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Xiyue Immortal Venerable pondered for a moment, then said to Lu Chen, "I plan to go in again."

Although she speculated that the Great Power might not truly be dead, Xiyue Immortal Venerable trusted her intuition that there was definitely an opportunity for her within that small world.

Now that Tianyan Immortal Domain already had an Immortal Emperor, the Qi Fortune of Tianyan Immortal Domain was limited. The method of relying on Qi Fortune to ascend to emperorhood was no longer feasible, so she had to find another way.

She already had a different method to ascend, but if she wanted to break through and become a true Nine-tailed Heavenly Fox, she still needed some opportunities. If she only relied purely on cultivation, she didn't know when she would successfully break through to become an Immortal Emperor.

Even though the small world was full of dangers, as long as there was an opportunity for her to transform into a Nine-tailed Heavenly Fox, it was worth the risk.

Seeing that Xiyue Immortal Venerable wanted to go in again, Lu Chen said, "Alright, I'll go in too. If we really encounter the residual soul of that Great Power, I'll immediately carve the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array."

After all, Xiyue Immortal Venerable was a woman who met the system's conditions, and Lu Chen couldn't just watch her take risks without reacting, he definitely needed to help.

Moreover, he could instantly sever the Divine Sense connection with that body, so even if there really was a residual soul of a Great Power wanting to destroy his Divine Soul, it would be an extremely difficult task.

As for reincarnating his body, his body was merely a Mortal Immortal body, so reincarnation wouldn't have any impact on him.

Subsequently, the two of them closed their eyes again, and soon, their consciousness returned to their clones.

When their consciousness returned to the clones, they found that the Corpse Mountain Blood Sea they had seen before had completely disappeared, and what appeared before their eyes was a magnificent palace.

The two immediately turned their heads to look around, but they didn't find any residual soul presence.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable once again tried to explore the palace with Divine Sense, but she still couldn't use Divine Sense to probe, so she couldn't find out what was inside the palace.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable then said to Lu Chen, "Let's go check out those palaces."

"Alright."

Afterward, the two walked towards the distant group of palaces.

At this time, the main road made of Xianjin leading to the palace emitted a golden glow, as if guiding the two of them.

Seeing the road radiating golden light, Xiyue Immortal Venerable and Lu Chen realized that there should be a spirit of some sort in this palace.

It could be a residual soul or an Artifact Spirit; anyway, something was controlling everything in this small world.

But this isn't surprising. Whether in secret realms or legacy places left by Great Powers, there are almost always residual souls or Artifact Spirits present.

Generally, when the legacy is taken away, the residual soul or Artifact Spirit will dissipate.

The two quickened their pace, following the golden-lit path into the palace.

The palace was vast, similar to those of the Immortal Sect, but Lu Chen and the others did not enter those palaces, they just kept advancing along the golden road below.

They walked for about a month before they reached the end of the golden road, where they were met with a grand and imposing palace.

On either side of the palace stood two golden statues over a hundred meters tall, one of a human, and the other seeming to resemble a phoenix.

Lu Chen and Xiyue Immortal Venerable stood at the entrance of the palace for a while and didn't step in immediately.

They had a premonition that there might be some danger inside the palace, and the entity behind the palace had clearly lured them deliberately.

After standing at the entrance for some time, Lu Chen said to Xiyue Immortal Venerable, "Do you want to go inside and take a look?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable calmly said, "Since we're here, why not go?"

As the words fell, Xiyue Immortal Venerable took a step forward and walked directly towards the majestic palace in front of her.

Seeing Xiyue Immortal Venerable enter, Lu Chen followed suit. He was also very curious to know why the entity behind the palace wanted to lure them to this place.

Soon, the two entered the grand hall.

The entire hall was empty, devoid of any objects.

This...

Seeing the completely empty hall, the two were taken aback.

Had the entity behind the palace lured them here only to find nothing?

Why bring them here then?

To amuse them?

Lu Chen glanced around the grand hall, and soon discovered some runes carved into the columns of the hall, similar to the ones on the stele below the Heavenly Ladder.

A familiar sensation washed over him, as if he had seen those runes somewhere before.

At this moment, the runes on the columns emitted a dazzling light, and a silhouette of a phoenix gradually formed.

Seeing this phoenix silhouette, Xiyue Immortal Venerable and Lu Chen immediately became vigilant.

The next moment, the phoenix silhouette looked at the two and spoke in human voice, "I have finally awaited someone from my homeland!"

