renowned sects used them for this purpose.

Lu Chen, who had successfully made a name for himself in this world, could not possibly be from a small sect. The two women had already assumed that Lu Chen also hailed from a grand sect of the High-Level Cultivation Realm, yet now he was pretending to be unaware of the Heavenly Demon's arrival.

In fact, Lu Chen had indeed sensed the presence of the Demonic Qi, and his Demon-Expelling Banner was restlessly stirring.

It was only when a Heavenly Demon approached that the Demon-Expelling Banner showed such a reaction.

But Lu Chen was not in a hurry; he wanted to wait for the Heavenly Demon to come to him.

Seeing Lu Chen's indifferent demeanor, the two women quickly realized something.

Perhaps Lu Chen had known about the arrival of the Heavenly Demon all along but did not consider it a serious matter.

By feigning ignorance, he aimed to lower the Heavenly Demon's guard, making it think that he was an insignificant cultivator who couldn't even sense its Demonic Qi and posed no significant threat.

As the two women were contemplating this, a deep voice filled the Imperial Study Room.

"Was it you who destroyed my feeding ground?"

This voice seemed to directly penetrate their minds. For a moment, both Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu felt a severe headache, and despite their deliberate efforts to resist the influence of the Demonic Qi, the appearance of the Heavenly Demon's voice caused a slight shift in their states of mind.

The two women quickly hid behind Lu Chen.

Now, it was time to see how Lu Chen would deal with the Heavenly Demon.

Lu Chen leisurely placed the scroll he was holding onto the desk, then looked up toward the doorway.

There was no ferocious monster at the entrance, but rather a young man with eyes glowing with a red light and a group of people from the Taiyin Sect.

Lu Chen glanced at the young man, and the system instantly identified his information.

[Name: None]

[Identity: Outer Realm Heavenly Demon]

[Strength: Genesis Realm]

[Loyalty: 0]

Seeing such a brief introduction, Lu Chen was stunned. It was too simple, with barely any detailed information.

Well, it didn't matter as long as he knew the Demon-Expelling Banner could deal with the Heavenly Demon.

At this moment, Lu Chen looked at the Leader of the Taiyin Sect and said, "I was wondering why I hadn't seen the Leader of the Taiyin Sect for such a long time. It turns out you've become a dog for the Heavenly Demon."

Hearing this, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect was not ashamed but proud. He smiled and said, "Being a dog for the Heavenly Demon is an honor for me."

"As for you, you're so arrogant even when death is upon you!"

"Those who dare to oppose the Heavenly Demon will never meet a good end!"

Lu Chen indifferently said, "Oh, is that so?"

Seeing Lu Chen so calm, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect was puzzled. He had long felt that Lu Chen was extraordinary, probably not a person from this world. It was very likely that Lu Chen came from a major sect or was sent to this world by some holy land for training.

Those from such places should be particularly aware of the repression the Heavenly Demon exerts on cultivators. So why was Lu Chen not at all afraid now? Could it be that he truly had some kind of trump card to deal with the Heavenly Demon?

That shouldn't be possible, right?

There weren't many things that could counter a Heavenly Demon. Some major sects would have to use a great deal of effort to eliminate just one. This was mainly due to the Heavenly Demon's rapid growth.

The Heavenly Demon also realized that something was off with the human not far away. For some reason, he felt a particularly loathsome aura coming from that person.

The Heavenly Demon then said, "Human, tell me, from which world do you come?"

Seeing that the Heavenly Demon did not attack directly but instead asked Lu Chen this question, everyone present was stunned. Wasn't the Heavenly Demon always known for disliking idle talk and acting directly? Why did it start by asking Lu Chen where he was from?

Lu Chen smiled and replied, "I, too, do not know from which world I come."

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect frowned and said, "When the Heavenly Demon asks you a question, you must answer truthfully! To dare saying you do not know, I think you are courting death!"

Lu Chen ignored the Leader of the Taiyin Sect. That lap dog would be dealt with soon enough.

Then, Lu Chen asked in return, "I am quite curious, what are you Outer Realm Heavenly Demons doing in this universe? What in this universe do you desire so much?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's question, the Demonic Qi on the Heavenly Demon surged. He seemed not to have expected Lu Chen to ask such a question.

The Heavenly Demon then looked at Lu Chen viciously, displaying a wary expression, "Who exactly are you!"

Seeing the Heavenly Demon's expression, everyone present was shocked once more.

They too were eager to know exactly who Lu Chen was, to make a Heavenly Demon so nervous.

In truth, Lu Chen didn't understand the Heavenly Demon at all. His earlier remarks were merely a bluff.

The system labeled it "Outer Realm Heavenly Demon," and based on the novels he read in his previous life, he suspected that the Heavenly Demon may not be native to this universe. Here, "universe" didn't mean the world they were currently in, but the larger cosmos that enveloped their current world, as well as numerous high-level cultivation worlds.

Since the title "Heavenly Demon" was prefixed with "Outer Realm," it was highly likely that this Heavenly Demon came from another universe.

