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Chapter 1541: Chapter 1231: The Truth of the Universe

Lu Chen's body swiftly soared into the sky like an arrow, reaching the same height as Chu Zhengyu, with an aura faintly fluctuating around him and his clothes fluttering in the void.

He gazed directly at Chu Zhengyu and said, "I am not some Beast Guard; I just want to know what the situation is outside."

Seeing that Lu Chen, after obtaining such formidable strength, still maintained restraint without any intention of attacking, Chu Zhengyu slightly narrowed his eyes, starting to somewhat believe what Lu Chen was saying.

If these people were truly Beast Guards, with power similar to his own, there would be no pretense; they would attack him without hesitation, not wasting any words.

After all, the duty of a Beast Guard is to mercilessly eliminate all intruders.

After a moment of silence, Chu Zhengyu said, “Since you claim to be from the outside world, how could you not know what it’s like outside?” A hint of doubt and scrutinization was in his voice.

Lu Chen’s brow slightly furrowed, showing a trace of helplessness on his face, “I have reincarnated several times in this world, losing many memories.”

Hearing this, a flash of understanding crossed Chu Zhengyu’s eyes. So, it was reincarnation with memory loss. He continued to ask, “How much memory about the outside world do you still have?” His gaze fixed on Lu Chen as if trying to discern something from his expression.

Lu Chen shook his head slightly and replied, “I know nothing.” A trace of confusion and loss was evident in his expression.

Chu Zhengyu was slightly taken aback and said directly, “Forget it, seeing as you refrained from attacking me, I don’t mind wasting some time to tell you about the outside world.” As he spoke, he lifted his chin slightly, a touch of arrogance in his demeanor.

“You are currently inside the body of a Chaos Beast, and outside the Chaos Beast is an endless Chaotic Sea; once cultivators enter the Chaotic Sea, it’s almost impossible to survive.”

Chu Zhengyu paused slightly here, glancing at the surrounding dim space, as if seeing through it to the Chaotic Sea outside.

“Therefore, most cultivators choose to hide inside the Chaos Beast’s body. But within the body, there are Beast Guards who attack us outsiders.”

Upon hearing this, a glimmer flashed in Lu Chen’s eyes as he suddenly thought of the Cross-border Stone rewarded by the system, realizing its intended purpose.

It must be to leave the Chaotic Sea.

Coming back to his senses, Lu Chen quickly asked, “What’s outside the Chaotic Sea?” His voice tinged with urgency, body leaning slightly forward, gaze fixed firmly on Chu Zhengyu.

Seeing Lu Chen’s urgency, Chu Zhengyu chuckled and said, “Why rush? For now, you should think about how to escape the Chaos Beast’s body.” His laughter bore a hint of teasing, eyes playful.

“If a cultivator fails to leave the Chaos Beast’s body, they either become assimilated into a Beast Guard, get killed by one, or get refined by the Chaos Beast.” As Chu Zhengyu spoke, he slightly furrowed his brows, a trace of seriousness on his face.

Lu Chen fell silent for a moment, then said, “Didn’t you say it’s almost impossible to survive in the Chaotic Sea? Then escaping from the Chaos Beast’s body is also a dead end, right?” His voice carried a note of doubt.

Chu Zhengyu shook his head slightly, “That’s true, but it’s better than being refined by the Chaos Beast, and we might find a way to survive. Staying inside the Chaos Beast’s body is just waiting for death.” His voice brimmed with determination and hope.

Hearing this, Lu Chen found some sense in it as well. He had reincarnated in the Chaos Beast’s belly countless times without finding a way out of this world, even losing his previous memories.

If he continued reincarnating like this, one day he might completely forget his past memories, truly becoming a native inside the Chaos Beast’s belly.

Moreover, without memories of his past life, he might not even be able to reincarnate again.

Thinking of this possibility sent a chill down Lu Chen’s spine. If a day came when he couldn’t recall his memories from past lives, it would be challenging to grow stronger, leaving him unable to survive the Era Tribulation and ultimately meeting his demise.

The fact that he survived till now proved he had evaded countless Era Tribulations.

Recalling Xuan Tian's words, a grand conspiracy against him emerged in Lu Chen's mind.

Since he had memories of Earth and had read many novels, he was sensitive to such matters, suspecting that Xuan Tian might be his enemy. Unable to kill him, Xuan Tian could be using the Chaos Beast to eliminate him. Since Xuan Tian mentioned it was time to end, surely Xuan Tian would deploy some tactics against him, prompting Lu Chen to proceed cautiously.

While Lu Chen pondered this, Chu Zhengyu spoke, "I've told you about your predicament, now it's your turn to answer some questions." His voice held a note of seriousness.

Lu Chen was slightly taken aback, "What questions?"

Chu Zhengyu directly asked, "Who is this Heavenly Mystery Maiden you mentioned?" His gaze fixed firmly on Lu Chen, eyes filled with curiosity and scrutiny.

After a brief contemplation, Lu Chen replied, “She is a woman very skilled in Deduction Technique, able to predict the arrival of the Era Tribulation. However, she is rather mysterious; I haven’t met her, only heard about her.”

Hearing Lu Chen’s answer, Chu Zhengyu fell into silence. He thought to himself, being skilled in Deduction Technique matches well.

But... if he enters the Chaos Beast’s stomach, it would be very challenging to escape then.

With this thought, Chu Zhengyu continued, “Besides Deduction Technique, she must be immensely powerful, right? What do you think her strength is?” A hint of anticipation and tension danced in his voice.

Lu Chen slightly furrowed his brows, “Perhaps very strong; I haven’t seen her, so I can’t judge her exact strength. However, she managed to spread news of the Era Tribulation across the entire universe, illustrating she isn’t weak.”

Chu Zhengyu thought, if her strength is also immense, it likely really is their Nine Heavens Institute’s Heavenly Girl.

Their Heavenly Girl once mentioned going to the Chaos Beast’s stomach, perhaps finding a way to escape the Chaotic Sea there.

After taking a quick measure of Lu Chen again, Chu Zhengyu said, “If you truly come from the outer world, there’s no need for us to fight; we share a common enemy.” His tone carried an air of friendliness and cooperation.

“You can take me to your universe; I want to meet the Heavenly Mystery Maiden you mentioned.” His gaze was filled with anticipation and determination.

Lu Chen agreed without hesitation, “Alright.”

After all, Chu Zhengyu came from outside; getting along well with him could lead to a better understanding of the happenings in the outside world.

For instance, what’s outside the Chaotic Sea—Lu Chen needed to learn about these things.

But just as Lu Chen prepared to dismantle the Spirit Gathering Array and take Chu Zhengyu back to their universe, his other clone still in the Outer Domain suddenly discovered that their transmission channel had been closed.

This meant they presently couldn’t use the transmission channel to return to their universe, the Chaos Beast’s stomach.

Lu Chen was slightly surprised, turning to Empress Tianhong, “The transmission channel is closed. How did you leave the Outer Domain back then?”

Empress Tianhong said coldly, “Follow me.” Her voice as icy as frost, devoid of any emotional fluctuation. The moment she finished speaking, she turned to lead the way for Lu Chen.

Chu Zhengyu understood what Empress Tianhong said earlier. She, too, might have come from the outside world? However, her power, similar to the man in front of him, originated with the Chaos Beast, indicating she had already been assimilated.

Suddenly, Chu Zhengyu felt a worry surge within him. If their Heavenly Girl went into the Chaos Beast’s stomach, could she also have been assimilated by it? If so, it would be troubling. His brows furrowed slightly, and a trace of concern appeared on his face.

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Chapter 1542: Chapter 1232: Return to the Main Universe

Chu Zhengyu looked at the back of Empress Tianhong and asked Lu Chen, “Did she come from the external world too?”

Lu Chen replied directly, “Yes.”

Lu Chen now felt that any woman related to him might have entered this world with him.

He had been reincarnating inside the Chaos Beast’s stomach, perhaps just to find the women who entered this world with him.

Just as Lu Chen was lost in thought, Chu Zhengyu’s voice came again, “I’m curious, since you’ve forgotten your past memories, how do you know you’re from the external world?”

Lu Chen said calmly, “I’ve forgotten other memories, but I remember that I came from the external world.”

Chu Zhengyu said, “If you reincarnate again, I fear you’ll even forget you’re from the external world, and by then, you’ll be completely assimilated by the Chaos Beast, becoming its Beast Guard.”

