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Chapter 941: Chen'er, you still have government affairs to deal with later...

Seeing Chu Yuqin's updated personal information, Lu Chen was taken aback.

Could it be that Chu Yuqin was just an avatar of someone else?

And one that was created to seek revenge and watch him?

That shouldn't be possible, should it?

Chu Yuqin had always been so good to him since childhood; if she truly were an avatar created by his enemy, her initial favorability towards him couldn't have possibly been in the nineties, could it?

Lu Chen asked in his mind, "System, could there be any issues with this updated information?"

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The system responded, "There are no problems with the information. Chu Yuqin's true identity is indeed an avatar created by Empress Shenwu. However, once this avatar Chu Yuqin entered the Tianchen World, Empress Shenwu cut off the divine sense connection with the avatar, allowing Chu Yuqin to develop an independent personality."

Lu Chen thought to himself, so that was the case; no wonder Chu Yuqin had always been so kind to him since childhood—it was because her original self could no longer influence her.

But still...

At that moment, Lu Chen looked down at Chu Yuqin without speaking, his entire being sinking into silence.

He hadn't expected the person who had been with him as he grew up, who had protected him, to actually be an avatar of his enemy.

At this time, Chu Yuqin continued, "I just feel like my body has become much lighter, as if I've been freed from some sort of restraint."

Lu Chen thought to himself that previously, Chu Yuqin and her original self had a karmic connection; to a certain extent, her original self also influenced Chu Yuqin, which was why she felt a sense of restraint.

If her original self took the initiative to sever the karma, from now on Chu Yuqin's avatar will be separate from the original self, and Chu Yuqin will become an independent individual; naturally, she would no longer have that sense of restraint from karma.

This was a good thing for Chu Yuqin, and equally so for him. He certainly didn't want the woman he loved to serve as someone else's surveillance.

What somewhat irritated Lu Chen was that, although he did not know what had happened and had not yet felt any trouble that woman had caused him, through the system's description and Chu Yuqin's personal information, he always felt that woman brought disaster upon him.

Now that woman had severed the karmic link with the avatar Chu Yuqin, wanting to act as if none of this had ever happened—she sure was wishful thinking.

At this time, Lu Chen held Chu Yuqin and said, “Once you nurture a small world within you, the life of the small world will provide you with some life force, which might be why you feel much lighter.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Chu Yuqin thought for a moment, then said, “So that’s how it is.”

Chu Yuqin didn’t know the exact reasons, so she could only accept what Lu Chen had said as truth.

Lu Chen asked the system in his mind, “System, since you say I am the child of the Shenwu Emperor of the Qianyuan World Shenyue Dynasty, why don’t I have any related memories, and why do all my memories seem to come from Earth?”

The system replied, “The host’s memories from the previous life have been sealed inside the Reincarnation Stone. If the host wishes to obtain past memories, the seal on the Reincarnation Stone must be lifted.”

The Reincarnation Stone?

Lu Chen immediately thought of the stone he had obtained before.

He then opened the system interface and found the Reincarnation Stone in the system’s inventory.

The Reincarnation Stone appeared to be just an ordinary pebble from the riverbed.

The system had stated before that the Reincarnation Stone was necessary to fix this world, but he had not expected it also contained his memories from a past life.

Lu Chen continued to ask, "Previous life's memories? Does this mean my memories from Earth are from my first life? Am I now in my third life?"

The system answered, "The system is temporarily unable to answer this question for the host."

Hearing this, Lu Chen was somewhat speechless. Obviously, the system was still hiding a lot from him.

Forget it, he didn't feel like asking anymore. One day, he would figure out what kind of existence was behind the system and who was controlling everything.

At this time, Lu Chen hugged Chu Yuqin's delicate body, then slowly turned over, making Chu Yuqin lie beneath him. Once again, he pressed down on her, looking down from above at her beautiful features.

Chu Yuqin gazed back at Lu Chen's handsome face. For some reason, she always felt like there was a fire burning in Lu Chen's eyes at the moment, but she couldn't tell if it was just her imagination.

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Madam Chu, it's still early; let's continue to cultivate."

On hearing this, Chu Yuqin hurriedly said, “Chen’er, you still have to deal with political affairs later...”

Chu Yuqin didn’t finish her sentence when Lu Chen leaned down to kiss her lips and then began their actions once more.

This time, Lu Chen’s cultivation was much more aggressive. Spiritual power surged wildly into Chu Yuqin’s body, and even with her use of the Mysterious Female Technique, she was utterly unable to control Lu Chen’s actions.

Chu Yuqin didn’t understand why Lu Chen had suddenly become like this early in the morning, but she didn’t let his roughness lead her to wild thoughts—she always trusted Lu Chen.

At this moment, Lu Chen indeed had a bit of anger in him, feeling annoyed by being plotted against by the Empress Shenwu, but since he couldn’t trouble the Empress Shenwu now, what could he do?

Since Empress Shenwu couldn’t be found, then Chu Yuqin would do—Chu Yuqin is Empress Shenwu’s avatar. If the main body doesn’t suffer, then the avatar itself should bear it, I suppose.

The moment Lu Chen thought of Chu Yuqin as Empress Shenwu’s avatar, the flames of desire within him were completely ignited.

But soon, Lu Chen regained his clarity, remembering that an avatar is an avatar, and the main body is the main body. Moreover, the main body had already completely severed the cause and effect with the avatar. From now on, Empress Shenwu is Empress Shenwu, and Chu Yuqin is Chu Yuqin.

It was uncertain how much time had passed before Lu Chen finally felt a bit better.

Lu Chen lay his head on Chu Yuqin's fragrant shoulder while she, with her slim jade arms, held Lu Chen's head and then gently and weakly said, "Chen'er, did I do something wrong that angered you?"

Although Lu Chen had always been quite harsh, just now it was obviously different from before. Lu Chen had lost control—to the point where it seemed like he was purely venting.

Lu Chen replied, "It's nothing. I just remembered some things that made me uncomfortable. It has nothing to do with you, Madam Chu."

Chu Yuqin said, "Whatever is making you unhappy, you can tell me. Although I may not be able to help you, it's surely better than keeping it all bottled up inside."

As she spoke, Chu Yuqin stroked Lu Chen's head.

Hearing her words, Lu Chen slowly looked up, gazing at Chu Yuqin's blushing cheeks as he smiled and said, "Madam Chu is the best, after all."

Chu Yuqin felt extremely comfortable hearing Lu Chen's words. Nothing mattered more in her life than Lu Chen, and obtaining his recognition naturally made her very happy.

At that moment, Lu Chen slowly got up. "Madam Chu, I'll go handle state affairs now. You've worked hard last night—get some good rest."

After withdrawing, Lu Chen went to the bath for a quick rinse before he left Chu Yuqin's room, still in his clothes.

Chu Yuqin, too, had risen from the bed by then, her face beaming with happiness as she saw Lu Chen off.

However, as soon as Lu Chen's silhouette disappeared from the palace, Chu Yuqin suddenly felt an unbearable pain in her brain, as if needles were pricking into it.

Chu Yuqin hurriedly steadied herself, then began to apply the Rejuvenating Skill in an attempt to ease the pain.

But the skill had no effect, and Chu Yuqin fell to the ground in agony. The maidservants quickly hurried over. "My lady, my lady, are you alright?"

"My lady, this servant will go call His Majesty! His Majesty shouldn't be far!"

After hearing the maid's words, Chu Yuqin hastily said, "I'm fine, just a bit weary. His Majesty has countless matters to attend to. Do not trouble His Majesty over me."

Seeing that Chu Yuqin had said so, the maidservants didn't press the matter further.

Chu Yuqin continued, "Help me to the bed."

The maidservants promptly supported Chu Yuqin to the bed. As she lay down, her complexion turned deathly pale, the pain in her brain persisting, and it felt as if something was entering her mind.

After a while, she seemed to see scenes flashing before her eyes, as if someone identical to herself appeared before her.

Then, a voice reached her ears, “You must immediately go to the Tianchen World and witness firsthand the downfall of that faithless man for me!”

Upon hearing this voice, Chu Yuqin’s memory became clearer and clearer.

This is...

Soon, a flood of familiar memories surged back into her brain, and Chu Yuqin’s eyes regained their clarity.

However, in the next moment, Chu Yuqin sat stunned on the bed, whispering to herself.

“Empress Shenwu...”

The memories of Chu Yuqin’s avatar were restored.

When she was created by Empress Shenwu, she already possessed a certain degree of autonomous consciousness, but to some extent, she was controlled by the main body.

Furthermore, when she came to the Tianchen World, she was very clear about her purpose, so she deliberately got close to Chu Yue, the maid responsible for the delivery of the Soul Bead, and became Chu Yue's sworn sister.

Not long after, however, her memory was mysteriously sealed away. She had served as Chu Yuqin by Lu Chen's side all along, ultimately sleeping with him and bearing him two children.

This...

At this moment, Chu Yuqin's heart was exceedingly conflicted. With past memories merging with those of this world, she no longer knew how to face Lu Chen.

She was originally created by her main body to witness Lu Chen's downfall, yet because of memory loss, she fell in love with him—Lu Chen, to a certain extent, could be regarded as the main body's enemy, and as an avatar, she fell in love with the main body's enemy.

Of course, the key point was that Lu Chen had always grown according to the life trajectory planned by the main body. Now with so many children, his luck and bloodline power had been divided away. His future growth would be very hard to achieve.

At the thought of her and Lu Chen frequently engaging in passion, Chu Yuqin's heart was filled with indescribable discomfort. If the main body had doomed Lu Chen to do nothing but linger over women, how could she possibly save him?

Chapter 942: Has Chen'er Already Regained His Past Life Memories?

After her memory was restored, Chu Yuqin was constantly blaming herself.

However, it didn't take long for her to discover a problem.

Although Lu Chen was indeed growing up according to the life trajectory planned by his original self, many of the schemes of his original self had failed.

For instance, the Heavenly Demon of this world had been easily dealt with by Lu Chen, but according to his original self's plan, Lu Chen should not have been able to handle the Heavenly Demon, and might even have been severely injured and trapped in this lower world for life.

Moreover, Lu Chen had come up with some things she had never heard of before, such as the Slayer Spear and the Mysterious Female Technique.

Another point that puzzled her was that since she had arrived in this world, her contact with the divine sense of her original self had been completely severed, and a mysterious power had sealed her memory.

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If her memory hadn't been sealed and was influenced by her original self, she probably wouldn't have fallen in love with Lu Chen, let alone find herself unable to leave him now.

Another point that made Chu Yuqin even more puzzled was, according to the false memories added to Lu Chen using the Sky Evolution Stone by her original self, Lu Chen should believe that in his past life he was a disciple of the Demon Sect, and that he would keep using Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill with women to rapidly enhance his power.

Although Lu Chen was indeed using the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill to enhance his power, the actual number of his wives and concubines was much lower than expected by his original self.

If Lu Chen truly believed that he had been a disciple of the Demon Sect in his past life, first of all, his actions would not have been so ordinary; he would definitely have gotten involved with every beautiful woman he met, and if that were the case, his harem would have been overflowing long ago.

Chu Yuqin carefully recalled everything Lu Chen had done along the way, and she constantly felt that many details had completely escaped the control of his original self.

Could it be...