Chapter 886 The Shocked Crowd

Lu Chen saw the sudden change in the Heavenly Demon's expression, as well as its cautious demeanor, and instantly understood that his guess was probably correct—the Heavenly Demon might indeed not be a species from this universe.

It seemed that this universe should be facing some kind of major catastrophe.

Nobody knew how many Heavenly Demons had come, or if there were even more powerful ones yet to arrive.

At that moment, Lu Chen displayed an expression of nonchalance and then said, "You don't need to know who I am, you just need to know that I am the nemesis of all you Heavenly Demons!"

The Heavenly Demon chuckled coldly and said, "Ridiculous, no one in this universe dares claim to be our nemesis!"

Lu Chen continued, "I'll give you a chance; just tell me what is the purpose of your Heavenly Demons coming to this universe, and I might spare you!"

Hearing this, the Heavenly Demon chuckled coldly again, "Ridiculous, in front of this seat, all the humans in this universe are merely ants, and an ant dares to threaten this seat!"

Although he felt that the man in front of him was extraordinary and knew many secrets, he did not think this man was that powerful. Plus, given his nature as a Heavenly Demon, how could he possibly fear a human?

The Heavenly Demon then reversed the threat and said, "I give you one final chance, tell me immediately how you came to know these things; otherwise, I will kill everyone in this city right now, including you!"

Lu Chen, with a smile, said, "If you truly can, you might as well try it now."

Seeing Lu Chen's smiling face, not fearing him at all, the Heavenly Demon hesitated internally, feeling that this man might indeed have some means to counter him.

Moreover, as soon as he had entered, he had sensed something on this man's body that suppressed Demonic Qi, which dispersed immediately as it neared this man's body.

At this moment, both parties fell silent, the room turned extremely quiet, and a gentle breeze made the curtains in the Imperial Study Room rustle.

After who knows how long, the Heavenly Demon said, "I know you have quite a few wives and concubines in this world, you might not consider yourself, but don't you think about them? As I know, you humans highly value affection."

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect had already briefed the Heavenly Demon on Lu Chen's profile on the way to the Daqian Capital City. Initially, the Heavenly Demon had not taken it seriously, but now, he had resorted to using Lu Chen's wives and concubines to threaten him.

Lu Chen still wore a smile, "I can protect my wives and concubines well enough, so there's no need for you to worry."

"And I, too, will give you one final chance—if you do not reveal the purpose of your coming to this universe, I will strike immediately and destroy your Demonic form."

Seeing Lu Chen's firm attitude, the Heavenly Demon knew that he most likely wouldn't get anything out of him. The conversation had already reached this level, and there was no need for further pleasantries.

The next moment, the Heavenly Demon's Demonic Qi instantly burst forth, filling the room with an overwhelming presence.

Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi felt particularly uncomfortable at that moment; after coming into contact with the Demonic Qi, their Spiritual Power was greatly suppressed, which is why Heavenly Demons are said to be the natural enemies of Cultivators.

However, just as the Heavenly Demon's Demonic Qi was about to reach Lu Chen, it was suddenly blocked by some mysterious force, making Lu Chen look as if nothing was wrong at all.

The Heavenly Demon said, "You indeed have some ability, unlike any Cultivator I've met before, but anyone who dares to provoke this seat, ends up only with a dead end."

As he spoke, the Heavenly Demon suddenly lunged, charging directly at Lu Chen. Just as the Heavenly Demon was about to reach him, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect was almost grinning from ear to ear.

But just then, Lu Chen suddenly pulled out a flag-like object from nowhere, and as it appeared, the demonic qi in the entire room was instantly dispelled, and the Heavenly Demon was flung away by the golden light emitted from the Demon-Expelling Banner.

All who witnessed this scene were stunned, even the Heavenly Demon itself was momentarily frozen in shock. It had never imagined that such an object capable of suppressing it could exist in this world.

In an instant, the roles of attack and defense were reversed; it was no longer Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu being suppressed by the demonic qi, but rather the Heavenly Demon and the demonic cultivator from the Taiyin Sect who were being suppressed by the golden light of the Demon-Expelling Banner.

The Heavenly Demon felt that the golden light from the Demon-Expelling Banner was not only suppressing its demonic qi but also gave it the sensation of its demonic soul being dried up.

Something was wrong, this object was undoubtedly peculiar.

How could such a thing that suppresses demonic qi appear in this lower world? They should know that when they from the Outer Domain had attacked this universe, the Immortal Kings and Immortal Emperors of this universe had paid a huge price, and even then, they hadn't possessed such an artifact to suppress demonic qi.

Now, situated only in a lower world, how could such a terrifying object originate here?

If this artifact had appeared in the previous era, it's likely that their Heavenly Demon would have already been completely eradicated, not just eradicated swiftly, but possibly even the Immortal Kings and Immortal Emperors of this universe might have been able to counterattack the Outer Domain.

The Heavenly Demon, which had never known fear, at this moment felt a strange, unknown fear originating from the depths of its demonic soul.