Lu Chen was about to say something when he suddenly felt danger approaching. His brow furrowed, and he hurriedly looked around. The feeling of danger grew closer, yet he saw no enemies approaching.

Seeing Lu Chen suddenly alert, Chu Zhengyu asked puzzled, “What are you doing, Daoist?”

Lu Chen did not answer Chu Zhengyu’s question but instead told the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty, “Stop.”

As Lu Chen’s words fell, all the Great Emperors stopped and did not continue following Empress Tianhong forward.

The crowd looked at Lu Chen, puzzled about what was happening. Lu Chen released his Divine Sense, calmly sensing the situation in the Outer Domain.

At this moment, two enormous vortices suddenly appeared above them, one sucking Lu Chen and the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty, and the other pulling in Chu Zhengyu and his palace.

When Lu Chen came to his senses, he found they had returned to the original universe, with no trace of Chu Zhengyu.

Lu Chen immediately suspected that Xuan Tian was behind all this, but he truly didn't understand why. Xuan Tian's strength should be similar to his own, so why didn't Xuan Tian take action when the Great Emperors of the four Super Forces were present, instead choosing to drag things out?

What was he waiting for?

Seeing that this trip to the Outer Domain had ended just like that, the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty were bewildered. They initially thought they might gain some opportunity during this Outer Domain journey, or at least perform well in front of Emperor Xia.

But they had just reached the Outer Domain and were sent back by some force. Who did this?

More precisely, who had such terrifying power to send so many of them directly back to the Main Universe?

Empress Tianhong looked at the dazed Lu Chen and asked, "What do you plan to do next?"

After hearing Lu Chen say he was from the external world, Empress Tianhong had pretty much guessed Lu Chen's plan. Lu Chen certainly wanted to leave this universe. He was probably already pondering what method to use to leave this world.

Lu Chen came back to his senses, looked into Empress Tianhong's eyes, and said, "We'll take it step by step; we still have a major enemy to deal with."

Lu Chen didn't think he could easily leave this world. If he could leave, he would have done so in his previous countless incarnations.

At this moment, Lu Chen looked up at the surrounding starry sky and murmured to himself, "I never thought such a beautiful universe was actually inside a creature's belly."

Empress Tianhong asked, "Do you believe what that person said?"

Lu Chen said, "Most likely, it's true."

Empress Tianhong did not speak further. Not only did Lu Chen believe it, but even she believed it, though belief alone didn't grant them the ability to leave this universe.

At this moment, Lu Chen realized his clone was still in the Outer Domain. He soon thought of using his clone to search for Chu Zhengyu. If he could find him, he might obtain more information about the external world.

Subsequently, he began to control the clone to take action.

Meanwhile.

Central Star Domain, Red Rain World.

Emperor Taikang quickly returned to the Central Star Domain on the Immortal Boat of the Qingyue Holy Land. What they didn't expect was that the Heaven Rank Transmission Array of Tianji Pavilion was open to them, which was why they could return to the Central Star Domain so quickly.

Looking at the distant Central Star Domain, Emperor Taikang couldn't help but feel emotional. He didn't know whether he could defeat the Lord of Qingyue and seize control of Qingyue Holy Land upon his return.

At this moment, a Great Emperor approached Emperor Taikang and said, "Saint Heir, actually, we don't have to return. With your current strength, couldn't we find our own Tribulation Crossing place when the Era Tribulation arrives? Why must we seize Qingyue Holy Land?"

By now, Qingyue Holy Land was like a dangerous place. The Lord of Qingyue likely already knew that the people he sent had perished, and he might be planning to eliminate the traitors.

Emperor Taikang sighed after listening to the Great Emperor beside him. Indeed, he had considered simply not returning to Qingyue Holy Land. After all, his conflict with the Lord of Qingyue was about to become public.

But Qingyue Holy Land remained under the Lord of Qingyue's control, with all the ancient Formations under his command. Fighting the Lord of Qingyue in Qingyue Holy Land might not end well for them.

However, Emperor Taikang considered one issue: they didn't know where the Tribulation Crossing place was nor how to find it. They only knew there was a probability of survival at the Era Transition Land, which was likely to appear in the Central Star Domain.

Emperor Taikang's return served both to obtain concrete information on finding the Tribulation Crossing place from the Lord of Qingyue, and to prepare for competition from other Great Emperors for territory.

No one could guarantee that there wouldn't be a limit on the number of people who could enter the Tribulation Crossing place. Hence, various forces would fiercely compete for territory in the Central Star Domain. Without controlling Qingyue Holy Land, it would be nearly impossible for their small group to seize a spot in the Central Star Domain's core area.

Emperor Taikang addressed the Great Emperors before him, saying, “This return is to acquire detailed intelligence about the Tribulation Crossing place and to prevent us from being driven out of the Central Star Domain by other forces.”

For this Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperor, allying with other forces wasn't easy, mainly because, apart from Lu Chen, there was no effective method to control Great Emperors in this universe. There was also distrust among Great Emperors, especially between those of the Ninth Layer of Realm.

Most Great Emperors of the Ninth Layer of Realm were eager to take that step and break through to become the Heavenly Emperor, so they harbored significant suspicion toward other Ninth Layer of Realm Great Emperors.

The most crucial point was that Qingyue Holy Land initially announced its intention to attack the Daxia Dynasty. Clearly, the Ninth Layer of Realm Great Emperors of Qingyue Holy Land feared Lu Chen might prematurely break through to become the Heavenly Emperor, prompting their attack on the Daxia Dynasty. If Emperor Taikang claimed he had no interest in becoming the Heavenly Emperor, it's unlikely the Ninth Layer of Realm Great Emperors from other Super Forces would believe him.

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Just as Emperor Taikang was contemplating how to seize the Qingyue Holy Land, he suddenly felt a terrifying aura pass by not far from them.

The dark energy made all the emperors present shiver, as if they were being watched by some great terror.

Emperor Taikang's face suddenly turned extremely serious. He immediately released his divine sense, investigating the situation in the surrounding Star Domain, and quickly perceived a dense surge of Heavenly Demon Power.

The Heavenly Demon Power even suppressed his divine sense, making him feel extremely uncomfortable. Emperor Taikang quickly retracted his divine sense, his face turning pale.

Seeing Emperor Taikang's poor state, the other emperors hurriedly expressed their concern.

"Saint Heir, what's wrong with you?"

"Saint Heir, what did you discover?"

"Saint Heir, did you also sense that terrifying aura?"

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Emperor Taikang did not speak. His eyes turned towards the direction of the Shenyue Dynasty, clearly sensing that the terrifying force was heading straight for Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Taikang thought to himself, to leave such a dense aura of Heavenly Demon Power, the heavenly demon going to Shenyue Dynasty must at least be of the Ninth Layer.

They had encountered a Ninth Layer heavenly demon in the Daxia Dynasty, but the aura of this heavenly demon seemed even more terrifying than the one they had seen in the Daxia Dynasty...

Thinking of this, Emperor Taikang unconsciously broke a cold sweat. With such a powerful heavenly demon appearing in the Central Star Domain, he could hardly imagine what would happen next there.

After a moment of silence, Emperor Taikang said, "Everyone, return to Qingyue Holy Land at once!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Emperor Taikang prepared to speed up his return to Qingyue Holy Land, feeling that he needed to make preparations in advance. The heavenly demon just now felt too terrifying.

He had a premonition that the Central Star Domain would soon become very unstable.

However, just as Emperor Taikang finished speaking, a man's voice suddenly came from afar.

"You've really kept me waiting."

Hearing this voice, the crowd paused for a moment. An emperor shouted, "Who dares to play tricks here!"

As the words fell, a white-clothed figure suddenly appeared in front of their Immortal Boat.

When the people saw Lu Chen's appearance, the emperors of Qingyue Holy Land couldn't believe it for a moment.

How could Lu Chen appear in front of them?

They had used the Heaven Rank Transmission Array of Tianji Pavilion and had been traveling at the fastest speed, yet Lu Chen had managed to get ahead of them?

Wasn't there a dangerous Cosmic Abyss in front of the Daxia Dynasty? How did Lu Chen cross that Cosmic Abyss?

Emperor Taikang looked at Lu Chen and asked, "How did you cross that Cosmic Abyss?"

They had seen with their own eyes emperors on their side turn into heavenly demons upon crossing the Cosmic Abyss, and even a Ninth Layer Great Emperor. How could Lu Chen cross the abyss without any trouble?

More importantly, how did Lu Chen catch up with them so quickly, even getting ahead of them to block their way?