At that moment, Chu Yuqin suddenly had a bold guess.

“Has Chen’er recovered his memories of his past life?”

Thinking of this possibility, Chu Yuqin quickly denied it in her mind, if Lu Chen had indeed recovered his past memories, he wouldn’t possibly focus all his energy on having children.

He was the son of Emperor Shenwu with a special lineage; having children was not something beneficial for him, and he would not engage in such self-destructive behavior. In the past, when Lu Chen was in Qianyuan World, he was decidedly uninvolved with women, and it was because his original self was spurned in love that she developed hatred and wished to take revenge on Lu Chen.

If he hadn’t recovered his memory, then how was Lu Chen always able to come up with strange and unusual things, like creating a small world through dual cultivation?

As a part of Empress Shenwu, she possessed most of the memories of Empress Shenwu, yet she had never heard that a small world could be created through the act between a man and a woman.

At that moment, Chu Yuqin actively sensed the small world within her body.

There was nothing wrong with the small world; it was similar to those self-created by cultivators when they reached a certain cultivation state.

But with her current Celestial cultivation state, she was far from being able to create a small world.

At this point, Chu Yuqin thought of Lu Chen's odd behavior earlier, and her heart skipped again; could it be that Chen'er really had recovered his memories of his past life?

Immediately afterward, Chu Yuqin comforted herself, even if Lu Chen had recovered his past life memories, there was no way he would know that all of this was the doing of Empress Shenwu, her original self, behind the scenes.

When Empress Shenwu used the Sky Evolution Stone to complicate things for Lu Chen, he had already been turned into a Soul Bead and was unaware of the external affairs.

Thinking of this, Chu Yuqin sighed softly.

Let's just take it one step at a time.

Now that her original self had actively severed their karmic connection, she had become completely independent, and from now on, she could fully side with Lu Chen.

The wishes that her original self failed to realize had been fulfilled by her as a partial incarnation.

It was just uncertain how Lu Chen would react if he ever found out what his original self had done; whether he would choose familial duty over ancestral loyalty and just kill her.

Thinking of this, Chu Yuqin sighed again.

If Lu Chen truly chose familial duty over ancestral loyalty one day, she would accept it; after all, Lu Chen had not yet left Tianchen World and completed the trials set by Emperor Shenwu, all because of what her original self had caused.

Before Lu Chen acted against her, she was still Lu Chen's aunt, and would still wholeheartedly serve him; she would let him play however he wanted in the future.

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Misty World.

At the gap in the restrictions.

Today, besides the Misty Immortal Sect, Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, and Linghu Sect, many other forces from the Misty World had also arrived.

The news of the loophole in the restrictions ultimately couldn't be concealed from other forces and had spread throughout the entire Misty World; now all the forces of the Misty World wanted to enter Tianchen World.

The Misty World had been becoming more and more unstable recently, with quite a few small forces being wiped out due to collapses in space, and even some medium-sized forces being affected by spatial disturbances.

For them, Tianchen World was now the only safe haven; only by entering Tianchen World could they live in peace.

At that moment, a Sect Leader of one sect spoke to Han Yuankai and Ji Hongwen and others, saying, "Sect Leader Han, don't you three think you are being a bit too selfish? You discovered the spatial rift long ago but kept it secret from other forces. Do you three big forces really want to divide Tianchen World among yourselves, leaving no opportunity for other forces?"

As the man finished speaking, another sect master echoed, "Although you three major forces are top powers in the Misty World, when all of us, big and small, hundreds of forces, come together, we are not to be taken lightly!"

"If the three of you do not allow us into Tianchen World, then it will be a fight to the death!"

At those words, even more people became agitated.

“That’s right, a fight to the death!”

“The space in Misty World has already collapsed quite a bit, and it surely won’t last much longer. A blow whether we strike or retreat — better to make a break for it!”

“If you three great forces do not step aside, then you are making enemies with the entire Misty World!”

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Seeing the other forces of the Misty World in such a frenzied state, Han Yuankai and Ji Hongwen knew that if they did not let them in, a battle would likely be inevitable.

Han Yuankai looked at Ji Hongwen and Jiang Hongye, “Sect Master Ji, Sect Leader Jiang, what do you two think we should do now?”

If their three great forces did not let other forces’ disciples in, a conflict would certainly erupt immediately, and they would be enemies with all the forces of the Misty World.

Jiang Hongye displayed an indifferent demeanor and said, “I have no objections.”

“Tianchen World is so vast, I believe accommodating all the forces of the Misty World won’t be a problem.”

Jiang Hongye had already reached a breaking point. Initially, he planned for Linghu Sect to occupy Tianchen World alone, then steal the fortune of Tianchen World, attempting to control the Heavenly Dao of Tianchen World. As long as he could control the Heavenly Dao of Tianchen World, even after the prohibitions of Misty World dissolved, and other forces entered Tianchen World, Linghu Sect would still be in charge.

But now, all the forces of Misty World knew that the prohibition was about to dissolve, and spatial rifts had also appeared. All forces wanted to enter Tianchen World, and eventually, Tianchen World would descend into chaos, rendering the plans of Linghu Sect utterly void.

Therefore, Jiang Hongye no longer cared about a few hundred more forces entering Tianchen World.

Seeing Jiang Hongye say this, Ji Hongwen also remarked, "Sect Leader Jiang is right. Tianchen World is vast enough to accommodate all the forces of Misty World. We don't need to be so miserly as to block other forces from entering."

Han Yuankai had anticipated that the two of them would say such things. He said, "Since both of you think this way, let's allow the other forces to enter Tianchen World."

"However, there must still be some rules."

With that, Han Yuankai looked at the leaders of those forces from Misty World and then continued, "You want to enter Tianchen World, no problem."

"But once your disciples enter Tianchen World, they must not attack the disciples of our three great forces; otherwise, your forces will never be allowed to send disciples into Tianchen World again."

The forces of Misty World, knowing only that disciples with lower cultivation could enter Tianchen World, were unaware that once they entered, they could not leave, so they weren't privy to the underlying scheme. Without even thinking, they immediately agreed to Han Yuankai's conditions.

"Alright, Fiery Cloud Palace agrees to these conditions!"

"Mysterious Ice Manor agrees as well!"

"Tiger King Valley agrees too!"

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Seeing that all the major forces had agreed to his conditions, Han Yuankai's mouth curved into a slight smile. Then he said, "Since you have all agreed, we three forces won't say much more. You may now send your disciples into Tianchen World."

As Han Yuankai finished speaking, the people of the three great forces quickly stepped aside, allowing the other forces' disciples to pass through the spatial rift into Tianchen World.

As evening approached.

The Misty World became even more eerie and terrifying. Within the fog, some green lights flickered, making one feel quite uneasy.

Of course, those in the Misty World had long been accustomed to its nighttime environment.

At that moment, a palace-type magical treasure suddenly pushed apart the fog and quickly expanded, floating in the sky over the Misty World.

The next moment, two figures flew towards the palace.

There, standing at the entrance of the palace, was Han Yuankai, while the other two figures were Sect Master Ji Hongwen of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect and Sect Leader Jiang Hongye of Linghu Sect.

Seeing them arrive, Han Yuankai greeted them with a smile and then said, "Welcome, both of you!"

"Since you both have come, that means you agree with what I wrote in the letters."

Upon returning to the Misty Immortal Sect, Han Yuankai had immediately written two letters and sent them to Jiang Hongye and Ji Hongwen.

The content of the letters was simple, proposing a collaboration with their two forces to then eliminate the other forces.

This elimination of other forces didn't refer to just clearing out the disciples of other forces that had entered Tianchen World, but meant launching a direct war against all the forces in the Misty World, with their three families directly controlling the entire Misty World.

Jiang Hongye said, "Sect Leader Han, stop wasting time. Tell us, how do you plan to cooperate?"

Chapter 943: Who Made My Darling Wife So Angry

The three major forces naturally didn't wish to share the Tianchen World with other forces, Tianchen World was indeed quite large, but no force would complain about having too much territory.

In the past, the reason the three great forces tolerated the existence of so many powers in the Misty World was mainly due to the instability of the Misty World's space. Some minor forces occupied these unstable areas, and even if they didn't exterminate these forces, these minor powers would disappear on their own due to spatial collapses.

But Tianchen World was different; Tianchen World was a stable realm, and the three great forces naturally didn't want to share Tianchen with those powers.

Of course, they each also had their own thoughts, all harboring ulterior motives.

At this time, Han Yuankai said, "It's quite simple, our three major forces join hands, draw in some medium-tier forces, and first eliminate those powers that pose a threat to us. Once those forces that can threaten us are eliminated, the small sects and schools of the Misty World naturally wouldn't dare to oppose us in the future."

"At that time, our three major forces each swallow up the remaining forces of the Misty World, then enter the Tianchen World together, and divide Tianchen World into three."

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Hearing these words, Ji Hongwen unhesitatingly said, "I agree with Han Sect Master's proposal. If we do not eliminate those sects now, once we enter Tianchen World, they will inevitably compete

with us for territory, and if they really band together, it would be a tremendous threat to our three great forces.”

From the standpoint of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, Ji Hongwen naturally hoped that the Misty World would be as chaotic as possible, after all, he was allied with Lu Chen.

The more chaotic the Misty World became, the more the major forces fought each other and expended their resources, the more beneficial it would be to Tianchen World and to Lu Chen.

Seeing that Ji Hongwen had agreed, Jiang Hongye also said, “Since Sect Master Ji has agreed, I too will accept Han Sect Master’s proposal.”

“Then, who does Han Sect Master think we should strike against first after we join forces?”

Hearing this question, Han Yuankai didn’t hesitate to say, “Naturally, Fiery Cloud Palace.”

“The news about the appearance of spatial rifts in the Misty World was spread by Fiery Cloud Palace. Although I don’t know how they found out, Fiery Cloud Palace played a leading role. If it weren’t for Fiery Cloud Palace, those forces of the Misty World may not have been able to unite.”

Fiery Cloud Palace took the lead, so getting rid of Fiery Cloud Palace would serve as killing the chicken to warn the monkey. In the future, if other forces wanted to take the lead and cause trouble, they would have to think about the consequences.

Once Fiery Cloud Palace was eliminated, it would serve as a huge deterrent for the other forces.

Hearing Han Yuankai mention Fiery Cloud Palace, Jiang Hongye fell into contemplation. If he remembered correctly, Fiery Cloud Palace also had a Yin-Yang Realm expert, it's just that this expert from Fiery Cloud Palace kept a low profile and seldom appeared in front of others.

Even during Fiery Cloud Palace's initiation of trouble against the three major forces, demanding that the spatial rift be relinquished to them, Fiery Cloud Palace's Yin-Yang Realm expert did not show up.

After pondering for a while, Jiang Hongye spoke, "I remember Fiery Cloud Palace seems to have a Yin-Yang Realm expert."

Hearing Jiang Hongye's words, Han Yuankai said indifferently, "Just one Yin-Yang Realm, there's nothing to fear. Altogether, our three great forces already have five Yin-Yang Realm experts, not to mention we each have numerous treasures and formations. Are we not capable of dealing with a force that has only one Yin-Yang Realm expert?"

