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## Chapter 1551: Chapter 1241: I Plan to Dispatch Troops Against the Shenyue Dynasty

Lu Chen stared into Yun Qingshu's eyes and continued, "Cultivators adhere to the law of the jungle, where the strong are revered."

"Now I am stronger than you. If you are unwilling to come with me, then I have no choice but to act against you."

Yun Qingshu regained her composure at this moment, her face still as cold as ice. "If you want to kill me, then do it!"

Although Yun Qingshu still had some desire to live, compared to the humiliation she would suffer, death was not that terrifying for her.

Furthermore, the Central Star Domain now had those strange red threads. The method to avoid catastrophe from the last era was no longer usable, and the probability of her falling in this era was very high.

Death is inevitable, sooner or later; if Lu Chen wants to kill her, let him do it.

This...

Seeing Yun Qingshu's look of facing death fearlessly, Lu Chen said, "Actually, you don't have to die. You just need to come with me to the Great Sum Dynasty."

Yun Qingshu remained silent; she seemed determined not to go with Lu Chen.

Lu Chen said, "The reason you don't want to come with me to the Great Sum Dynasty is mainly that you are afraid I would treat you as I did Xianxian. On this point, you can rest assured. I won't act against you."

"You and Xianxian look exactly the same. Dual cultivation with you is essentially no different from dual cultivation with her. I want to take you to the Great Sum Dynasty mainly because I am worried that something could happen to your main body, which would affect Xianxian, the clone."

"Although it seems like you've severed the connection, it's only a superficial one. Once the main body is destroyed, it will inevitably affect the clone to some extent."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu's eyebrows slightly furrowed. She pondered for a moment and realized that Lu Chen's words were not without reason.

When Yun Qingshu was distracted, Lu Chen continued, "For Xianxian's sake, even if you don't want to go with me to the Great Sum Dynasty, I'll forcibly take you there."

Yun Qingshu coldly asked, "Are you really doing it for her?"

Lu Chen said, "Of course. I already have enough women, having one more or one less makes no difference to me. You wouldn't think that I want to take you to the Great Sum Dynasty because I like you, would you?"

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Yun Qingshu felt that there was some truth in what he said. Lu Chen already had so many women, having one more or less made no difference.

Moreover, Lu Chen already has a clone who looks exactly like her, so it doesn't matter who Lu Chen is with; it's all the same.

Perhaps Lu Chen truly was doing it for Yun Xianxian. Considering this possibility, Yun Qingshu finally showed some signs of wavering.

“Fine, I’ll go with you to the Great Sum Dynasty.”

Currently, her strength was not equal to Lu Chen’s. Even if she refused, Lu Chen might forcibly take her to the Great Sum Dynasty. Against someone with Lu Chen’s Heavenly Emperor-level strength, even self-destructing her divine soul was difficult.

Since Lu Chen had stated that taking her to the Great Sum Dynasty was solely for Yun Xianxian and not to do such things with her, she might as well make the trip.

Nowhere in the universe is safe, and possibly the Great Sum Dynasty’s barrier might block some threats, which is uncertain.

Seeing Yun Qingshu agree, Lu Chen’s lips slightly curled up, and he then said, “Then let’s go.”

Yun Qingshu immediately stood up and sent a message to everyone at the Mysterious Moon Palace, asking them to pack up and follow the Immortal Boat of the Great Sum Dynasty to the Great Sum Dynasty.

Upon hearing Yun Qingshu’s decision, the people of Mysterious Moon Palace were dumbfounded. They had only been in the Central Star Domain for a few years, and now they were moving again?

Moreover, relocating to the Great Sum Dynasty, although some felt doubts, most people in the Mysterious Moon Palace had relatively low strength, so they dared not say much and could only obediently comply.

Thus, Yun Qingshu took everyone from the Mysterious Moon Palace and moved with Lu Chen and his group to the Great Sum Dynasty. Lu Chen specially allocated a Star Domain for the Mysterious Moon Palace.

After Yun Qingshu arrived at the Great Sum Dynasty, Lu Chen no longer cared about her. He knew that Yun Qingshu still harbored resistance towards him, but he wasn't in a hurry; after all, he had enough women now.

Although the fleet from the Great Sum Dynasty left the Central Star Domain, Lu Chen did not abandon monitoring the Central Star Domain. The Red Rain World remained in the hands of the Great Sum Dynasty, where Lu Chen stationed several Great Emperors and left a clone in the Red Rain World.

This way, whatever happened in the Central Star Domain, he could know immediately.

Day by day passed, and the Great Sum Dynasty's expansion continued, as did the expansion of the Shenyue Dynasty in the Central Star Domain.

In the Central Star Domain, the top forces nearly all united to confront the Shenyue Dynasty, forming an organization called the Immortal Alliance.

Lu Chen also knew about the threat of the Dark Devils, but he did not immediately launch an attack against the Shenyue Dynasty. Currently, he focused on guarding against Xuan Tian, who was nowhere to be found.

However, ten years quickly went by, and Xuan Tian had yet to appear, while the situation in the Central Star Domain worsened, with increasing numbers of Dark Devils.

Lu Chen felt that if this continued, the great catastrophe of the universe would truly arrive. So, he convened the Heavenly Emperor meeting, planning to send troops against the Shenyue Dynasty.

Heavenly Emperor Hall.

Lu Chen glanced at the Great Emperors in the hall. Over the years of expansion, the Great Sum Dynasty now had over a thousand Heavenly Emperors, many of whom were from other dynasties that surrendered, but more achieved breakthroughs due to the Great Sum Dynasty's abundant Qi Fortune.

After Lu Chen appeared, the Great Emperors in the Heavenly Emperor Hall uniformly saluted, "Greetings to the Heavenly Emperor!!!"

Lu Chen said calmly, "At ease."

Everyone had already guessed the purpose of Lu Chen's Emperor-level meeting this time. After all, the Great Sum Dynasty had a Holy Tier transmission array in the Red Rain World, and information about the Central Star Domain returned daily to the Great Sum Dynasty through that transmission array.

Lu Chen then said, "The situation of the Immortal Alliance Army is dire. Many top Holy Lands in the Central Star Domain have already been destroyed."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, everyone realized that indeed, their Heavenly Emperor intended to wage war against the Shenyue Dynasty.

The chance to earn merit had finally arrived. All the Great Emperors present had cultivated the Demon Burying Spell, which had absolute suppressive power over the Dark Devils. During this period, the roaming Dark Devils outside the universe had been greatly diminished by the Great Sum Dynasty's Great Emperors.

Many Great Emperors had long wanted to head to the Central Star Domain to confront those Dark Devils.

Noticing the slightly restless crowd, Lu Chen continued, "It seems you've all guessed the purpose of this Emperor-level meeting."

“That’s right, I intend to mobilize against the Shenyue Dynasty, to eradicate this Demon Cave.”

As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, the Great Emperors in the hall uniformly said, “We fully support the Heavenly Emperor!”

Lu Chen continued, “I know you believe that having trained in the Demon Burying Spell allows you to suppress the Dark Devils, but you must understand, the Dark Devils of the Shenyue Dynasty are different from those elsewhere in the universe.”

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Upon hearing Lu Chen's reminder, the restless hearts of the Great Emperors calmed down slightly.

What their Heavenly Emperor said was correct; the Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty were very powerful, with quite a number of Emperor-level Heavenly Demons, perhaps not fewer than those of the Daxia Dynasty.

Of course, the power of the Heavenly Demons was one aspect, but another was that the Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty were different from those they've encountered before, who only knew how to devour humans. Most Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty were transformed cultivators, smarter than ordinary Heavenly Demons and knowledgeable in human strategies.

So even if their power had a suppressive effect on the Heavenly Demons, those demons would certainly think of other methods to reduce this suppression, like setting up traps or formations.

If the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty treated those Heavenly Demons as just some star-eating demons, they might suffer a loss.

Seeing the Great Emperors in the hall calming down a bit more, Lu Chen continued, "Of course, there's no need to worry too much either."

At this moment, a Great Emperor asked, "Your Majesty, are we deploying the entire army this time?"

Since the Shenyue Dynasty had almost occupied half of the Central Star Domain, they thought that this time the Daxia Dynasty would have to put in all their effort to wipe out the Shenyue Dynasty.

Lu Chen said, "Not for now. I plan to send only five hundred Great Emperors and two thousand starships."

To be honest, Lu Chen was somewhat worried that Xuan Tian might suddenly appear at this time.

The remaining five hundred Great Emperors could use the Spirit Gathering Array to allow him to instantly gain the power of a Heavenly Emperor.

Leaving five hundred Great Emperors, even if Xuan Tian came, he would still have the strength to fight. If all the Great Emperors were sent out and Xuan Tian took the opportunity to attack the Daxia Dynasty, it would be troublesome.