Lu Chen said calmly, "Once you join the Daxia Dynasty, you'll understand."

This...

Lu Chen's words once again stunned the emperors present.

Join the Daxia Dynasty? Wasn't Lu Chen here to hunt them down? Why would he invite them to join the Daxia Dynasty?

Seeing the disbelief on everyone's faces, Lu Chen continued, "You probably aren't aware of the current configuration of this universe."

"Let me tell you directly, my clone has already annihilated most of the emperors from the four major forces led by Tianji Pavilion in the Outer Domain. Although Emperor Shenwu and the Tower Master of Tianji Pavilion fled, their power has diminished considerably. The fleet of the Daxia Dynasty will soon march into the Central Star Domain."

The emperors of Qingyue Holy Land looked at one another, their eyes filled with confusion.

Lu Chen's clone annihilated most of the emperors from the four major forces led by Tianji Pavilion? Could it be true?

If so, then soon no Super Force in the Central Star Domain would dare to oppose the Daxia Dynasty. Of course, there's another possibility, which is that all remaining Super Forces would team up against the Daxia Dynasty.

However, given the strength Lu Chen currently demonstrated, even if all the Super Forces truly united, they might not be a match for the Daxia Dynasty.

After hesitating for a moment, Emperor Taikang looked at the emperors who followed him. These emperors had always been loyal to him, and he could not make such a decision on his own.

At this time, the emperors of Qingyue Holy Land looked at each other and finally said to Emperor Taikang, "Saint Heir, we follow your lead."

These emperors were not fools; they knew very well that even if Lu Chen was lying and his clone hadn't destroyed the emperors of the four major forces in the Outer Domain, their situation would still be precarious given Lu Chen's current strength.

If they did not surrender at this time, they could only face annihilation. Moreover, upon reflection, joining the Daxia Dynasty didn't seem to be a bad idea.

The Daxia Dynasty was now a top-tier force in the universe, and the established Holy Lands might not be its match. After all, Qingyue Holy Land stood no chance against the Daxia Dynasty.

Moreover, they had sensed a powerful heavenly demon appear in the Central Star Domain, and who knew what turbulence it would bring. Finding a reliable ally seemed like a good choice at this time.

Upon hearing the emperors express their willingness to follow him, Emperor Taikang realized their lack of will to fight.

Emperor Taikang then looked towards Lu Chen in the distance, "Very well, we will submit to the Daxia Dynasty."

Lu Chen was somewhat surprised. He originally thought it would require more effort, but it was resolved with just a few words.

Lu Chen then said, "Before you surrender, there's one more thing you need to do."

Upon hearing this, Emperor Taikang frowned and immediately asked, "What is it?"

Emperor Taikang suspected that Lu Chen wanted them to offer proof of allegiance by executing some dangerous task.

Lu Chen said, "Don't worry. You just need to open up your divine sense."

Emperor Taikang looked confusedly at Lu Chen, open up his divine sense?

To do what?

Normally, opening one's divine sense means being controlled by the other party, but there is no known method in this universe for controlling an emperor, so Emperor Taikang and his peers did not understand why Lu Chen wanted them to open their divine sense.

Nevertheless, the emperors present did not hesitate and opened their divine senses.

Lu Chen then used the Soul Control Technique to leave a Divine Soul Mark deep within the souls of the emperors. Only when they sensed the mark deep within their souls did Emperor Taikang and the others realize what had happened.

Lu Chen could actually control emperors???

Now it was too late for them to regret it. Emperor Taikang felt helpless; how could he have forgotten that Lu Chen might be the reincarnated Heavenly Emperor?

Others might not have a method to control emperors, but that doesn't mean the reincarnated Heavenly Emperor wouldn't.

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Chapter 1544: Chapter 1234: Then I Will Help You

Emperor Taikang didn't continue to dwell on the matter of being controlled. He could sense that this Divine Soul Mark would only take effect if they wanted to betray Lu Chen; under normal circumstances, it wouldn't affect them.

Since they had already submitted to the Daxia Dynasty, their next step was to prioritize the interests of the Daxia Dynasty. Lu Chen had mentioned earlier that the Daxia Dynasty would soon invade the Central Star Domain, which reminded Emperor Taikang of the Heavenly Demon Power he had sensed before.

Subsequently, Emperor Taikang said to Lu Chen, "I wonder if Your Majesty sensed the powerful Heavenly Demon that entered the Central Star Domain earlier?"

Emperor Taikang thought in his heart that since Lu Chen appeared before them, he had likely sensed it too.

Lu Chen opened his mouth and said, “I sensed it; it is most likely Emperor Shenwu.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s words, everyone was stunned—Emperor Shenwu?

Was the Heavenly Demon emanating the Heavenly Demon Power really Emperor Shenwu?

Soon, the crowd reacted; this was not impossible, after all, they had just seen a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer transform into a Heavenly Demon before them.

However, that Heavenly Demon was eventually easily dealt with by Lu Chen.

Emperor Taikang tentatively asked, “Since Your Majesty already knows that the Heavenly Demon is Emperor Shenwu, does Your Majesty plan to attack the Shenyue Dynasty next?”

Lu Chen said, “The matter of Emperor Shenwu shall be set aside for now; our main task is to continue expanding.”

No matter if they’re currently inside the stomach of a Chaos Beast, Lu Chen needs to rely on the Dynast Qi Fortune of the Daxia Dynasty to grow stronger.

Nowadays, he finds it extremely difficult to have his wives and concubines bear children; even using clones of the Heavenly Human Realm doesn't allow them to conceive.

It is clearly not an issue of realm, but some rules restraining him.

Initially, he thought it was because his realm was too high, preventing his wives and concubines from conceiving. Later, he intentionally created bodies with lower realms, yet even those bodies couldn't impregnate his wives and concubines; evidently, it couldn't be blamed on his high realm anymore.

Despite being a Great Emperor who controls Creation Power, he still can't create new life, which is obviously problematic.

Fortunately, he has grown sufficiently strong now and is less dependent on becoming more powerful through procreation.

Lu Chen's current concern is not Emperor Shenwu but Xuan Tian, and he doesn't know where Xuan Tian has gone.

As long as Xuan Tian is alive, he will continue to be restless.

Emperor Taikang then said, “If Your Majesty doesn’t plan to attack the Shenyue Dynasty, we can try taking Qingyue Holy Land first. Most people in Qingyue Holy Land support me; once I return and deal with the Lord of Qingyue, Qingyue Holy Land and the Star Domains it controls will all belong to the Daxia Dynasty.”

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen pondered for a moment—they indeed need a Transport Point in the core of the Central Star Domain. With a Transport Point, attacking the Central Star Domain would be much more convenient.

With this in mind, Lu Chen said, “Alright, I’ll immediately dispatch troops to attack Qingyue Holy Land.”

Seeing Lu Chen agree to his proposal, Emperor Taikang was very pleased; he had long detested the Lord of Qingyue, and now he finally had the chance to eliminate him.

He believed that with Lu Chen’s strength, even if the Lord of Qingyue stayed cooped up in Qingyue Holy Land and utilized ancient formations, he couldn’t possibly be a match for Lu Chen.

True to his word, Lu Chen promptly sent Thunderbolt Emperor along with a dozen other Great Emperors and Emperor Taikang to Qingyue Holy Land.

Meanwhile.

In the Outer Domain.

Top-level forces were still unaware of the actions of the four great forces, though many Great Emperors from these forces were preparing to return.

Most people, upon entering the Outer Domain, discovered it empty with nothing there, not to mention the treasures claimed by Tianji Pavilion that could help Nine Layers of Realm Great Emperors take the next step.

More and more Great Emperors realized they had been deceived by Tianji Pavilion.

Many Great Emperors soon understood why Tianji Pavilion made such fake announcements—it was a ploy orchestrated by Tianji Pavilion and the four great forces to deal with the Daxia Dynasty.

Understanding that all of this was a setup by the four great forces led by Tianji Pavilion against the Daxia Dynasty, these top-level forces' Great Emperors cursed profusely as they made their way to the boundary between the universe and the Outer Domain, preparing to return to the Main Universe.

Meanwhile.

In a certain region of the Star Domain.

A purple Immortal Ship drifted slowly in the void, with Xuan Qingyun standing at the front, dressed in a light purple veil, gazing in the direction of the Central Star Domain, murmuring to himself, "It seems to be ending."

"I didn't expect him to reverse the situation after being refined by the Chaos Beast for so many years; I shall lend you a hand."