Upon hearing Han Yuankai's words, Jiang Hongye's expression turned a bit grim, as Linghu Sect also only had one Yin-Yang Realm expert. If the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect and Misty Immortal Sect decided to join forces with Fiery Cloud Palace, it was possible that they could even eliminate Linghu Sect.

Of course, Linghu Sect was much stronger than Fiery Cloud Palace, with quite a few experts at the Genesis Realm, which was also the reason why Linghu Sect could barely rank as the third power in the Misty World.

Ji Hongwen said, "I agree with attacking Fiery Cloud Palace first. Since Fiery Cloud Palace likes to stand out, then they can't blame us for making an example out of them."

Fiery Cloud Palace was indeed a significant threat, and if they could be eliminated, it would be the same as helping Tianchen World eradicate a powerful adversary.

Ji Hongwen already had a plan in mind; to drastically exhaust the strengths of the major forces of the Misty World. Only in this way, once the restrictions of the Misty World faded, would the Daxia Dynasty not face too much pressure.

At that moment, Jiang Hongye said, "Alright then, let's attack Fiery Cloud Palace first."

Han Yuankai said, "Since you both agree with my proposal, then you should go back to prepare. In three days, we will jointly attack Fiery Cloud Palace."

As the words of Han Yuankai fell, Jiang Hongye immediately said, "I will take my leave first. See you in three days."

Right after, Jiang Hongye turned directly into a streak of light and left Han Yuankai's palace. After Han Yuankai had left, Ji Hongwen didn't immediately depart.

At this moment, Han Yuankai said to Ji Hongwen with a smile, "Sect Master Ji, now that Jiang Hongye is gone, we should also discuss our plan."

Ji Hongwen said, "Jiang Hongye isn't so easy to fool. Although you have pulled him to your side, he will definitely notice something eventually."

Han Yuankai said with a smile, "Sect Master Ji can rest assured. I've already secretly sent someone to deliver a secret letter to Jiang Hongye, telling him that as long as our three major forces eliminate the other powers, Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect will join forces against Ten Thousand

Immortal Sect. At that time, Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect will divide Tianchen World together.”

Hearing these words from Han Yuankai, Ji Hongwen laughed, “Sect Master Han, why do I feel that this is exactly what you’re thinking?”

Han Yuankai said, “What are you implying, Sect Master Ji? I am not that kind of person, and besides, even if Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect truly join forces, even if we really eliminate Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect would also be heavily damaged in the process.”

“If a slightly more powerful force suddenly emerged in the Misty World, Misty Immortal Sect could potentially be destroyed. I would not risk that.”

“Compared to sharing Tianchen World with Linghu Sect, our Misty Immortal Sect would much rather cooperate with Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, especially since we’ve already forged an alliance, haven’t we?”

“Linghu Sect is merely a second-rate force. As long as other forces are thoroughly deterred, uniting our two sects and annihilating Linghu Sect would be an easy task.”

Though Han Yuankai spoke such words and they sounded somewhat reasonable, Ji Hongwen didn’t truly believe him.

Of course, Ji Hongwen also knew that Han Yuankai would not trust him either.

Trust or mistrust was not important. What mattered was that they first joined hands to eliminate the other forces in Misty World.

Ji Hongwen then said, "Then let's hope Sect Master Han will keep to the agreement."

"If Sect Master Han has nothing else, this old man will take his leave now."

Han Yuankai said, "Very well, Sect Master Ji, please take care."

After Ji Hongwen left Han Yuankai's palace, the smile on Han Yuankai's face immediately froze.

Compared to Linghu Sect, what Han Yuankai truly wanted to annihilate was Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, for its power in Misty World was second only to Misty Immortal Sect, posing a great threat to them.

If the two sects really did share Tianchen World, it would not be so easy for Misty Immortal Sect to take control of the entire world in the future.

So, Misty Immortal Sect could not possibly truly cooperate with Ten Thousand Immortal Sect. The so-called cooperation now was only to eliminate other uncontrollable forces.

Once those uncontrollable forces were wiped out, Misty Immortal Sect could later rally the remaining forces against Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, which would then find it difficult to contend with Misty Immortal Sect.

Thinking of this, Han Yuankai's lips curled up slightly. He seemed to already envision himself unifying the entire Tianchen World, then leading the development and strengthening of Tianchen World, and taking the disciples of Misty Immortal Sect back to the realm of the immortals.

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One month later.

Mu Yunxi's sleeping palace.

At this moment, there was not a single maid in the sleeping palace; all had been driven out by Mu Yunxi. She lay alone on the soft couch, engaging in some indecent activity.

Mu Yunxi had a light build, tall and slender with curves that were graceful, exuding charm with every lift of her hand and foot.

Her eyes were seductive like silk, her face slightly flushed. Although her black hair was pulled up into a high bun, strands of hair fell loosely around her neck, as pale as jade.

At this moment, Mu Yunxi let out a deep sigh, as if satisfied with something, and then muttered to herself, "This bastard is definitely doing this to torture me on purpose!"

She had been back at Lu Chen's side for over a month, and yet, Lu Chen still hadn't touched her in the way men and women do. Although Lu Chen would visit her sleeping palace every few days, each visit ended with him teasing her before he left, leaving her frustrated and collapsing onto the soft couch.

After over a month of Lu Chen's torment, Mu Yunxi was becoming increasingly unable to endure his torture. Now, just the thought of Lu Chen would cause her spiritual power to involuntarily quake, feeling her alluring body thoroughly aroused by him.

Every time she considered how Lu Chen was unwilling to be intimate with her, Mu Yunxi would clench her teeth in fury. She was a woman who had thrown herself at him, and yet Lu Chen, a man, continued to leave her hanging.

Each time after Lu Chen toyed with her, he would run off to his other wives and concubines.

Lu Chen could do this, but Mu Yunxi couldn't; she could only endure it.

Finally unable to bear it any longer, Mu Yunxi drove all the maids out of her sleeping palace.

One couldn't rely on men; it was better to rely on oneself.

It's just that...

At that moment, Mu Yunxi softly lifted her slender leg and reclined on the soft couch, still looking very distressed.

Mu Yunxi continued to curse, "This bastard, to treat me so, one day I will surely make him pay!"

Just as Mu Yunxi finished speaking, a voice suddenly rose in the room.

“Who has upset my dear wife so much?”

“Tell me, and I will make sure to punish him severely for you!”

Chapter 944: You Bastard, Are You Even a Man!

Hearing that despicable voice, Mu Yunxi knew exactly which bastard had teleported directly into her sleeping quarters again.

At that moment, Mu Yunxi’s mind froze, as she realized that everything she had just been doing must have been seen by this man.

After all, this man was very good at concealing his presence, and many times when he came to her chamber, she had no clue.

Before, she had been able to sense Lu Chen’s presence, perhaps because she had spent a lot of time with him, but gradually she lost the ability to detect him.

People usually react to external stimuli, mostly in response to danger, and when one feels that certain things or certain people are not a threat, their perception of them decreases.

Lu Chen tortured her every single day, and now she actually wished he would come and devour her completely, so she had completely let her guard down around him.

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Thinking about the things she had done that Lu Chen the scoundrel might have discovered, Mu Yunxi's heart filled with immense shame, followed instantly by anger.

This scoundrel must have known she would entertain herself, so he had been keeping her hanging just to witness her embarrassment one day and take the opportunity to humiliate her.

Mu Yunxi turned and glared fiercely at Lu Chen, "What are you doing here!"

If Lu Chen didn't want her and only tormented her, she saw no need to be pleasant to him, even if he was the Emperor.

In her eyes, an emperor from a lower world meant nothing at all, let alone emperors from such worlds, as she had seen some Great Emperors herself.

If she hadn't returned to release Lu Chen's control over her, she wouldn't have come to throw herself at him, and yet this was how he treated her.

Seeing Lu Chen's face twist with shame and anger, Lu Chen said with a smile, "Darling, you're not angry because I found out what you were doing just now, are you?"

"Rest assured, I won't laugh at you. Such things are normal; after all, you are a mature woman, and it's not strange to have desires."

"You!" Mu Yunxi started to speak but then hesitated.

She had indeed been found out by Lu Chen!

He must have been here already, hiding in the room watching, and only after she was done did he come out to mock her.

This damn scoundrel!

Mu Yunxi then said, “Since you don’t want to touch me, I won’t waste any more time. I’m leaving Yan County right now.”

As she spoke, Mu Yunxi rose from the couch, but just as she stood up, Lu Chen used Shadow Shifting to appear beside the couch and then pressed her delicate body back down.

Mu Yunxi didn’t struggle, just lying there on the couch, her beautiful eyes locked on Lu Chen.

Lu Chen took a moment to look her over.

Her beautiful, bright eyes were long and lovely, her arched eyebrows over a delicate and pretty face, her neck as gracefully long as a swan’s, a dainty waist that could be encircled with one’s arms, dressed in a red semi-transparent silk that hung on her body, faintly revealing her graceful figure, it made her incredibly seductive.

After Lu Chen had pushed Mu Yunxi down onto the couch, he didn’t immediately proceed to the next step but instead lifted his nose and sniffed the air, saying, “Hm? What’s this smell?”

Hearing this, Mu Yunxi's beautiful eyes glared deadly at Lu Chen, as he continued to humiliate her.

Seeing Mu Yunxi's gaze as if she could eat him alive, Lu Chen gave a slight smile and then said, "Darling, I've been too busy lately, so I've neglected you a little, don't be angry."

Mu Yunxi coldly said, "Is 'being busy' your way of saying that after tossing me around here, you went and had fun with other concubines?"

Lu Chen said, "You misunderstand me, I went to the other women mainly to help them improve their strength."

"You're already strong, possessing a certain ability to protect yourself, so you don't need my help enhancing your strength for now, but my other darlings are different, their strength is weaker. If the prohibitions of the Misty World disappear and enemies from the Misty World come to this world, how are they to protect themselves if I'm not by their side and they lack strength?"

Not wanting to listen to Lu Chen's excuses, Mu Yunxi said bluntly, "Don't give me that crap, I've already said, if you're unwilling to touch me, I'm leaving."

Lu Chen said with a smile, "Touch, why wouldn't I touch!"

"What else am I here for today?"

Hearing Lu Chen's response, Mu Yunxi was momentarily stunned.

Could this man really intend to take her today?

Was this for real?

She felt like Lu Chen was deceiving her again, as he had said several times before that he'd make her his woman, yet every time her clothes would end up ruined, and this damn scoundrel would run off.

After coming to her senses, for some reason, Mu Yunxi couldn't shake off the feeling that she was behaving shamefully. She, a Goddess from a high-level Sect in a higher world, was now degrading herself by actively seducing an Emperor from a Lower World. Wasn't this outright shameful behavior?

Mu Yunxi's mind blanked for a moment as she suddenly realized something. No wonder Lu Chen had refused to touch her all along—this guy was definitely trying to spark her inner desires and make her take the initiative to show her love for him.

In doing so, had he not trained her into a Female Slave?

This despicable man actually wanted her to become his Female Slave. The thought infuriated Mu Yunxi, and she suddenly lost the desire to continue being manipulated by Lu Chen.

While Mu Yunxi was lost in her thoughts, Lu Chen leaned down and naturally kissed her red lips. Despite some resistance in her heart, her body couldn't muster any opposition and began to respond to Lu Chen instead.