"What... what is this thing!"

"How could such a terrifying artifact appear in a lower world!"

Seeing that the Heavenly Demon clearly felt fear, Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi exchanged glances, and both saw shock in each other's eyes.

In the High-Level Cultivation Realm, they had never heard of any Artifact that suppressed demonic qi so fiercely. While Spiritual Artifacts that suppressed demonic qi did indeed exist, they weren't nearly this formidable, and they could only suppress the demonic qi temporarily, merely causing the Heavenly Demon a momentary distraction.

But those Spiritual Artifacts were not enough to instill fear in a Heavenly Demon; Heavenly Demons are inherently fearless against anything.

The two women were quite experienced and worldly, but they had never seen such a scene before.

After exchanging glances, Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu's gaze returned to Lu Chen. They were now intensely curious about who exactly this person was and how he came to possess such an artifact.

If the people from the Cultivation World knew of this object, it was unimaginable how many major sects and powers would fight over it.

At this moment, the two women started to think about making a strategic retreat; just this artifact alone was enough to prove that Lu Chen's identity was no simple matter. If they really acted against Lu Chen, even if they left this world, it was very likely they would still face retaliation from the forces behind him.

They did not wish to provoke such significant trouble.

However, speaking of which, if they didn't deal with this man, he would want to take over their bodies.

It seemed that the best course of action now was to leave this lecher behind.

The two women then silently made up their minds that once they had dealt with the Heavenly Demon, they would promptly leave this place and never contact Lu Chen again.

As for how to leave this world, they would figure that out later, since this man was clearly someone they couldn't afford to provoke.

Chapter 887 Slay the Heavenly Demon

At this moment in the Imperial Study Room, the most frightened was not the Heavenly Demon, nor Liu Qingqiu or Mu Yunxi, but the Leader of the Taiyin Sect.

He had not expected that Lu Chen would possess such an artifact capable of greatly suppressing Demonic Qi. Given this situation, even if they did not die, once they tried to escape, the Heavenly Demon would surely kill him.

It was he who had brought the Heavenly Demon to this perilous place, and the Heavenly Demon might well suspect that he was in league with Lu Chen.

Thinking of this, the face of the Leader of the Taiyin Sect turned deathly pale.

This won't do...

He must leave this accursed place, for once Lu Chen or the Heavenly Demon realized what was happening, he would have no place to bury his body!

The flag in Lu Chen's hand was too powerful in suppressing the Demonic Qi, that even the Heavenly Demon would likely be no match for him.

With that thought, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect suddenly drew his sword and committed suicide.

This abrupt act stunned everyone in the Imperial Study Room, including Lu Chen, who had not expected the Leader of the Taiyin Sect to be frightened into committing suicide.

Wait a minute...

Something doesn't seem right?

Lu Chen didn't think the Leader of the Taiyin Sect was the type to commit suicide.

This guy must have...

Before Lu Chen could figure out why the Leader of the Taiyin Sect had done this, they heard the Heavenly Demon suddenly bellow, "You brought me here and still thought you could escape!"

As he spoke, the Heavenly Demon reached into the void and the next moment, a red soul phantom of the Leader of the Taiyin Sect appeared in his hand.

Seeing the soul phantom of the Leader of the Taiyin Sect in the Heavenly Demon's hand, Lu Chen immediately realized that the fellow had intended to let his soul escape from his body by killing himself, then silently flee this troubled place.

However, how could the Heavenly Demon, with his strong perception of souls and Demonic Qi, not sense the Leader of the Taiyin Sect attempting to escape? Clearly, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect's plan had failed.

The Leader of the Taiyin Sect, now held in the hand of the Heavenly Demon, panicked and quickly pleaded, "Mercy, great Heavenly Demon! I had no idea that Lu Chen had such an artifact to suppress Demonic Qi!"

The Heavenly Demon did not listen to the Leader of the Taiyin Sect's excuses. Without hesitation, he opened his mouth and stuffed the soul phantom into it, then bit and tore at it, shredding the Leader of the Taiyin Sect's soul phantom to pieces.

The next moment, the screams of the Leader of the Taiyin Sect resounded throughout the Imperial Study Room.

"Ah!!!!!"

The Heavenly Demon ignored the screams of the Leader of the Taiyin Sect, quickly swallowing the soul into his stomach.

Soon, the Leader of the Taiyin Sect went completely silent.

Seeing this scene, the other members of the Taiyin Divine Sect were petrified with fear—after witnessing their leader being devoured, they...

At that moment, someone shouted "Run!" and the members of the Taiyin Divine Sect, terrified, hurriedly fled towards the outside of the Imperial Study Room.

But the Heavenly Demon was not planning to let them go. His Demonic Qi surged again and quickly engulfed those fleeing members of the Taiyin Divine Sect. Then, the Heavenly Demon opened his mouth wide and sucked in, quickly drawing both his Demonic Qi and the Taiyin Divine Sect members into his stomach.