As his words fell, a dark force surged from Xuan Qingyun's body, quickly spreading throughout the universe. As some cultivators sensed this Dark Power, they directly transformed into Heavenly Demons.

Meanwhile, in the Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu, transformed into a Heavenly Demon, returned to the Shenyue Dynasty and was besieged by the Grand Emperors there. Yet, with just a gentle lift of his hand, the majesty emitted from him pinned all the Emperors to the ground, immobilized.

Emperor Shenwu's scarlet eyes glared at the Emperors prostrated before him, coldly saying, "Can't even recognize me!"

“Or are you plotting rebellion?”

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu’s voice, the Emperors present were confused—how did Emperor Shenwu turn into a Heavenly Demon?

They had felt this person’s resemblance to Emperor Shenwu, but thinking he was attacking them with thick Heavenly Demon Power, they believed it was a newly born Heavenly Demon. Unexpectedly, it was Emperor Shenwu returning.

An Emperor lying on the ground bravely asked, “Your... Your Majesty, you are...”

Emperor Shenwu coldly replied, “I was schemed by Xuan Tian, thus transformed into this half-human, half-demon form.”

“Forget it; this isn’t the time for such talk. Since I am alive, Xuan Tian shall know the consequences of scheming against me.”

As soon as Emperor Shenwu finished speaking, he felt a Dark Power sweep through his body, which resonated with the Heavenly Demon Power within. In an instant, his Heavenly Demon Power intensified, and his realm rapidly ascended.

Emperor Shenwu was momentarily stunned—how could this happen? Though he knew becoming a Heavenly Demon in Outer Domain would allow him to effortlessly break through to the Heavenly Emperor Realm, he hadn't expected such swift elevation to the Heavenly Emperor Realm.

Feeling the overwhelming power within him, Emperor Shenwu couldn't help but roar, "Heavenly Emperor! Heavenly Emperor! I have finally become a Heavenly Emperor!!!"

Suddenly, a Heavenly Emperor's pressure swept across the entire universe, and all cultivators within felt this terrifying oppressive force.

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Chapter 1545: Chapter 1235: So This Is What It Feels Like to Become a Heavenly Demon

Whether it was Lu Chen's clone or his main body far away in the Tianchen World, both felt the oppressive force coming from the Heavenly Emperor.

That pressure was very special. When it descended, it was as if a voice transmitted into people's minds, compelling them to submit to it.

This situation was very similar to the scenes described in the historical records of the Ancient Era when a Heavenly Emperor was born, indicating that a true Heavenly Emperor had emerged in the universe at this moment.

On the way to the Qingyue Sacred Land, Emperor Taikang and others felt this terrifying pressure and looked at Lu Chen's clone with uncertainty and suspicion.

Deep in their Divine Souls were the marks left by Lu Chen, allowing them to sense that the aura of the new Heavenly Emperor was completely different from Lu Chen's, implying that someone else had become the Heavenly Emperor before Lu Chen!

For a moment, Emperor Taikang and others felt like crying without tears. They thought they found a powerful ally, but unexpectedly, someone had already taken that step so quickly.

According to records from the Ancient Era, a universe can only give birth to one Heavenly Emperor, which means Lu Chen can no longer become a Heavenly Emperor.

And with the birth of the new Heavenly Emperor, Lu Chen, considered the reincarnation of a Heavenly Emperor, would surely be reckoned with. With the

power of a Heavenly Emperor, the Great Xia Dynasty would likely be unable to resist.

Lu Chen glanced at Emperor Taikang and the others, seeing them staring at him, Lu Chen chuckled softly and said, “Why are you all looking at me like that?”

Emperor Taikang cautiously said, “Your Majesty, that oppressive force just now...”

Lu Chen replied calmly, “It’s just a Heavenly Demon-turned Heavenly Emperor, nothing to be overly concerned about.”

At the moment of feeling the Heavenly Emperor’s pressure, Lu Chen was indeed somewhat worried internally. He feared that this universe could truly only produce one Heavenly Emperor and now that one had appeared, he might not be able to break through to a higher realm.

However, he quickly detected a strong presence of Heavenly Demon Power within the Emperor’s pressure. Coupled with the fact that this pressure originated from the Central Star Domain, the first thought that came to his mind was the Shenwu Emperor. Hence, he surmised that Emperor Shenwu had turned into a Heavenly Demon and broke through to become the Heavenly Emperor.

If Emperor Shenwu became the Heavenly Emperor, it posed basically no threat to him since the power within his body was designed to restrain the force of the Heavenly Demon.

The very Heavenly Demon Power that Emperor Shenwu relied on would become a burden when facing him.

This realization allowed Lu Chen to breathe a sigh of relief. If it had been someone else who took that step, he would be anxious; but Emperor Shenwu, he could essentially disregard.

However, Lu Chen was a bit puzzled as to why Emperor Shenwu, after becoming a Heavenly Demon, managed to break through.

Could it be that the power of the Heavenly Demon actually aids a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer in taking that step?

Oh well, thinking about it now is useless. It's better to hurry to Qingyue Sacred Land, take control of it quickly, and then establish a Saint Level Teleportation Array there.

With Emperor Shenwu having broken through to become the Heavenly Emperor, who knows what mischief he will come up with next; better to set up the Transmission Array first, making it more convenient for the Great Xia Dynasty to attack the Shenyue Dynasty.

At this moment, Lu Chen had no idea that Emperor Shenwu had no intention of dealing with him. He only wanted to destroy the Tianji Pavilion completely.

In Emperor Shenwu's view, the reason he turned into a Heavenly Demon was all because of Xuan Tian. If it weren't for Xuan Tian's escape at that time, they wouldn't have faced Lu Chen directly.

He now suspected heavily that Xuan Tian was using others to do the dirty work, letting Lu Chen and them fight each other while reaping the benefits behind the scenes.

Currently, the entire Shenyue Dynasty was enveloped in the Heavenly Demon Power released by Emperor Shenwu. More and more cultivators were influenced by the Heavenly Demon Power, transforming into mindless Heavenly Demons, while the Great Emperors, like Emperor Shenwu, retained their consciousness despite the transformation.

After experiencing the enhancements brought by the Heavenly Demon Power, a Great Emperor eagerly addressed Emperor Shenwu before he could speak, "Your Majesty, I beseech you to allow me to lead the army to attack the Tianji Pavilion! Let me eliminate this treacherous threat for Your Majesty!"

Emperor Shenwu glanced at the Great Emperors in the hall. Most of the remaining Great Emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty had been transformed into Heavenly Demons, and their power had grown stronger.

He even used the Heavenly Demon Power to forcibly elevate some Quasi-Emperors to Great Emperors, instantly increasing the number of Great Emperors in the Shenyue Dynasty to over a thousand.

His heart was surging with immense ambition, believing that no force in the universe could match the Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu then said, “No need, I shall handle it personally!”

He straightened from the Dragon Throne, then released his Divine Thought to locate the position of Tianji Pavilion.

The Heavenly Emperor’s Divine Thought could cover the entire universe. In just a moment, he had a perception of the current state of Tianji Pavilion.

Some Great Emperors at Tianji Pavilion skilled in the Deduction Technique had already calculated that disaster was imminent, causing the entire Tianji Pavilion to be in a state of chaos. Some Great Emperors took off their Tianji Pavilion robes and fled, trying to escape the crisis, but even doing so couldn’t sever their karma, allowing Emperor Shenwu’s Divine Thought to easily discern who among them belonged to Tianji Pavilion.

“Hmm?” Emperor Shenwu emitted a puzzled sound as his Divine Thought scanned through the universe.

He discovered he couldn't cover the Great Xia Dynasty with his Divine Thought and there were several individuals he couldn't perceive.

One was Lu Chen, another was Xuan Tian, and another was the Heavenly Mystery Maiden.

Lu Chen and Xuan Tian could very well still be in the Outer Domain, being unable to perceive them made sense, but Xuan Qingyun shouldn't have gone to the Outer Domain, right? Why is there no trace of her in this universe, almost as if she doesn't belong to this universe?

Emperor Shenwu didn't dwell on it. First, he needed to extinguish the Tianji Pavilion. The next moment, his body vanished from the hall, and when he reappeared, he stood outside the world where Tianji Pavilion's headquarters resided.

The Great Emperors of Tianji Pavilion who hadn't yet managed to flee were frightened by the dreadful aura outside and rushed towards the Heavenly Mechanism Tower of Tianji Pavilion.