As Lu Chen kissed her, his hands caressed her silky, satin clothes, and it didn't take long for Mu Yunxi to be ignited by Lu Chen once again.

In the past month, Lu Chen had not made Mu Yunxi his woman. Partly because the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings had upgraded and changed, now requiring the birth of child worlds for rewards, his desire to create new worlds had diminished.

Of course, the most important reason was that he was deliberately keeping Mu Yunxi hanging. After all, didn't she run away before? This was his punishment for Mu Yunxi, to see if she would dare attempt to escape again.

In addition, this approach had stimulated Mu Yunxi's seductive body; now whenever he touched her, she became as soft as cotton, and she was utterly subdued.

At that very moment, under Lu Chen's kisses, Mu Yunxi's consciousness quickly blurred. When Lu Chen kissed her neck, she murmured, "Darling..."

Seeing Mu Yunxi in this state, a slight smile formed at the corners of Lu Chen's mouth.

Although he had said he would touch Mu Yunxi, his definition of "touch" did not mean turning her directly into his woman—he wanted to keep her hanging still.

Creating child worlds now required a great deal of good fortune, and among his wives and concubines, essentially none had the conditions for birthing child worlds, including Mu Yunxi. There was no need for him to be in a rush to make Mu Yunxi his woman.

He wanted this woman to completely fall for him, and in the end, to never be able to leave him.

In the past, in his eagerness to have children, he had been too hasty. Now that he no longer needed children, he could take his time with everything.

They kissed for who knows how long. Mu Yunxi's jade-like, delicate hands began to wander. Before she fully became Lu Chen's woman, Mu Yunxi never felt secure.

Although her mind was fuzzy, she currently felt very insecure, always fearing that Lu Chen might suddenly flee.

Noticing Mu Yunxi's hands wandering, Lu Chen caught her jade arm in one swoop, raised her hand above her head, and pinned it on the soft couch to stop her from getting out of hand.

At that moment, Mu Yunxi continued to twist her body, trying to stir up Lu Chen's thoughts about her. However, right then, a maid's voice suddenly came from outside, "Your Majesty, a letter from Misty World has arrived!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen immediately got up, and Mu Yunxi felt utterly abandoned, swiftly regaining her senses as she could no longer feel the man in her arms.

She felt bewildered and even more distressed as she had been close to success, but someone had to interrupt at that moment.

Then, Lu Chen spoke to the Mu Yunxi on the soft couch, "My lady, I need to attend to some government affairs now. You rest here, and I'll come to find you when I have the time."

As his words fell, Lu Chen's figure instantly disappeared from the spot.

Seeing Lu Chen gone, Mu Yunxi came back to her senses and her face turned instantly red, then she shouted angrily, "You jerk! Are you even a man?"

Even at this point, Lu Chen had fled.

At that moment, anger and desire overlapped, making it even harder for Mu Yunxi to control herself.

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Lu Chen directly arrived at the Imperial Study Room through Shadow Shifting, where the disciple from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, who had come from Misty World, was already waiting.

Upon Lu Chen's arrival, the disciple from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect first bowed, then handed over a personal letter written by Ji Hongwen.

In the letter, Ji Hongwen described the current situation in Misty World.

Upon learning that Misty World had begun internal conflicts, Lu Chen felt delighted inside. Internal strife was beneficial; it would deplete the power of the forces from Misty World, making it easier for Tianchen World to deal with those invading enemies later.

At that moment, Qin Yushan, who had entered the Imperial Study Room with the disciple of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, spoke, “Your Majesty, many forces from Misty World have sent their disciples into our world. Recently, invaders from Misty World have been killing the civilians of Great Sum indiscriminately in various places. Is it time to intervene?”

Cultivators from Misty World, inherently haughty, regarded civilians from lower worlds as lesser beings. If these civilians said something displeasing to them, they would directly kill them cruelly.

The civilians near Misty World lived in constant terror, fearing the day when they might offend any cultivators from Misty World.

Hearing Qin Yushan’s words, Lu Chen pondered for a moment, then said, “I will discuss this matter at the Great Court Assembly.”

Qin Yushan responded, “I understand.”

Chapter 945: Great Xia Will Personally Send Troops to Deal with Those Invaders

After reading Ji Hongwen’s letter, Lu Chen also understood why their world had seen such an influx of invaders from the Misty World recently.

The current situation had gotten out of hand for even the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect in this world; although the Sect had dispatched quite a number of disciples here, compared to the force of those other factions, the presence of the Sect’s disciples didn’t amount to much.

If Bai Guangyu and his companions blatantly attacked the disciples from other forces, those forces would certainly band together to confront the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, and Bai Guangyu and the others would definitely be unable to withstand them.

The time has come to use Rune Weapons.

Lu Chen then said to the disciple who had delivered the message from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, “Tell Bai Guangyu and the others to maintain relations with the other forces for now; the Great Sum will personally send troops to deal with the invaders.”

Hearing this, the disciple from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect was stunned. In their eyes, although Lu Chen held a high position, the Daxia Dynasty was, after all, a dynasty born in a lesser world, and the overall strength of the entire dynasty was not very impressive. Even if they had some Celestials, these Celestials couldn’t fully exert their powers.

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The Celestials of the Daxia Dynasty, I’m afraid, might not be stronger than the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect at the Unity Realm, and this is no exaggeration. The disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect at the Unity Realm entered the Tianchen World in almost full condition, and some of them even carried Spiritual Artifacts and Talismans with them.

In terms of combat power, the Celestials of the Daxia Dynasty might indeed be no match for the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect.

The messenger disciple was somewhat puzzled; why would Lu Chen send troops to deal with those invaders? Were the soldiers of the Daxia Dynasty that powerful?

Although he didn’t understand, since it was Lu Chen’s command, they would certainly have to comply.

Immediately after, the disciple conveying the message from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect said, “Your subordinate understands. I will return to Black Dragon City right away and relay Your Majesty’s words to Brother Bai.”

Lu Chen nodded and said, “Good.”

The messenger disciples then saluted together, “Your subordinate takes his leave!”

After the messenger disciple had left, Lu Chen said to Qin Yushan, “Qin Aiqing, later on, have Li Yu tally the number of Rune Weapons and tell him to hasten the production of Rune Bullets and Rune Cannon Shells. I plan to equip the army.”

The prohibitions of the Misty World were likely to disappear in about five years. Although five years were mentioned, the barriers had become increasingly unstable, from an initial hundred years to twenty years, and now to a mere five years, giving the impression that they could vanish at any moment.

Perhaps in less than five years, the prohibitions would disappear entirely, and that was when the Daxia Dynasty would have to confront the forces of the Misty World head-on.

Although the Daxia Dynasty still had the assistance of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, the Sect’s strength was still limited, and it was uncertain whether they could hold back the Misty Immortal Sect.

Even if the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect managed to hold back the Misty Immortal Sect, there were other forces in the Misty World, and the Daxia Dynasty would still have to face those other forces head-on.

Of course, if the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect could take the opportunity of the alliance of the three great forces of the Misty World to eliminate some of its factions, the Daxia Dynasty would not be under such tremendous pressure.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's command, Qin Yushan immediately said, "Yes, Your Majesty, your subordinate will go to the armory right away."

As the words fell, Qin Yushan turned and headed to the armory to pass on Lu Chen's message to Li Yu. Upon hearing that the Rune Weapons were to be equipped to the army, Li Yu, as the person in charge of the Rune Weapons, was extremely excited and thrilled.

After producing Rune Weapons for so long, they were finally going to be put to use.

With the addition of Rune Weapons, even the Celestials among those invaders from the Misty World would be utterly defenseless.

Although the Rune Weapons were not invented by Li Yu and his team, but as they were the ones to manufacture them, they felt incredibly proud.

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Black Dragon City.

Nowadays, Black Dragon City was bustling with activity, as disciples from various major forces of the Misty World had all arrived. Upon their arrival in Black Dragon City, their first sensation was

one of relief, for the space in the Misty World was too unstable, and any day their Sect could be torn apart by the spatial forces.

Yet Tianchen World was different, a stable world, even if its laws were incomplete and its Spiritual Energy not so abundant. Still, it was better than the Misty World, where they could lose their lives at any moment.

Thanks to the convergence of disciples from all the major forces, Black Dragon City had grown even more prosperous. Numerous merchants transported industrial products produced by the Daxia Dynasty to Black Dragon City to sell, earning a lot of Spirit Stone Slag.

For now, Spirit Stone Slag was very valuable in the Daxia Dynasty; after all, the Spiritual Energy in the Tianchen World had not fully recovered yet. The Spiritual Energy was denser only around Black Dragon City, and many merchants became wealthy by doing business with those forces from the Misty World.

Hundred Flowers Tower in Black Dragon City.

Bai Guangyu sat on the terrace of the tavern, gazing at the distant scenery. Beside him sat two other people.

One was Baili Chen, the latest disciple sent by the Misty Immortal Sect, and the other was Gu Qizheng, a disciple from the Linghu Sect.

After entering Black Dragon City, the two immediately searched for the first batch of disciples they had sent into the Tianchen World, only to find that no matter how hard they looked, those disciples seemed to have vanished into thin air.

Later, they discovered that the first batch of disciples sent by the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect was still in Black Dragon City, so they developed a hypothesis: the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect had exterminated their sects' disciples.

Although they did not know how the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect managed to eliminate the disciples of both their forces at the same time, the suspicion cast upon the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect was significant, and so they came today to confront Bai Guangyu of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect and demand an explanation.

Bai Guangyu responded with a smile, "My friends, now that our three great forces are in an alliance, some news might not be good for you to hear. It's better not to know, as knowing might not be conducive to our unity."

Upon hearing Bai Guangyu's words, Gu Qizheng sneered, "Not conducive to unity? Your Ten Thousand Immortal Sect has killed the disciples of our two forces, and now you speak such words. Who is the one truly acting against our unity?"

"Who knows if your Ten Thousand Immortal Sect will stab us in the back again and strike at the disciples of Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect in secret?"

At that moment, Baili Chen also spoke up, "Bai Guangyu, if you don't give us an explanation today, I'm afraid the disciples of our two forces will not rest easy."

"Why don't you tell us where the first batch of disciples we sent to the Tianchen World have gone?"

"Why have they disappeared, while your Ten Thousand Immortal Sect's disciples are still here?"

As Baili Chen finished speaking, Gu Qizheng also chimed in from the side, “Bai Guangyu, it seems to me that your Ten Thousand Immortal Sect’s disciples took advantage of our two great forces’ disciples’ lack of vigilance to ambush them.”

Hearing the two men’s words, Bai Guangyu chuckled and then said, “Since you both insist on an explanation, I shall tell you the truth. Whether you choose to believe it is up to you.”

“After we arrived in the Tianchen World, the disciples of Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect came into conflict, and ultimately the disciples of your two great forces mutually inflicted heavy losses upon one another.”

“Yet, they refused to give up. Particularly the Misty Immortal Sect disciples, intent on wiping out their foes, left Black Dragon City and pursued the Linghu Sect disciples to the heartland of the Daxia Dynasty, where they were all annihilated by the Celestials of the Daxia Dynasty.”

“If you don’t believe me, you can try sending someone to investigate in the Capital city of the Daxia Dynasty. If I remember correctly, Lei Wende of Linghu Sect is still alive.”

