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Chapter 891 Fairy Liu, where are you planning to go?

Seeing that the sun had already set, leaving only the crimson afterglow hanging in the sky, Liu Qingqiu, who was sitting inside the pavilion, could no longer suppress the urge to flee within her heart.

But she didn't dare act at this moment, fleeing now would likely alert Lu Chen right away, who would then come after her.

Lu Chen had the habit of sleeping every night, as long as she waited for Lu Chen to fall asleep, her chance would come. Even if Lu Chen sensed her escape afterward, he would not be able to react immediately.

However, just as Liu Qingqiu had prepared to escape, a female guard entered Qianning Palace. Seeing this female guard, Liu Qingqiu's brows immediately tightened.

This female guard was one of Lu Chen's personal guards who attended to and protected him; her arrival at Qianning Palace undoubtedly meant something was amiss.

Before Liu Qingqiu had a chance to ask, the female guard saluted her and said, "This subordinate pays respects to Lady Liu."

Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi hadn't been formally conferred titles, so everyone in the palace called them both "Lady."

Only after the formal conferral ceremony would people start addressing them as Noble Consort Liu and Consort Mu.

At that moment, Liu Qingqiu asked indifferently, "What is it?"

The female guard looked up and said, "His Majesty has instructed that he will dine with you tonight and asked that you make preparations in advance."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu's expression instantly became even colder, tinged with a hint of panic.

Just as she had suspected, that man had set his sights on her.

With his plaything gone, and the long night ahead with no one to accompany him, he naturally sought a new target.

Liu Qingqiu absolutely refused to become Lu Chen's plaything. Should her main body learn that she had lost her purity, she would surely dispose of this split off part of herself.

At this point, Liu Qingqiu forced herself to stabilize her emotions then said, "I understand."

The female guard then said, "This subordinate will take her leave." As her words fell, she turned and departed.

Watching the retreating figure of the female guard, Liu Qingqiu realized she could not wait any longer.

If she continued to wait, she feared she might become that man's delicacy tonight.

At that thought, Liu Qingqiu immediately began absorbing the spiritual energy around her, intending to take in as much as possible at the last moment in preparation for her imminent escape.

Meanwhile.

In the chamber where Mu Yunxi resided.

Mu Yunxi stood before a full-length mirror, admiring her graceful figure. She was dressed in a red gauze garment with a chest wrap that revealed her slender waist, as well as her long, fair legs.

Mu Yunxi muttered to herself, "Being too beautiful is also a mistake. If I were less attractive, I might not be imprisoned here."

Just as Mu Yunxi finished speaking, a maid hurried in and said, "Lady Mu, His Majesty has sent word that he will dine with you tonight and instructed that you make preparations."

Upon hearing these words, the image of Mu Yunxi in the mirror froze.

Dine with her tonight?

What was Lu Chen thinking?

Why all of a sudden did he decide to have his meal at her place today?

"He probably didn't come to dine, did he?"

Mu Yunxi's brows knitted slightly as she had a guess in her heart. Perhaps Lu Chen really did come to have a meal, but the meal Lu Chen mentioned was probably not the usual dinner, but herself—she was Lu Chen's dinner.

Indeed, he was planning to make a move on her.

No, she must escape from this place immediately. She did not want to lose her innocence in this inferior world.

With that thought, Mu Yunxi immediately said to her maid, "Tell the messenger maid that I have been informed, and I shall start preparing now."

"Yes, Madam," the maid said.

After the maid turned and left Mu Yunxi's chamber, Mu Yunxi snorted coldly in her heart. This lecherous man wanted her body, but it wouldn't be so easy.

Although her strength had not fully returned to its peak, the Spiritual Tea that Lu Chen had sent her recently had almost restored her to the Heavenly Human Realm.

Even if she couldn't defeat Lu Chen, there should be no problem escaping. Both being of the Heavenly Human Realm, as long as she wanted to escape, she didn't believe that Lu Chen could catch up with her.

At this time, Lu Chen was still flipping through official documents in the Imperial Study Room, waiting for Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi to set out after he had sent the message.

As the red twilight faded away, the entire world descended into night. The atmosphere in the Imperial Palace was eerily strange and oppressively suffocating.

Seeing the darkness outside the window, Lu Chen thought it was time to give the two women a little stimulation.

Thus, he rose and walked out of the Imperial Study Room. Lu Chen knew very well that Liu Qingqiu and Mu Yunxi had been monitoring the situation inside the Imperial Study Room closely; the moment he set out, both women would certainly feel it.

As Lu Chen had anticipated, as soon as he got up, a strong surge of Spiritual Power emanated from Mu Yunxi's chamber.

Mu Yunxi fled toward Dongcheng with utmost speed. Upon sensing the Spiritual Power fluctuations from Mu Yunxi's chamber, Liu Qingqiu was stunned. She was puzzled, as Lu Chen was only supposed to visit her tonight. She and Mu Yunxi were in different palaces, so why was Mu Yunxi more anxious than her?

But on second thought, this presented her with a good opportunity. Mu Yunxi's escape would surely have attracted Lu Chen's attention. Once Lu Chen went after Mu Yunxi, she would run in the opposite direction. By then, Lu Chen would not be able to catch up to her.

However, in just a moment, Liu Qingqiu realized that her calculations had failed. Lu Chen was not pursuing Mu Yunxi but heading straight toward Qianning Palace instead.

Liu Qingqiu froze. What was going on? Mu Yunxi had escaped; wasn't Lu Chen going to chase her?

Was he really willing to let Mu Yunxi go just like that?

In terms of beauty, there wasn't much difference between Mu Yunxi and herself.

In fact, Lu Chen wasn't overly concerned about Mu Yunxi's escape. His initial target that evening had not been Mu Yunxi but Liu Qingqiu.

If Mu Yunxi wanted to run, he would let her. It wouldn't be long before she would return on her own, just as Xue Linglong had done before.

As Liu Qingqiu sensed Lu Chen drawing closer to Qianning Palace, she knew she couldn't wait any longer. Lu Chen was obviously coming for her.

Immediately, Liu Qingqiu pushed with her legs, leaping onto the roof, ready to flee the Imperial City at once.

What she didn't expect, however, was that just as she landed on the roof, a figure appeared before her. Lu Chen asked with a smile, "Fairy Liu, where are you planning to go?"

Seeing that Lu Chen had arrived so quickly, Liu Qingqiu snorted coldly. Without any superfluous words, she swung her sword and a Sword Qi shot directly toward Lu Chen.

Her main purpose was not to attack Lu Chen but to escape. Her attacking first was only to make Lu Chen let down his guard, thereby creating a chance for her to flee.

Chapter 892 You Think I Don't Know What You're Trying to Do!

Lu Chen, now a Celestial, was unharmed by Liu Qingqiu's Sword Qi. He effortlessly dodged it.

After evading Liu Qingqiu's Sword Qi with a sidestep, he said with a smile, "I'm just here for dinner, why is Fairy Liu so furious?"

Liu Qingqiu replied coldly, "Don't think I don't know what you're up to!"

This guy wasn't here for any dinner, he obviously came for her. If she didn't take action, she would probably soon become this man's plaything.

As a powerful avatar, she absolutely couldn't endure such an insult.

As soon as Liu Qingqiu finished speaking, she swung her sword again, and in the next moment, over a dozen streams of Sword Qi flew towards Lu Chen, who still did not fight back but simply avoided the Sword Qi from Liu Qingqiu.

Seeing that Lu Chen did not counterattack, Liu Qingqiu knew that this lecher had no intention of killing her just yet; his mind was set on her body, so indeed there was no need to kill her.

However, even if this guy didn't intend to kill her, she needed to cause a bigger commotion to escape. Only in chaos would she have a chance to run away.

With that in mind, Liu Qingqiu immediately gathered all her Spiritual Power and unleashed her most powerful Cultivation Technique.

Fading Rainbow, Gazing at the Moon!!!

Seeing the blood-red moon in the sky, Lu Chen's brows furrowed slightly. This woman was really going to any lengths to escape, daring to use such a terrifying technique in the Capital City of Great Qian.

Such a high-level move could potentially bring disaster to the entire Daqian Capital City.

Lu Chen immediately took out the Slayer Spear and aimed at the moon above, firing a shot.

When Lu Chen attacked the red moon in the sky, Liu Qingqiu saw an opportunity and immediately started running towards the city gates.

Soon, a blue beam shot out from the Slayer Spear, shattering the red moon Lu Chen had targeted.