The Heavenly Mechanism Tower was also a supreme defensive treasure. They fantasized that they could rely on it to fend off the attack of the Heavenly Demon outside.

Seeing the people of Tianji Pavilion swarm towards the Heavenly Mechanism Tower, Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly, then raised his hand, and a terrifying force of Heavenly Demon Power surged toward the Heavenly Mechanism World like a tidal wave.

As soon as the Heavenly Demon Power touched the cultivators of the Heavenly Mechanism World, their blood and vitality were instantly drained.

Emperor Shenwu immediately felt a rush of pleasure throughout his body and sighed inwardly, realizing this was the sensation of becoming a Heavenly Demon!

Satisfying! Utterly satisfying!

In that moment, Emperor Shenwu's desire for the blood and vitality of cultivators grew stronger and stronger.

He also discovered that the fear exuding from those cultivators, when absorbed into his body, made him feel even more pleasurable.

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As Emperor Shenwu struck, everyone above the Heavenly Mechanism World was quickly annihilated, leaving only the main members of the Tianji Pavilion hiding within the Heavenly Mechanism Tower.

Gazing at the tower rising in the Heavenly Mechanism World, Emperor Shenwu sneered and once again mobilized the Heavenly Demon Power.

The power of the Heavenly Demon instantly converged into a massive handprint, directly striking towards that tower.

The moment the handprint formed by the Heavenly Demon Power came into contact with the Heavenly Mechanism Tower, the tower's spire cracked inch by inch, and soon the entire tower started to collapse downwards.

The cultivators within the tower, sensing its collapse, were frightened and fled from various exits. Some Great Emperors attempted to leave the Heavenly Mechanism World through Space Teleportation, only to find they couldn't break through the spatial blockade of Emperor Shenwu.

Seeing the struggling Great Emperors, Emperor Shenwu snorted coldly and said to the air, "Xuan Tian, if you don't come out now, your Tianji Pavilion will become history."

He believed that with Xuan Tian's power, he surely knew what was happening here. Emperor Shenwu was eager to find out if Xuan Tian still cared about the Tianji Pavilion.

However, after a quarter-hour long had passed without Xuan Tian revealing himself, Emperor Shenwu told the Great Emperors of the Heavenly Mechanism World, "Blame your Tower Master for abandoning you."

With those words, Emperor Shenwu once again mobilized the Heavenly Demon Power, and the gigantic handprint formed by it struck directly at the Great Emperors of the Tianji Pavilion, who tried to resist but found their spiritual power suppressed upon contact with the demonic force; they couldn't even execute their magic.

Thus, the entire Heavenly Mechanism World was effortlessly destroyed by Emperor Shenwu, and the Tianji Pavilion completely vanished from the Central Star Domain.

As for those Great Emperors who had already fled, Emperor Shenwu had no intention of letting them go either, vowing to eliminate any roots; since they were related to Xuan Tian, none should survive in this world.

Still, Emperor Shenwu did not immediately pursue those Great Emperors. After consuming so many of the Tianji Pavilion's Great Emperors, he suddenly felt a wave of drowsiness.

Subsequently, Emperor Shenwu returned to the Shenyue Dynasty.

The emperors of the Shenyue Dynasty were still waiting in the grand hall. Some were considering witnessing how Emperor Shenwu destroyed the Tianji Pavilion, only to find his figure already returned to the hall.

Emperor Shenwu glanced across the emperors in the hall and said with a hint of fatigue, "From today, the Shenyue Dynasty declares war on all top forces in the universe. I don't need them to surrender to the Shenyue Dynasty; I want them all to become nourishment for the Shenyue Dynasty!"

Hearing this, the gathered emperors grew excited. Since their transformation into heavenly demons, they had been craving cultivators, akin to the desire for delectable food.

Emperor Shenwu's words meant they could indulge in devouring humans without restraint.

The heavenly demon emperors knelt and said in unison, "Your Majesty is wise!!!"

Initially, some of these emperors worried that Emperor Shenwu retained some human divine sense and might have some resistance to eating humans. But since Emperor Shenwu declared no acceptance of surrender, nothing would stop them from feasting.

Emperor Shenwu surveyed the emperors present, sensing their restless emotions. He quickly grasped their thoughts but cared little. After all, he had begun consuming cultivators himself; he couldn't possibly forbid his subordinates from doing the same.

In any case, it no longer mattered; they had all become heavenly demons, inherently opposing the cultivators. The cultivators of the Central Star Domain might unite against the Shenyue Dynasty, so there was no need to be polite to those top forces.

Pretend to strike first while the Great Emperors of those top forces had traveled to the Outer Domain. It was an opportune moment to destroy their great arrays. When those emperors returned, they would be without sanctuary, allowing him to devour as many great emperors as he pleased.

With this in mind, Emperor Shenwu waved his hand, his body transforming into a wisp of black smoke and departing the hall, as the emperors said in unison, "Farewell, Your Majesty!"

After Emperor Shenwu left, the Shenyue Dynasty immediately issued an announcement that they would wage war against all top forces of the Central Star Domain.

Upon hearing this news, some top forces could hardly believe it. They had personally witnessed Emperor Shenwu and the Tower Master of the Tianji Pavilion heading toward the Outer Domain. How could the Shenyue Dynasty dare to declare war on all top forces of the Central Star Domain without Emperor Shenwu?

The key was that the Shenyue Dynasty's announcement was extremely arrogant. They not only declared war on all top forces of the Central Star Domain but also refused to accept any surrender, indicating an intent for a mass slaughter to clear out the entire Central Star Domain.

Just as people suspected this might be a false rumor, news soon spread that the Tianji Pavilion had been destroyed, with fleeing Great Emperors of the Tianji Pavilion confirming its destruction.

The destruction of the Tianji Pavilion, one of the universe's oldest forces, immediately heightened vigilance among the top forces of the Central Star Domain. They quickly dispatched spies to investigate the destruction of the Tianji Pavilion and gather intelligence on the Shenyue Dynasty.

Soon, the information they gathered terrified the various top forces into activating their great arrays. The Shenyue Dynasty had been wholly enveloped by the power of heavenly demons; it was now an empire of heavenly demons, devoid of humanity, composed entirely of demons.

With the Demon Cave situated in Central Star Domain, right beside them, the emperors of the top forces could barely focus on cultivation.

Without the relatively neutral Tianji Pavilion to mediate, it was difficult for those ancient Holy Lands to organize a union, though some Holy Land emperors still stepped forward, calling for the unity of the top forces within the Central Star Domain to resist the heavenly demons of the Shenyue Dynasty.

At this moment, outside the Qingyue Holy Land.

The fleet of the Daxia Dynasty was stationed outside the Qingyue Holy Land, not launching an immediate attack.

Lu Chen was contemplating whether to strike directly or let the fleet attack when an emperor responsible for intelligence gathering approached Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, there's information from the Shenyue Dynasty."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen inquired, "What moves has the Shenyue Dynasty made?"

The emperor produced a Memory Stone and handed it to Lu Chen. Scanning its contents with his divine sense, Lu Chen thought to himself, it seems the Tianji Pavilion was indeed destroyed by Emperor Shenwu.

Acting to one's doom with no one to blame, yet speaking of which, why has Xuan Tian not appeared despite the destruction of the Tianji Pavilion? Where could Xuan Tian have gone, leaving behind even the Tianji Pavilion he created?

Emperor Taikang and others approached Lu Chen, and Thunderbolt Emperor asked, "Your Majesty, shall we attack now?"

After some thought, Lu Chen tossed the Memory Stone to Thunderbolt Emperor and the others. As they scanned its contents with their divine sense, they were all left stunned.

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No one could have expected that the most ancient Tianji Pavilion would be destroyed in such a short time.

Even more unexpected was the audacity of the Shenyue Dynasty, declaring war on the entire Central Star Domain.

Lu Chen said, "The upcoming war is no longer a war between cultivators, but a war between cultivators and Heavenly Demons."

Upon hearing this, the Great Emperors fell silent. Initially, they had thought this day wouldn't come so soon.

Back then, the Heavenly Mystery Maiden had said that the Era Tribulation was still about ten thousand years away, yet now the Heavenly Demon chaos has erupted so quickly.

With the Heavenly Demon chaos erupting so quickly, does this mean the Era Tribulation might also advance, possibly arriving in less than ten thousand years or even in a few hundred years?

But then again, even if the Era Tribulation advanced, it wouldn't affect their attack on Qingyue Holy Land, would it?

Some did not understand why Lu Chen would say this.