This...

Originally, both were disinclined to believe him, as they had come with accusatory intentions, having already made up their minds.

In their view, it was the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect who had ambushed their first batch of disciples, which was why they hadn’t seen a single one of their former disciples after arriving in Black Dragon City.

But then Bai Guangyu mentioned Lei Wende was still alive.

If Lei Wende were dead, nothing would be proved, and they could say whatever they wanted. But the survival of a witness changed things.

At this point, Baili Chen started to think that perhaps Bai Guangyu was speaking the truth. As a disciple of the Misty Immortal Sect, he naturally knew what mission the previous batch of disciples had carried.

Initially, they indeed had been in cooperation with the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect for the purpose of annihilating the Linghu Sect disciples, so the mutual destruction of the Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect's disciples sounded plausible.

However, if both the Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect suffered losses, why were the disciples of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, their allies, unscathed? Now, the disciples of Misty Immortal Sect and Linghu Sect had disappeared while those of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect remained—had they been sitting back and watching the others fight?

Could it be true as Bai Guangyu said, and all those disciples were indeed dealt with by the Daxia Dynasty's Celestials?

What power could the Daxia Dynasty's Celestials possibly have to match the disciples of the Misty Immortal Sect? Baili Chen still felt something was off, and he suspected Bai Guangyu was definitely hiding something.

Seeing the two still seemed distrustful, Bai Guangyu indifferently added, "Gu Qizheng, if you truly want to know the truth, send someone to Yan County immediately. Don't waste time here. Once you know the truth, I believe you'll know whose trouble to seek."

Hearing Bai Guangyu's words, Baili Chen's expression darkened. If what Bai Guangyu said was true, it implied that the Misty Immortal Sect had initially attacked the disciples of Linghu Sect.

In that case, Linghu Sect would attribute the blame to them later on.

Baili Chen then said, "Let's not pursue the matter of the last batch of disciples. Now that our three great forces have formed an alliance, we should work together against the other forces, not let past grievances affect our relations."

Seeing Baili Chen switch his stance so quickly, Gu Qizheng sneered, "How magnanimous of you, Baili Chen, to decide not to pursue the matter. Perhaps you have a guilty conscience?"

Without showing any emotion, Baili Chen said, "Gu Qizheng, don't continue to harp on this. Our enemies are the disciples of other forces."

"If our three great forces continue to fight amongst ourselves and end up failing because of it, will you be able to take responsibility?"

Gu Qizheng clenched his fists. Indeed, their current relationship was that of allies, and if the Linghu Sect decided to hold Misty Immortal Sect accountable, it would surely sour their relationship.

Gu Qizheng huffed coldly but didn't say anything further.

Chapter 946: Negotiate with the Powers of Misty World?

Initially, Gu Qizheng had thought to win over the Misty Immortal Sect and together target the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, because all the first batch of disciples from the Linghu Sect and the Misty Immortal Sect had disappeared, while those from the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect were still around. It must have been the disciples from Ten Thousand Immortal Sect who were behind this.

Once it was confirmed as the work of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, the Linghu Sect and the Misty Immortal Sect would stand united. However, Bai Guangyu now told them that the disciples of the Misty Immortal Sect and the Linghu Sect had been killing each other and were ultimately wiped out together by the Daxia Dynasty.

Although this sounded incredibly false, Baili Chen suddenly changed his statement at this time, no longer pursuing the responsibilities of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect and appearing as if he really believed what Bai Guangyu had said.

In light of this, how could Gu Qizheng not know what was really going on? It was very likely that the disciples from the Misty Immortal Sect had received a mission from their Sect, and upon entering the Tianchen World, they attacked the disciples from the Linghu Sect, underestimating their strength and ultimately leading to mutual destruction, and then they were all wiped out by the Daxia Dynasty.

The result was that while the snipe and the clam grappled, the fisherman reaped the benefit.

After thinking it over, Gu Qizheng realized that since their three major forces had already formed an alliance, although some unpleasant things had happened before, they could only be set aside after forming the alliance.

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Moreover, now that the Misty Immortal Sect had turned traitor, he could not possibly involve the disciples of the Misty Immortal Sect to confront the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect anymore; they could only let it be.

Anyway, the first batch of disciples from the Misty Immortal Sect had also disappeared, and once the constraints of the Misty World disappeared, it was up to their Elder and Sect Master to squabble over it; they needn't bother with them anymore.

Now, the main task for their three great powers was to cleanse the disciples of other Sect forces in the Misty World.

Thinking of this, Gu Qizheng looked at Bai Guangyu and said, "Once the constraints disappear, I will relay your exact words to our Sect Master. Whether he believes it or not is his business."

Bai Guangyu gave a light smile, showing an expression of utter indifference.

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Half a month later.

Yan County.

Hall of Political Affairs.

Today was another Great Court Assembly, and the key point of discussion for today's assembly was addressing the invaders from the Misty World.

At this moment, Li Rui stood in the center of the main hall and said, “The invaders from the Misty World have been recklessly slaughtering our people of the Great Sum and occupying our lands, particularly those civilians near the Misty World who live in constant fear, unable to attain peace of mind. Your Majesty, I believe we can no longer allow these invaders to continue their unrestrained actions.”

As Li Rui’s voice fell, a minister spoke up, “I also think we cannot allow these invaders to continue tormenting the people of the Great Sum, but with the current strength of our nation, I fear it is quite challenging to confront the invaders from the Misty World.”

Hearing this, Lu Chen’s gaze immediately fell on that minister.

The next moment, the identity information of this minister appeared before Lu Chen.

[Name: Huang Minghui]

[Identity: Minister of the Household Department of the Daxia Dynasty, who, after being deceived by the disciple Lei Wende of the Linghu Sect, believes that the Daxia Dynasty is beyond saving, thus he chose to join the Linghu Sect.]

[Strength: Eighth Rank]

[Loyalty: 10]

Seeing Huang Minghui’s information, Lu Chen’s lips curled slightly upward, saying to himself that releasing Lei Wende had been useful.

Not long after Lei Wende was released, the corrupt officials in the court began to reveal themselves.

Lu Chen also had some understanding of Huang Minghui, given that they both had been Ministers of the Household Department.

Huang Minghui was a minister who had come from the old Capital city of the Great Sum. Initially, he was quite loyal to Lu Chen, with loyalty around sixty, and later his loyalty even increased to around seventy to eighty, which is precisely why he was able to climb to his position as Minister of the Household Department.

Lu Chen glanced at Huang Minghui and said indifferently, “Then, in Minister Huang’s opinion, what should we do?”

Huang Minghui said, “I believe we should send envoys to negotiate with the various forces of the Misty World and establish good relations with those forces.”

At this point, Li Rui said, “Minister Huang’s ideas seem rather naive. The invaders from Misty World want our land. By establishing good relations with them, wouldn’t we have to cede land to them?”

Huang Minghui said, “At the end of the day, those forces from the Misty World are just some sect forces. Even if we give them some land, it won’t affect the Daxia Dynasty.”

“Moreover, the sect forces of Misty World are particularly strong. If Your Majesty could win them over, the strength of Daxia would climb to a new level.”

Lu Chen said with a smile, “Minister Huang’s idea aligns closely with my thoughts. I indeed think we should maintain good relations with the forces of Misty World.”

Seeing that Lu Chen had spoken so, Li Rui had no choice but to keep quiet, but he felt that Lu Chen probably didn’t think this way. He had just taken the initiative to oppose the invaders because he sensed that the Emperor had developed a murderous intent towards them.

Now, the Emperor was saying that he wanted to live harmoniously and maintain good relations with the invaders of Misty World. How could that be possible?

They were invading your world, killing people on your land, and you still say you want to maintain good relations with those forces. Li Rui didn’t believe Lu Chen was that kind of emperor.

Having followed Lu Chen since he was the North Prince, he understood him too well. Lu Chen would definitely take action against those invaders.

At this time, Lu Chen asked, “Does any other minister think we should negotiate?”

Then, another minister stood out, “Your Majesty, I also think we should negotiate with the forces from Misty World. It is an opportunity for the Daxia Dynasty.”

Subsequently, more ministers came forward. Since Lu Chen himself agreed with negotiation, they no longer needed to hide their true thoughts.

Initially, many ministers thought it unwise to conflict with the forces from Misty World, especially those who knew about Misty World. They believed that Daxia facing Misty World in strength would definitely not yield good results.

But thinking of Lu Chen's personality—the Emperor who held absolute authority in this world, with more power than any other recorded in the history of the world—no one dared speak words of negotiation in front of Emperor Lu Chen.

They were afraid of angering Lu Chen.

Now that Lu Chen had agreed to negotiations, they could drop the pretense.

At this moment, Lu Chen glanced at the ministers in the hall who agreed with negotiation. Among these ministers, there were many loyal ones, but most were indecisive opportunists; many ministers' loyalty had already dropped below thirty.

Clearly, they didn't hold Daxia in high regard in their hearts. Indeed, many ministers were already contemplating surrender or joining the forces from the Misty World.

Lu Chen then said, "Since all ministers believe we should negotiate, I'll ask you to make a trip on my behalf."

"I have a basic understanding of which forces have entered our world. You are to meet the representatives of those forces on my behalf and convey my willingness to sit down and negotiate. However, there are many forces in Misty World, so I need to sit down with all their forces for the negotiations."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, for some reason, the ministers present felt something was odd.

Negotiating all together with the powers of Misty World?

Was it really a negotiation?

If it was a negotiation, wouldn't the forces from Misty World take advantage of this opportunity to divide up the Daxia Dynasty?

Considering this, the ministers looked towards Zhuge Zhongguang, hoping he would speak and advise Lu Chen.

However, Zhuge Zhongguang just sat quietly, motionless, as if the matter had nothing to do with him.

Chapter 947: Offense is the Best Defense

After Lu Chen decided to negotiate with the forces of the Misty World, the ministers entrusted with this important task began to prepare for their journey to Black Dragon City to discuss matters with the various powers of the Misty World.

As the Minister of the Household Department, Huang Minghui was also preparing, and he was tasked with engaging the Linghu Sect, the third major power in the Misty World, which made Huang Minghui very pleased.

If he could covertly align himself with the Linghu Sect, there would be nothing to worry about in the future, even if the restrictions of the Misty World were lifted.

Yan County.

Huang Residence.

At this moment, Huang Minghui was writing something in his study when a servant spoke at the door of the study, “Master, Young Master Wen has arrived.”

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Huang Minghui said, “Let him in.”

The next moment, a man dressed in a splendid robe entered Huang Minghui’s study.

After entering the study, the man smiled and said, “Minister Huang, we haven’t seen each other for a few days, and your skill has improved.”

Huang Minghui smiled and replied, “Isn’t that thanks to Young Master Wen’s guidance?”

As he spoke, Huang Minghui took out a piece of white paper and a brush and handed them to Lei Wende.

The Young Master Wen mentioned by Huang Minghui was none other than Lei Wende, whose skills had been disabled.

After being released, Lei Wende initially felt utterly dejected, believing he would live a worthless life akin to that of an animal.

However, he quickly revived his spirits; he wanted to spread the news that the Daxia Dynasty was linked to the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect to Linghu Sect and make all forces of the Misty World aware of it.