Seeing no trace of Liu Qingqiu on the rooftops, Lu Chen's lips curled upwards slightly.

For some reason, he suddenly felt an innate hunting instinct surge within him.

Meanwhile, Liu Qingqiu had already fled outside the Daqian Capital City. Although she hadn't fully regained her strength, she was, after all, a Celestial, who could cover vast distances in an instant.

Even though she had left the Capital City, Liu Qingqiu was still not at ease. Lu Chen had managed to catch up with them before, and now that he himself was a Celestial, his speed must have increased significantly.

Thinking this, Liu Qingqiu continued to accelerate, but in the next second, she suddenly collided with something, followed by a strong scent of a man, and her body went weak.

Liu Qingqiu was stunned. What was happening?

Looking up immediately, Liu Qingqiu realized she had run into Lu Chen. Due to inertia, both were flung outwards, but Lu Chen had his arms wide open, cradling Liu Qingqiu's voluptuous body in his embrace.

Liu Qingqiu was bewildered. She knew Lu Chen was fast, but she hadn't anticipated that she would still fail to escape.

No, she would rather die than lose her purity.

Therefore, Liu Qingqiu immediately tried to gather her Spiritual Power to struggle free, only to find that it seemed to have vanished, unable to be mobilized at all.

Realizing her Spiritual Power had been sealed, Liu Qingqiu guessed right away that this was Lu Chen's doing. Although she no longer had the strength to struggle, Liu Qingqiu still threatened him, "What are you doing? Release me at once! I am an avatar of the Saint Ancestor of Yunyan Sect from the World of Fallen Suns. If you dare do such a thing to me, my true body will have people hunt you down to the ends of the earth!"

Lu Chen chuckled, then said, "I never said I wanted to do that sort of thing to you, I merely mentioned coming to your sleeping quarters for dinner, and you got scared and ran away."

Liu Qingqiu responded coldly, "Do you take me for a fool?"

She and Mu Yunxi had been imprisoned in the Imperial Palace for so long, Lu Chen never talked about coming to have dinner with the two of them, yet today this fellow suddenly sent someone to say he wanted to have dinner at her place.

She definitely wouldn't believe that he had no ulterior motives.

He probably wanted to eat not the dinner, but her, or perhaps in Lu Chen's words, she was the "dinner."

After steadying himself, Lu Chen took control of Liu Qingqiu's arms, pinning her hands upon her buttocks, and then, hugging her waist, he performed a Shadow Shifting technique, advancing directly towards the Imperial Palace.

As they got closer to the Imperial Palace, Liu Qingqiu's panic intensified; she wriggled her body and said, "What have you done to me! Why is the Spiritual Power inside my body sealed!"

"Even if you don't consider yourself, think about your wives, concubines, and children. Once Yunyan Sect sends people to this world and they learn of the deeds you've committed, none of your family will be able to escape."

Hearing Liu Qingqiu's threat, Lu Chen said with a smile, "I don't care about these things, but by the time your so-called Yunyan Sect actually arrives in this world, you will already be my wife, not to mention we might have several children by then."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's intention to have her bear his children, Liu Qingqiu struggled even more fiercely, but as she was closely pressed against Lu Chen, her struggles only served to excite him further.

A moment later, Lu Chen had escorted Liu Qingqiu back to Qianning Palace. Upon entering the room, he placed her on the soft couch.

However, at this time, Liu Qingqiu stopped struggling. Her beautiful eyes gazed at Lu Chen as if waiting for his next move.

Seeing that Liu Qingqiu was no longer resisting, Lu Chen curiously asked, "What's the matter? Why have you stopped struggling?"

Liu Qingqiu said indifferently, "If you're not afraid of dying, then go ahead. I've already warned you. My true self is the Saint Ancestor of Yunyan Sect, and even if you have the backing of a powerful Cultivation Family, you can't possibly be a match for Yunyan Sect."

Lu Chen asked curiously, "I'm quite curious, what realm is your primary self in now?"

Liu Qingqiu replied, "Divine Transformation Tenth Layer, just one step away from breaking through to the Returning Ruin Realm!"

This...

After a moment of surprise, Lu Chen revealed a slight smile, "If your primary self were a Saint or a Great Emperor, I might panic a bit, but you're telling me your primary self is in the Divinity Transformation Realm."

"When I meet your primary self later on, I'll take her into the Harem as well."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingqiu fell silent. Through his words, she realized a shocking fact.

Lu Chen was not afraid of those in the Returning Ruin Realm or Divinity Transformation Realm, which implied that the force behind him had beings even stronger than those in the Returning Ruin Realm, and there might even be Saints.

If that was truly the case, then even if her primary self found out about her lost purity, wouldn't she be completely powerless against this man?

Seeing Liu Qingqiu lying there looking utterly despondent, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Since you escaped without permission, you inevitably cannot escape punishment tonight."

Liu Qingqiu said coldly, "Even if you have my body, you will never have my heart!"

Lu Chen replied, "What use do I have for your heart? Having your body is enough for me."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingqiu found herself at a loss for words.

Chapter 893 Liu Qingqiu: I admit defeat, you win

Facing Lu Chen, a man both lustful and shameless, who feared neither Heaven nor Earth, Liu Qingqiu had completely run out of options.

She closed her beautiful eyes, lying stiffly on the couch.

Although she cared deeply about her purity, for someone who had lived countless years, it was not as important compared to her life.

She had previously put on a desperate act for the sake of her purity, but in fact, she wasn't truly desperate. She was just putting on a show, hoping to intimidate Lu Chen.

But this man, driven by lust, simply didn't fall for it. Since Lu Chen wasn't fooled by her act, she was totally out of ideas.

Furthermore, now that the spiritual power in her body was sealed, she couldn't even self-destruct her Dantian. Wanting to commit suicide was also impossible; she could only accept her fate.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu resign herself to her fate, Lu Chen was somewhat speechless, then he chuckled and said, "Fairy Liu, you could at least struggle a bit. What's the point in just lying there so stiffly?"

Liu Qingqiu, with her striking beauty, had a cool complexion and skin as white as snow. Her delicate trembling eyelashes, exquisite nose, and enticing red lips resembled a sculpted piece of art.

But once Liu Qingqiu closed her eyes, she resembled nothing more than a puppet lying inside a coffin. For Lu Chen, if his wife showed no emotional response, he almost lost interest completely.

Take Bai Qingqing, the cold beauty, for example. She was usually expressionless, but during intimate moments, her cheeks would flush, and her heart rate would increase, and she would affectionately call him "dear brother" and "darling." This was the feedback Lu Chen desired.

Now, with Liu Qingqiu showing neither blush nor heartbeat and not struggling at all, even her stunning beauty could not entice Lu Chen much.

At that moment, Liu Qingqiu opened her beautiful eyes and looked at the man before her, then said sharply, "Aren't you going to seize my body? Just do what you want, and stop wasting my time!"

At this...

Lu Chen replied quickly, "Alright, since you put it that way, I'll oblige you."

As his words fell, Lu Chen leaned down and kissed Liu Qingqiu's red lips.

Liu Qingqiu snorted inwardly, resigning herself as if bitten by a dog.

But just as she thought this, she realized Lu Chen's mouth was restlessly moving, "Mmm mmm mmm..."

Liu Qingqiu struggled a bit, but Lu Chen ultimately succeeded. His kissing skills were excellent and he was in no rush to mistreat Liu Qingqiu today.

While kissing her, his hands roamed over Liu Qingqiu's light gown, and feeling his large hands, Liu Qingqiu's body broke out in goosebumps.

As time ticked by, Lu Chen still hadn't done "that" to Liu Qingqiu, just kissing and caressing here and there.

Liu Qingqiu initially thought she could endure it, and it would soon pass, but she realized that Lu Chen was not taking any action.

At this time, Liu Qingqiu's eyes misted, her cheeks turned pink, and she emanated a captivating charm.

Lu Chen then looked up at Liu Qingqiu and teasingly said, "Oh, Fairy Liu, what's the matter now?"

Embarrassed by Lu Chen witnessing her flustered state, Liu Qingqiu clenched her teeth tightly, trying to control her inner turmoil, and said fiercely, "What exactly do you want to do!"

Lu Chen said, "You know very well what I want to do."

Liu Qingqiu said, "For today's humiliation, I will have my revenge one day!"

She was now at a loss for words. This man, Lu Chen, didn't even fear her true form behind the scenes; what could she do?