Lu Chen continued, "Since it's a war between cultivators and Heavenly Demons, we cultivators should no longer be at odds but should unite."

After listening to Lu Chen, everyone immediately understood his intention. Lu Chen planned to ally with other forces in the Central Star Domain to collectively counter the Heavenly Demon chaos.

In this way, the Daxia Dynasty could no longer arbitrarily attack other forces. If they continued to do so, it would be challenging to gain the trust of other forces, making an alliance unlikely.

Thinking of this, Emperor Taikang's hand slightly clenched. He did want to eliminate the Lord of Qingyue, but Lu Chen's words were not without reason.

With the Heavenly Demon chaos imminent, all cultivators in the universe should unite. If he disrupted the unity among cultivators for personal reasons, he would become the universe's sinner.

Emperor Taikang took a deep breath, then said to Lu Chen, "We will all follow Your Majesty."

Lu Chen smiled faintly. He naturally saw that Emperor Taikang was somewhat displeased, so he directly transmitted loudly to Qingyue Holy Land, "Where is the Lord of Qingyue?"

At this moment, the Lord of Qingyue had already sensed the arrival of the Daxia Dynasty's army, but he remained hiding within Qingyue Holy Land and did not come out.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's voice, the Lord of Qingyue sent out a clone, flying to the outside of Qingyue Holy Land's Great Array.

The Lord of Qingyue's clone glanced at Lu Chen and then set his eyes on Emperor Taikang, sneering, "Taikang, I ask myself if I ever mistreated you, yet you betrayed Qingyue Holy Land and brought outsiders to attack it."

"You truly sadden me."

"I was about to hand Qingyue Holy Land entirely over to you. What dissatisfaction do you have that you couldn't even wait a little longer?"

Just as Emperor Taikang was about to speak, Lu Chen interjected, "There's no need for pleasantries. I just want to ask, are you willing to surrender Qingyue Holy Land to the Daxia Dynasty?"

"The Heavenly Demon chaos has already started, and perhaps the Era Tribulation will arrive soon. There is no need for cultivators to fight to the death anymore."

The Lord of Qingyue sneered, "Even if the Heavenly Demon chaos has started, I will not join the Daxia Dynasty. If I'm not mistaken, this universe has already given birth to a Heavenly Emperor, and that Heavenly Emperor is not you, right?"

Although the Lord of Qingyue hadn't seen Lu Chen, he vaguely guessed Lu Chen's identity by Emperor Taikang's side.

To see Emperor Taikang standing so respectfully on the side, and without being a Ninth Layer Emperor, it could only be the rumored Reincarnated Heavenly Emperor.

Lu Chen said, "That Heavenly Emperor is indeed not me, but what does that have to do with you joining the Daxia Dynasty?"

The Lord of Qingyue said indifferently, "Since you're not even the Heavenly Emperor, why should I obey you and join the Daxia Dynasty."

"Do you think bringing the Daxia Dynasty's army here can take down Qingyue Holy Land?"

"Ridiculous!"

"The foundation of Holy Land is not something a newly created empire can compare with.

Seeing the Lord of Qingyue so stubborn, Lu Chen sighed. After hearing about the Shenyue Dynasty declaring war on all forces in the Central Star Domain, he indeed did not want to continue waging war.

After all, the upcoming battle is between cultivators and Heavenly Demons. Internal strife among cultivators will deplete their strength, making it difficult to face the Heavenly Demons.

If the number of Heavenly Demons explodes again, it might be as he guessed, directly causing the Era Tribulation to come earlier.

He had thought before that the Era Tribulation didn't happen because a specific time arrived but because the number of Heavenly Demons reached a certain level, forcing the universe to use the Era Tribulation to clean up.

Since Lu Chen found out they were inside the stomach of the Chaos Beast, he became more convinced of his theory.

He felt that the Heavenly Demons were like cancer cells, destroying the order of this universe, and those legendary red threads were mechanisms inside the Chaos Beast specifically used to eradicate cancer cells.

Of course, this was all Lu Chen's conjecture, as he retained Earth's memory, he couldn't help but incorporate some Earth knowledge when encountering such events.

Seeing the Lord of Qingyue unwilling to surrender, Lu Chen thought for a moment. Since they were already here, and the Daxia Dynasty had destroyed many forces anyway, it wouldn't hurt to destroy one more.

Besides, isn't Emperor Taikang the Saint Heir of Qingyue Holy Land? He could appoint Emperor Taikang as the Holy Master of Qingyue Holy Land and let him lead the collaboration with the Daxia Dynasty. In this way, it could still establish the Daxia Dynasty as an ally in the eyes of other forces.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen directly said to Thunderbolt Emperor, "Attack now."

Hearing this, the Lord of Qingyue sneered, and his clone instantly transformed into a light, returning to the Great Array of Qingyue Holy Land.

The next moment, the entire Great Array of Qingyue Holy Land was activated, and a massive circular ring appeared above the array, gathering devastating power within it.

Upon seeing this, Emperor Taikang's face changed drastically, immediately warning Lu Chen, "Your Majesty, be careful!"

As soon as Emperor Taikang's words fell, the power within that ring transformed into a giant sword, shooting directly towards Lu Chen. Emperor Taikang stepped in front of Lu Chen, intending to shield him from the attack.

Lu Chen could sense that the destructive force contained within the giant sword was not something an ordinary person could withstand, even if Emperor Taikang were a Ninth Layer Emperor, taking this attack might severely injure him.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen said to Thunderbolt Emperor and others, "Form the array!"

As Lu Chen's words fell, the emperors of the Daxia Dynasty immediately stood together, forming a Spirit Gathering Array.

From within Qingyue Holy Land, the Lord of Qingyue saw this and showed a look of disdain.

Relying on a Spirit Gathering Array to resist his Destroying Immortal Array, what a fool's talk.

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As the gigantic sword infused with the power of destruction was about to touch Emperor Taikang's Spiritual Power Shield, Lu Chen exerted a slight force and pushed Emperor Taikang aside.

Emperor Taikang was bewildered and turned to look at Lu Chen. In the next moment, his eyes widened as he noticed that Lu Chen was emanating a rainbow-colored power, and the pressure from him had suddenly increased manifold, releasing an oppressive force similar to that of the Heavenly Emperor.

Meanwhile, within the Qingyue Holy Land, the Lord of Qingyue was still waiting for his formation to annihilate Lu Chen, but was suddenly overwhelmed by a terrifying oppressive force.

The Lord of Qingyue mobilized his entire Spiritual Power to resist this oppressive force, yet he couldn't lift his body under its pressure.

The Lord of Qingyue said in unwillingness, "Heavenly Emperor! This is the pressure of the Heavenly Emperor!"

"How is this possible? How can Lu Chen be the Heavenly Emperor?"

Lu Chen took out the Shattering God Sword and swung it.

Blood Soul Slash!!!

In the next moment, Sword Qi enveloped in rainbow-colored power instantly slashed toward the massive sword aimed at him. Upon contact, the gigantic sword disintegrated, while the Sword Qi of the Shattering God Sword remained intact and went straight for the Qingyue Holy Land's great formation.

As the Sword Qi of the Shattering God Sword collided with the Holy Land's defensive formation, the defensive formation shattered like glass.

Seeing the Holy Land's defensive formation broken so easily by Lu Chen, the Lord of Qingyue was frightened, never imagining that Lu Chen would possess the power of the Heavenly Emperor.

However, the Lord of Qingyue did not give up so quickly, as he was one of the survivors from the previous era, with many tactics left up his sleeve.

The Lord of Qingyue reactivated the ancient formation beneath the Qingyue Holy Land. Though the defensive formation was gone, they still had an attack formation.

In the next moment, a giant array pattern appeared beneath the Qingyue Holy Land, followed by a loud shout from the Lord of Qingyue.

"Heaven and Earth Spirit Array, rise!!!"

As his voice fell, dozens of Divine Souls of Great Emperors emerged from the formation, shocking the Daxia Dynasty's Great Emperors.

Previously, a Great Emperor would fall in the Qingyue Holy Land every so often, and they had long suspected their downfall was related to the Lord of Qingyue, but they never knew exactly what he did to them.

Now, seeing these Great Emperors' Divine Souls, they finally realized what had happened—the Lord of Qingyue had refined these emperors into part of the formation!

Emperor Taikang muttered to himself, "I thought there was no way to control Great Emperors in this world, but there appear to be many methods, just unbeknownst to us."