By then, both the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect and the Daxia Dynasty would become targets, facing attacks from all forces of the Misty World.

Lei Wende found ways to approach the officials of Great Sum, then informed them about the situation in the Misty World, and also painted a lot of appealing prospects for them, offering tangible benefits like imparting cultivation techniques that significantly improved their skills.

Take Huang Minghui for example; originally just an ordinary man, he had risen to the eighth rank in a very short time, thanks to the cultivation techniques taught by Lei Wende.

Huang Minghui's body became much stronger all at once, and he appeared more vibrant and energetic than ever before, a feeling he had never experienced.

The rapid increase in skill also made Huang Minghui's ambitions grow larger, leading him to lose his reverence for Lu Chen, thinking that Lu Chen was merely a lowly emperor of an inferior world. If he could closely ally with Linghu Sect, perhaps one day he could possess power like Lu Chen's or even become a true Immortal.

Huang Minghui's betrayal presented an opportunity to Lei Wende, who then used the same method to win over many ministers of Great Sum, although some directly rejected Lei Wende.

However, many ministers could not resist the temptation of a sudden surge in power, especially the civil officials, most of whom knew how formidable Lu Chen was, so Lei Wende had a hard time deceiving them.

But civil officials were different, especially those who came from the Capital, being ordinary people with no real power; suddenly obtaining such great power naturally gave them some ideas.

At that moment, Lei Wende wrote on the paper, "How are things going?"

While speaking, Huang Minghui said, "Young Master Wen, I always feel that although my skills have improved, my strength hasn't increased much."

In a gap in the conversation, Huang Minghui wrote, "The Sum Emperor has agreed to negotiate with the forces of the Misty World and plans to send some ministers to contact the major powers of the Misty World."

Seeing what Huang Minghui had written, the corners of Lei Wende's mouth slightly curled up; it seemed the Sum Emperor could no longer withstand the pressure.

Even if the Daxia Dynasty was part of the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect, it was only one sect after all, and more importantly, the Ten Thousand Immortal Sect was not the strongest force in the Misty World.

One Ten Thousand Immortal Sect could not possibly contend with all the forces of the Misty World; the inevitable result would be negotiations.

At that moment, Lei Wende pretended to say, “Perhaps it’s because you have not engaged in real combat nor fought, so you can’t feel what level your strength is at.”

With that, Lei Wende wrote on another piece of white paper, “Which ministers did the Sum Emperor send to contact the forces of the Misty World, and did he send any ministers to meet with the disciples of Linghu Sect?”

Huang Minghui immediately saw through Lei Wende’s intentions and quickly wrote, “The ministers dispatched by the Sum Emperor all support negotiations, including me, and I am the minister tasked with contacting Linghu Sect.”

Seeing what Huang Minghui had written, Lei Wende became very excited; does this mean he could now connect with the disciples of Linghu Sect through Huang Minghui?

Lei Wende promptly wrote, “When you go to Black Dragon City, you must inform the disciples of Linghu Sect about my situation. As long as you make it clear that you have sided with Linghu Sect, they will surely offer you many benefits.”

Seeing what Lei Wende had written, Huang Minghui’s smile widened, and he appeared very pleased.

Establishing a connection with Linghu Sect signified the beginning of his rise; he even fantasized about becoming Linghu Sect’s secular spokesperson, perhaps even becoming an emperor.

Next, Huang Minghui also wrote, “Alright, I will definitely tell the disciples of Linghu Sect about your plight.”

After Lei Wende finished reading what was on the paper, Huang Minghui crumpled up the pieces of paper they had used to communicate and placed them in the fireplace of the study, burning them all.

The fireplace in the study was specifically used for burning these things to prevent them from being discovered by the Brocade Guard.

During his interactions with Lei Wende, Huang Minghui had always been extremely cautious, never engaging in verbal discussions with Lei Wende about the Linghu Sect and Great Sum. Instead, they pretended to discuss cultivation techniques and how to enhance their skills, then they would write down the content of their discussions on paper.

In this way, even if the Brocade Guard were eavesdropping outside, they could only hear them discussing cultivation techniques.

Lei Wende and Huang Minghui continued to discuss how to enhance their skills while simultaneously writing down what Huang Minghui should say to the disciples of the Linghu Sect after meeting them on paper.

About two hours later, Lei Wende finally left Huang Minghui's home.

Meanwhile.

In the Capital city, Imperial Palace.

Lu Chen was dealing with state affairs in the Imperial Study Room when Zhuge Zhongguang and a group of military generals arrived and waited outside the Imperial Study Room.

The next moment, the voice of a maid came, “Your Majesty, the Great Scholars have arrived!”

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen, while looking at the military planning map in his hands, said, “Everyone come in!”

Following that, the important military generals entered the Imperial Study Room.

As the generals entered, they already realized that the peace talks that Lu Chen spoke of could not possibly be his true intention, since he wouldn’t have convened a military meeting so soon after the end of the Great Court Assembly unless it involved his real intentions, which they were about to discuss.

Lu Chen glanced at the generals, then said, “The current structure of our military has fallen behind the progress of Great Sum, so I plan to make adjustments and transform it again.”

Upon hearing this, the generals looked at each other.

Mu Changtian asked, “May I know how Your Majesty plans to transform the military?”

Lu Chen responded, “I am planning to establish a new army.”

A new army?

Upon hearing this, the generals in the Imperial Study Room were momentarily stunned. A new army again?

The previous new armies were primarily based around gunpowder weapons, so what would this new army be based on?

Lu Chen continued, “Some of you might have already heard that Great Sum has developed a more powerful weapon, called the Rune Weapon.”

“This kind of weapon can easily kill a Pseudo Celestial, and even killing a Celestial is not beyond its capabilities.”

At this statement, the people in the Imperial Study Room were taken aback; they indeed had heard that the military factory had new weapons, and some had even witnessed the military factory testing new weapons and seen the mushroom clouds produced by the Rune Weapons.

They had not expected, however, that the new weapons were so powerful that they could easily kill Pseudo Celestials and even Celestials!

If they possessed such weapons, then why should Great Sum worry about the powers of the Misty World?

Not only need they not worry, but their military could also directly go and attack the Misty World.

Suddenly, the generals were invigorated at the thought that if they could become generals of this new army, what an honor it would be for them.

At that moment, the generals were all prepared to volunteer themselves, and Lu Chen, glancing at the generals present, spoke, “The new army will be equipped with Rune Weapons and will soon be tested in actual combat. The main mission of the new army in the future is to expand outward and preemptively deal with forces or enemies that could threaten Great Sum.”

“We cannot always be passive, waiting for others to attack us. We need to take the initiative; offense is the best defense.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s words, the generals instantly understood why, during the Great Court Assembly, Lu Chen had instructed the civil officials to make contact with the forces of the Misty World and propose a peace talk.

Perhaps the day of the peace talks would be the day when those forces of the Misty World would be annihilated.

If those forces were gathered together, the Rune Weapons could be brought out to wipe them out in one fell swoop.

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s words, the generals grew excited, and the next moment, a general spoke, “Your Majesty is right, offense is indeed the best defense!”

“Your Majesty, I would like to join the new army!”

“Your Majesty, I too want to join the new army!”

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With the current military merit system in Great Sum, war was what the generals looked forward to. Since Great Sum had unified the world, they had been idle every day, with some generals even wondering if the Emperor no longer needed them.

Currently, apart from the military, it was the disciples of various sects who were maintaining the rule of Great Sum, and the role of the military had been diminishing, so the generals were always anxious.

Now that Lu Chen said he wanted to establish a new army and proposed that offense was the best defense, this immediately gave the generals hope for realizing their value once again.

Chapter 948: Chen'er, I Have Something to Discuss with You Tonight

Seeing the excited Military Generals in the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen gave a faint smile before saying, "Gentlemen, there's no need to rush!"

"There aren't many Rune Weapons available right now as they have yet to be mass-produced, so the new army won't be large in number."

"Furthermore, the selection criteria for the new army will be significantly stricter, with strength being at least at the level of Ninth Grade to qualify for enrollment."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, the people in the Imperial Study Room were slightly taken aback.

Above Ninth Grade?

Although there were increasingly more Martial Artists in Great Sum's military, those who had reached Ninth Grade were still in the minority.

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It seemed that the first batch of new soldiers would only number a few thousand.

Lu Chen then handed over a document he had drafted, "This is the new army's planning document I've drawn up. Take a look and see if there's anything that needs to be added. If so, please speak up."

"The selection for the new army is starting this month. We aim to form a combat-effective force before the negotiations among the major powers of the Misty World commence."

The army they were assembling this time was not for dealing with common foes, and both their training methods and combat strategies were expected to undergo significant changes; they could no longer rely on previous battle tactics.

Everyone took the planning document from Lu Chen and started reading it seriously.

The new army was named the War Dragon Army, and its primary responsibility was to explore externally and eliminate potential enemies.

Understanding the War Dragon Army's duties, the crowd grasped what Lu Chen intended. It seemed that their Emperor no longer wished to remain confined to this world.

Indeed, the Emperor was so young yet already possessed the power of the Genesis Realm. How could such a vigorous and prosperous ruler want to live out his days in a lower world, idly waiting for death?

Since the Sum Emperor desired expansion beyond their borders, they now had an opportunity to realize their worth.

Afterwards, Lu Chen and the group of Martial Generals discussed the formation of the War Dragon Army through the night.

Seeing that it had grown dark, Lu Chen said, "Let's stop here for today. After you return, write a memorial presenting your ideas about the new army, and I will read through them all."

The Military Generals respectfully replied, "As you command, Your Majesty."

Lu Chen didn't say much more, and with Shadow Shifting, he left the Imperial Study Room. Soon after, voices could be heard inside, "Your Majesty, we see you off!"

After leaving the Imperial Study Room, Lu Chen went straight to the living quarters of Chu Yuqin. Chu Yuqin and Chu Qingli were discussing something in the pavilion, when suddenly, they felt a breeze blowing.

The two women instantly realized that it was that scoundrel coming their way.

As they turned around, indeed, Lu Chen's voice rose from behind them, "What are my two ladies discussing so late in the pavilion? Why not go to sleep in your room? Could it be that you knew I was coming and were waiting here for me on purpose?"

Turning to see that it was indeed Lu Chen, Chu Yuqin smiled sweetly before saying, “We were discussing some cultivation issues. Qingli mentioned that when practicing the Mysterious Female Technique, she finds it difficult to concentrate.”

Lu Chen replied, “I see, that’s actually easy to resolve.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s reply, Chu Qingli asked with curiosity, “Your Majesty knows how to resolve it?”

Lu Chen said, “The optimal time to practice the Mysterious Female Technique is during Dual Cultivation with me. If you feel you can’t focus during Mysterious Female Technique practice, then come to me or send someone to let me know, and I’ll help you concentrate.”

Listening to Lu Chen’s answer, Chu Qingli looked at him strangely, instantly seeing through the scoundrel’s motives. Help her concentrate, indeed. It sounded so nice, but wasn’t he just trying to take advantage of her?

During dual cultivation, she practiced the Mysterious Female Technique, which was essentially helping Lu Chen indulge in pleasure.

Lu Chen continued, “All right, let’s not talk about this anymore. It’s late tonight; we should rest early.”