Just then, Liu Qingqiu slightly gathered her slender legs and twisted her body slightly, but Lu Chen immediately noticed her movements and pressed her legs apart to keep her from moving.

"You!"

Liu Qingqiu felt both ashamed and furious.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu like this, Lu Chen smiled and said, "That's more like it! You just lying there stiff as a board on the bed, what fun is that?"

"You scoundrel! I'll fight you with everything I have!"

While speaking, Liu Qingqiu appeared as if she was about to rise and fight Lu Chen to the death, but she felt completely weak all over, and Lu Chen easily immobilized her.

At that moment, Liu Qingqiu tried to divert her attention, asking, "Why didn't you go after Mu Yunxi but chose to capture me instead? With her seductive ways, she must be quite skilled in serving others."

Mu Yunxi always wore semi-transparent light gauze, exposing her abdomen and long legs, and as tempting as she was, Lu Chen couldn't possibly dislike her.

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Patience, one cannot become fat with just one bite."

Liu Qingqiu said, "Now that she has escaped, you might never get the chance to touch her again."

Lu Chen, unconcerned, said, "If she wants to leave this world, she'll eventually have to come to me."

At this point, Lu Chen reached out and lifted Liu Qingqiu's delicate chin, staring into her beautiful eyes as he said, "Alright, let's not talk about her anymore, let's talk about us instead."

Liu Qingqiu completely resigned herself then, not knowing if Lu Chen had done something to her, but she was no longer able to resist him.

Liu Qingqiu said feebly, "I concede, you've won."

At that moment, she didn't care about her purity anymore.

So be it if her main body knew about it; even if her main body decided to execute her, she didn't care anymore; being killed instantly would be better than the torment she was enduring now.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu surrender, Lu Chen no longer held back, and leaned down, sealing her red lips with his.

Soon, Liu Qingqiu let out a long moan, "Mmmm..."

At the same time,

after escaping from Daqian Capital City, Mu Yunxi always felt something was off.

Standing on a mountain outside, she looked towards the direction of Daqian Capital City.

Mu Yunxi mumbled to herself, "Strange, why hasn't Lu Chen chased after me?"

Having run away, given Lu Chen's personality, he was bound to come after her.

Could it be...

Mu Yunxi thought of a possibility.

It was likely that while she was escaping, Liu Qingqiu saw it as a good opportunity and fled as well. Since they ran in different directions, Lu Chen went after Liu Qingqiu first and thus couldn't pursue her.

No wonder she felt a surge of Spiritual Energy from Qianning Palace while she was running.

Realizing this made Mu Yunxi breathe a sigh of relief.

However, at that moment, a strange feeling suddenly emerged in Mu Yunxi's heart; she wasn't sure what it was, maybe a sense of loss?

Mu Yunxi mumbled to herself, "Did he not chase after me because he finds Liu Qingqiu more beautiful, desiring her body more than mine?"

With these words, Mu Yunxi stood on the mountain looking towards Daqian Capital City for a long time before finally departing.

Now that she had escaped Lu Chen's clutches, she should find another way to leave this world. With Lu Chen being such a freak, her previous methods of leaving were no longer viable, so she would have to find another way.

Early morning.

Qianning Palace.

[Congratulations to the host for acquiring a wife, rewarded with the Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill, Mysterious Female Technique.]

[Host and wife foster affection once, Qi Training Mantra experience points added...]

Chapter 894 The Function of the Mysterious Female Technique

Upon seeing the system reward, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned.

The Mysterious Female Technique?

This did not seem to be a cultivation technique for himself to practice.

Could it be one suited for women to practice?

With this thought, Lu Chen immediately opened the introduction to the Mysterious Female Technique.

[Mysterious Female Technique: A Heavenly-rank Cultivation Skill, suitable for the host's wives and concubines to cultivate. When paired with the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, the realms of the host's wives and concubines can be rapidly improved.]

As expected...

Lu Chen initially thought the system rewarded him with a useless skill, but then he reflected that all his wives and concubines were quite weak. In the future, he might not always be by their side, much like this time. If their strength were enhanced, he would also feel more at ease when leaving home.

Although the skill wasn't awarded for his own use, it wasn't useless. Once he returned to Yan County, he would have his wives diligently practice the Mysterious Female Technique.

At this moment, Liu Qingqiu, seeing Lu Chen motionless, slightly turned her head to look back at him.

After one night, Liu Qingqiu had been completely subdued by Lu Chen. She could never have dreamed that after Lu Chen took possession of her body, she would feel a sense of freedom.

Before, as the incarnation of the Saint Ancestor of Yunyan Sect, whatever she did would be influenced by her main self, making her feel constricted.

Last night, after she became Lu Chen's woman, the sensations he brought her made her feel as if she had completely escaped the control of her main self, as if she was utterly free.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu turn her head, Lu Chen also came back to his senses, staring at her dimly lit starry eyes and blushing cheeks.

Liu Qingqiu said weakly, "You have taken my body, now are you satisfied?"

Lu Chen lifted his hand and gently slid it over Liu Qingqiu's jade-like back, smiling as he spoke, "Satisfied, very satisfied."

Liu Qingqiu continued to question, "How do you plan to dispose of me?"

In her heart, Liu Qingqiu thought, as she was the incarnation of the Saint Ancestor of Yunyan Sect, even though Lu Chen verbally claimed not to fear her main self, it was possible that he only wanted her body and was merely being obstinate in his assertions.

Furthermore, even if Lu Chen truly wasn't afraid of her main self, he might still find it bothersome and not want to stir up trouble.

The most crucial point was that Lu Chen surely wouldn't fully trust her. Even though she had become Lu Chen's woman, she might still harbor other thoughts. How could Lu Chen possibly allow someone with ulterior motives to stay by his side?

Perhaps after this lascivious man had his fun with her several times and grew tired of her, he would dispose of her.

Lu Chen retorted, "Dispose of you? Why should I dispose of you?"

Before Liu Qingqiu could speak, Lu Chen went on to say, "I've noticed a problem. Many of my women suffer from a persecution complex. Quite a few of them have asked me such questions, inquiring when I will dispose of them."

"Do you all see me as the type of cold-hearted and indifferent man who doesn't acknowledge others after pulling up his pants?"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingqiu scoffed internally, then responded, "Aren't you exactly that kind of person?"

Lu Chen was an Emperor, after all. Since ancient times, hasn't each Emperor been cold-hearted and ruthless?

Lu Chen continued, "Since you don't trust me so much, why don't you bear a few children for me? With children, you'll no longer be afraid that I'll dispose of you."

Liu Qingqiu instinctively refused, "Absolutely impossible!"

Hearing these words, Lu Chen didn't get angry. He bent down, pressing his chest against her jade-like back, and then wrapped his arms around her waist before whispering in her ear, "Qingqiu, I can feel that you really want to break free from your main body."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's statement, Liu Qingqiu's delicate body shivered slightly.

She hadn't expected that Lu Chen would also be aware of the change in her heart.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu suddenly become nervous, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Are you curious as to why I would know?"

Liu Qingqiu let out a light laugh, "Your Majesty worries too much, my divine sense is split from my main body, how could it possibly desire to break away from the main body."

Lu Chen said, "I have had many women through various means, but even when they are confused, they do not take the initiative, and you are the only one who took the initiative that night."

Liu Qingqiu was very proactive, so much so that Lu Chen even doubted whether it was her first time. However, Lu Chen later glanced at Liu Qingqiu's updated profile card.

Liu Qingqiu's profile indicated that she had experienced the sensation of breaking free from the restraints of her main body, and she had fallen in love with that feeling, which was why she was so proactive.

Now, even if Lu Chen didn't push for it, she was willing in her heart to develop feelings with Lu Chen.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Liu Qingqiu fell silent, suddenly regretting being so proactive.

However, it wasn't something her main body could control. Once she lost that sense of restraint and fell in love with that feeling, she felt like an independent individual. The sensation of freedom was just like that; once having enjoyed freedom, it was difficult to go back.

Liu Qingqiu said coldly, "What exactly are you trying to say, Your Majesty?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Stay by my side from now on, become my woman. If your main body dares to come, I'll make sure she can't return."

After a moment of silence, Liu Qingqiu said, "Do you truly not fear the powerhouses of the Returning Ruin Realm?"

Lu Chen said, "My strength is increasing rapidly. In less than five hundred years, I will reach the Returning Ruin Realm. As long as your main body doesn't come now, there is no threat to me."

This...