Hearing what the phoenix silhouette said, Lu Chen and Xiyue Immortal Venerable felt confused.

Someone from its homeland?

Who was the person from its homeland?

Lu Chen soon reacted, suspiciously looking at the phoenix residual soul in front of him, and couldn't help but speculate if what the phoenix referred to as someone from its homeland was himself.

After all, during the Heavenly Ladder, only he received a hint, and those pillar runes obviously resonated with him, activating subsequently, and then this phoenix residual soul formed.

At this time, Lu Chen asked directly, "Who are you?"

The phoenix residual soul observed Lu Chen and then said in disbelief, "A... Mortal Immortal???"

"Why are you only at the Mortal Immortal Cultivation State???"

Seeing the phoenix residual soul's incredulous expression, Lu Chen chuckled and said, "This small world only prohibits Immortal Venerables from entering, not those below the Immortal Venerable Cultivation. My cultivation is below Immortal Venerate, so why can't I come in?"

The phoenix residual soul fell into contemplation, seemingly pondering something.

At this moment, Lu Chen and Xiyue Immortal Venerable simultaneously turned, glancing at each other with their peripheral vision. Then Xiyue Immortal Venerable spoke via divine transmission, "Do you know it?"

The phoenix residual soul clearly paid more attention to Lu Chen, so Xiyue Immortal Venerable suspected that it might have known him.

Lu Chen replied, "It's my first time entering this small world, and my first time seeing it, how could I possibly know it?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't ask further. She turned back to the phoenix residual soul in front of her, watching it with caution for any potential actions.

After some time, the phoenix residual soul finally spoke, "Alas, nevermind, just meeting one from my homeland is already hard enough."

Lu Chen then asked directly, "Do you mean to say that I and you come from the same place?"

The phoenix said, "Yes, we are both Outer Heaven persons."

"To be precise, we come from a place called the Spirit Realm."

Hearing this, Lu Chen wasn't too surprised; he'd long suspected that his identity was more than just a native of the Tianyan Immortal Domain.

Lu Chen then said, "How do you confirm that I and you come from the same place?"

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As soon as Lu Chen finished speaking, the Phoenix in the hall responded immediately, "The runes on the stone tablet and those on the columns all originate from the Spirit Realm. Your Divine Soul resonated with these runes, which proves that you are also from the Spirit Realm."

"Looking at your current state, you seem to have been reincarnated and are retraining yourself, so it's normal that you can't remember the past. As your Cultivation State continues to improve, your memories will gradually recover."

Upon hearing the Phoenix's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable glanced at Lu Chen again from the corner of her eye. She always felt this guy's identity was unusual and possibly the reincarnation of an Immortal Emperor. She didn't expect him to be an Outer Heaven Person.

No wonder his Divine Soul is truly powerful.

Lu Chen asked at this moment, "The Spirit Realm, what kind of place is that?"

The Phoenix answered, "The Spirit Realm is beyond this world, a much broader world."

Lu Chen said, "The Tianyan Immortal Domain is referred to as the Immortal Domain. Just from the name, the Immortal Domain should be more expansive than the Spirit Realm, right?"

Upon hearing this, the Phoenix laughed coldly and said, "Immortal Domain? What a joke. A place this tiny dares to call itself an Immortal Domain?"

"This world is merely created by a traitor of the Spirit Realm using the flesh and blood of our Spirit Realm's Heavenly God. The immortal aura you absorb is nothing but transformed Divine Power, not the so-called Immortal Aura at all."

Upon hearing the Phoenix's words, Lu Chen thought to himself, A traitor of the Spirit Realm? Who could that be?

Could it possibly be me?

It's no wonder he thought so because, after all, his memories as an Earthling were filled with so much novel content. As someone with a system, he was too unique; he seemed destined to be the protagonist.

People like him often had powerful past lives, so the traitor who created this world might just be himself.

Lu Chen continued to ask, "Why did that traitor of the Spirit Realm create this world?"

The Phoenix said, "Because he colluded with people from the Deceit Realm. Once we discovered this, he couldn't kill us, so he used a magic treasure to create this world. As this world operated, our Divine Power gradually transformed into the sustenance of this world, eventually leading to our downfall."

Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

The Deceit Realm? Could those strange creatures come from the Deceit Realm?

With this thought, Lu Chen directly asked, "Could those strange creatures come from the Deceit Realm?"

The Phoenix said, "Yes."

Suddenly, Lu Chen thought of something and urgently asked, "Senior, can you tell me about the Deceit Realm and Spirit Realm?"