Setting aside Lu Chen's method of controlling Great Emperors, since Lu Chen is the Reincarnated Heavenly Emperor, it's quite normal for the Heavenly Emperor to have some means to control Great Emperors.

However, the Lord of Qingyue was merely a Great Emperor of the Ninth Layer, yet he also had methods to control Great Emperors, albeit by turning them into parts of a formation.

Compared to Lu Chen's methods of control, the Lord of Qingyue's tactics were far more brutal.

Looking at Lu Chen outside the Qingyue Holy Land, the Lord of Qingyue shouted, "Even if you are indeed the Heavenly Emperor, so what? I don't believe you can withstand my Heaven and Earth Spirit Array!"

As he spoke, the Lord of Qingyue activated the great formation and launched an attack on Lu Chen.

The Lord of Qingyue was no fool; he had just realized why Lu Chen suddenly possessed the power of the Heavenly Emperor—clearly, it was due to the Spirit Gathering Array behind Lu Chen.

As long as the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array could destroy Lu Chen's Spirit Gathering Array, Lu Chen's Heavenly Emperor power would naturally disappear.

After activating the force of the great formation, those Great Emperors' Divine Souls wailed as they charged towards Lu Chen. Just as they were about to reach him, they suddenly fused into a singular entity, with heads growing on various parts of their body, looking terrifyingly twisted.

Lu Chen chuckled slightly and spoke to the Lord of Qingyue, "Your taste is truly unique."

As he spoke, Lu Chen prepared to liberate these emperors, but at that moment, the new composite entity of Great Emperors' Divine Souls suddenly emanated a terrifying oppressive force, nearly matching the power Lu Chen was releasing.

Lu Chen paused, though he was not particularly concerned; despite their comparable strength, he held the Immortal Sword, while the creature before him was merely a conglomerate of Divine Souls.

Without further hesitation, Lu Chen directly commanded the Seven-colored Power formed from the Power of Dao and swung his sword.

"I shall liberate you!"

The power of Lu Chen's sword was evidently far more terrifying than the previous one, as the space itself cracked beneath the Sword Qi.

The Lord of Qingyue coldly shouted, bellowing at the monstrous entity formed from Divine Souls, "Tear him apart for me!"

As the Lord of Qingyue's words fell, the monster rushed towards the Sword Qi, surprising Lu Chen. Logically, the Sword Qi was powerful enough to annihilate the monster; why would the Lord of Qingyue let it approach voluntarily instead of avoiding it?

The monster's oppressive force was already on par with his; the current pressure couldn't restrict its actions. It wasn't impossible for it to dodge the Blood Soul Slash either.

While Lu Chen pondered the Lord of Qingyue's actions, the corner of the Lord of Qingyue's mouth curled up slightly.

Suddenly, within the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array appeared another monstrous entity akin to the one composed of Great Emperors' Divine Souls, with heads growing on various parts of its body, looking equally frightening.

Emperor Taikang and others instantly realized those heads were the physical bodies of those Great Emperors Divine Souls from before, and evidently, this monster was composed of the Great Emperors' physical bodies.

The Lord of Qingyue could not only control the Divine Souls of the Great Emperors but also their physical bodies!

As the Great Emperors of Huaqing Holy Land were filled with rage, the monster formed from Great Emperor physical bodies headed straight for the Spirit Gathering Array behind Lu Chen from another direction, evidently targeting it.

Emperor Taikang urgently warned, "Your Majesty, be careful, its target is the Spirit Gathering Array!"

Lu Chen didn't mind; during his time in the Outer Domain, he had faced attempts to destroy the Spirit Gathering Array and knew its importance. Therefore, from the start, he had used Origin Power to protect the Great Emperors within the array.

The monster approached a Great Emperor constructing the Spirit Gathering Array, but due to the array, that Great Emperor was immobilized, watching helplessly as the creature's fist descended.

Just as the Great Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty thought he was doomed, he noticed the monster's fist did not land on him. Looking up, he saw a gray shield above him, blocking the monster's fist without yielding.

Meanwhile, the Sword Qi unleashed by Lu Chen had already touched the monster formed from Great Emperors' Divine Souls, reducing it to dust upon contact.

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Upon seeing the first layer of the formation broken, Lord of Qingyue did not show any signs of panic; instead, he appeared exhilarated.

Because the monster formed by the emperor's physical body had already landed behind Lu Chen, attacking the spirit gathering array behind him.

As long as the spirit gathering array can be destroyed, Lu Chen's power of the Heavenly Emperor would cease to exist.

Lord of Qingyue once again urged the power of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array, causing the monster created from the emperor's body to madly attack those Great Emperors forming the spirit gathering array.

However, Lord of Qingyue soon realized that even though the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty stood in place, he used all the power of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array, yet still could not harm those Great Emperors.

Upon seeing this, a trace of fear finally appeared on the face of Lord of Qingyue.

"This... how is it possible!"

He knew of the spirit gathering array; logically, when the Great Emperors use the spirit gathering array, all the power should converge towards the array's nucleus. During this time, aside from their own magic treasures for protection, they had no way to actively use power for defense, which was when they were most vulnerable.

But why was it that he used all the power of the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array and still couldn't hurt those Great Emperors? What was the power forming that grey defense barrier on the surface of those Great Emperors? How could it not be broken!

Lu Chen did not intend to continue wasting time with Lord of Qingyue; he executed a space teleportation directly. In the next moment, his body disappeared on the spot and reappeared behind Lord of Qingyue.

Upon sensing the terrifying aura behind him, Lord of Qingyue immediately snapped back to reality, "Not good!"

Lord of Qingyue frantically thought of dodging, but by this time, Lu Chen had already swung a sword, and Lord of Qingyue instinctively tried to escape using space teleportation, only to find the space had long been locked, making teleportation impossible.

In this way, Lord of Qingyue instantly became a soul under Lu Chen's sword. As his divine soul dissipated into the world, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Array also completely collapsed due to losing human control.

The physical bodies of those Great Emperors also instantly disintegrated, falling onto the ground of Qingyue Holy Land. Seeing those emperor corpses, Emperor Taikang couldn't help but sigh before he said to the other Emperors of Qingyue Holy Land, "Bury them honorably."

As the words fell, Emperor Taikang came to Lu Chen, bowed, and said, "Thank you, Your Majesty, for removing the greatest scourge of Qingyue Holy Land for us."

Lu Chen did not immediately respond. He used his divine sense to probe the entire Qingyue Holy Land, discovering many ancient formations beneath it.

Then he unleashed the seven-colored power to destroy all these ancient formations. However, just as those formations crumbled, the entire Qingyue Holy Land began to shake, looking as if it was on the verge of collapse.

Seeing this, Lu Chen was momentarily stunned, thinking to himself, could Qingyue Holy Land really collapse just like that? He had planned to build a Holy Tier transmission array here.

Lu Chen hurriedly took action, hoping to stabilize Qingyue Holy Land with the power of origin, yet this had no effect.

Lu Chen smiled and said to Emperor Taikang and the others, "It seems your Qingyue Holy Land is completely doomed."

After speaking, Lu Chen immediately flew into the void. Emperor Taikang watched the disintegrating Qingyue Holy Land, appearing somewhat helpless. He realized that Lu Chen did not do it intentionally.

Clearly, when Lord of Qingyue established Qingyue Holy Land, he already completely bound the holy land to his own life. With Lord of Qingyue dead, the holy land naturally fell apart as well.

Glancing at those disciples of Qingyue Holy Land struggling to escape, Emperor Taikang took proactive action, releasing a pervasive power of the Great Emperor across the Qingyue Holy Land. The next moment, all disciples within were encased in a golden barrier.

Now, everyone in Qingyue Holy Land knew what had happened. They uniformly knelt towards Lu Chen in the void, saying, "Greetings, Heavenly Emperor!!!"

Lu Chen calmly said to Emperor Taikang, "Take care of these people. You can choose a star domain in the Daxia Dynasty."

Emperor Taikang promptly thanked him, saying, "Thank you, Your Majesty!"

Lu Chen was about to speak further when Thunderbolt Emperor transmitted a message, "Your Majesty, look quickly; there seems to be something under Qingyue Holy Land!"

Upon hearing Thunderbolt Emperor's transmission, Lu Chen immediately directed his gaze back to Qingyue Holy Land.

When a portion of Qingyue Holy Land's land collapsed, revealing some red strings underneath, these strings quietly coiled together, looking incredibly bizarre.

Seeing these strings, Lu Chen thought of the ancient era records that mentioned such red strings.