Liu Qingqiu couldn't help but doubt where Lu Chen's confidence was coming from. Breakthrough to the Returning Ruin Realm from the Heavenly Human Realm in less than five hundred years?

What a joke? Even those with special talents, favored by destiny, need several thousand years to break through to the Returning Ruin Realm. Yet, Lu Chen claimed he only needed five hundred years.

Truth be told, Lu Chen wasn't sure himself when he would break through to the Returning Ruin Realm, but the previous night, while practicing the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, he discovered a spiritual sea forming within him, expanding rapidly, and his strength was increasing at an accelerated pace.

He estimated it wouldn't take many days for him to break through to the first level of the Celestial Realm.

The Qi Training Mantra had been fully cultivated, rendering it useless for him, but after Lu Chen's realm reached the Celestial Realm, the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill played its role, rapidly boosting his strength. Without the restriction of the Heavenly Dao, his strength was set to soar rapidly.

Lu Chen had an intuition that he would break through to the Saint Realm within five hundred years.

Although Liu Qingqiu felt that Lu Chen was boasting, his confident tone made her feel that he truly wasn't afraid of her main body.

Afterwards, Liu Qingqiu snorted coldly, "I have already become your pet. Play with me however you wish. There's no need to ask whether I am willing to become your woman."

Liu Qingqiu had no intention of running away. From the moment she lost her purity, she had no place to go.

Once she left this world, her main body would likely sense her existence and know of her plight. Then it would certainly come to kill her and take back the divine sense.

Chapter 895 Teaching the Mysterious Female Technique

If it had been before, Liu Qingqiu wouldn't have to worry about being killed by her main body and having her Divine Sense taken back, but after experiencing the pleasure that Lu Chen had brought her the previous night, she had become a runaway horse, no longer wishing to return to her main body.

What could she do now?

The best course of action was to keep hiding in this world, never to venture out, making it very difficult for her main body to find her.

To survive in this world, she could not avoid the man standing behind her, who, by now, could be considered the ruler of this world.

Even a contra-natural being like the Heavenly Demon had been eliminated by Lu Chen. If even Heavenly Dao was afraid of such a terrifying existence as Lu Chen, it wouldn't dare to do anything to him, allowing Lu Chen to do whatever he wanted in this world from now on.

After hearing Liu Qingqiu's words, Lu Chen whispered in her ear, "What pet or no pet, I truly intend for you to be my wife."

Liu Qingqiu said coldly, "You don't have to pretend. Now that you've taken my body, even if I leave this world, I will be hunted down by the main body. I have nowhere to go now, do to me whatever you want."

Liu Qingqiu also figured it out, since she had nowhere else to go now, why not just stay by this man's side.

She had also sensed last night that this man must have practiced some kind of Dual Cultivation Technique that could help her swiftly enhance her strength.

Apart from her body being toyed with by Lu Chen, there didn't seem to be any other downsides.

For someone who had lived through so many years like her, the first priority was to survive, and then came integrity. Now that her integrity was gone, she couldn't afford to lose her life as well.

Moreover, this man was special. Although he was fierce, she couldn't find herself hating him at all.

Perhaps she didn't like Lu Chen in her heart, but her body had already accepted him. She decided then to live in Lu Chen's harem from now on.

Lu Chen asked, "Oh? So, you've agreed to be my woman?"

Liu Qingqiu snorted coldly and didn't say anything else. This scoundrel had already taken everything from her, what was there left to ask? Could she run now? And even if she could run, where would she go?

When Lu Chen saw that Liu Qingqiu had resigned herself to her fate, he said, "I will issue a royal decree later, bestowing upon you the title of Noble Concubine."

Liu Qingqiu still remained silent. Titles and such meant nothing to her now. All she wanted was to quickly become strong. Only by becoming stronger could she contend with her main body if she left this world, avoiding being killed by it.

Seeing that Liu Qingqiu was still silent, Lu Chen shifted slightly, causing Liu Qingqiu to let out a small grunt and immediately said, "You really are a beast."

Lu Chen laughed and then said, "A beast? I guess a beast might not compare to me."

To this shameless Lu Chen, Liu Qingqiu had no more recourse. This guy was powerful and thick-skinned; she was only left with being suppressed in his presence.

Liu Qingqiu then changed the subject, "Did you practice some kind of Dual Cultivation technique?"

Lu Chen responded, "Yes, it seems you've felt it. Are you thinking of depending on this technique to enhance your strength and then escape this world once you've become stronger?"

Liu Qingqiu retorted, "If you're afraid of me using you, then don't touch my body in the future."

Liu Qingqiu indeed wanted to use Lu Chen's Dual Cultivation Skill to enhance her strength, but hearing him say it like that made her somewhat angry. She had already been completely consumed by him, so what was wrong with using his Dual Cultivation Skill to gain some strength?

Lu Chen said with a smile, "You are my wife, and it is my duty to help you enhance your strength. How can that be called using?"

"Here, I have a Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill. Practicing this technique will allow your strength to recover faster."

"Turn around, and I'll impart this technique to you."

Hearing this, Liu Qingqiu turned her head slightly, skeptically glancing at Lu Chen with the corner of her eye.

The next moment, Lu Chen had imparted the Mysterious Female Technique to Liu Qingqiu.

Once the Mysterious Female Technique entered Liu Qingqiu's mind, she instantly understood its usage, which made her even more convinced that Lu Chen was a young master from some cultivation clan.

Being able to casually produce a Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill, his identity couldn't possibly be simple. Perhaps relying on this man, it was indeed possible to break away from the main body and exist as an independent entity in the future.

While Liu Qingqiu was lost in thought, Lu Chen slowly stood up, and only when Liu Qingqiu felt an emptiness in her body did she snap back to reality.

However, Lu Chen did not leave but instead turned her over and bent down again, their noses touching each other's.

Gazing closely at her beautiful eyes, Lu Chen said, "I have now imparted the Mysterious Female Technique to you. Why don't you try to cultivate it and see how effective it is?"

Liu Qingqiu wasn't pretentious and directly said, "Okay."

The next moment, she began to operate the Mysterious Female Technique, and as she did so, her body became incredibly hot, and all of her meridians contracted.

Lu Chen involuntarily took in a breath of cold air—this was the Mysterious Female Technique!

No wonder the system said to cultivate the Mysterious Female Technique and the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill together—her operating the Mysterious Female Technique and his wives operating his Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill—wasn't this going to get him...

Liu Qingqiu also felt the changes in her body. Was this the Mysterious Female Technique?

In a world where the Spiritual Energy was so faint, it could instantly expand the sea of energy within her body and even forcibly absorb the Spiritual Power from Lu Chen's body.

Thinking that she could forcibly absorb the Spiritual Power from Lu Chen's body, Liu Qingqiu developed a strong desire for revenge.

This man was so fierce to her last night; now it was finally her turn to strike back. Daring to impart a Heavenly-level Cultivation Skill to her, she would make him know what regret meant.

Liu Qingqiu continued to operate the Mysterious Female Technique, while Lu Chen hurriedly said, "Wait a moment!"

Liu Qingqiu ignored Lu Chen's words. The opportunity to take revenge on Lu Chen was right before her eyes—how could she possibly let it slip away.

Seeing that Liu Qingqiu did not stop cultivating, Lu Chen also realized Liu Qingqiu's little scheme, and he snickered in his heart. He always had the upper hand over others, and now Liu Qingqiu thought she could teach him a lesson!

Then, Lu Chen directly sealed Liu Qingqiu's lips with his mouth, "Mmm..."

Immediately after, Lu Chen also began to operate the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill.

Meanwhile.

Misty World.

Within a forest shrouded in fog, a group of people in gray robes were forming an array.

At that moment, their feet suddenly emitted bursts of blue light, and the next moment, a blue fox phantom appeared above their heads.

After a while, the blue fox phantom suddenly spat a mouthful of blue flame toward an open space in the distance. As the blue flames gushed out, the sound of glass shattering came from afar.

However, when the fox phantom ceased its attack, that place seemed to have returned to normal, as if nothing had happened.

The people continued to manipulate the array to attack the open space in the distance, and after an unknown amount of time, something transparent finally fell from the sky.

Immediately after, a black rift appeared in front of the people.

At that time, a person in a yellow robe spoke, "Stop attacking! Continuing the assault might affect the stability of this world! This rift is enough!"

Chapter 896 I heard that the Divine Sense of the main body and the clone is connected?

After hearing the Sect Leader's words, the members of Linghu Sect immediately ceased fire and did not continue to attack.