Because of the system's constraints, he couldn't learn his past life memories in advance, but he was really curious. Now, with someone able to bypass the

system's restrictions, he was eager to know about things beyond the Tianyan Immortal Domain.

The Phoenix said, "I'm just a residual soul, with little time left. I'll directly transmit my memories to you."

As the Phoenix finished speaking, it transformed into a man in a red robe, whose appearance was the same as the humanoid statue outside the hall.

With this, the two statues outside all depicted the man, one in a demon form and the other a humanoid form.

It seems that might be a Demon God? Xiyue Immortal Venerable thought to herself, no wonder she felt that there was her destined chance in this Small World. If the master of this Small World is a Demon God, it is indeed possible that something valuable for her advancement was left behind.

At this moment, the man condensed into a Memory Pearl and offered it to Lu Chen.

Seeing the Memory Pearl, Xiyue Immortal Venerable immediately furrowed her brows. She had a hunch this man had no good intentions.

Lu Chen didn't overthink; he raised his hand, infused Immortal Power into the Memory Pearl, and prepared to read the memories within.

At that moment, the man's lips suddenly curled into a sinister smile.

The next second, Lu Chen felt as if his Divine Soul was tearing apart, something was impacting his Divine Soul.

Lu Chen didn't hesitate at all, he immediately severed his soul connection with this body, and at that point, the red-haired man laughed loudly and said, "After countless ages, I've finally waited for a Divine Soul from the Spirit Realm!"

"At last, I can live another life!"

Upon hearing the red-haired man's voice, Xiyue Immortal Venerable's expression changed slightly.

Not good; this red-haired man indeed has ulterior motives, he's attempting to reincarnate through Lu Chen!

Just as Xiyue Immortal Venerable was about to attack the residual soul of the red-haired man, she saw the man's residual soul abruptly transform into a streak of bloodlight, rushing toward Lu Chen's body.

However, when he just rushed into Lu Chen's brain, he was stunned; Lu Chen's head was completely empty, like a Puppet without any Divine Soul present.

At this moment, Lu Chen's physical body emitted a red glow, appearing completely under the red-haired man's control, making the present Xiyue Immortal Venerable hesitant to strike.

If she does strike now, Lu Chen's body might be ruined directly.

At this point, Xiyue Immortal Venerable's consciousness returned to her main body.

On the Immortal Ship.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable looked at the Lu Chen in front of her and asked, "Are you okay?"

Lu Chen replied, "I'm fine."

"When he attacked me, I cut off my Divine Sense."

Upon hearing Lu Chen was fine, Xiyue Immortal Venerable breathed a sigh of relief, but soon she thought of another problem.

Now, with Lu Chen's Mortal Immortal body taken over by the red-haired man, without Lu Chen, exploring that Small World would have one less trump card.

As Xiyue Immortal Venerable thought this, it seemed Lu Chen saw through her thoughts and continued, "You go back first to observe, and if he leaves, I will return."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable reminded him, "He's currently controlling your body."

Lu Chen said, "I sense that he's not interested in my physical form. If it were merely for corporeal reincarnation, your Immortal King Realm body would be the best choice."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable replied, "Your guess may be correct; he mentioned finally waiting for a Divine Soul from the Spirit Realm. It suggests your Divine Soul is unique and he aims to devour it."

Hearing this, Lu Chen fell into deep thought. It seemed that guy deliberately opened the Small World's entrance to attract Outer Heaven Persons like himself.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable then focused her attention on her clone, seeing the red-haired man seemingly deranged, controlling Lu Chen's body and yelling in frustration: "Why is there no Divine Soul! Why is there no Divine Soul!!"

At this point, "Lu Chen" suddenly turned to look at Xiyue Immortal Venerable, with "Lu Chen's" eyes glowing red, interrogating her, "Where did he run off to!"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "Senior, I do not know."

"Lu Chen" said, "No one can escape from the palm of my hand; he must still be within this Small World."

His time was running out, he had to quickly absorb a Divine Soul from the Spirit Realm to stabilize this residual soul.

Then, the red-haired man exited Lu Chen's body and transformed into a Phoenix, flying out of the palace, seemingly in pursuit of Lu Chen.

Seeing that the red-haired man had left Lu Chen's body, Xiyue Immortal Venerable's main body immediately informed him of the red-haired man's departure from his body.

Lu Chen then reconnected his Divine Sense back to his body.

When Lu Chen reconnected his Divine Sense to his clone, he suddenly felt a unique power within himself, and it seemed that power could be harnessed by him.