Chu Yuqin then spoke up, “Chen’er, you must not have had dinner yet, right? I’ll have someone prepare it immediately.”

As soon as Chu Yuqin finished speaking and was about to get up, Lu Chen wrapped his arms around the mature beauty in front of him, and then whispered in her ear, “With two delicacies right in front of me, why would I need dinner?”

Hearing these words, Chu Yuqin’s cheeks flushed slightly, and her heart filled with immense guilt. She felt it was all her main body’s fault that Lu Chen had become like this, indulging in such activities with women every day, having abandoned serious cultivation.

Thinking of this, Chu Yuqin felt deeply saddened. She believed Lu Chen should not continue like this; she had to find a way to get Lu Chen back on the right path, to his serious cultivation.

After much pondering, Chu Yuqin finally made up her mind; no matter what, she couldn’t let Lu Chen continue to degenerate. She had to tell Lu Chen about the past events.

Even if Lu Chen would come to despise her because of this, even if he saw her as an enemy, she had to speak out. She couldn’t bear to watch Lu Chen trapped in this world until his demise.

With that thought, Chu Yuqin smiled at Lu Chen and said, “Chen’er, there’s something I need to discuss with you tonight. Let Qing Li rest properly.”

Hearing Chu Yuqin’s words, Chu Qingli felt somewhat displeased. When had her sister become so selfish? Whenever Lu Chen visited their chambers before, Chu Yuqin always included her, but now she was telling her to rest and hogging Lu Chen for herself.

Isn’t it a bit selfish?

However, Chu Qingli didn't voice her dissatisfaction; although she really wanted to, she was one of those women whose actions didn't match their words, and she couldn't bring herself to beg Lu Chen for affection.

Curious about what Chu Yuqin might need to discuss with him, and why she had even sent Chu Qingli away, Lu Chen pondered.

In the past, whenever he visited them, Chu Yuqin would always involve Chu Qingli. After all, Chu Yuqin alone was no match for him, and even with Chu Qingli, they weren't opponents to him, but at least there was someone else to share the 'firepower'.

Lu Chen smiled slightly and said, "Alright, then let's go to the room and have a good talk."

While they were speaking, Lu Chen hugged Chu Yuqin and applied Shadow Shifting, and in an instant, they were inside the room.

Upon arriving in Chu Yuqin's room, before she could say anything, Lu Chen placed her on the soft couch and pressed down upon her warm and supple body, looking down at her captivatingly beautiful eyes from above.

Chu Yuqin's cheeks bloomed with a vast expanse of red, and her eyes started to mist over. Now, just coming into contact with Lu Chen's body made her helplessly aroused.

Especially after she regained the memories of her previous life, she felt that she might have inherited all of her main body's feelings. Perhaps, to shed her own emotions, her main body had transferred all her feelings for Lu Chen onto this split body.

That's why she liked Lu Chen so much, losing control over herself whenever she touched him.

Seeing the embarrassed appearance of the beautiful woman, Lu Chen felt incredibly excited, and at that moment, Chu Yuqin began to speak, "Chen'er, there's something I've been afraid to tell you for a long time, for fear that you would hate me because of it."

"But after much thought, I can't stand to watch you continue to sink like this. Only by telling you can you possibly arouse yourself and might find a way out of this world in the future."

As soon as Chu Yuqin finished speaking, Lu Chen smiled and said, "Let's talk about that later; I'm hungry."

Having said that, Lu Chen leaned down, and their lips met.

"Mmm... mmm..."

Chu Yuqin struggled faintly, but ultimately, she let Lu Chen have his way.

Chapter 949: How do you think I should take revenge on you?

Chu Yuqin felt helpless, in front of Lu Chen, she had no resistance at all. Whatever Lu Chen wanted to do to her, she would subconsciously cooperate, completely unaware of how to resist.

Of course, her resistance would have been futile anyway.

She had also planned to tell Lu Chen about their past lives early on to encourage him, but Lu Chen had caught her and started to be indulgent again.

Having no choice, she could only let Lu Chen indulge himself, and to get him to calm down quickly, Chu Yuqin immediately used the Mysterious Female Technique.

With the help of the Mysterious Female Technique, Lu Chen quickly became somewhat satisfied. At that moment, Lu Chen looked at Chu Yuqin's delicate face, took a few deep breaths, and then asked with a smile, "Alright, Madam Chu, what do you want to say?"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yuqin gradually came to her senses. Looking into Lu Chen's determined eyes, she suddenly felt fearful.

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If she really told everything to Lu Chen, and if Lu Chen actually resented her, what would she do then?

Resentment from him was not important, since after all, these were the actions of her original self, and this incarnation of hers should bear the punishment.

But if Lu Chen also disliked her children, that would not bode well for her offspring...

Thinking of this, Chu Yuqin hesitated.

Seeing that Chu Yuqin was not speaking, Lu Chen seemed to have understood something. He glanced at Chu Yuqin's updated profile and indeed found that Chu Yuqin had regained her memories.

The things Chu Yuqin wanted to tell him were likely about the actions of her original self, or about their past lives.

Seeing that Chu Yuqin still had not spoken, Lu Chen raised his hand, gently caressed her delicate face, and said with a smile, “Madam Chu, if you haven’t figured it out yet, then let’s not talk about it. I suppose it’s not something particularly important.”

Hearing this, Chu Yuqin’s brain trembled slightly. She bit her silver teeth firmly and said, “No, I need to speak. I can’t stand to see you continue to degrade.”

Lu Chen feigned confusion and asked, “Continue to degrade? What do you mean by that?”

Chu Yuqin took a deep breath and intently looked into Lu Chen’s eyes as she said, “The reason you think about women all the time is not truly your own desire. You were not like this in your past life. You’ve become like this due to some influences.”

Hearing this, Lu Chen looked even more confused. “Past life? Madam Chu, what are you talking about?”

Chu Yuqin took another deep breath, as if she had made a great resolution, and continued, “Chen’er, promise me, no matter what I say later, you must remember, even if you despise me, our child is always innocent.”

Lu Chen said with a smile, “You are my woman, how could I possibly despise you? And you know what kind of person I am; I would never treat my own child poorly.”

Although Lu Chen had long known that his children were inheriting his fortune and Bloodline Power, he actually didn't mind at all, probably because he hadn't felt the benefits the fortune and Bloodline Power brought him.

All he knew was that those children were his own flesh and blood; he couldn't possibly resent his own flesh and blood.

Seeing that Lu Chen had said this, Chu Yuqin no longer kept secrets. She directly said, "Chen'er, you have a special identity."

Lu Chen asked, "A special identity?"

Seeing Lu Chen's puzzled look, Chu Yuqin assessed that Lu Chen truly had not regained his memory. She then continued, "In your past life, you were a prince of the Shenwu Emperor in the Qian Yuan World God Moon Dynasty."

Lu Chen showed a shocked expression.

"Past life?"

"Madam Chu, what are you talking about? Do you know about my past life?"

"What kind of person was I in my past life?"

Chu Yuqin sighed softly and continued, "I know it's hard for you to accept, as it's different from the past life you remember. I'll explain the reason to you later."

In Chu Yuqin's view, the reason Lu Chen was shocked was that the Sky Evolution Stone had implanted false memories in him. Lu Chen most likely still thought he was just a disciple of the Demon Sect, so he was so shocked by the news of his identity as the son of the Shenwu Emperor.

Chu Yuqin continued:

"In your past life, you were a person who focused solely on cultivation, unconcerned with worldly affairs, with the sole ambition of becoming an emperor."

Lu Chen asked, "Did I become the emperor in the end?"

Chu Yuqin replied, "No, you were originally the strongest among all the princes, likely to become an emperor within ten thousand years, but the Shenwu Emperor suddenly summoned all his princes one day, then killed them all, and imprisoned their souls in the Soul Beads, casting them into various worlds for reincarnation and trials."

Lu Chen asked, "Why would the Shenwu Emperor do such a thing?"

Chu Yuqin said, "No one knows why he did it, nor does anyone dare to ask."

At this point, Chu Yuqin glanced at Lu Chen's expression, saw his astonished look, and then bit her silver teeth lightly before continuing, "Your Soul Bead was originally properly cast into this world, and according to the original trajectory, you should have been reborn a thousand years ago."

Lu Chen asked, “Then why was I only reborn twenty-some years ago?”

Chu Yuqin said, “In your previous life, the Guiyi Sect’s Holy Maiden greatly admired you and always wanted to become your Dao companion, but you repeatedly refused her. Later, Emperor Shenwu discovered she had a Chaotic Spirit Body, so he forced the Guiyi Sect to send her to the Shenyue Dynasty, where she became the Empress.”

“That woman believed it was all because you refused her and did not break her virginity, so she was forced to marry the Shenwu Emperor and become his Furnace Cauldron.”

“To take revenge on you, she used the power of the Sky Evolution Stone to implant false memories into you, making you believe that in your previous life you were a disciple of the Demon Sect, capable of cultivating by relying on the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, and that she had trapped the Spiritual Energy of this world in the Misty World, even creating a Heavenly Demon in this world.”

“You are a descendent of Emperor Shenwu, with a unique bloodline, and it’s not simply a matter of having children; once you have a child, your child would divide your destiny and Bloodline Power, causing you to eventually struggle to progress.”

“Normally, with your talents, you would have been able to regain your strength in less than ten thousand years, but now...”

Saying this, Chu Yuqin hesitated to continue.

In her view, Lu Chen now, not to mention regaining the peak of his strength in ten thousand years, likely wouldn’t make it even in a hundred thousand years.

This made Chu Yuqin feel very guilty inside.

After hearing Chu Yuqin's words, Lu Chen smiled and said, "This Holy Maiden of the Guiyi Sect is truly spiteful."

Hearing this, Chu Yuqin trembled slightly. Indeed, Lu Chen had begun to loathe his true self.

Lu Chen continued, "So, you're saying that my daily intimacy with my wives and concubines is all because of her?"

Chu Yuqin remained silent and did not answer.

Lu Chen smiled and said, "Then shouldn't I also thank her for letting me enjoy such treatment?"

Chu Yuqin thought Lu Chen was being sarcastic and still didn't dare to continue speaking; she was very conflicted inside about whether or not to tell Lu Chen that she was an incarnation of Empress Shenwu.

At that moment, Lu Chen asked, "Madam Chu, is that Shenwu Empress beautiful?"

Chu Yuqin was momentarily stunned. She hadn't expected Lu Chen to ask this question, but after she came back to herself, Chu Yuqin answered, "Very similar to me."

Lu Chen said, “So she’s a great beauty. Strange, why didn’t I agree to her pursuit in my previous life?”

Chu Yuqin said, “In your previous life, you were wholly devoted to the Dao and had no interest in romantic affairs.”

Lu Chen said, “Then my previous self was somewhat foolish, a Chaotic Spirit Body, even an actively pursuing Holy Maiden, and I actually didn’t agree.”

“My father from my previous life was so interested in the Chaotic Spirit Body; that Chaotic Spirit Body must indeed be very special, capable of greatly enhancing a person’s strength.”

“My vision in my previous life was indeed too short-sighted.”

This...

Chu Yuqin hadn’t expected Lu Chen to speak like this; she suddenly didn’t know how to respond as Lu Chen had stopped attacking her true self and began reflecting on his own faults instead.