Throughout this, Lu Chen did not take action against the Heavenly Demon. For him, the Taiyin Divine Sect was also a problem to be dealt with, and since the Heavenly Demon was handling it for him, all he had to do was watch from the side.

After the Heavenly Demon disposed of the members of the Taiyin Divine Sect, his gaze returned to Lu Chen, and he sneered, "You didn't intervene just now because you wanted to use me to eliminate those people, didn't you?"

Lu Chen said indifferently, "Yes, I certainly do not wish to see my Imperial Study Room covered in blood."

"Now that the obstructions have been dealt with, it's our turn."

The Heavenly Demon said, "Do you think that just because you have an artifact that can suppress Demonic Qi, you can defeat me?"

Lu Chen said, "How can we know without trying?"

As his words fell, Lu Chen didn't waste any more time, directly motivating the Demon-Expelling Banner to release a golden light, once again suppressing the Heavenly Demon's Demonic Qi.

At that moment, the Heavenly Demon felt extremely uncomfortable, as if he was trapped by the Demon-Expelling Banner; he couldn't even escape as a demon soul.

Having no other choice, the Heavenly Demon opted to fight against this man.

Immediately, the Heavenly Demon took the offensive; his figure disappeared from the spot, and by the time he reappeared, he was already in front of Lu Chen. This time, Lu Chen didn't use the Slayer Spear, but suddenly raised his hand and swung a palm strike.

A blue palm energy flew out from Lu Chen's hand, and the Heavenly Demon's body was directly blasted away.

The next moment, cracks appeared on the Heavenly Demon's demon soul.

The Heavenly Demon couldn't believe it; a simple palm strike had severely injured him — how was that possible?

Seeing this scene, Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu were once again shocked. That was the Heavenly Demon, and yet Lu Chen had severely wounded him with just a single palm strike?

Even though Lu Chen used that banner-like artifact to suppress the Heavenly Demon's Demonic Qi, it shouldn't have completely suppressed his strength. How could Lu Chen have inflicted such a severe injury on the Heavenly Demon with just one palm?

At that moment, the Heavenly Demon realized another problem; Lu Chen's palm energy not only severely wounded his demon soul but the residual palm energy was even continuously eroding his demon soul. If this continued, he was doomed to die!

Bearing the pain in his demon soul, the Heavenly Demon unwillingly asked, "What Cultivation Technique is this?"

Lu Chen smiled and replied, "Demon Burying Spell!"

Upon hearing this name, it was clear what this Cultivation Technique was for; it was evidently designed specifically to counter the Heavenly Demon.

At that time, the Heavenly Demon burst out laughing, and then his Demonic Qi surged dramatically, "Haha, you think killing me is that easy!"

"There's no one in this world that can kill me!"

"Dare to injure me, I want you dead!"

As he spoke, the Heavenly Demon disconnected from his human body and instantly transformed into a demon soul, charging towards Lu Chen.

Lu Chen immediately used the Demon-Expelling Banner to suppress the Heavenly Demon's Demonic Qi, then once again circulated the Demon Burying Spell of Danxin City, preparing to deliver the final strike to the Heavenly Demon.

However, when he struck out his palm, he realized something was off — he easily dispersed the Heavenly Demon's demon soul, without the Heavenly Demon even letting out a scream of agony. That was too fake, and at that moment, a small wisp of black qi secretly slipped out through the entrance.

Now that Lu Chen had mastered the Demon Burying Spell, he was very sensitive to Demonic Qi and instantly noticed that wisp of black qi.

Lu Chen's lips curved slightly upwards, followed by a Shadow Shift, directly intercepting the path of the escaping black qi.

"Sorry! No way through here!"

As he spoke, Lu Chen released another palm strike, and a blue palm energy immediately hit the black qi; the next moment, the scream of the Heavenly Demon was heard.

"Ah! How could I possibly die!!!!"

Seeing that the Heavenly Demon hadn't yet completely perished, Lu Chen gathered all his Spiritual Power and delivered another palm strike, this one directly dispersing the Heavenly Demon's demon soul.

Seeing how easily Lu Chen had killed the Heavenly Demon, Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi both remained stunned in their places.

Chapter 888 The Proactive Bai

Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu had just felt the Demonic Qi of the Heavenly Demon, and judging by the concentration of its Demonic Qi, it must have possessed strength worthy of the Genesis Realm.

With the strength of the Genesis Realm, the Heavenly Demon could be considered an invincible existence when facing cultivators of the same realm. Yet, surprisingly, it was defeated by Lu Chen, a mere Celestial.

Moreover, it was a one-sided beating, without any ability to fight back, and the key point was that Lu Chen finished the fight with just a few palm strikes.

From the appearance of the Heavenly Demon to its execution, not even two hours, no, to be precise, not even an hour had passed. Had Lu Chen's strength become this formidable?

Driven to dismay once again, the two women had originally thought that they would have a chance to assassinate Lu Chen once they recovered their strength, but now it seemed that Lu Chen's strength had likely already surpassed the Heavenly Human Realm.