Once the Era Catastrophe begins, those red strings will indiscriminately kill all beings, regardless of being Heavenly Demon or cultivator. Just touching the red strings will inevitably result in death.

Lu Chen was momentarily stunned, feeling the oppressive presence from these red strings. Just a glance made his entire body's vitality surge, and he instinctively wanted to flee this place.

Lu Chen thought to himself, surely not; is the Era Catastrophe starting now?

He hurriedly transmitted a message to everyone, "No one should act rashly!"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's transmission, the Great Emperors present immediately realized the severity of the situation. Most of them had read some ancient era records about the Era Catastrophe, and had heard of those bizarre red strings from that era.

Now surrounding the bottom of Qingyue Holy Land were these circles of red strings, emitting an aura that made their bodies feel fear. These red strings could very likely be the culprits of the Era Catastrophe mentioned in ancient records.

For a moment, all present were terrified, their faces pale and sweat pouring.

If these really were the culprits of the Era Catastrophe, and once these red strings were activated, probably none present could survive.

They were somewhat puzzled why these bizarre red strings appeared beneath Qingyue Holy Land.

For a moment, the void where Qingyue Holy Land was located fell into complete silence, without a sound. The Great Emperors floated in the void, prepared to escape at any moment.

Lu Chen carefully observed these red strings, which coiled together like some creature's hair. Although they emitted a terrifying aura, there was no movement.

Perhaps the time had not yet arrived, and these red strings were not yet activated. Only when a specific time comes, like the number of Heavenly Demons exceeding a certain level, would these red strings be completely activated.

Thinking of this possibility, Lu Chen transmitted to the Great Emperors present, "Everyone, slowly withdraw from the Central Star Domain."

With those red strings existing in the Central Star Domain, once the Era Catastrophe begins, the Central Star Domain would definitely be the least safe place.

Initially, they thought the Central Star Domain had some Era Transition Land, making it the safest. But now it seems the experience of the last era no longer applies to this era.

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As Lu Chen's words fell, the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty slowly and orderly left this star domain, their speed very slow for fear of activating those strange red threads.

Fortunately, until the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty left this star domain, those strange red threads had not been touched.

Soon, the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty arrived at the outskirts of the Red Rain World.

Upon sensing the approaching presence of many Great Emperor auras near the Red Rain World, Yun Qingshu immediately realized this must be the returning fleet of the Daxia Dynasty.

She didn't even open her eyes, continuing her meditation as if completely unaware, even as the Star Destroyers of the Daxia Dynasty entered the Red Rain World. Yun Qingshu maintained her calm.

She knew that she was no longer a match for Lu Chen; even if she protested to Lu Chen, it would lead to no result, so she simply chose to ignore him.

However, Yun Qingshu ignoring Lu Chen did not mean Lu Chen wouldn't come to find her, especially after discovering those strange red threads within the Central Star Domain. Lu Chen wouldn't let Yun Qingshu remain there.

Currently, the Central Star Domain is far more dangerous than any other place in the cosmos.

As Yun Qingshu prepared to shield her senses and focus on her cultivation, suddenly a familiar presence appeared in her room.

Yun Qingshu knew this was the man who desired her, and without hesitation, she set a barrier around herself, signaling to Lu Chen that she did not wish to see him.

Yet, Lu Chen did not leave; he used Origin Power to easily break through the sound insulation barrier set by Yun Qingshu.

Yun Qingshu kept her eyes closed, her brows slightly furrowed.

Lu Chen spoke up, "I have something important to discuss with you."

Upon hearing this, Yun Qingshu felt quite disdainful inside, thinking that Lu Chen had no important matter other than to persuade her to go to the Daxia Dynasty.

Seeing that Yun Qingshu didn't speak nor opened her eyes, Lu Chen directly stated, "You lived through the era tribulation of the last era; you should be quite familiar with such things."

As he finished speaking, Lu Chen extracted a portion of his memories and projected it directly in the room.

The projection displayed the scenes of those red threads.

When Yun Qingshu's Divine Sense detected the projected scene in the room, she suddenly opened her eyes.

Seeing the eerie threads in the projection, Yun Qingshu's pupils slightly contracted, and her cool face revealed an expression of disbelief.

She had experienced an era tribulation before, was very familiar with these strange red threads; though the threads in the projection were quietly coiled

together without movement, she recognized them as the sinister threads that massacred all life during the last era tribulation.

The appearance of such sinister red threads could it mean that the era tribulation has already begun?

After recovering her wits, Yun Qingshu turned her gaze to Lu Chen, “Where did you discover this?”

If the era tribulation had truly begun, the fleet from the Daxia Dynasty couldn't have emerged unharmed. Yun Qingshu clearly sensed that the fleet suffered no losses, proving that Lu Chen and his allies had not been affected by the era tribulation.

Lu Chen answered, “Below the Qingyue Holy Land.”

“After the collapse of Qingyue Holy Land, these red threads appeared, yet they remained motionless, it seems the time has not come.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen's answer, Yun Qingshu again paused.

Beneath the Qingyue Holy Land?

That means the Central Star Domain...

These red threads first appeared in the Central Star Domain this era?

They said that by arriving early at the Central Star Domain to wait for the Era Transition Land, the red threads wouldn't attack them. If the threads first appeared in the Central Star Domain, then those hiding there would be doomed wouldn't they?

Thinking of this, Yun Qingshu tightly furrowed her brows.

With such strange red threads present, the Central Star Domain is now the most perilous place; likely those in Central Star Domain would be dealt with by these sinister threads before the Era Transition Land even appears.

So what to do next?

Without the experience of previous lives, how could they survive the era tribulation?

Yun Qingshu pondered deeply.

Seeing Yun Qingshu remain silent, Lu Chen said, “Now the Central Star Domain is unsafe, would you consider accompanying me to the Daxia Dynasty?”

Upon hearing this, Yun Qingshu was taken aback, as now she truly had nowhere to go.

But on second thought, even if the Central Star Domain, the place where the Era Transition Land appears earliest, is unsafe, then what safe place could exist in this universe?

Is the Daxia Dynasty safe?

Now the Heavenly Emperor has been born, and evidently it's not Lu Chen; Lu Chen could never become the Heavenly Emperor. Even if Lu Chen were to become the Heavenly Emperor, there's no way he could protect others from the era tribulation, much less when he's not the Heavenly Emperor.

Seeing Yun Qingshu's prolonged silence, Lu Chen insisted forcefully, “Previously when you didn't wish to go to the Daxia Dynasty, I said nothing, after all, the Central Star Domain might contain the Era Transition Land.”

“But now, not only has a Heavenly Emperor-level Heavenly Demon appeared in the Central Star Domain, but also the sinister threads that emerge during the great tribulation. I can’t let you stay in the Central Star Domain.”

Upon hearing these words, Yun Qingshu furrowed her brows and coldly asked while gazing into Lu Chen’s eyes, “If I don’t wish to accompany you to the Daxia Dynasty, what will you do?”

Lu Chen chuckled and replied, “Then I’ll have to resort to coercion.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s response, a chilling aura emanated uncontrollably from Yun Qingshu, knowing that upon going to the Daxia Dynasty, she’d meet one end: becoming one of Lu Chen’s harem members.

Though Yun Qingshu didn’t care much about relations between men and women, especially given her countless years of life where such sentiments have long faded.

But even without morals in her heart, she still held the dignity of a Great Emperor. Running to the Daxia Dynasty to become Lu Chen’s woman, serving him alongside many others, using all means to please Lu Chen and eventually becoming an object of his indulgence is something she absolutely couldn’t accept.

Seeing the chill emanating from Yun Qingshu, Lu Chen realized Yun Qingshu truly had no intention of departing with him to the Daxia Dynasty.

Lu Chen immediately transmitted to the Thunderbolt Emperor and the others, “Don’t be in a rush to go back, immediately use the Spirit Gathering Array.”

Upon hearing Lu Chen’s transmission, the Thunderbolt Emperor and others preparing to use the Holy Tier Transmission Array to return to the Daxia Dynasty were bewildered.

With no enemies here, what’s the point of using the Spirit Gathering Array?

Though uncertain of Lu Chen’s intent, the Emperors swiftly gathered, and in the next moment, all the Power of Dao converged upon Lu Chen, instantly elevating his pressure to the Heavenly Emperor Realm.

Feeling the pressure released from Lu Chen, Yun Qingshu was momentarily dazed, as Lu Chen then said, “Since sentiment doesn’t work, let me lay out the laws of the Cultivation World.”