Strangely, ten years had passed, and Xuan Tian still hadn't come to find trouble with him.

Xuan Tian surely knew he was continuously expanding, and as the Qi Fortune of the Daxia Dynasty grew thicker, the number of Great Emperors increased, and his strength grew stronger. By then, it wouldn't be so easy for Xuan Tian to kill him.

Why hasn't Xuan Tian taken action all this time? What is he waiting for? This was the part Lu Chen couldn't figure out.

Fortunately, Xuan Tian hadn't immediately attacked the Daxia Dynasty, giving him a chance to grow. He believed that with the Qi Fortune of the Daxia Dynasty now,

plus the five hundred Great Emperors using the Spirit Gathering Array, it wouldn't be easy for Xuan Tian to kill him.

Regardless of whether Xuan Tian decided to attack the Daxia Dynasty, the threat of the Shenyue Dynasty had to be dealt with. The expansion of the Shenyue Dynasty was too rapid, and the growth rate of the Heavenly Demons was increasing.

According to Lu Chen's guess, when the number of Heavenly Demons reaches a certain point, the Era Tribulation would descend. To prevent it, the demonic cave of the Shenyue Dynasty had to be eradicated.

Initially, he was worried about an attack from Xuan Tian, so he refrained from waging war against the Shenyue Dynasty, which instead brought the Daxia Dynasty more benefits.

Among the Great Emperors present, many joined the Daxia Dynasty out of fear of the Shenyue Dynasty, accelerating the expansion of the Daxia Dynasty even more than before.

Lu Chen's actions seemed to harbor the suspicion of nurturing bandits to self-strengthen, but this method was indeed quite effective.

Now that the Daxia Dynasty had enough Great Emperors, it had become the foremost power in the universe. Even without the Shenyue Dynasty, as long as the

Daxia Dynasty went to war, those top forces could no longer contend with it. Even the current Immortal Alliance Army would keep their distance upon encountering the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty.

The Shenyue Dynasty was of no use to the Daxia Dynasty anymore; it was time to clean it up.

After discussing the expedition with the Great Emperors, Lu Chen proceeded to arrange which Great Emperors would accompany him on the campaign and who would stay behind in the Daxia Dynasty.

Once the candidates were determined, it took the Daxia Dynasty six months to complete the gathering of the military forces.

The fleet arrived directly at the Central Star Domain through the Holy Tier Transmission Array of Red Rain World.

Just as the Daxia Dynasty's fleet reached the Central Star Domain, they found the Immortal Alliance Army's Immortal Boats retreating toward the Red Rain World's direction.

The Immortal Boats of the Immortal Alliance Army were dilapidated, and the retreating Great Emperors bore various injuries.

Upon seeing the sudden appearance of over two thousand starships, the Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were stunned. Had they just escaped one danger only to fall into another?

Seeing the Daxia Dynasty's fleet, the Ninth-layer Realm Great Emperor leading the Immortal Alliance Army immediately ordered all Immortal Boats and Great Emperors to stop and not continue retreating. They stayed in the void, quietly observing the starships of the Daxia Dynasty.

At this moment, a Great Emperor said in front of the leading Great Emperor of the alliance, "This should be the Immortal Boats of the Daxia Dynasty; I've seen them before and they look just like this."

Hearing this, Emperor Yunjing breathed a slight sigh of relief. If they were Immortal Boats of the Daxia Dynasty, they still had a chance to escape; if they were from the Shenyue Dynasty, there would be nowhere to run.

Emperor Yunjing directly transmitted his voice across several light years, asking, "Are you heading to the Central Star Domain to support the Immortal Alliance Army?"

At this point, almost half of the Central Star Domain had been occupied by the Shenyue Dynasty. The appearance of the Daxia Dynasty's Immortal Boats in the Central Star Domain was likely aimed at the Shenyue Dynasty, which was great news for the Immortal Alliance Army.

Lu Chen released his Divine Sense to probe the situation of the Immortal Alliance Army and saw that all the Great Emperors who had escaped were seriously injured. He felt somewhat moved, realizing that dealing with Heavenly Demons still required professionals like them.

Lu Chen then transmitted his voice, "I am the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty! Where is the leader of your Alliance Army? Come see me at once!"

If this was in the past, Emperor Yunjing would have been very angry upon hearing this, as he too was an Emperor of an empire with dignity. Could he just come at someone's summon?

But now, Emperor Yunjing had been beaten by the Heavenly Demon Army to the point of having no temper at all. Upon hearing Lu Chen's transmission, he didn't hesitate even for a moment and stepped forward, instantly appearing before Lu Chen.

Upon arriving in front of Lu Chen and observing that Lu Chen was only of the Eighth-layer Realm, Emperor Yunjing paused slightly and then tentatively asked, "Are you the rumored Reincarnated Heavenly Emperor Lu Chen?"

Emperor Yunjing had thought Lu Chen would at least be in the Ninth-layer Realm, but to his surprise, he was only at the Eighth-layer Realm.

To fight against the Heavenly Demon Army, countless Ninth-layer Realm Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army had perished. What could an Eighth-layer Great Emperor possibly do?

Regaining his composure, Emperor Yunjing continued, "Take my advice: go back to your Daxia Dynasty quickly; this isn't something you can meddle in."

"The Immortal Alliance Army has already been utterly defeated; no one can stop the Heavenly Demon Army. You going over will only be sending those demons food."

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Hearing the words of Emperor Yunjing, Lu Chen smiled faintly and said, "How do you know if you don't try."

Emperor Yunjing sneered and didn't persuade Lu Chen any further. It's hard to speak good words to a ghost destined to die. If Lu Chen insisted on seeking death, he couldn't be blamed.

Just as Emperor Yunjing was about to leave, Lu Chen suddenly raised his hand, and a surge of pure Life Force flowed into Emperor Yunjing's body. In a moment, all of Emperor Yunjing's wounds vanished, and his entire being returned to its former state.

Emperor Yunjing was stunned for a moment, looking at Lu Chen incredulously. In his memory, Lu Chen was the Slaughter Emperor who mastered the Power of Slaughter, so how could he also use the Life Force?

Moreover, his Life Force seemed purer than that of other Life Emperors, with even better effects.

There were also Life Emperors in the Immortal Alliance Army who had treated him, so he could sense that Lu Chen's Life Force was different from others.

However, Emperor Yunjing quickly reacted, looking at Lu Chen warily and asking, "What do you mean by this?"

Emperor Yunjing could not believe that Lu Chen would heal him for no reason. There's no free lunch in the world.

Lu Chen said, "Now that the Immortal Alliance Army has been defeated, the entire Central Star Domain will soon fall. You guys probably have nowhere else to go, right? Why not join the Daxia Dynasty?"

Just as Emperor Yunjing was about to refuse, Lu Chen suddenly said, "The current Daxia Dynasty is the largest force in the universe, with over a thousand Great Emperors. The concentration of its Qi Fortune surpasses your imagination. The most important thing is you should know how solid the Barrier of the Daxia Dynasty is."

"Joining the Daxia Dynasty might give you a chance to avoid the Era Tribulation."

This...

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Emperor Yunjing fell silent. After thinking it over, he felt that Lu Chen's words did make some sense.

Currently, they indeed have nowhere else to go. Once the Central Star Domain is completely overrun, the Heavenly Demon Army of the Shenyue Dynasty will surely expand to other parts of the universe, and the entire universe will be occupied by the Heavenly Demon Army.

Of course, the harm of the Heavenly Demons is secondary. The most important point is that according to records from the Ancient Era, once a massive number of Heavenly Demons appear, the real Era Tribulation will not be far behind.

The number of Heavenly Demons is now unknown, and the Era Tribulation probably won't take long to begin.

Now that the Central Star Domain is almost occupied by the Heavenly Demons, the Era Transition Land they had been thinking about is gone. They can only think of other ways to avoid the Era Tribulation, but as of now, they have no solution to avoid it.

If Lu Chen is truly the reincarnation of the Heavenly Emperor, he might have a way to avoid the Era Tribulation.

Thinking of this, Emperor Yunjing said, "Alright, we'll join the Daxia Dynasty, but we won't follow you to die."

They had just retreated from the front line. Asking them to confront the Heavenly Demon Army again at this moment was something they were definitely unwilling to do.

Lu Chen chuckled and then said, "You don't need to take action; just follow behind the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty and watch."

Hearing this, a hint of suspicion appeared on Emperor Yunjing's face. Just watch?

Could it be that Lu Chen still doesn't know how terrifying the Heavenly Demon Army is?