In fact, this was a misunderstanding on the part of Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi. Lu Chen's strength was not particularly strong; he was just an ordinary Celestial.

His ease in annihilating the Heavenly Demon was due to the Demon-Expelling Banner and the Demon Burying Spell. Without these, he would not have been able to easily defeat the Heavenly Demon, let alone kill it; in fact, he might have been the one to be devoured by it instead.

Armed with cultivation techniques and treasures aimed at the Heavenly Demon, Lu Chen would stand a chance to fight against Heavenly Demons several realms higher than himself in the future. He could now be considered a nemesis for the Heavenly Demons.

After dealing with the Heavenly Demon, Lu Chen turned his head with a smile to look at Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi and said, "Now that the Heavenly Demon has been eradicated, this world should be safe for the time being."

At the sound of Lu Chen's voice, the two women came back to their senses, and upon seeing that meaningful smile from Lu Chen, they couldn't help but tremble involuntarily.

With the fall of Great Qian and the end of the plague—now that the source of the plague, the Heavenly Demon, had been destroyed—didn't it mean that Lu Chen would not have any important matters to attend to next?

What he would do in his free time seemed quite obvious, and the two women immediately thought about running away. However, they still maintained their rationality; if they ran away now, with Lu Chen's strength, they would probably be killed by that special Earth Grade Spiritual Artifact before they even left the Daqian Capital City.

For now, their only choice was to temporarily placate this lecherous man and then find a way to escape when he was not paying attention.

At this moment, Mu Yunxi pretended to be very calm and said with a smile, "I had not expected Your Majesty to be so powerful, merely lifting a finger to annihilate a Heavenly Demon."

Hearing Mu Yunxi's praise, Lu Chen laughed and said, "If I am that powerful, then becoming my women wouldn't be too much of a hardship for you, would it?"

This...

Mu Yunxi quickly said, "Your Majesty, matters of men and women's affections require mutual consent. Forcing it too much means that even if you have someone's body, you cannot possess their heart."

"If you only possess their body and their heart is not with you, then it's no different from having a puppet."

Pretending to agree, Lu Chen said, "Fairy Yunxi makes some sense. Then you both should rest easy in my harem, where we can foster a deeper relationship. When the time comes and our affections are genuine and deep, then we can proceed with what needs to be done."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, the two women knew that this lecherous man was resolute in possessing them. But at this moment, it was unwise for them to speak out too strongly. If they showed too much resistance now, Lu Chen would surely guess they were planning to escape. Then he would keep a constant watch over them, and their chances of a successful escape would be greatly reduced.

At this time, Lu Chen sat down at the desk in the Imperial Study Room and indifferently said to Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu, "Fairy ladies, it is late. You should both go rest."

The two women did not say much more and turned to leave immediately.

After the two women had left the Imperial Study Room and were at some distance from it, Liu Qingqiu transmitted a message to Mu Yunxi, "Do you really plan on becoming his woman?"

Mu Yunxi smiled slightly and transmitted back, "For now, we can only stabilize him temporarily. You've seen it as well; he is no ordinary man. Even a Heavenly Demon is not his match. If we were to really make a move against him, I'm afraid our end would be just like that Heavenly Demon's just now."

Seeing that Mu Yunxi was also thinking this way, Liu Qingqiu had no choice but to let go of the unrealistic thoughts in her heart. She had planned to attempt an escape tonight, and if Mu Yunxi could help her divert attention, the probability of her escaping successfully would be even greater.

However, seeing Mu Yunxi like this, she seemed more cautious and probably would not listen to her enticement.

If that was the case, then she would just wait. There would always be a right time.

At that moment, Mu Yunxi suddenly thought of something and teased through their message, "You, the split spirit of a great power, are now caged by an emperor of a lower world to be a consort. If your main body knew about this, I wonder how furious it would be."

"If your virginity was also taken by Lu Chen, do you think your main body might just kill you on the spot?"

Faced with Mu Yunxi's teasing, Liu Qingqiu merely snorted coldly and did not say much more. Then, she kicked her legs and her figure vanished on the spot. Before long, she had returned to her own sleeping chamber.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu leave, the smile on Mu Yunxi's face grew even more exuberant. Although she also temporarily had no way to rid herself of Lu Chen, the thought that a powerful spirit was keeping her company greatly comforted her.

Mu Yunxi then returned to her sleeping chamber as well and continued to meditate to recover her cultivation state.

After Mu Yunxi and Liu Qingqiu left, Bai Qingqing entered the Imperial Study Room and saw Lu Chen still looking at the scroll. Bai Qingqing asked, "Your Majesty, do you require attendance in bed tonight? I shall prepare."

For Lu Chen, there wasn't much else of importance. As for how to govern Great Qian, he only needed to provide a general direction; soon, the officials he had trained in the North Country to govern the nation would arrive in Great Qian.

In other words, Lu Chen was now at leisure. Thus, Bai Qingqing thought that after accumulating so much stress for so long, it was time for him to release it. Initially, Bai Qingqing thought Lu Chen would choose one of the two captive fairies to attend to him at night, but unexpectedly, he chose neither.