Looking at the distant rift, Linghu Sect Leader Jiang Hongye stroked his beard and said with a laugh, "Those people would never expect that before the restrictions of Misty World disappeared, we had already found a way to reach Tianchen Continent!"

At this moment, an Elder of Linghu Sect said to Jiang Hongye, "Sect Leader, you are indeed wise. If our people can enter Tianchen Continent ahead of time before the bans of Misty World are lifted, we will be able to occupy a vast amount of land!"

Another Elder then said, "When the bans of Misty World someday disappear, and the Sect forces from Misty World enter Tianchen Continent, they will be shocked to see that all the territories belong to our Linghu Sect!"

Hearing this, the people of Linghu Sect burst into hearty laughter, and for a moment, the forest was enveloped in a cheerful atmosphere.

After the laughter subsided, Jiang Hongye said, "However, all jesting aside, the ban still exists. Although we have found a spatial rift, I'm afraid that only those below the Heavenly Human Realm will be able to pass through."

Upon hearing this, an Elder immediately responded, "Sect Leader, you need not worry. Due to the existence of the ban, Tianchen Continent is currently a world depleted of spiritual energy. There probably isn't even a single Cultivator there. Sending out disciples at the Unity Realm will certainly enable us to dominate the natives."

Hearing the Elder's remarks, Jiang Hongye nodded slightly and said with a smile, "That is also true."

"Alright, since we've already opened up a rift, let's send some people to scout it out first."

Afterward, Linghu Sect dispatched dozens of outer disciples at the Unity Realm and hundreds of servants with strength comparable to Grandmasters into Tianchen Continent.

Their mission was straightforward, that is, to occupy the various dynasties of Tianchen Continent and to dominate the entire land.

As for why the people of Misty World were interested in Tianchen Continent—a world depleted of spiritual energy—the reason was quite simple. Although Tianchen Continent was in a world with incomplete Heavenly Dao Laws, its space was more stable than that of Misty World.

Misty World was located in a place of temporal-spatial chaos; in some unstable regions, forces would often mysteriously vanish.

Of course, the most important point was that after the ban of Misty World disappeared, the spiritual energy from Misty World would surge into Tianchen Continent, and soon Tianchen would welcome a revival of spiritual energy.

Once the ban of Misty World was lifted, Tianchen Continent would become a world suitable for Cultivators to practice in. Naturally, all the major forces of Misty World would want to seize control of it.

At this time, Linghu Sect was completely unaware that Celestials had already emerged on Tianchen Continent, not to mention Cultivators at the Genesis Realm.

What they didn't anticipate even more was that those "natives" were already researching rune weapons capable of annihilating Celestials.

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After a day and night of cultivation, both Lu Chen and Liu Qingqiu had reaped substantial benefits. Liu Qingqiu's strength had almost fully recovered to the Genesis Realm, and Lu Chen's realm had advanced to the first level of the Heavenly Human Realm.

Feeling the spiritual pressure emanating from Lu Chen, Liu Qingqiu could hardly believe it. Hadn't this guy just become a Celestial not so long ago, and in less than half a year, he had already broken through to the first level of the Heavenly Human Realm?

All because of Dual Cultivation with her?

Why did she feel like she wasn't using him, but rather that she was being used by Lu Chen?

At that moment, Lu Chen, pinning down Liu Qingqiu, gazed down at her stunningly beautiful face, took several deep breaths and said, "Just after I taught you the Mysterious Female Technique, you thought to use it against me. You really underestimate me."

By now, Liu Qingqiu was completely weakened, her beautiful eyes clouded, cheeks flushed with red. She had thought that even if Lu Chen was powerful, he had his limits. The Mysterious Female Technique was so powerful that maybe she could...

She hadn't expected it, but she eventually lost the battle. As Lu Chen's spiritual power continuously entered her body, her mind gradually succumbed to unconsciousness, and she was left at his mercy.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu silent, Lu Chen said with a smile, "However, that being said, the Mysterious Female Technique is indeed quite interesting. From now on, I can practice with you every day."

Upon hearing this, Liu Qingqiu, who was still in a daze, was taken aback. Practice every day? Wouldn't that be the death of her?

At this time, Liu Qingqiu asked, "Do all your wives and concubines know this cultivation technique?"

Liu Qingqiu couldn't help thinking that since the Mysterious Female Technique had such a special purpose, had this Lu Chen taught it to all his wives and concubines for the sole purpose of pleasuring him?

Lu Chen replied, "I haven't taught them yet. You are the first woman to learn the Mysterious Female Technique."

This...

Liu Qingqiu looked at Lu Chen with disbelief. She was the first?

For some reason, as she heard his words, an odd ripple emerged in Liu Qingqiu's heart, as if something had been unlocked.

However, Liu Qingqiu quickly came to her senses and said blankly, "Your Majesty is really good at sweet-talking. You almost had me fooled."

Lu Chen said, "Sweet-talking? I was just answering honestly. How does that become sweet-talking? Could it be that, in your eyes, my teaching you the Mysterious Female Technique for the first time is a matter of great importance?"

As he spoke, Lu Chen's gaze was intensely fixed on Liu Qingqiu's beautiful eyes, as if he was trying to see through her.

Feeling Lu Chen's unwavering stare, Liu Qingqiu suddenly felt her heart beat violently. She hastily turned her head away, unable to continue looking at him.

Seeing the lady's bashful demeanor, Lu Chen immediately felt a surge of warmth in his heart, but he eventually managed to restrain his inner impulses.

There was plenty of time ahead to develop a relationship with this fairy.

At that moment, Lu Chen asked, "I'm a bit curious, does your main body look the same as you?"

Liu Qingqiu instantly became guarded and said, "What are you trying to do?"

Lu Chen smiled slightly. Of course, he wanted to include her in his harem.

Liu Qingqiu scoffed and said, "How boastful. With your current strength, she could probably crush you with just a fingertip!"

Lu Chen said, "I will always become stronger. As long as I am stronger than her in the future, that will suffice."

At this point, Lu Chen thought of something and continued to ask, "I've heard that when an avatar encounters something, the main body can sense it, right? So when we leave this world, and we indulge in carnal pleasures, will your main body feel the same as you?"

Hearing Lu Chen's question, Liu Qingqiu immediately guessed what he was up to, and said coldly, "If you wish to hasten your own death, feel free to try."

Indeed, some sensations of the avatar can be felt by the main body. Of course, the main body can choose to cut off these sensations, but once the connection is severed, the location of the avatar could no longer be found, so normally the main body wouldn't do that.

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Although the matter had already ended, Lu Chen still didn't get up for a long time, constantly provoking Liu Qingqiu with his words.

Facing Liu Qingqiu, this beautiful fairy, Lu Chen really wanted to see her both embarrassed and angry, yet unable to do anything about him.

After an unknown amount of time, Liu Qingqiu seemed to have caught on to Lu Chen's intentions, so she simply stopped talking and just lay there.

Seeing Liu Qingqiu acting like a dead pig not afraid of boiling water, Lu Chen asked with a smile, "My lady, why are you not speaking anymore?"

Liu Qingqiu still didn't say a word.

She just turned her head aside. As long as she didn't speak, this fellow couldn't do anything to her.

However, just as Liu Qingqiu decided to "play dead" and say nothing, Lu Chen suddenly moved, causing involuntary sounds to escape from Liu Qingqiu's throat. She then turned her head and looked at Lu Chen.

At that moment, Lu Chen had a mischievous smile as he stared at her.

Liu Qingqiu said coldly, "Now that I am already your woman and can't escape your palm, play with me however you want. What meaning is there for you to humiliate me?"

Lu Chen said, "What do you mean by humiliation? This is how I foster affection."

Liu Qingqiu snorted, "Who wants to build any affection with a lecher like you? I have said, even if you possess my body, you will never have my heart."

Lu Chen said, "Alright then, I understand."

With that, Lu Chen leaned down and kissed Liu Qingqiu's red lips, "Mmm mmm mmm..."

Liu Qingqiu wanted to struggle, but she was quickly overwhelmed by Lu Chen and lost the ability to resist completely.

She now had absolutely no way to deal with this scoundrel and could only let him do as he pleased.

After an unknown amount of time, Lu Chen looked up again and fixed his gaze on her beautiful face, asking, "How about it? Are you satisfied with my techniques?"

Liu Qingqiu breathlessly asked, "I don't understand something, do you really... plan to let go of Mu Yunxi, that woman?"