Those Heavenly Demon troops devour humans on sight, and the Heavenly Demon Power has absolute suppression over Cultivators, and the Immortal Alliance Army can't hold them off at all.

Their few Great Emperors and Immortal Boats from the Daxia Dynasty probably won't be enough to fill the gaps between the Heavenly Demon Army's teeth.

After thinking for a while, Emperor Yunjing finally agreed, "Fine, we'll follow behind you, but I must say beforehand, we're not going to act."

Lu Chen no longer paid attention to Emperor Yunjing and directly said to the Thunderbolt Emperor, "Proceed."

As his voice fell, the army of the Daxia Dynasty directly headed towards the Shenyue Dynasty.

Meanwhile, Emperor Yunjing immediately returned to the Immortal Alliance Army he was leading. Seeing Emperor Yunjing return, the Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army quickly gathered around him.

"Emperor Yunjing, what did the Daxia Dynasty representative say?"

Emperor Yunjing said calmly, "This emperor has chosen to join the Daxia Dynasty. Anyone who doesn't want to join can leave now."

The Immortal Alliance Army was formed by various forces, and among the troops led by Emperor Yunjing, there were Great Emperors from more than a dozen forces. He couldn't compel them to join the Daxia Dynasty; it was completely voluntary.

Hearing Emperor Yunjing's words, the Great Emperors present were stunned. Emperor Yunjing actually chose to join the Daxia Dynasty?

At this moment, a Great Emperor sighed and said, "Now, aside from joining the Daxia Dynasty, there seems to be no other place to go."

"The Immortal Alliance Army has already been completely defeated, and it won't be long before the Heavenly Demon Army occupies the entire Central Star Domain and starts expanding outward. Then, we will only be able to hide everywhere."

As the Great Emperor's words fell, all the Great Emperors present fell silent, aware of their current situation.

However, letting them join the Daxia Dynasty, they still felt some resistance inside.

At this moment, a curious Great Emperor asked, "Why is the Daxia Dynasty's Immortal Boat still heading towards the core of the Central Star Domain?"

Emperor Yunjing answered, "The Daxia Dynasty plans to engage in a decisive battle with the Heavenly Demon Army."

This...

Their Immortal Alliance Army, with so many Great Emperors, had been defeated, yet the Daxia Dynasty dared to go head-to-head with the Heavenly Demon Army.

At this moment, a worried Great Emperor said, "Could the Daxia Dynasty be planning to use us as a vanguard to clear the path for them?"

Emperor Yunjing said, "The Daxia Dynasty representative informed us that we should just follow behind and watch; we don't need to participate in this battle."

The group was dubious, could there truly be such a generous offer?

Join the Daxia Dynasty without needing to fight? Is the Daxia Dynasty truly this kind-hearted?

A Great Emperor said, "Could there be a hidden agenda here?"

Then, an injured Great Emperor stood up and said, "Who cares about any hidden agenda? As long as the Daxia Dynasty is willing to resist the Heavenly Demon Army, I am willing to join the Daxia Dynasty!" This Great Emperor's force had been destroyed by the Heavenly Demon Army, and he himself was severely injured by them. He now harbored a deep hatred for the Heavenly Demons.

It wasn't just this one Great Emperor; many present bore deep grudges against the Heavenly Demons.

With the words of that Great Emperor, more and more Great Emperors chose to join the Daxia Dynasty directly. Some even wanted to follow the Daxia Dynasty's army to counterattack.

Among them, there were also those who were undecided, but seeing other Great Emperors choose to join the Daxia Dynasty, they also considered staying to observe the situation.

If the Daxia Dynasty's strength were strong enough to contend with the Heavenly Demon Army, they would consider joining the Daxia Dynasty.

If the army of the Daxia Dynasty were to collapse upon encountering the Heavenly Demon Army, then it wouldn't be too late for them to leave. After all, they could just hide behind the Daxia Dynasty's army and watch the situation unfold.

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### **Chapter 1554: Chapter 1244: The Great Battle Between the Daxia Dynasty and the Shenyue Dynasty**

The fleet of the Daxia Dynasty advanced rapidly, heading straight towards the Shenyue Dynasty. The remnants of the Immortal Alliance, led by Emperor Yunjing, upon witnessing this, all wondered if Lu Chen was underestimating Emperor Shenwu.

When the Immortal Alliance Army was formed, it was purely on the defensive and never dared to launch a direct assault against the Shenyue Dynasty.

After all, dealing with ordinary emperor-level Heavenly Demons was already quite challenging for them. If they provoked Emperor Shenwu, who was suspected to be a Heavenly Demon that had reached the Heavenly Emperor realm, their defeat would surely be swift.

So far, Emperor Shenwu had only appeared once during the annihilation of the Tianji Pavilion and hadn't made any moves since.

If Emperor Shenwu chose to act, the Central Star Domain would have long been occupied by the Shenyue Dynasty.

For a moment, the hearts of the Great Emperors in the remnants of the Immortal Alliance were filled with anxiety. Although they were trailing behind the Daxia Dynasty, ready to flee at any sign of trouble, none of them knew the true extent of Emperor Shenwu's formidable power. Their worry was that they might not even have the chance to escape when the time came.

Lu Chen paid no mind to what Emperor Yunjing and the others were thinking; the army of the Daxia Dynasty continued its direct approach to the Shenyue Dynasty.

Even if Emperor Shenwu was a Heavenly Emperor, Lu Chen did not see him as too great a threat.

Meanwhile.

In the Shenyue Dynasty, within the Divine Martial Hall.

Emperor Shenwu sat on the resplendent Dragon Throne, watching the projection in the hall, which showed the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty advancing towards the Shenyue Dynasty.

Upon seeing this, Emperor Shenwu sneered, curious about what gave that renegade the courage to oppose him at this moment.

Originally, he didn't intend to bother with Lu Chen. The Daxia Dynasty had been expanding for years, and he had never dispatched the Heavenly Demon Army to deal with them, as he believed the greatest threat in this universe was still Xuan Tian.

Although he didn't know where Xuan Tian had disappeared to, Emperor Shenwu was always on guard, not believing that Xuan Tian had simply vanished. He was certain Xuan Tian was plotting something.

At this point, Emperor Shenwu rose from the Dragon Throne and coldly declared, "Since you insist on courting death, then I shall oblige!"

Emperor Shenwu desired revenge for the humiliation suffered in the Outer Domain. He had been grievously wounded by Lu Chen, and all the Great Emperors

from the Shenyue Dynasty taken to the Outer Domain had been dealt with by Lu Chen. For Emperor Shenwu, who had never lost a battle before, this was a monumental disgrace.

Now, with Lu Chen arriving at his doorstep, it was an opportunity to wash away his shame. He couldn't believe that despite becoming a Heavenly Emperor, Lu Chen would still be his match.

Although Lu Chen, after using the Spirit Gathering Array, also possessed powers close to that of a Heavenly Emperor, a counterfeit was still a counterfeit.

Emperor Shenwu then recalled the Heavenly Demon Army, which was waging battles outside. Despite not believing that Lu Chen could pose a substantial threat, he gathered all his forces as a precaution.

Lu Chen's personal history was a bit enigmatic, and Emperor Shenwu couldn't predict what strange methods Lu Chen might use next, so it was wise to be prepared.

Upon Emperor Shenwu's order, the Heavenly Demon Army in the Central Star Domain immediately retreated to the Shenyue Dynasty, giving the pursued remnants of the Immortal Alliance some respite.

Noticing the withdrawal of the Heavenly Demon Army, the Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were bewildered, wondering why the Heavenly Demon Army suddenly retreated and what could have transpired.

Half a year passed in the blink of an eye, and the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty finally arrived in the void outside the Shenyue Dynasty, which was fully prepared by then.

In front of the Daxia Dynasty's fleet, black mist shrouded the area, concealing an incalculable number of Heavenly Demons, transforming the entire Shenyue Dynasty into the image of a Demon Cave.

At this moment, a powerful pressure descended, making it hard for all the Great Emperors present to breathe.

Even Emperor Yunjing and others hiding at the back were affected by this pressure. A Great Emperor from the Immortal Alliance regretfully remarked, "We hid this far back and still got locked on by this pressure. The power of the Heavenly Emperor is terrifying. If we had known, we wouldn't have come. Now we're all doomed."

Emperor Yunjing gritted his teeth, remaining silent, though a tinge of regret stirred within him. Yet his gaze remained fixed on Lu Chen's Feihong Immortal Boat.

He couldn't believe Lu Chen would have come to die voluntarily. Even if the Daxia Dynasty couldn't defeat the Heavenly Demon Army, they must have some methods to contend with them. Otherwise, why would they attack the Shenyue Dynasty after witnessing the Immortal Alliance Army's devastating losses?