Since he did not choose either of them, Bai Qingqing thought that, as Lu Chen's personal maid, she should take the initiative to help Lu Chen relieve his stress.

Hearing Bai Qingqing's words, Lu Chen put down the scroll in his hand and looked up at Bai's face, which though cold as frost, had a hint of blush.

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Bai, why are you so proactive today?"

Hearing this, Bai Qingqing quickly replied, "Your Majesty has been working hard for many days. I was worried that Your Majesty..."

Bai Qingqing had not finished speaking when Lu Chen interrupted, "Indeed, I have been under quite some stress recently. Come here."

Hearing Lu Chen's command, Bai Qingqing showed no hesitation and directly approached Lu Chen.

Bai Qingqing's face turned visibly red at a rapid pace. After she arrived in front of Lu Chen, she remained silent, directly kneeling on one knee, and then leaning closer to Lu Chen.

Chapter 889 Bai Qingqing is Pregnant

After Bai Qingqing became Lu Chen's woman, she spent most of her time with him. Despite being bestowed the title of Noble Concubine, her duties essentially remained serving Lu Chen.

Having spent much time with Lu Chen, Bai Qingqing also learned quite a bit about how to take care of people.

At this moment, Lu Chen still held the Great Qian scroll in his hands, occasionally casting glances with the corner of his eye at the aloof beauty in front of him.

Bai Qingqing had indeed studied earnestly, and Lu Chen was particularly satisfied with her subtle skills at this time.

It was then that Lu Chen thought to himself that, now being a Celestial, he wondered if it would be even more difficult than before to sire children in the future.

While lost in thought, Bai Qingqing suddenly coughed, looking very uncomfortable, prompting Lu Chen to quickly pat her on the back.

After recovering, Bai Qingqing, with a flushed face, thanked him, "Thank you, Your Majesty."

Lu Chen smiled faintly and then said, "Alright, that will be all."

Hearing this, Bai Qingqing thought Lu Chen meant to conclude the matter, and she promptly said, "Yes, Your Majesty."

As her words fell, Bai Qingqing was about to rise and leave, but as soon as she got up, Lu Chen grabbed her wrist and pulled her entire being into his embrace.

Bai Qingqing's mind went blank for a moment, and she did not struggle, allowing Lu Chen to dote on her.

In a soft whisper into Bai Qingqing's ear, Lu Chen said, "Bai, you see that all your sisters have had children. When will you also bear one for me?"

Upon hearing this, Bai Qingqing's body grew even hotter, and she melted into Lu Chen's arms; if it weren't for him holding her, she would have probably collapsed on the floor.

Then Bai Qingqing softly said, "As long as your servant can conceive, your servant will bear a child for Your Majesty."

Bai Qingqing was actually not particularly keen on bearing Lu Chen's children. Of course, it wasn't because she disliked Lu Chen, but because she felt that if she bore him children, she wouldn't be able to serve by Lu Chen's side as she had before.

If she had a child, she would certainly need to look after it. Compared to a child, she preferred staying by Lu Chen's side.

Once her emotions were restored, she developed a strong dependency on Lu Chen.

But she also understood that Lu Chen seemed to have an obsession with children, especially liking them. Since Lu Chen liked them so much, she thought bearing one for him wouldn't be a problem.

Only she didn't know whether she could conceive. The higher the level of a Martial Artist, the harder it was to have offspring, and now that Lu Chen was a Celestial, the difficulty of having children was even greater.

After hearing Bai Qingqing's words, Lu Chen laughed and said, "Servant? Bai, haven't I told you to call me 'darling' when we're alone and not to refer to yourself as a servant?"

Bai Qingqing immediately corrected herself, "This servant knows her mistake."

Lu Chen again questioned, "This servant?"

Bai Qingqing quickly corrected herself once more, "This concubine is at fault, please punish me, Your Majesty."

Saying so, Bai Qingqing lifted her head to look at Lu Chen's handsome face, which at that moment sported a mischievous smile as he gazed at her.

Lu Chen's hand slipped into Bai Qingqing's clothing as he said against her face, "Indeed, you should be punished to ensure you don't forget my words."

With that, Lu Chen kissed Bai Qingqing's red lips, and afterward, she let Lu Chen have his way with her.

Soon, sounds of Bai Qingqing calling "darling" and "good brother" emanated from the Imperial Study Room.

After an indeterminate amount of time, Lu Chen finally stopped punishing Bai Qingqing. He glanced at his system interface subconsciously; he thought he had heard a system notification sound just now.

[Host has cultivated affection with a wife once, Qi Training Mantra experience points increase...]

[Congratulations to the host for aiding Noble Concubine Bai Qingqing in conceiving, rewarded with Bilo Dragon Crystal.]

Seeing the system interface before him, Lu Chen laughed lightly; almost all of his cultivation techniques had reached full completion, and there wasn't much room for improvement left.