Liu Qingqiu knew that she might never be able to escape from this man in the future. The fact that Mu Yunxi had escaped made her feel very uncomfortable. Both were captured by Lu Chen, so why was Mu Yunxi able to run away while she had become Lu Chen's plaything?

Hearing Liu Qingqiu's question, Lu Chen said, "She will come back."

Liu Qingqiu said, "Come back? Ha! Come back for what, to be your female slave, to be played with by you?"

"Do you think she is a fool?"

Lu Chen asked with a smile, "Why do I feel like you want to drag her down too?"

Liu Qingqiu neither denied it nor confirmed it, and directly admitted, "I allied with her against you, but only I was left behind for you to play with. I indeed can't stand the idea of her just running off."

Lu Chen said, "Rest assured, within a year, she will come back."

Seeing Lu Chen so confident, Liu Qingqiu didn't say anything further.

In her mind, she was determined to watch how that woman would be dealt with by Lu Chen, this scoundrel.

At this time, Lu Chen slowly stood up. Seeing Lu Chen standing up, Liu Qingqiu finally managed to breathe a sigh of relief.

It was finally over.

Lu Chen then said, "Let's stop here for now. There will be plenty of time in the future. I'll still be in the Great Qian for a while, so we can slowly exchange our cultivation insights."

Liu Qingqiu's eyebrows furrowed instantly, and her face turned somewhat pale.

Although she was aware that Lu Chen would toy with her for a long time to come, the fact that Lu Chen said he would stay in Great Qian for a while surely meant that during that period, she would be the only one serving Lu Chen?

Now she had truly become Lu Chen's pet, a female slave.

Lu Chen paid no mind to what Liu Qingqiu was thinking; he immediately had someone fetch hot water, and then he and Liu Qingqiu comfortably bathed together.

After the bath, Lu Chen then went to the Imperial Study Room to continue handling state affairs.

In the following months, Lu Chen stayed in the Great Qian Dynasty to handle the governmental affairs, as Great Qian had recently suffered from a plague and there were many issues. Although he delegated most tasks to officials trained in Yan County, many matters still required his authority to manage.

During these months in Great Qian, the rune weapons in Yan County also saw development. Lu Chen had initially planned to wait until he returned to develop rune weapons, but he felt that he couldn't delay this for too long. Equipping the army with rune weapons earlier would be more beneficial to them.

During these months, Lu Chen was only accompanied by Liu Qingqiu and Xuanyuan Yunqi, two women, with Xuanyuan Yunqi being in the army, rarely visiting the Imperial Palace.

Thus, most of the time, it was Liu Qingqiu who served Lu Chen. As their intimate encounters increased, Liu Qingqiu had essentially accepted Lu Chen. Now, if Lu Chen did not visit her for a long time, she felt uneasy.

Yet, there was still a knot in her heart, which was that she hadn't seen Lu Chen capture Mu Yunxi yet. She now longed to see Mu Yunxi being tormented by Lu Chen, crying out in despair.

At dusk.

Within Qianning Palace, candlelight flickered, and two shadows merged together. At that moment, the voice of a female guard came from the doorway.

"Your Majesty, an urgent message from General Liu! There's an anomaly in the Misty World!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen, who was in high spirits, immediately sobered up.

The world had now been unified; his greatest concern and point of interest was the situation in the Misty World to the west.

He hadn't expected troubles in the Misty World so soon.

If it weren't for particularly urgent intelligence, Liu Zhengchu would not send a message, and the female guard would not disrupt him when he was excited.

Lu Chen did not hesitate for a moment and quickly finished what he was doing before rising from bed.

A maidservant hurriedly came over to dress him, and Lu Chen glanced at the fairylike beauty collapsed on the bed and said, "I have something urgent to attend to; I'll come to find you after I'm done."

Liu Qingqiu's chest heaved, and she breathed heavily, ignoring Lu Chen's words.

Lu Chen did not delay further; after getting dressed, he left the Qianning Palace and rushed to his own study.

When Lu Chen arrived in Great Qian's Imperial Study Room, Qin Yushan and Liang Zong were already waiting there.

The two Commanders saw Lu Chen and immediately saluted, "Greetings to Your Majesty, long live Your Majesty, forever and ever!"

Lu Chen walked straight to the chair by the desk, "No need for formalities, let's discuss the serious matter."

Originally from Yan County, now Liang Zong, a Commander, had personally come to Great Qian; this implied that the matter was significant and required Liang Zong's personal report.

Liang Zong handed Liu Zhengchu's letter to Lu Chen and then started speaking, "Your Majesty, a breach has appeared in the prohibitions of the Misty World. Many cultivators from the Misty World have entered this world, and they have immediately occupied the territory originally belonging to Black Dragon Country after entering, and they have declared that all rulers of this world must submit to them."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen took the letter from Liang Zong's hand and immediately began to read it.

Seeing the content of the letter, Lu Chen frowned deeply.

According to Liu Zhengchu's intelligence, the cultivators who had entered this world were all below the Unity Realm, that is, below a Pseudo Celestial.

But even so, a Pseudo Celestial was still considered a formidable enemy to the martial artists of this world.

Chapter 898 Changes in System Rewards

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Lu Chen looked at the letter in his hand, falling into deep thought. Only cultivators below Pseudo Celestials can enter this world?

What kind of cultivators are they then?

Could it be because of the restrictions that exist, which is why Celestials and those above can't enter this world?

If that's the case, then these people pose no immediate threat. We could simply let Liu Zhengchu take care of them.

After all, Liu Zhengchu is a veteran Celestial; handling a few Unity Phase Pseudo Celestials should be no problem, right?

Just as Lu Chen was thinking this, he noticed that Liu Zhengchu mentioned in the letter that those Unity Phase cultivators came from a power known as the Linghu Sect. They are adept at formations, and even for a Celestial, it is difficult to gain an advantage against their arrays.

Currently, there is only Liu Zhengchu in Great Jue, guarding the direction of Black Dragon Country, which has put immense pressure on him. That's why he wants Lu Chen to send a few Celestials to Great Jue to eliminate the invaders together.

After some thought, Lu Chen felt that if they were struggling with Mu Yunxi's Supreme Soaring Dragon Array, it would be even harder to deal with an array constructed entirely by Unity Phase cultivators.

It seems this trouble is rather significant.

He had been planning to visit Fengyin Island, and had even had the ship prepared. But now, with this incident occurring,

it looks like Fengyin Island will have to wait. The invaders from the Misty World must be dealt with first.

With this in mind, Lu Chen said to Liang Zong, "Find a way to get the Brocade Guard to gather detailed information about the Linghu Sect."

Liang Zong replied, "As you command, Your Majesty!"

After a moment's thought, Lu Chen added, "Additionally, have President Xia and Grand Scholar Xuanyuan proceed to Great Jue to assist General Liu against the invaders."

"Commander Liang, go and convey my orders."

Liang Zong immediately bowed and said, "Your subordinate takes his leave!"

After Liang Zong had left the Imperial Study Room, Qin Yushan asked, "Your Majesty, the great ship for Fengyin Island is ready. Will you be returning to Yan County, or will you still head to Fengyin Island?"

They had originally planned to go to Fengyin Island, but now with the appearance of invaders from the Misty World in the west, Qin Yushan was unsure whether Lu Chen would still go to Fengyin Island.

At this moment, Lu Chen himself was also conflicted. He always felt that Fengyin Island had something he needed, and he had long intended to visit. However, he had never found the opportunity.

Now that the great ship was ready, if he didn't go, he didn't know when he would have another chance. Yet, he was very concerned that the three Celestials, including Liu Zhengchu, might not be a match for those invaders from the Misty World.

Just then, Lu Chen sighed and subsequently said, "Forget it, let's return to Yan County immediately. The voyage can be put on hold for now."

Qin Yushan immediately bowed and said, "Understood, Your Majesty."

The Emperor's sea voyage is no simple matter; it inevitably involves extensive preparation, such as the great ship, as well as provisions for food, clothing, and lodging, and attendants to serve His Majesty.

Now that Lu Chen was not going, those preparations would have to be put on hold, lest resources be wasted.

At that moment, Lu Chen said, "Alright, let's stop here for tonight. Should there be any new intelligence, especially regarding the Misty World, inform me immediately."

As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, he used Shadow Shifting to vanish, and Qin Yushan said, "Farewell, Your Majesty!"

Lu Chen teleported back to Qianning Palace. At that moment, Liu Qingqiu had just dressed in a light blue cloud robe. As soon as Lu Chen returned, he pounced on her on the soft couch, and quickly undressed her once again.