Considering Daxia Dynasty's rise to the foremost cosmic power step by step, Lu Chen was not without some capabilities. Surely, he wasn't foolish enough to seek his own death.

As Emperor Yunjing comforted himself, Lu Chen suddenly transmitted his voice to the Daxia Dynasty fleet.

“Attack!”

Lu Chen's voice resounded through the void. In an instant, two thousand Death Lights shot into the black mist of the Shenyue Dynasty, and screams echoed within.

Upon hearing the Heavenly Demons' screams, Emperor Yunjing and his comrades were stunned, as it was the first time they heard such agonizing cries from the Heavenly Demons since the formation of the Immortal Alliance Army.

What kind of formation was the Daxia Dynasty employing?

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu also sensed something amiss. The Death Lights fired by the Daxia Dynasty's Star Destroyers seemed to contain something that suppressed the Heavenly Demon Power.

Normally, the recovery speed of a Heavenly Demon was very swift, and even if injured by a cultivator, they could recover in a short time. However, the bodies of the Heavenly Demons hit by the Daxia Dynasty's Star Destroyers not only couldn't recover, but they also showed signs of further decay.

Emperor Shenwu coldly shouted, and his voice, like rolling thunder, reverberated throughout the universe, "Lu Chen, is this what you're relying on?"

"If this is the extent of your methods, then you can die now!"

As his words fell, an even more overwhelming pressure radiated from Emperor Shenwu, and in the next moment, the space across the universe was locked, and Lu Chen's position was fixed.

Lu Chen remained unfazed; he emerged from the Feihong Immortal Boat, flew into the void, and transmitted his voice once again to the Great Emperors, "Formation!"

The four hundred Great Emperors brought by the Daxia Dynasty immediately formed an array, and Lu Chen instantly possessed the power of a Great Emperor, even surpassing it.

Lu Chen didn't have all the Great Emperors participate in the Spirit Gathering Array. Over a hundred Great Emperors were tasked with dealing with the emperor-level Heavenly Demons of the Daxia Dynasty, while the power of the four hundred Great Emperors was enough to deal with Emperor Shenwu.

Feeling the pressure emanating from Lu Chen, the Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were stunned.

Another Heavenly Emperor?

Wasn't there supposed to be only one Heavenly Emperor per universe, and with Emperor Shenwu already being a Heavenly Emperor, though transformed into a Heavenly Demon, he still counted as one? How could there be another Heavenly Emperor?

Upon seeing the four hundred Great Emperors, Emperor Yunjing quickly realized what was happening.

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Emperor Yunjing spoke to the emperors beside him, "Lu Chen is not the Heavenly Emperor; it's just that the Spirit Gathering Array temporarily grants him the power of the Heavenly Emperor."

Upon hearing Emperor Yunjing's words, the Immortal Alliance Army's emperors immediately felt half-chilled.

They were well aware of the effects of the Spirit Gathering Array; they themselves had used it against the Heavenly Demon Army before.

But the Spirit Gathering Array is mostly used for defense. When various cosmic powers converge, they become extremely fierce, and the conflicts are intense. No emperor can control this power.

Typically, a Spirit Gathering Array formed by over a dozen emperors is already challenging to control, but Lu Chen's side had somehow formed one with four hundred emperors.

With such a chaotic influx of cosmic powers entering Lu Chen's body all at once, wouldn't his body explode?

In this situation, even a slight exertion of power might cause those chaotic forces to explode directly. Lu Chen was practically courting death.

Yet, just as the Immortal Alliance Army's emperors believed the Daxia Dynasty was undoubtedly defeated, they saw Lu Chen's Dharma Body appear behind him, followed by the seven-colored power of cosmic forces radiating from Lu Chen.

Feeling the turbulent seven-colored power, the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were once again shocked, their eyes wide with disbelief.

Emperor Yunjing murmured, "Such a violent seven-colored power seems to have fused all cosmic powers..."

"How is this possible..."

Despite their disbelief at what their eyes beheld, this event had already transpired.

The Immortal Alliance Army's emperors now understood why Lu Chen dared to directly attack the Shenyue Dynasty. After using the Spirit Gathering Array, Lu Chen was not harmed by it; instead, he could even control the power within the array.

Lu Chen now possessed Heavenly Emperor-level strength, thus making him capable of battling the Emperor Shenwu, a genuine Heavenly Emperor.

But Emperor Yunjing soon regained his composure. Even though Lu Chen now had the power of the Heavenly Emperor, he was not a true Heavenly Emperor, whereas Emperor Shenwu undoubtedly was.

Emperor Shenwu was not only a Heavenly Emperor but a Heavenly Demon Heavenly Emperor. His Heavenly Demon Power greatly suppressed the spiritual power of cultivators. Could Lu Chen be a match for Emperor Shenwu?

When Emperor Shenwu saw Lu Chen also releasing Heavenly Emperor-level pressure, he displayed an expression of disdain.

He shared the same thought as Emperor Yunjing: though they both possessed Heavenly Emperor-level power, one was a real Heavenly Emperor while the other was a fake. The fake will never be a match for the genuine.

At this moment, behind Emperor Shenwu appeared a giant blood-red skeleton, and his Heavenly Demon Power grew increasingly vigorous. Slowly raising his hand, the Absolute Soul-devouring Staff materialized in his hand.

Without wasting more words, Emperor Shenwu now aimed to swiftly eliminate Lu Chen.

Following this, Emperor Shenwu mobilized all his Heavenly Demon Power, which surged towards Lu Chen like crashing waves.

This move was quite simple; clearly, he intended to use the suppressive effect of Heavenly Demon Power on cultivators to suppress Lu Chen's strength, thus creating a chance to strike.

Seeing the impending waves of Heavenly Demon Power, Lu Chen raised the Shattering God Sword in his hand, summoned the seven-colored power formed from various cosmic powers, and swung a slash.

Blood Soul Slash!!!

As the Sword Qi swept forward, the cosmic space shattered piece by piece, and as the Heavenly Demon Power neared the seven-colored power, signs of collapse and dissipation appeared.

The Immortal Alliance Army's emperors quickly noticed this subtle phenomenon.

"Look quickly, the Heavenly Demon Power is actually dissipating!"

"Are you kidding! The Sword Qi he released can actually sever the Heavenly Demon Power?"

"Strange, shouldn't the Heavenly Demon Power have a suppressive effect on cultivators' power? Why does it seem reversed, suppressing the Heavenly Demon Power?"

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Witnessing his Heavenly Demon Power gradually disperse, Emperor Shenwu's face darkened; he hadn't anticipated Lu Chen's strength would have such a strong restraining effect on his Heavenly Demon Power.

Yet, Emperor Shenwu was undeterred by this; he once again mobilized the Heavenly Demon Power. Numerous Heavenly Demon Powers enveloped his Dharma Body, forming a massive palm, and Emperor Shenwu unleashed it, attempting to block Lu Chen's Blood Soul Slash.

But as the palm touched the Blood Soul Slash, it quickly dissipated. Seeing his magic rendered utterly ineffective against Lu Chen's Sword Qi, Emperor Shenwu was utterly stunned.

Although Lu Chen's strength has a certain restriction on the Heavenly Demon Power, shouldn't this be so exaggerated? His magic was completely useless against Lu Chen.

Seeing Emperor Shenwu's magic fail again, the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were utterly exhilarated.

"Oh my, I never expected Lu Chen's strength could fully suppress the Heavenly Demon Power!"

"How did he do it?"

"This is excellent; the Immortal Alliance is saved, the Central Star Domain is saved, the universe is saved!!!"

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The long-repressed emotions of the Immortal Alliance members finally erupted within them at this moment.

Since the external expansion of the Shenyue Dynasty's Heavenly Demons began, the Immortal Alliance Army had been overpowered by the Heavenly Demon Army, with almost no ability to resist.

Just recently, during the Immortal Alliance Army's largest joint offensive, they were scattered by the Heavenly Demon Army and forced to flee the Central Star Domain.

Initially thinking they'd never return to the Central Star Domain and would lead lives of wandering in hiding, they hadn't expected the Daxia Dynasty to be able to suppress the Heavenly Demon Army.

As the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army rejoiced, Emperor Yunjing sighed softly.

Upon seeing Lu Chen suppress Emperor Shenwu, a suspicion arose within Emperor Yunjing's heart: could it be that Lu Chen intentionally delayed any alliance with the Immortal Alliance, allowing the Shenyue Dynasty's Heavenly Demon Army to fight everywhere, waiting until all major forces in the Central Star Domain were decimated by the Heavenly Demon Army before leading the Daxia Dynasty army to clean up?