Lu Chen then looked into Chu Yuqin’s eyes and smilingly said, “Madam Chu, since that Holy Maiden of the Guiyi Sect did such things to me, what do you think would be a fitting way for me to take revenge on her?”

Chu Yuqin fell silent again.

She was an incarnation of Empress Shenwu, and she couldn't answer this question.

Lu Chen then said, "I think I should imprison her and make her serve as my Furnace Cauldron for a lifetime. What do you think of this punishment?"

Chu Yuqin did not answer, but in her heart, she thought if that were indeed the punishment, she would willingly be Lu Chen's Furnace Cauldron for a lifetime.

Lu Chen continued to ask, "Madam Chu, I'm curious about your true identity; how do you know all of this?"

Chu Yuqin was silent for a while, but ultimately, she confessed, "Because I am an incarnation of that Holy Maiden of the Guiyi Sect."

"What!!!"

Lu Chen immediately showed a shocked expression.

Chu Yuqin sighed and said, "My true self created this incarnation to witness your downfall, so she sent me to be by the side of your mother, waiting for your birth."

"However, not long after I arrived in this world, I lost contact with my true self, and my memories were sealed by a mysterious force."

Saying this, Chu Yuqin looked at Lu Chen with pleading eyes, “Chen’er, no matter how you choose to take revenge on me, I accept it, I admit it, but please do not harbor any grudge against our children; they are innocent.”

Seeing the pitiful and moving demeanor of the beautiful woman, Lu Chen’s desire for conquest surged fiercely, and now, given that Chu Yuqin was an incarnation of his enemy, he couldn’t wait to torment her to death.

At that moment, Lu Chen gently caressed Chu Yuqin’s cheek and smilingly said, “Madam Chu, I did not expect that you would turn out to be an incarnation of my enemy. Now that you are in my hands, how do you think I should take my revenge on you?”

Chapter 950: A New Program?

Hearing Lu Chen’s question, Chu Yuqin fell silent again, not opening her mouth to speak.

She didn’t care anymore, as long as Lu Chen didn’t resent their child.

Whether Lu Chen wanted to kill her or keep her imprisoned as his Furnace Cauldron, she could accept it in her heart.

Seeing that Chu Yuqin did not speak, Lu Chen also quietly watched her jade-like face, saying nothing.

The room suddenly quieted down, even Chu Qingli next door felt incredibly surprised, wondering why the conflict had ceased so quickly today, thinking, maybe Lu Chen wasn’t up to it?

If it had been before, Chu Yuqin would definitely still be crying and calling out to heaven and earth.

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How strange.

At this moment, Chu Yuqin closed her eyes, waiting for Lu Chen to pronounce her death sentence.

Seeing the resigned look on the beautiful woman's face, Lu Chen suddenly burst out laughing.

Hearing Lu Chen's laughter, Chu Yuqin opened her eyes, looking at him perplexedly.

Lu Chen then said, "Madam Chu, I'm curious, is your main body still a virgin?"

This...

Chu Yuqin didn't know why Lu Chen was asking this, but she still answered, "The maturation of the Chaotic Spirit Body is extremely slow. Although your Emperor father used many Spiritual Medicines on my main body, it might take tens of thousands of years to mature, so my main body is most likely still a virgin."

"If her virginity is taken prematurely, her Chaotic Spirit Body would be damaged, which is why she resented you for not agreeing to be her Dao companion initially."

"If her Chaotic Spirit Body had been ruined, your father would not have discovered her special constitution, and she would not have been imprisoned in the Shenyue Dynasty."

While caressing Chu Yuqin's jade cheek, Lu Chen said, "Such a beautiful woman, how come I didn't agree to her pursuit in my previous life."

Chu Yuqin asked, "What do you plan to do with me?"

Lu Chen did not answer Chu Yuqin's question but instead said, "I've decided. I must grow stronger quickly, then imprison your main body as my Furnace Cauldron. I will torture her daily, mess her mind up until she can only think of me, otherwise I cannot quell the resentment in my heart!"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Chu Yuqin didn't know why, but she suddenly felt an odd sense of delight, and even her body tensed up.

Lu Chen also sensed Chu Yuqin's response, seeing her actually getting excited, Lu Chen burst out laughing again, surprised that Chu Yuqin was such a person—did she really want him to torment her?

Lu Chen paused for a moment, his gaze fixed on Chu Yuqin, his lips curling slightly into a mocking smile.

"As for this incarnation of yours..."

Chu Yuqin suddenly became very nervous, uncertain of how Lu Chen would treat her.

Lu Chen then bent down, leaning in close to Chu Yuqin's ear, and whispered, "Since your main body did that to me, and now I can't reach your main body, you shall take her punishment."

Just as Chu Yuqin was about to say something, Lu Chen sealed her red lips, then began his campaign of revenge.

At this moment.

Chu Qingli sat upright on the couch, listening carefully to the movement next door, trying to hear what Lu Chen and Chu Yuqin were talking about.

She was just curious why the battle had ended so quickly today.

Just as she really thought that Lu Chen was perhaps not up to it, suddenly the sounds of Chu Yuqin crying and calling to heaven started emanating from next door again, and this time, Lu Chen's roars were also heard.

"Poisonous woman! You have made me suffer so! I will kill you today!"

"Your Majesty... ah... your concubine knows her wrong!"

"Your concubine won't dare again..."

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Chu Qingli was somewhat baffled, what play were they performing today?

Why hadn't she ever heard this play before?

A new program?

Chu Qingli was a bit dissatisfied, annoyed that her sister and Lu Chen were putting on a new show without including her.

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The new show between Lu Chen and Chu Yuqin continued throughout the night, until the early morning of the next day, when the sky was dimly lit. By then, Chu Yuqin had become completely limp, like a puddle of mud.

But she harbored no resentment in her heart; on the contrary, the more ferocious Lu Chen was towards her, the more she felt this was a kind of redemption, given how much her main body had wronged Lu Chen, even crippling his path to becoming an emperor.

Even if Lu Chen truly treated her as a Furnace Cauldron, she would say nothing, especially since Lu Chen did not actually regard her as just a Furnace Cauldron. Although Lu Chen was more vicious than before, he still made use of the Dragon and Phoenix Yin Yang Skill, and her Cultivation State and Realm had also been elevated.

From this, it was clear that Lu Chen did not truly harbor any resentment towards her.

After taking a pause, Chu Yuqin eased herself and then spoke weakly, “Your Majesty... Your Majesty...”

Before Chu Yuqin could finish, Lu Chen interrupted, “What ‘Your Majesty’? How did you address me before? Just continue with that.”

In view of Chu Yuqin’s incarnation, Lu Chen really could not bring himself to hate her. From his perspective, he had grown up with Chu Yuqin from childhood, and she had taken meticulous care of him, even to the extent of caring for his needs in bed and bearing him two children. How could he harbor any hatred towards her?

Of course, it might also be because he didn’t have the memories of his past life, so when he felt the waning of destiny and bloodline power, he didn’t feel the loss of anything, and naturally did not mind as much.

Startled by Lu Chen’s forceful tone, Chu Yuqin slightly hesitated before she said softly, “Chen’er, you...”

Chu Yuqin hesitated to speak.

At this moment, Lu Chen sat up and looked into Chu Yuqin’s eyes, asking, “Madam Chu, tell me about the Sky Evolution Stone, I am quite interested in it.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s words, Chu Yuqin began, “The Sky Evolution Stone is a special stone that can influence causality to a certain extent and can control a person’s life.”

“Normally, the Sky Evolution Stone generates life trajectories based on the deepest desires in a person’s heart.”

“Some people deeply wish for the aid of a powerful figure, so under the influence of the Sky Evolution Stone, a powerful soul may appear next to them in their next life.”

“Others might wish that they were strong in their past life, so the Sky Evolution Stone creates false memories, enabling the person to grow stronger based on those fabricated recollections.”

Lu Chen said, “Did you say earlier that your main body used the Sky Evolution Stone to implant memories of a past life in the Demon Sect in me?”

“So, am I always thinking about lying with women just because of that?”

Chu Yuqin spoke softly, “Yes, originally under the influence of the Sky Evolution Stone, you had your own path of growth, but the main body controlled the Sky Evolution Stone.”

Lu Chen said with a smile, “And my father didn’t intervene?”

Chu Yuqin said, “After he deployed your Soul Beads into various worlds, he left the rest to others and went into seclusion, and that gave the main body the opportunity.”

“Moreover, my main body didn’t destroy your Soul Bead; a minor adjustment wouldn’t likely concern Emperor Shenwu much. Given Emperor Shenwu’s character, he might even think this was good training for you.”

Lu Chen was somewhat speechless. Was Emperor Shenwu really his father?

But then again, that made sense; the guy had killed all his sons and then scattered their Soul Beads across various worlds. There was no room for familial affection in his eyes.

What a ruthless man!

At this moment, Lu Chen fell silent. The Sky Evolution Stone and the Reincarnation Stone both were stones; he wondered if they were connected in some way...

Although Chu Yuqin’s main body had implanted the memory of a Demon Sect disciple in him, he actually did not have such memories at all; he had always followed the system’s guidance.

Thinking about this, Lu Chen frowned slightly. Could it be that the system was actually fake, nonexistent, simply an illusion created by the Sky Evolution Stone?

Because when he was on Earth, he often read novels about system mechanics, and then the Sky Evolution Stone might have considered that his innermost being could accept this method of growth, so it created a system to guide him to become stronger?

Does the Lu Chen from the Qianyuan World have anything to do with him?

If they are related, why didn't the memories implanted by Chu Yuqin's main body using the Sky Evolution Stone take effect?

If they are unrelated, why would Chu Yuqin's incarnation come to his side, and how then should he make sense of everything in the Tianchen World now?

Is all this the doing of the Sky Evolution Stone, or is there a more powerful force rendering the Sky Evolution Stone ineffective and using the resources prepared by Emperor Shenwu to make him stronger?

Now, Lu Chen's mind was filled with questions, but he did not actively ask the system because he knew very well that the system would not be able to answer any of his questions at this moment.

Just as Lu Chen thought this, the system notification suddenly sounded.

"Please rest assured, host, this system harbors no ill will towards you."

Hearing this, Lu Chen chuckled inwardly. The more the system said this, the more he suspected that there was a bigger conspiracy behind it."

It's useless to think too much now; I better quickly have my wives bear child worlds."

Although he thought this, Lu Chen could not help himself and asked the system, "System, tell me honestly, why was it about having children before, and now about bearing child worlds?"

The system had only upgraded, not changed. Last time he asked, the system had told him it was due to the influence of a mysterious force that had him incessantly producing children.

So now that the system wants him to bear child worlds, whose idea was it?

Perhaps sensing that Lu Chen was getting a bit agitated, the system advised:

“The system has previously informed the host that the former method of procreation was too outdated. Additionally, as the host came to this world through a Soul Bead and his body is affected by Emperor Shenwu’s bloodline, directly bearing offspring severely limited the host’s potential for strength enhancement.”

“If the host and his concubines bear child worlds, all beings within those child worlds will be the host’s children, and the host will also gain the destiny feedback from these beings.”

Lu Chen frowned slightly. Was it really just because the efficiency of bearing was too low?