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Liu Qingqiu lay there looking at Lu Chen, curiously asking, "Hiss... The restrictions of the Misty World are gone?"

As Lu Chen busied himself with his own matters, he replied, "It's still unclear for the time being, but invaders from the Misty World have already come to this world. However, most of them are at the Unity Phase or below that," he guessed. "I suspect the restrictions haven't completely disappeared yet. For now, I guess cultivators above the Celestial level probably can't leave the Misty World."

By this time, Liu Qingqiu's interest had been piqued once again; she took a few deep breaths, "Huff huff... What do you plan... to do?"

Lu Chen said with a smile, "First, I'll send people to investigate. In a few days, I'll return to Yan County. If the people I send can't handle it, then I'll personally take care of it."

Liu Qingqiu asked, "You... hey... aren't going... gently... to Fengyin Island now?"

Lu Chen said, "Hmm, I'm not going there for the time being. Let's deal with the invaders first."

Liu Qingqiu continued, "You... mm-hmm... When can you... catch that woman, Mu Yunxi?"

Over the past few months, she had been spending almost all her time with Lu Chen, feeling like she had been thoroughly played by him to the point of truly becoming his female slave.

Now she had completely lost the power to resist him; in fact, he didn't even need to force her, as her heart would be filled with the desire to initiate intimacy with Lu Chen.

If this was love, she couldn't believe it herself; she just wondered if she had fallen, hence the thoughts that came to her.

Regardless of whether she had fallen or not, she was very happy now, but she couldn't let go of Mu Yunxi, who had escaped.

After serving Lu Chen for so long, Mu Yunxi, the woman caught alongside her, was out there enjoying her freedom.

Since she and Mu Yunxi were allies, it was only natural to advance and retreat together. Now that she was so happy, of course, she had to share half of her happiness with her ally. She was a very generous woman; the thought of monopolizing Lu Chen all to herself had never crossed her mind.

Hearing Liu Qingqiu's words, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Why do you always keep thinking about her?"

"Don't worry, when she comes back later, I will certainly help you properly discipline her."

"Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. Let's continue with the important matters," he continued.

Now that the system no longer provided prompts for experience in cultivation techniques, Lu Chen, having entered the Heavenly Human Realm, had gradually learned to cultivate on his own without relying on the system.

In just a few months, his strength had reached the fourth level of the Celestial rank. At this rate of improvement, it would take less than two years for him to potentially break through to the Genesis Realm.

The only regret was that he had been nurturing his relationship with Liu Qingqiu almost every day for the past few months, yet the belly of this beautiful fairy still showed no reaction.

It seemed that the higher the realm, the harder it was to conceive offspring. Now, it was just a matter of seeing what kind of system rewards the children borne by his pregnant wives and concubines could bring him.

Seeing Lu Chen's eager interest, Liu Qingqiu didn't say much more. She began to circulate the Mysterious Female Technique to absorb the spiritual power from Lu Chen's body.

After an unknown amount of time, a prompt suddenly sounded in Lu Chen's mind.

[Ding, congratulations to the host for the birth of an offspring, rewarded with the Sky-grade Spirit Sword, Godslayer Sword.]

Huh?

Hearing the system's prompt, Lu Chen was somewhat stunned.

He had not expected that with his wives giving birth this time, the reward would be a spiritual artifact, not some force?

He had thought the system would award him some kind of force.

Chapter 899 The Confident Invader

After recovering his composure, Lu Chen quickly settled his emotions, "A Spiritual Artifact it is, then. A Sky-grade Spirit Sword seems quite impressive too; its power must be enormous."

The Earth Rank Slayer Spear was already formidable, so the Sky-grade Godslayer Sword should be even more powerful. Perhaps, in the coming crisis, the Godslayer Sword could play a significant role.

Meanwhile.

Originally the capital of Black Dragon Country, Black Dragon City.

Now, Black Dragon City had been occupied by the cultivators of the Linghu Sect, and everyone in Black Dragon City had no choice but to obey the commands of the Linghu Sect.

Of course, the common people of the Black Dragon Country were utterly loyal to Lu Chen. Although it appeared that they surrendered to the Linghu Sect, they were merely pretending. From high-ranking officials to common folk, all of them tirelessly gathered intelligence on the Linghu Sect during their interactions and pooled this information together. It was then passed to Liu Zhengchu through the Brocade Guard.

Currently, the former Black Dragon Empire Palace, now filled with cultivators from the Linghu Sect, was essentially empty as Liu Zhengchu's wives and children had already moved to Yan County.

Inside the Hall of Political Affairs, a man dressed in a blue robe sat on the Dragon Throne. He glanced around at the other disciples from the Linghu Sect within the hall and laughed, "I never thought I'd get to experience what it's like to be an Emperor, hahaha."

The man sitting on the Dragon Throne was Lei Wende, the leading disciple of the Linghu Sect who entered this world. Upon entering this world, he immediately had people gather intelligence about this world and swiftly had the disciples of the Linghu Sect occupy the original territory of the Black Dragon Country.

At that moment, a disciple below said, "Brother Lei, why not simply declare yourself Emperor? Why bother supporting these mortals to be emperors? I always feel that these mortals aren't truly devoted to the Linghu Sect."

Hearing this, Lei Wende responded, "We are disciples of a celestial sect; achieving enlightenment and becoming immortals are our pursuits. What good is there in being an Emperor?"

"Besides, even if I don't become the Emperor, the future emperors of the Black Dragon Country will still heed my words. If I command them to go east, they wouldn't dare go west."

Then, another disciple said, "Brother Lei, we've almost completely gathered the intelligence about the Tianchen Continent, what should we do next?"

Lei Wende smiled and replied, "That's simple; we first foster some strength to let this world recognize the presence of our Linghu Sect."

At that moment, another disciple of the Linghu Sect within the hall said, "Brother Lei, according to the intelligence we have gathered, this world has Celestials, and the Sum Emperor seems quite daunting."

"Once the Sum Emperor becomes aware of our presence, he will probably send Celestials to the Black Dragon Country immediately."

Hearing this, Lei Wende responded with nonchalance, "Even if this world has Celestials, so what? The world is lacking in Spiritual Energy; it's yet to be seen whether those Celestials can exert their full strength."

"And even if they possess the strength of Peak Celestials, in the face of our sect's Formation, they would only be suppressed."

"Are you telling me you are scared because of a few Celestials?"

Considering Lei Wende's words, the disciples of the Linghu Sect thought it over and it seemed to make sense; having just come from the Misty World, although Spiritual Energy was scarce in this world, they were still at full strength.

And the Celestials of this world were merely struggling to survive; if those Celestials truly dare to come, even without using a Formation, their strength at the Unity Realm might just be enough to defeat those Celestials.

At this moment, the disciples of the Linghu Sect were not at all concerned about Lu Chen and the Celestials from his faction; they indeed had the capability to back up their confidence.

Back in the Misty World, the Formation built by the Unity Realm disciples of the Linghu Sect could suppress Heavenly Man Realm Cultivators; let alone the world's Celestials who struggled to absorb enough Spiritual Energy to unleash their power, why then would they fear these Celestials?

Lei Wende rose from the Dragon Throne and said, "We must rule this world before the bans dissolve. Only then can our Linghu Sect become strong enough to claim more territory. When the forces from the Misty World arrive in this world and want land, they will have to trade something with our Linghu Sect."

"If we achieve this, then we will be the great heroes of the Linghu Sect!"

Lei Wende's words instantly excited the disciples of the Linghu Sect present in the hall. These individuals were merely at the bottom of the Linghu Sect hierarchy, and if they truly accomplished such great feats, their treatment in the future might see a substantial improvement.

Thinking about the rewards the Linghu Sect might give them, the disciples were especially invigorated.

After the excitement of the disciples subsided, Lei Wende spoke again, "I have decided to first send some people to Yan County to scout the situation. Those of you who wish to lead may volunteer."

Hearing this, a disciple of the Linghu Sect did not hesitate to step forward, "Brother Lei, let me go!"

Lei Wende glanced at the disciple who had stepped forward and then said, "Good, since Brother Meng is so brave, this opportunity to distinguish yourself will be given to you. Later, pick a few disciples at the Unity Realm to go with you to Yan County."

"Your mission there is simple: try to ally with those Celestial beings. If they are unwilling, then just eliminate them."

Meng Tian said, "Yes, Brother Lei, I guarantee I will complete the mission."