Though he considered this possibility, Emperor Yunjing realized they couldn't blame Lu Chen. Ultimately, this world values strength, and now that the Daxia Dynasty is so powerful that even Emperor Shenwu, the Heavenly Emperor, is suppressed by Lu Chen, even knowing Lu Chen initially indulged the Shenyue Dynasty's expansion, what could they do?

Emperor Yunjing then dismissed these thoughts, murmuring, "It seems it won't be long before the entire universe is unified."

Emperor Shenwu saw the Sword Qi Lu Chen swung nearing, and he took out the Holy Demon Spear Xuan Tian had once gifted him.

At this moment, the spear shaft of the Holy Demon Spear emitted dense black energy, within which countless souls seemed to wail.

Emperor Shenwu then let out a loud shout.

"Mystic Yellow Destruction Spear!!!"

A shot was subsequently thrust, the spearhead wrapped in Heavenly Demon Power forming a drill to pierce directly towards the Sword Qi.

## **Having children earns benefit, start competing for dominance in the world by marrying a wife**

**Chapter 1556: Chapter 1246: The Emergence of the Cosmic Origin Consciousness**

The eyes of Emperor Shenwu were fixed intently on the spear he had thrust, unable to believe that this time he still couldn't stop that Sword Qi.

However, as the Spear Qi he launched made contact with the Sword Qi of the Blood Soul Slash, it dissipated in an instant, just like the previous attacks.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu's heart became extremely agitated. He couldn't understand why Lu Chen's power exerted such terrifying suppression over him.

Logically, wasn't the Heavenly Demon Power supposed to suppress the spiritual power of cultivators? Why was his Heavenly Demon Power being so tightly suppressed by Lu Chen's power?

Where on earth was the problem?

Soon, Emperor Shenwu's gaze fell on the four hundred Great Emperors behind Lu Chen. Suddenly, it dawned on him, Lu Chen had gathered the power of four hundred Great Emperors, amalgamating various Powers of Dao.

Perhaps, once these Powers of Dao mixed together, they produced a power different from pure spiritual power, effectively exerting a suppressive effect on the Heavenly Demon Power. Upon realizing this possibility, Emperor Shenwu immediately instructed all the Heavenly Demon Emperors to attack Lu Chen's Spirit Gathering Array.

In an instant, the Heavenly Demons surged towards the rear of Lu Chen like a tidal wave.

Yet, when those Heavenly Demons crashed into the Sword Qi of the Blood Soul Slash, each turned to dust. However, precisely because of the successive advances of these Heavenly Demons, the power of the Blood Soul Slash was significantly weakened.

Just as the Blood Soul Slash was about to touch Emperor Shenwu, a layer of blood-red light suddenly appeared on the surface of his body. Immediately afterward, a massive blood-red armor manifestation appeared over him, and the Sword Qi slashed onto that armor.

When the Sword Qi collided with the blood-red armor, a violent explosion ensued, causing Emperor Shenwu to be blasted back tens of light-years. The shockwave of the explosion annihilated all surrounding Heavenly Demons and various worlds.

In an instant, this Star Domain was covered in dust, as if a sandstorm had appeared.

Although the explosion's power was immense, Lu Chen could perceive that Emperor Shenwu was unharmed. The blood-red armor on him only had a crack, while he himself remained unscathed.

This...

Lu Chen was slightly stunned. Although he hadn't used his full strength, his power held extremely terrifying suppression over the Heavenly Demon, and yet, it couldn't finish off Emperor Shenwu.

What grade of Spiritual Artifact was the armor on Emperor Shenwu? Why hadn't Emperor Shenwu taken out this armor when he was in the Outer Domain?

Seeing that Lu Chen's strike only left a crack on his Sky Extreme Armor, Emperor Shenwu laughed heartily, as if he understood something.

Although Lu Chen's power had a terrifying suppressive effect on him, that power couldn't have much of an impact on the Emperor Artifact he refined. Fortunately, during his closed-door seclusion for over ten years, he wasn't solely focused on cultivation but also spent some time refining the Emperor Artifact; otherwise, he might indeed have fallen today.

Emperor Shenwu then asked, "Lu Chen, how is the Emperor Artifact I've refined?"

Upon hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Lu Chen chuckled softly. So it was the Emperor Artifact refined by Emperor Shenwu, no wonder it could withstand his strike.

However, to be fair, he hadn't used his full strength in that strike, nor had he fully activated the Shattering God Sword.

The Shattering God Sword is an Immortal Artifact; if fully activated, even an Emperor Artifact wouldn't be able to withstand it.

The reason Lu Chen hadn't fully activated it was mainly out of concern that the power might be too great, directly hacking out a Cosmic Abyss.

The Cosmic Abyss contained that eerie black gas, and he feared that if the Great Emperors of the Daxia Dynasty came into contact with this black gas, they would also turn into Heavenly Demons.

But now, with the Emperor Artifact on Emperor Shenwu, it seemed he could no longer afford not to use his full strength.

Lu Chen chuckled lightly, then said, "Let's see if you can withstand the next one."

While speaking, Lu Chen mobilized the Seven-colored Power, then the Origin Power within his body, and finally infused his body's spiritual power into the Shattering God Sword.

Once the three powers converged into the Shattering God Sword, it immediately emitted a dazzling white light.

Feeling the pressure emanating from the Shattering God Sword, Emperor Shenwu's heart trembled.

The mere pressure from this sword already made him feel his life was in danger.

He now felt that he might not be able to withstand the next strike.

No, things cannot go on like this.

Emperor Shenwu then also mobilized the Origin Power; after all, he was already the Heavenly Emperor, and the amount of Origin Power he could mobilize was obviously more than Lu Chen's.

Yet, for some reason, when mobilizing the Origin Power, he found that this universe greatly rejected him, seemingly refusing to allow him to use the Origin Power.

Emperor Shenwu shouted, "I am the Heavenly Emperor!!!"

However, as these words fell, Emperor Shenwu frantically drew more Origin Power, but the sense of rejection only became more apparent.

Emperor Shenwu felt extremely dissatisfied; he was already the Heavenly Emperor, yet still not recognized by this universe.

Why?!

Lu Chen, who wasn't even a Heavenly Emperor, could mobilize the Origin Power, yet when he used it, the universe limited him.

Thinking of this, Emperor Shenwu's inner fury was completely ignited. If this universe wouldn't grant him Origin Power, then this universe shouldn't continue to exist.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu seemed to sense a faint universal consciousness, like a pair of human eyes, staring intently at him.

Emperor Shenwu sneered, "Since you don't wish to grant me Origin Power, then I shall completely replace you!"

As his words fell, Emperor Shenwu prepared to act against that universal consciousness.

At this time, Lu Chen was stunned in the void.

In his eyes, a massive Cosmic Black Hole appeared above Emperor Shenwu, and within the black hole seemed to be a pair of blood-red eyes, surrounded by red threads.

Lu Chen thought to himself, could it be that the Era Tribulation is beginning?

This is big trouble!

Thinking of this, Lu Chen prepared to have the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty retreat.

However, at this moment, he noticed the Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty seemed oblivious to Emperor Shenwu's anomaly, still madly surging towards the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty, while over a hundred Great Emperors responsible for protecting the Spirit Gathering Array proactively engaged, and thus a battle erupted between the two sides.

Lu Chen seemed to understand something, then transmitted his voice to Thunderbolt Emperor, “Thunderbolt, do you see the black hole above Emperor Shenwu?”

Thunderbolt Emperor was taken aback, “Black hole, what black hole?”

Then Thunderbolt Emperor specifically tried to perceive it, but saw nothing. He only saw Emperor Shenwu suspended in the void, with his Heavenly Demon Power growing denser, only Emperor Shenwu’s face appeared very contorted, looking very uncomfortable.

Lu Chen thought, no wonder neither side seemed to have any intention to flee; turns out they simply couldn’t see it.

## **Having children earns benefit, start competing for dominance in the world by marrying a wife**

The emperors were all aware of the bizarre red threads of the Era Tribulation. If they saw the red threads above Emperor Shenwu’s head, they would definitely think that the Era Tribulation had begun, causing them to flee in terror.

Seeing that all the emperors present were focused on battle and even the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army had not fled, Lu Chen realized that the black hole above Emperor Shenwu's head and those crimson eyes could only be seen by him and Emperor Shenwu.

This made Lu Chen uncertain about whether it was indeed the sign of the beginning of the Era Tribulation.

Lu Chen thought for a moment. Since Emperor Shenwu was currently distracted by those eyes, he could take the opportunity to distance himself from the Central Star Domain.

Those eyes made him feel extremely dangerous. Even if it wasn't the sign of the beginning of the Era Tribulation, keeping away from that thing was definitely the right choice.

With that in mind, Lu Chen immediately transmitted a message to all the emperors of the Daxia Dynasty, "Everyone, prepare to withdraw from the Central Star Domain!"