At this time, Lu Chen's gaze fell upon the reward for Bai Qingqing's conception, and he felt somewhat pleased. He had originally thought that becoming a Celestial would make it even more difficult to impregnate his wives.

Bai Qingqing had just conceived not long ago; it seemed that he'd have no further worries about this matter.

He should check the use of the Bilo Dragon Crystal rewarded by the system, and with that thought, Lu Chen clicked to open the description of the Bilo Dragon Crystal.

[Bilo Dragon Crystal: A reverse scale from an ancient divine dragon, a material needed to repair the Heavenly Dao of this world.]

Reading the description, Lu Chen was stunned.

Repair the Heavenly Dao of this world?

He remembered that after the Reincarnation Stone was unsealed, it could also be used to repair the Heavenly Dao. Could it be that to fix the Heavenly Dao of this world and improve its natural laws, a considerable number of materials were needed? Not just the Reincarnation Stone?

Forget it, he should wait until his three children were born, to see what the system might reward him with then.

In a few decades, the barriers of the Misty World would disappear; hopefully, he wouldn't be awarded something useless then.

At that thought, Lu Chen came back to his senses and gently stroked the cool beauty lying in his arms. Bai Qingqing's jade arms were wrapped around Lu Chen's sturdy waist, her face resting on his chest.

The scent of this man brought her immense reassurance.

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Bai, you should head back to Yan County tomorrow."

Upon hearing this, Bai Qingqing instantly snapped out of her dazed state.

Back to Yan County?

Why was Lu Chen sending her back to Yan County?

Had she done something to displease him?

Bai Qingqing felt a surge of anxiety.

She hurriedly looked up, peering into Lu Chen's eyes as she asked, "Your Majesty, has your concubine not pleased you enough? I can still..."

Hearing Bai Qingqing's words, Lu Chen smiled slightly, then lifted his hand to caress her cheek, saying, "That's not it. You're already carrying my child, and I won't be returning to Yan County for a while. I don't want any accidents to befall our child, so I'm planning to have you head back first to nurture the pregnancy."

Lu Chen needed to stay in Great Qian for a while and stabilize things. After that, he had one more task—to visit Fengyin Island.

He had long wanted to see Fengyin Island but hadn't found the time, as the world had not yet been unified. Now that the world was united, and state affairs could be managed by his ministers, he finally had some free time.

He wanted to see for himself what the metal structure on Fengyin Island was, whether it was indeed a spaceship.

After hearing Lu Chen's words, Bai Qingqing was momentarily lost in thought.

Was there a child in her womb?

So soon...

Well, there was nothing for it.

Bai Qingqing suddenly felt very dejected, but then she said, "Your concubine understands."

Lu Chen continued, "After you return, let Zixuan and the others know not to worry too much about me. I'll come back to Yan County after I've taken care of my affairs."

Bai Qingqing replied, "Yes, Your Majesty."

At this moment, Lu Chen glanced out the window at the night sky and went on, "We should also rest; let's change locations."

As he spoke, Lu Chen wrapped his arms around Bai Qingqing's hips and stood up. The next moment, using Shadow Shifting, he arrived at his temporary sleeping quarters and placed Bai Qingqing on his own bed.

Sensing Lu Chen's intense gaze, Bai Qingqing instantly understood his intentions; after all, they had just been interrupted, so they could continue what they had started earlier.

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In order to lessen Bai Qingqing's longing after her departure, Lu Chen spent every night for the next few days nurturing their affection.

Several days later.

Lu Chen lay in bed, while the cool beauty Bai Qingqing lay in his arms, completely drained and without a trace of strength.

She was leaving tomorrow. Originally, she had planned to indulge her man before returning to Yan County, but ultimately she couldn't keep up.

There was no helping it, after Lu Chen became a Celestial, his strength had increased significantly, and she couldn't handle it alone.

At that moment, an idea struck Bai Qingqing, and she whispered, "Your Majesty won't be returning to Yan County for a while, how about after I go back, I call some sisters to serve you?"

Bai Qingqing figured that since Lu Chen had broken through to the Celestial Realm, not only had his strength increased, his desires might have grown stronger, so she worried that there would be no one to serve him after she left.

Hearing Bai Qingqing's words, Lu Chen said, "Bai, have you forgotten the two fairies I've captured in the palace?"

Bai Qingqing instantly realized—right, those fairies were so beautiful, Lu Chen couldn't possibly be disinterested, and with their greater strength, maybe they could withstand it.

Bai Qingqing then said, "This consort understands."

Lu Chen continued, "After you return to Yan County, take good care of the child. Once you've given birth, you can continue to serve as my maid."

Lu Chen also knew what Bai Qingqing was thinking; she was afraid that after having the child, she wouldn't be able to stay by his side all the time.

Hearing Lu Chen say this, Bai Qingqing's body trembled slightly, and once she regained her composure, she quickly said, "Thank you, Your Majesty, for granting me this favor."

Lu Chen smiled slightly and gently stroked Bai Qingqing's jade back.