At that moment, Lei Wende suddenly thought of something, and the corners of his mouth slightly lifted. "I have heard that the Sum Emperor is fond of beauties. The harem is said to be filled with many beautiful concubines. Brother Meng, when you go to Yan County, remember to bring back a few for me. I would like to see if they are as breathtaking as the rumors suggest."

Hearing this, Meng Tian said with a smile, "Rest assured, Brother Lei. Once I enter Yan County, the first thing I will do is enter the Imperial Palace to capture a few beauties for you."

Lei Wende said, "Ah, but let's focus on the essentials first. Try talking to those Celestial beings, settle matters with the Celestials before anything else."

Meng Tian smiled and said, "I understand, Brother."

Lei Wende then scanned the crowd in the hall once more, "Alright, that will be all for today."

As soon as his words fell, Lei Wende left the hall immediately.

Half a month later.

Lu Chen returned to Yan County.

Just like before, over the following days, he visited the chambers of each of his concubines.

Once he had collected sufficient intelligence on the Linghu Sect, Lu Chen immediately convened the Great Court Assembly.

Yan County, Hall of Political Affairs.

Lu Chen sat on the Dragon Throne and began, "Today's Great Court Assembly will be personally presided over by me."

At this point, the officials were mostly unaware of what was about to transpire in this world. Only the Brocade Guard and a few key officials knew about the Linghu Sect.

People always fear the unknown, so Lu Chen had the Brocade Guard thoroughly investigate the situation regarding the Linghu Sect before he convened the Great Court Assembly to discuss how to deal with the Linghu Sect and the issues they might face going forward, and how the Great Sum should develop in the future.

Chapter 900 Why Do I Hear Someone Mentioning Me?

When the Hall of Political Affairs quieted down, Lu Chen's gaze swept over the entire hall once more, and then he began to speak. "Today's Great Court Assembly is mainly to discuss how to deal with the invaders from the Misty World, as well as the issue of how Great Sum should confront the Misty World crisis in the future."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the ministers in the hall looked at one another as if they didn't understand what Lu Chen was talking about.

Many ministers were completely unaware of the Misty World, some hadn't even heard the term "Misty World." They only knew of a mist-enshrouded area to the west.

Lu Chen continued, "Perhaps most of My loveable subjects do not know what the Misty World is?"

At this point, Lu Chen said to the Jinyiwei Guard beside him, "Explain to the loveable subjects the situation of the Misty World."

Hearing this command, the Jinyiwei Guard immediately replied, "Yes, Your Majesty."

"At the far western edge of this continent, there is a place shrouded in fog. Within that fog lies another world. Due to the existence of prohibitions, it is difficult for the people of the Misty World to enter ours."

"Now that the prohibitions of the Misty World are about to dissipate, the cultivators from the Misty World will also be able to enter the world we inhabit."

"Currently, the enemy of the Misty World has sent some invaders to our world, and they have now occupied the land once held by the Black Dragon Country, even propping up an emperor to overthrow Great Sum entirely."

After the words of the Jinyiwei Guard, the entire Hall of Political Affairs instantly became a tumult.

Originally, most officials believed that after exterminating the Great Qian Dynasty, Great Sum would welcome a thousand years of peace because their Emperor was a Celestial at such a young age and could easily live for a thousand years.

With Emperor Lu Chen, maintaining the stability of Great Sum for a thousand years without external enemies was not too difficult a task; but now, foreign enemies had appeared.

It had been less than a year since Great Qian was vanquished when the foreign enemy arrived.

At this moment, Lu Chen swept a glance over the agitated officials in the hall, undisturbed by their reaction.

It was only natural for them to react this way when facing a formidable foe, just as they were about to welcome peace.

Lu Chen then began to speak, "The enemies of the Misty World are extremely powerful. For them, being a Celestial is merely the start of cultivation. Every power in the Misty World has hundreds, thousands, or even tens of thousands of Celestials."

These words caused the officials in the hall to inhale sharply. Their world had only a few Celestials, but the Misty World had powers with thousands, even tens of thousands of Celestials. How could they possibly stand against the forces of the Misty World?

Could it be that Great Sum was on the brink of ruin?

The atmosphere in the entire hall became incredibly heavy, no one spoke any further, and all listened quietly to what Lu Chen would say next.

Lu Chen then spoke indifferently, "Although the enemies of the Misty World are incredibly powerful, we are not without hope. We already possess weapons capable of contending with Celestials."

This statement did not invigorate the officials in the hall. They of course knew Lu Chen had weapons to confront Celestials. It was none other than the Slayer Spear.

But only Emperor Lu Chen possessed such a weapon. As the Emperor, he surely couldn't be expected to constantly go to the front lines of battle.

What was most important was that Lu Chen was just one man. Even if Lu Chen's weapon could confront the Celestials from the Misty World, he could not confront everyone.

Seeing the officials appearing quite pessimistic, Lu Chen did not mention the matter of the rune weapons. Now was not the time, and there was no need to divulge it just yet.

At this point, Lu Chen continued, "Since the enemies of the Misty World have already invaded, our focus for the upcoming work must shift towards how to resist the invaders, and our main efforts will also need to be adjusted accordingly."

At this moment, an official stepped forward and said, "Your Majesty, I don't know if you plan to tell the common people about the enemy invasion from the Misty World?"

Hearing this question, the ministers' gazes all fell upon Lu Chen, waiting for his response.

This question was of great importance. If the news were to be told to the common people now, it might cause panic among them, leading to the world falling into disorder ahead of time.

Moreover, this could also give the enemies that had always been lurking in the shadows an opportunity. They would surely find a way to make contact with the forces in the Misty World and then connive with those forces to the detriment of Great Xia.

After thinking for a moment, Lu Chen then said, "I do not plan to disclose this news to the common people for now."

"Although the enemies from the Misty World are strong, they are not invincible as long as we are properly prepared. I already have a plan to confront them. My beloved ministers need not worry too much. You only need to attend to your own responsibilities."

"All right, let us move on to discussing changes in work priorities."

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After the Great Court Assembly ended, Lu Chen felt as if his body had been hollowed out; he always found presiding over the Great Court Assembly to be exhausting. Indeed, it was easier to delegate the work to others.

But there was no choice; rights and duties were reciprocal. As the Emperor now, he enjoyed the privileges of an Emperor and thus must fulfill an Emperor's obligations. Right now, Lu Chen only wished that Crown Prince Lu Changfeng would grow up quickly, so he could help share the burden.

Once the Great Court Assembly concluded, Lu Chen made his way directly to Wu Junwan's sleeping quarters.

Since returning to Yan County, Lu Chen had not once visited Wu Junwan, which seemed like he was neglecting her. It wasn't that he truly neglected Junwan; he just felt somewhat guilty.

Wu Ming's rebellion was somewhat related to him. Ever since the incident with the Wu Family, he had been informed by the Brocade Guard that Junwan appeared to be in low spirits.

Junwan's belly was now significantly larger, and it looked like she wouldn't be long before giving birth. Perhaps influenced by the pregnancy, her mood had been rather downcast these days.

Upon learning of Lu Chen's return, instead of feeling happy, Junwan had become even more dejected.

Previously, Li Qingrou used to badmouth Lu Chen to Junwan every day, trying to drive a wedge between Lu Chen and Junwan, so she could then take Junwan away. But seeing Junwan grow more depressed by the day, Li Qingrou stopped speaking ill of Lu Chen.

Not only did she refrain from speaking ill of him, but she would also frequently comfort Junwan, praising how good Lu Chen was.

Even though she harbored some resentment towards Lu Chen in her heart, for Junwan's sake, Li Qingrou could only speak well of him.

At this very moment, the room was filled with the fragrant vapor of incense. Junwan lay on the soft couch, turning her head to look at the door with an expression of utter despondence.

Seeing Junwan like this, Li Qingrou cursed Lu Chen in her heart over and over again. Didn't he realize what he had done? Instead of comforting Junwan upon his return, he went to other concubines' quarters first.

Li Qingrou was sitting by the couch, holding Junwan's jade hand and said, "Junwan, don't be sad. Lu Chen has probably been very busy lately. Maybe he will come to you tonight."

Junwan did not speak, her gaze still fixed on the door.

Seeing Junwan in this state, Li Qingrou sighed. How could that scoundrel still not have arrived? If he didn't come, she would go to the Imperial Study Room herself and drag him over!

Just as Li Qingrou was thinking this, the door to Junwan's sleeping quarters slowly opened and a familiar voice came through.

"Why do I hear someone mentioning me?"