Hearing this, the emperors who were about to fight against the Heavenly Demon Army were stunned. Withdraw from the Central Star Domain?

Why withdraw from the Central Star Domain at this time?

Didn't Emperor Shenwu become immobilized? Why not take this chance to deal with him directly, instead of withdrawing from the Central Star Domain?

If they withdrew now, wouldn't this trip have been in vain?

Lu Chen didn't bother to explain much. He didn't know how long Emperor Shenwu could hold on. If Emperor Shenwu couldn't last, and those eyes turned their gaze upon them, that would be troublesome.

At this moment, Thunderbolt Emperor transmitted a message asking, "Your Majesty, isn't this the best time to eliminate Emperor Shenwu? Why the sudden retreat?"

Lu Chen replied mildly, "Once we've withdrawn from the Central Star Domain, I'll explain the reason to you all."

Since Lu Chen said so, the emperors refrained from asking further questions. After all, Lu Chen was the Emperor of the Daxia Dynasty, and he must have his reasons for doing so.

To help the army of the Daxia Dynasty retreat, Lu Chen immediately wielded the Seven-colored Power with his sword, and the next moment, countless Heavenly Demons were obliterated in the universe.

Seeing this scene from afar, Emperor Yunjing and the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army couldn't help but lament. If only they had joined the Daxia Dynasty earlier, or brought the Daxia Dynasty into the Immortal Alliance Army, it would have been better.

If Lu Chen were here, they wouldn't have suffered such heavy casualties. Just as the emperors were sighing, they suddenly noticed that the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty was retreating.

Upon witnessing this, people felt bewildered. Isn't the Daxia Dynasty currently in a position of advantage? Why the sudden retreat?

Once the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty withdrew a certain distance, the hundred emperors of the Daxia Dynasty who weren't involved in the Spirit Gathering Array also began to retreat gradually.

Emperor Yunjing and others started to discuss.

"What happened?"

"Why is the Daxia Dynasty retreating?"

"Could it be that Lu Chen is about to employ some method and is worried about affecting others, so he ordered them to retreat?"

"If that's the case, wouldn't he have kept the Daxia Dynasty's Immortal Boat away from the start?"

"Something seems off."

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Emperor Yunjing then said, "I will go ask."

As his words fell, Emperor Yunjing descended from the Immortal Boat and flew to one of the retreating emperors of the Daxia Dynasty, "Why are you retreating? Isn't your power capable of suppressing the Heavenly Demons?"

The emperor replied, "This is an order from His Majesty. We don't know the reason either, perhaps His Majesty discovered something."

"You should withdraw quickly as well. Once outside the Central Star Domain, His Majesty will explain the reason to us."

Upon hearing the emperor's words, Emperor Yunjing didn't waste any more time and promptly returned to the Immortal Boat of the Immortal Alliance Army.

Seeing his return, the emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army immediately gathered around him.

An emperor asked eagerly, "Emperor Yunjing, did you find out anything? Why did the Daxia Dynasty suddenly retreat?"

Emperor Yunjing answered, "Those emperors don't know the reason either. Lu Chen ordered them to retreat, possibly because he discovered something."

"We should retreat immediately as well."

Hearing this, the emperors looked at each other.

Emperor Yunjing spoke up again, "Once we're out of the Central Star Domain, Lu Chen should explain the reason. Let's retreat first."

With those words, Emperor Yunjing immediately maneuvered the Immortal Boat to retreat, and seeing him retreat, the other emperors followed suit.

Once the fleets of the Daxia Dynasty and the Immortal Alliance Army had withdrawn a certain distance, Lu Chen directly mobilized the Origin Power and channeled three forces into the Shattering God Sword once again.

Then he swung his sword.

With this swing, the oncoming Demonic Tide was completely reduced to dust. Taking this opportunity, Lu Chen immediately dismantled the Spirit Gathering Array and quickly left the Shenyue Dynasty with the emperors who had been part of the array.

At that time, Emperor Shenwu hadn't noticed that Lu Chen had already made his escape. He was vigorously drawing upon the power of the Cosmic Origin, attempting to fully control the entire universe.

Just as he felt he was about to touch the cosmic will, he suddenly noticed countless red threads appearing before him. Before Emperor Shenwu could react, those red threads pierced through his body directly.

Feeling his body dissolving from the red threads, Emperor Shenwu's face showed a look of terror. He immediately thought of the bizarre red threads that appeared during the Era Tribulation.

Emperor Shenwu roared in unwillingness, "No!!! I will not fall like this, Era Tribulation be damned!!!"

"As long as I fully control this universe, the Era Tribulation will be at my command!"

With these words, Emperor Shenwu exerted all of the Heavenly Demon Power within his body. For a moment, the entire Shenyue Dynasty was shrouded in a vortex of Heavenly Demon Power, and the Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty were swept into it before they even realized it.

As the vortex of Heavenly Demon Power spun faster, the Heavenly Demon Power within the bodies of the Heavenly Demons of the Shenyue Dynasty was gradually extracted, and those demons turned to dust.

The Heavenly Demons felt their power being drawn out by Emperor Shenwu, causing all to panic. They struggled and howled frantically, their cries echoing across the entire Central Star Domain.

As Lu Chen was withdrawing from the Central Star Domain, he heard the howls of the Heavenly Demons and turned to check on the situation at the Shenyue

Dynasty. The result was as he had expected; those red threads had indeed attacked Emperor Shenwu, even binding him.

At this moment, the emperors of the Daxia Dynasty and the Immortal Alliance Army also noticed the situation in the Shenyue Dynasty. Seeing the entire dynasty engulfed in the vortex of Heavenly Demon Power, all the emperors felt a chill down their spines.

If they hadn't retreated just now, wouldn't they have been caught in this terrifying vortex too? Is this the true power of Emperor Shenwu? It's truly terrifying!

Aside from Lu Chen, the other emperors did not know Emperor Shenwu's situation. They mistakenly thought this vortex was a precursor to Emperor Shenwu making a move against Lu Chen.

## **Having children earns benefit, start competing for dominance in the world by marrying a wife**

Seeing Emperor Shenwu's body constantly pierced by those red threads and rapidly dissolving, Lu Chen's brow immediately furrowed.

In his previous life, he had also experienced the Era Tribulation. Although his memories as the Heavenly Emperor weren't complete, he didn't fully understand these strange red threads. However, through the Heavenly Emperor's memory, he knew he had the ability to survive the Era Tribulation.

The Origin Power of the Heavenly Emperor is synonymous with the universe. These strange red threads should not attack the Heavenly Emperor, and even if they were to attack, they shouldn't harm him. Why does Emperor Shenwu appear to be on the verge of falling?

Could it be that the Heavenly Demon Power that turned him into the Heavenly Emperor can't withstand the Cosmic Calamity?

Or is it that the red threads in this era are somehow different from the red threads in the last era?

Seeing Lu Chen standing on the deck of the Immortal Boat, constantly gazing in the direction of the Shenyue Dynasty, Thunderbolt Emperor approached Lu Chen and said, "Thanks to Your Majesty for discovering Emperor Shenwu's plot in time, otherwise, we might all be caught up in that vortex."

Hearing this, Lu Chen asked, "Can you truly see nothing?"

Thunderbolt Emperor asked back, "See what?"

Lu Chen did not hide it any longer. He directly said, "Those red threads."

Upon hearing this, the faces of Thunderbolt Emperor and the Great Emperors around Lu Chen instantly turned pale.

One of the Great Emperors said, "Are the red threads Your Majesty mentioned the kind of strange red threads that only appear during the Era Tribulation?"

Lu Chen said, "It seems you all really can't see them; only I and Emperor Shenwu can see them."

At this point, Lu Chen continued, "Just now, a pair of scarlet eyes appeared in the void, from which countless red threads grew. Emperor Shenwu absorbed all the Heavenly Demon Power of the Shenyue Dynasty because he's currently combating those strange red threads."

After listening to Lu Chen's account, the Great Emperors glanced at each other, shock evident in their eyes.

They had thought the Heavenly Demon Power vortex of the Shenyue Dynasty was set up by Emperor Shenwu to deal with Lu Chen. Unexpectedly, Emperor Shenwu was actually fighting the Era Tribulation.

Thunderbolt Emperor said, "So, the Era Tribulation has already begun?"

Lu Chen said, "You can't see it, so maybe it hasn't started. Perhaps Emperor Shenwu violated some taboo, which caused him to be pursued by those strange threads."

Lu Chen suspected that the current red threads could only be seen by those who controlled Origin Power. He possessed Origin Power, and after becoming a Heavenly Emperor, Emperor Shenwu also grasped Origin Power. So both of them could see those scarlet eyes evolved from the cosmic consciousness.