Early the next morning, Bai Qingqing left the Daqian Imperial Palace and set off on her way back to Yan County.

Meanwhile.

Qianning Palace.

Liu Qingqiu was sitting in the pavilion, delicately sipping the Dragon and Phoenix Tea given by Lu Chen.

These days, Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi had been drinking Lu Chen's Dragon and Phoenix Tea. At first, they were somewhat apprehensive about the Spiritual Tea, fearing there might be something in it.

But as they drank more of it, they found not only did the tea cause them no harm, but it actually accelerated the recovery of their bodies, which completely disarmed them against the tea.

They thought that Lu Chen was trying to please them by giving them such precious Spiritual Tea to drink.

After savoring the tea for a while, Liu Qingqiu was about to continue cultivating when a maid entered the courtyard and quickly approached the pavilion where Liu Qingqiu sat.

Seeing that it was a maid from her side, Liu Qingqiu immediately asked, "Xiao Qing, what's the matter?"

Ever since Lu Chen moved into the Daqian Imperial Palace, most people there had been dismissed.

However, Lu Chen had kept some maids, including those who had served Liu Qingqiu before.

Liu Qingqiu still saw Lu Chen's actions as gestures of goodwill, and she made use of these maids to gather information about the outside world and the happenings within the palace.

The maid named Xiao Qing immediately entered the pavilion and cautiously reported, "Empress, the maid surnamed Bai who was with His Majesty left the palace today. She seems to have returned to Yan County."

Since Lu Chen's arrival at the palace, Bai Qingqing had been in charge of arranging various matters around him, including food, clothing, and housing, which made her well-known among the palace maids.

Early this morning, Bai Qingqing left and was replaced by another maidservant. The other maids also came to know of this at the earliest time.

Upon hearing this, Liu Qingqiu said indifferently, "Let her leave then, she's just a maidservant..."

Liu Qingqiu had hardly finished her sentence when something crossed her mind, and she immediately asked, "Wait, who did you say left?"

The maid continued with her answer, "It's the maidservant who has been following His Majesty around, the one His Majesty always calls Bai."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu's brows knitted slightly.

She had also heard about the events of the past few days, and with her strong perception, nothing that happened within the imperial palace could escape her senses.

In the last few nights, Lu Chen, that guy, had been engaging in that kind of activity with that maidservant every night, a clear indication that Lu Chen was indeed a man of strong desires.

Although Lu Chen had never extended his clutches to her or Mu Yunxi, this might well be because that maidservant of Lu Chen's had been serving him well.

Now that Lu Chen's personal maidservant had left him, and without any sufficiently beautiful women by his side, wouldn't it be very likely that Lu Chen would turn his attention toward her and Mu Yunxi!

With this thought, Liu Qingqiu's brows furrowed slightly, and she asked the maid again, "Who took over her position? Is she beautiful? How does she compare to the former maidservant?"

After pondering for a moment, the maid replied, "Empress, the one taking over the maidservant surnamed Bai is just an ordinary female guard, and in terms of appearance, she falls far short of the previous maidservant."

Liu Qingqiu lapsed into silence.

Her intuition told her that she might very well be facing trouble soon.

No, she had to make up her mind to escape from this place quickly. If she continued to wait, she might end up becoming that man's female slave.

These days she had constantly been emanating spiritual power to sense everything happening inside the imperial palace. Though she hadn't seen them with her own eyes, she had sensed how Lu Chen dealt with his personal maidservant, which fostered a sense of fear toward Lu Chen in her.

At that moment, Liu Qingqiu was already plotting in her mind how to escape from the imperial palace tonight without anyone noticing.

As evening approached.

The setting sun cast its glow, and Lu Chen sat in the chair of the Imperial Study Room, stretching languidly.

At this time, the maidservant who had taken over Bai Qingqing's work asked, "Your Majesty, do you require arrangements for that lady to attend your bed tonight?"

Hearing this, Lu Chen said, "There's no need for a deliberate arrangement."

As he said this, a mischievous idea suddenly struck him, and he continued, "This is what you'll do: send someone to inform Lady Liu and Lady Mu, telling them I will be dining in their bedchambers tonight."

The maidservant wasn't surprised by this, as it was clear to all the female guards around Lu Chen about his capabilities. Although they had never been favored by Lu Chen, after all, they were responsible for his protection.

When Lu Chen was busy in his room, they would stand guard outside. The maidservant in front of him knew very well that after visiting Liu Qingqiu's bedchamber, Lu Chen would definitely have the energy to proceed to Mu Yunxi's chamber. She quickly responded, "I will send someone to notify both ladies immediately."

As the maidservant finished speaking and turned to leave the Imperial Study Room to arrange the notifications for Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi, Lu Chen pondered to himself.

Once Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi heard that he intended to visit their bedchambers, they would certainly think that he was planning to engage in that kind of activity with them, and surely one of them would consider running away.

The moment they dared to run, he would immediately give chase. Whomever he caught, he could use their attempt to escape as an excuse to punish them.