Of course, this was just his speculation. He wasn't sure about the specific reason.

Lu Chen was now most worried about those red threads. If they killed Emperor Shenwu and continued to grow, it would mean the true start of the Era Tribulation.

At this time, Lu Chen thought of another issue. The other half of the Reincarnation Stone was still with Emperor Shenwu. With the current situation, even if Emperor Shenwu was killed by those strange red threads, he wouldn't be able to retrieve the Sky Evolution Stone.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen planned to leave behind a clone to see if there would be a chance later to visit the Shenyue Dynasty.

Subsequently, Lu Chen left a clone in the Sixth Layer Realm in the void.

The fleet of the Daxia Dynasty returned to the Red Rain World at the fastest speed and then directly utilized the Red Rain World's Holy Tier Transmission Array to go to the Daxia Dynasty.

Outside the Red Rain World, some Great Emperors of the Immortal Alliance Army were still hesitating.

Most Great Emperors had their own influences, and they weren't sure whether those influences still existed.

Some Great Emperors had a deep affection for their respective influences, making it difficult for them to decide to join another empire while being uncertain about the existence of their own.

Lu Chen did not make things difficult for those Great Emperors. Given the current situation where the Era Tribulation could arrive at any time, he needed to think about how to resist the Era Tribulation, and whether those Great Emperors joined the Daxia Dynasty wasn't his primary concern.

At this point, thinking of expanding and increasing the Daxia Dynasty's Qi Fortune might already be too late, given that those red threads had already appeared, even though currently only he and Emperor Shenwu could see them.

Lu Chen brought back the Great Emperors willing to join the Daxia Dynasty, while those still hesitating were allowed to stay in the Red Rain World. Whenever they sorted out their thoughts, they could travel through the Red Rain World's Holy Tier Transmission Array to the Daxia Dynasty.

Meanwhile.

Shenyue Dynasty.

Emperor Shenwu was still battling those red threads, his body and Divine Soul now riddled with holes, seeming on the brink of death. However, the Heavenly Demon Power around him hadn't dissipated.

Lu Chen's clone hid on a world outside the Shenyue Dynasty, witnessing it all. Lu Chen felt he should thank Emperor Shenwu. If not for Emperor Shenwu holding out for so long, those red threads might have attacked them.

Fortunately, the fleet of the Daxia Dynasty had already returned to the Daxia Dynasty. It's just uncertain whether the Barrier of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella could withstand those strange red threads.

Emperor Shenwu was a Heavenly Emperor, and if he could endure under those red threads for so long, the Immortal Spirit Umbrella, which could itself withstand attacks from a Heavenly Emperor, might also perhaps withstand the Era Tribulation?

While Lu Chen contemplated the feasibility of using the Immortal Spirit Umbrella to resist the Era Tribulation, a man's voice echoed in the void.

"Emperor Shenwu, you have truly given me a big surprise!"

Hearing this voice, Lu Chen's brow furrowed, and the next moment he felt a tremendous pressure, which had clearly reached the Heavenly Emperor Realm.

Lu Chen's face immediately turned serious as his mind quickly thought of one person, a person who had been gone for a long time.

Tianji Pavilion's Tower Master, Xuan Tian!

Just as he expected, the next moment, Xuan Tian's figure appeared in Shenyue Dynasty. He stood before Emperor Shenwu, looking at him with a gloomy face.

When Xuan Tian appeared, Emperor Shenwu sensed a power similar to the red threads, as he had been eroded by that power recently and was very sensitive to it.

Emperor Shenwu instantly understood something and laughed loudly, saying, "I understand, I understand!!!"

"Xuan Tian! You are the Heavenly Dao!!!"

Hearing Emperor Shenwu's words, Lu Chen was stunned.

Xuan Tian is the Heavenly Dao?

What does that mean?

Lu Chen felt a jolt in his heart.

Wait, if Xuan Tian is the Heavenly Dao, and they are inside the Chaos Beast's belly, does that mean Xuan Tian is the Chaos Beast?

Or perhaps Xuan Tian is an embodied consciousness evolved from the Chaos Beast!

Xuan Tian then continued to say to Emperor Shenwu, "I never expected, a mere pawn to force me into such a predicament. I should have eliminated you sooner."

## **Having children earns benefit, start competing for dominance in the world by marrying a wife**

**Chapter 1559: Chapter 1249: Today, this emperor will defy the heavens!**

Xuan Tian originally just wanted to use Emperor Shenwu and his group to get rid of Lu Chen, but he didn't expect them to be so useless.

Especially Emperor Shenwu, who not only failed to be an effective pawn but even ascended to the Heavenly Emperor, becoming a potential threat to him.

At this moment, Emperor Shenwu laughed heartily and said, "Not eliminating this emperor was the most foolish decision!"

"Today, this emperor shall defy the heavens!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the Heavenly Demon Power within Emperor Shenwu surged dramatically.

Immediately after, he tightly grasped the Holy Demon Spear in his hand and thrust it towards Xuan Tian.

At this moment, Xuan Tian didn't dodge at all, simply floating in the void, waiting for Emperor Shenwu's attack.

The next instant, the Holy Demon Spear, wrapped in overwhelming Heavenly Demon Power, pierced through Xuan Tian's body, yet surprisingly, Emperor Shenwu and Lu Chen noticed that Xuan Tian's body remained unchanged.

The Holy Demon Spear did pierce through Xuan Tian's body, however, Xuan Tian still remained there, making Emperor Shenwu feel as though he hadn't pierced a solid body but merely a projection.

Then, Xuan Tian calmly said, "If given more time to grow, perhaps you could pose a threat like Lu Chen. Unfortunately, you are merely a worm within my body."

At this point, Xuan Tian slowly raised his hand, countless crimson threads emerged from the scarlet eyes in the void, quickly penetrating Emperor Shenwu's body and Divine Soul at immense speed.

Emperor Shenwu, unwilling, tried to use Origin Power to block, but found himself unable to mobilize the Origin Power anymore, as his link with it was thoroughly severed.

A hint of panic appeared on Emperor Shenwu's face as he incredulously said, "How can this be!"

Xuan Tian saw Emperor Shenwu attempt to use Origin Power and sneered, saying, "As a worm in my stomach, how amusing that you would attempt to draw upon the power within me to fight me!"

Upon hearing Xuan Tian's words, both Emperor Shenwu and Lu Chen were stunned.

Lu Chen now understood why Chu Zhengyu considered him a Beast Guard; the power he used came from this universe, or more precisely, from the Chaos Beast itself.

If that's the case, wouldn't it be extremely easy for the Chaos Beast to cut off his power source, just like Emperor Shenwu?

Lu Chen furrowed his brows, as all his power originated from Xuan Tian. If Xuan Tian were to act against him and the Daxia Dynasty, how could he resist?

If Xuan Tian were to simply reclaim his power, there might be nothing he could do.

Thinking of this, Lu Chen felt incredibly anxious inside.

However, just at this moment, the long-dormant System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings beeped with an alert.

“The host’s power comes from the system, and the Origin Power of the host is sourced from the child worlds of the host’s wives and concubines; the Chaos Beast cannot block the host’s power.”

Hearing the system alert, Lu Chen was slightly stunned.

His power isn’t related to the Chaos Beast?

Thinking carefully, it seems indeed unrelated to the Chaos Beast, especially considering that the Origin Power he obtained initially came from the child worlds of his wives and concubines.

Though he could feel the Origin Power of this universe, he almost never harnessed it, and from the beginning, he felt there was a difference between this universe's Origin Power and his own.

Just as Emperor Shenwu's body was about to dissipate, suddenly, a force of Dark Power spread from afar.

When this Dark Power passed through Lu Chen's body, he felt very uncomfortable, but he forcibly refrained from using Spiritual Power to resist it, as doing so might alert Xuan Tian in the distance.

Yet, thinking further, Lu Chen felt Xuan Tian likely already knew of his presence; Xuan Tian, as a consciousness condensed by the Chaos Beast, likely always knew his exact location and actions while inside.

However, he couldn't understand why Xuan Tian never acted against him, rather allowing him to grow.

From what Xuan Tian had previously said in the Outer Domain, it was clear they were adversaries. Given Xuan Tian's power surpassing the Heavenly Emperor, eliminating him would be easy, yet Xuan Tian chose not to, letting him grow instead.

As Lu Chen pondered Xuan Tian's reasoning for this, he noticed all the Dark Power flowing through his body conglomerate onto Emperor Shenwu, causing his Heavenly Demon Power to surge once more.

“Unwilling! This emperor is unwilling!!!”

With Emperor Shenwu's roar of defiance, the Evil Qi around him intensified, and his body began to turn into a misty state, losing his human form.

Watching Emperor Shenwu's transformation, Xuan Tian's expression turned even more ominous. He transmitted his voice across the universe, “Xuan Qingyun, do you truly wish to oppose me?”

Hearing Xuan Tian's voice, Lu Chen felt a bit surprised, as he knew the name of the Heavenly Mystery Maiden was Xuan Qingyun.

Was the Dark Power from Xuan Qingyun?

After Xuan Tian's words, there was no response from Xuan Qingyun, and soon, Emperor Shenwu's body transformed completely into a mass of black mist.

Within the black mist were a pair of scarlet eyes, staring at Xuan Tian in the distance, loudly proclaiming, “Xuan Tian, you never expected this emperor to still be alive!”

Seeing Emperor Shenwu fully turn into a Heavenly Demon, Xuan Tian snorted coldly and spoke to the void, “Xuan Qingyun, do you think relying on a Heavenly Demon at the Heavenly Emperor level can destroy this universe?”

As he spoke, countless cracks appeared in the void, from which innumerable crimson threads started to emerge.

Upon witnessing this scene, Lu Chen’s expression changed slightly.

Not good, the Era Tribulation has begun!

Lu Chen immediately prepared to navigate his clone away from the Central Star Domain. Although he could abandon it at any time, it still had a purpose, as he intended to rely on it to observe those peculiar crimson threads; it mustn’t be destroyed yet.

However, just as Lu Chen was about to maneuver his clone away, he noticed innumerable black threads growing out of the black mist transformed by Emperor Shenwu, these threads infused with intense Heavenly Demon Power, directly attacking those crimson threads.

In an instant, an entwining of innumerable crimson and black threads occurred, as they gradually dissolved into a white liquid upon intertwining.

Seeing Emperor Shenwu able to withstand his own power, Xuan Tian's expression became increasingly grim. If things continue like this, he might face trouble before he could refine Lu Chen.

Xuan Tian sneered coldly, "Xuan Qingyun, you forced me into this!"

"Soul-devouring Power!!!"

As Xuan Tian's voice fell, suddenly, more cracks appeared throughout the universe, from which countless green liquids, emitting white smoke, began to flow out.

These liquids gathered into an ocean and surged toward Emperor Shenwu like a tidal wave.

**Having children earns benefit, start competing for dominance in the world by marrying a wife**

Seeing that green liquid emitting white mist, Lu Chen was suddenly stunned.

Is this the Soul-devouring Power?

Why does it look like hydrochloric acid?

Although in his heart it seemed like hydrochloric acid, deep in Lu Chen's Divine Soul, he felt a profound sense of crisis. Clearly, that so-called Soul-devouring Power could threaten his life.

This scene made Lu Chen feel incredibly abstract. In the Outer Domain, when Chu Zhengyu said they were inside the stomach of a Chaos Beast, he didn't have any obvious feeling.

After all, this universe looked just like a normal universe. It now seemed they were indeed inside the stomach of a Chaos Beast. Look, even the gastric acid is coming out.

Under the wash of the Soul-devouring Power, Emperor Shenwu's body instantly dissolved, and his Divine Soul turned into tiny starlights.

Emperor Shenwu roared unwillingly, "No!!!"

Gradually, the voice of Emperor Shenwu got smaller and smaller, soon his Divine Soul entirely dissipated.

Seeing Emperor Shenwu had fallen, Lu Chen thought that Xuan Tian should take back that Soul-devouring Power now, but to his surprise, the Soul-devouring Power spread like ocean waves toward all corners of the universe, showing no sign of stopping.

Cold sweat instantly appeared on Lu Chen's forehead. He had personally witnessed the entire process of this Soul-devouring Power dissolving Emperor Shenwu, knowing its power was more terrifying compared to those red threads.

Without any hesitation, Lu Chen directly used the Holy Tier Transmission Array that he had set up in this world to escape from that Star Domain.

Even after escaping that Star Domain, at the edge of the Central Star Domain, he could still see those green liquids surging toward other parts of the universe like a tsunami.

Lu Chen frowned deeply. In such a situation, it might be even more dangerous than the Era Tribulation. This is trouble, and he doesn't even know if the Barrier of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella can withstand these green liquids.

There's probably a greater possibility it cannot. Even after touching these green liquids, Emperor Shenwu, the Heavenly Emperor, dissolved in a moment, though the Immortal Spirit Umbrella can withstand attacks from the Heavenly Emperor, it's also limited in the number of times it can.

While Lu Chen was pondering how to handle this crisis, suddenly a red sedan appeared in the distance.

Hmm?

Red Flower Sedan?

Every time the Red Flower Sedan appears, it seems to bring him a woman. Is it going to bring him a woman this time too?

But at this point, even if it brought him a beautiful woman, he probably doesn't have the mind to engage in pleasures with her.

Soon, the Red Flower Sedan came not far from Lu Chen, and the next moment, a stone flew out from the Red Flower Sedan directly in front of Lu Chen.

This...

Before Lu Chen could reach out to take the stone, the Reincarnation Stone in his system backpack suddenly flew out on its own.

The next moment, the Reincarnation Stone and the Sky Evolution Stone fused together, emitting dazzling multicolored light.

While Lu Chen was distracted, the fused Reincarnation Stone hovered above his forehead and emitted a beam of multicolored light. Lu Chen had no time to dodge, and that light directly entered Lu Chen's Divine Soul through his clone.

The next moment, Lu Chen felt a vast amount of memory pour into his Divine Soul. Although he didn't recover memories from his previous life, he gained a crucial piece of information.

That is, when he and all his wives practice dual cultivation together, as long as they can achieve simultaneous soul resonance with them, he will be able to unseal all memories of his previous life. This is also why he strives to find his romantic companions every lifetime.

Lu Chen murmured, "So that's it."

"Looks like I have to hurry."

The next moment, Lu Chen began controlling his clones to take action. No matter what his wives were doing at this moment, he brought them all onto the bed.

Most of Lu Chen's wives were already used to what Lu Chen did to them, so they wouldn't resist cultivating with him, but Yun Qingshu was different. Ever since Yun Qingshu came to the Great Sum Dynasty, she had been cautious of Lu Chen.

Though Lu Chen initially told her he brought her to the Great Sum Dynasty just for Yun Xianxian, given Lu Chen's nature, Yun Qingshu still had some suspicions about him.

Wanming World.

Atop a mountaintop shrouded in mist, white cranes came and went, resembling a fairyland.

On the mountaintop, there was a thatched cottage, and inside, Yun Qingshu was in secluded cultivation.

Suddenly, Yun Qingshu's eyes opened wide.

Her eyes looked around blankly, then she gathered her Spiritual Power to stabilize her mind.

Yun Qingshu felt confused. What just happened? Why did she suddenly sense a strong sense of crisis, as if she was about to experience a calamity today?

Great Emperors have certain abilities to foresee danger, so when they sense a crisis, they take it seriously.

Yun Qingshu frowned, wondering if the Era Tribulation has begun.

Thinking of this possibility, Yun Qingshu prepared to get up and go out to check.

However, just as she got up, a figure she dreaded appeared in the room.

Seeing Lu Chen appear, Yun Qingshu's eyebrows furrowed, and she coldly said, "What are you here for?"

The thing Yun Qingshu feared most was Lu Chen suddenly showing up here. If Lu Chen didn't come here, it would mean he had forgotten her.

If Lu Chen came, that would mean he still harbored feelings for her. Adding to that, Lu Chen's current strength far surpassed hers. If Lu Chen really wanted to do something to her, she would be unable to resist.

Lu Chen didn't immediately answer Yun Qingshu's question, his gaze scrutinizing her.

Yun Qingshu wore a light green gauze dress that covered her graceful figure, perfectly balanced between too plump and too thin, making her figure ideal.

Seeing Lu Chen's eyes wandering over her, Yun Qingshu was startled. Although Lu Chen hadn't spoken, his eyes betrayed his intentions.

What Lu Chen wanted to do next was obvious.

Before Lu Chen could speak, Yun Qingshu's body turned into a stream of light and rushed out of the thatched cottage.

Since she knew what Lu Chen intended, staying there would only lead to one outcome.

Seeing Yun Qingshu flee, Lu Chen only smiled slightly. As long as she was within the Great Sun Dynasty, he could sense her location no matter where she went. Her struggle was futile.

Yun Qingshu's speed was swift; in a moment, she reached the edge of the Immortal Spirit Umbrella's Barrier. As long as she passed through it, she would escape the Great Sun Dynasty.

However, just as she was about to cross, Lu Chen appeared beside her, saying, "The Era Tribulation has already begun."

Hearing this, Yun Qingshu, who was about to escape, was stunned in place.