In a moment, Lu Chen attempted to channel that power, and after a short while, that power entered his Divine Soul, instantly making him feel refreshed, and his Divine Soul seemed nourished, becoming stronger.

Lu Chen immediately realized that this should be the Divine Soul Power left in him after that residual soul possessed him.

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At this moment, Lu Chen's eyes lit up, as the residual Divine Soul Power of that red-haired man could unexpectedly enhance his Divine Soul Strength! If he could refine this man's Divine Soul, could it make him stronger?

Perhaps he could break through in one go and become an Immortal King!

Seeing Lu Chen standing still, seemingly absent-minded, Xiyue Immortal Venerable quickly reminded him, "We should leave here immediately; that person might come back again."

Lu Chen snapped back to reality and said with a smile, "No, we don't need to leave; let's wait for him to come back!"

Upon hearing these words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable was stunned for a moment, uncertain about what Lu Chen had planned.

Just now, Lu Chen had encountered the mental attack of that red-haired man, and he instantly blocked his Divine Sense in fright. Now he actually wanted to wait for the red-haired man to return?

Although that red-haired man was merely a residual soul and didn't seem very powerful, this was within his Small World, a place where he could certainly mobilize its formations.

If he employed the formations, even all the immortals on the Heavenly Ladder together might not be his match.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable reminded him at this time, "Even though he's just a residual soul, this is within his Small World. If he uses the formations, not even

Immortal Venerates would stand to gain much in his presence. Are you sure you want to wait for him here?"

Lu Chen said, "No problem. When the time comes, we'll directly deploy the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array and see if we can seal him."

"If not, I have other means."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable gazed into Lu Chen's eyes, perplexed at why he seemed so excited now?

There was a certain longing in Lu Chen's gaze, reminiscent of the first time he saw her.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable suddenly felt a chill inside; could this guy possess that kind of intent towards the residual soul?

Lu Chen wasn't aware that Xiyue Immortal Venerable already pictured him as a perverted person in her mind.

Seeing the look of disdain on Xiyue Immortal Venerable's face, Lu Chen asked confusedly, "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "I am quite curious; you immediately blocked your Divine Sense connection after being attacked earlier, why are you waiting for him now?"

Lu Chen asked, "Don't you want to know what lies beyond the Tianyan Immortal Domain?"

Upon hearing these words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable frowned slightly. She did want to know what world lay beyond the Tianyan Immortal Domain, but what did this have to do with the residual soul?

Xiyue Immortal Venerable asked, "Could it be that you want to capture him and extract information about the world beyond the Tianyan Immortal Domain?"

Lu Chen shook his head, "No, no, no, I want to directly refine his Divine Soul."

Hearing this, Xiyue Immortal Venerable was slightly taken aback, not expecting Lu Chen to be so bold.

Even though he was just a residual soul, he was still the residual soul of a Great Power from the Outer Heaven, and it's unclear how formidable the residual soul might be.

If this residual soul were too powerful during refinement, not only could Lu Chen be unable to refine him, he might even be devoured by the residual soul.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable reminded, "Even if he is merely a residual soul, it's the residual soul of an Outer Heaven Person, and it's unknown how strong it is; don't blame me if anything happens."

Lu Chen said, "Don't worry; I possess Immortal Law capable of dealing with Divine Souls."

When he turned Ye Chuyao into his woman, he acquired an Immortal Law known as the Nine-Turn Soul Forbidden Technique, which had a strong restraining effect on Divine Souls, especially such residual souls without a body.

Seeing Lu Chen's confident demeanor, Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't say much more; she wanted to see how Lu Chen would defeat the residual soul later.

Meanwhile, after Fen Xiao left the hall, his body instantly became enormous, and the temperature within the Small World began to rise rapidly, affecting those ascending the Heavenly Ladder.

Everyone halted, collectively looking up. When they saw the Phoenix burning fiercely in the sky, their Divine Souls were immediately impacted, manifesting the scene of Corpse Mountain Blood Sea before their eyes.

Some immortals with weaker Divine Souls fell from the Heavenly Ladder after the soul attack, and soon heart-wrenching screams emanated from below the Heavenly Ladder.

Chu Zhengyu quickly steadied his mind, promptly lowered his head, avoiding staring at the Phoenix in the sky; his Divine Soul felt much better afterward.

Chu Zhengyu entered a contemplative state, realizing the Phoenix only appeared after Lu Chen and others ascended the Heavenly Ladder, perhaps indicating they had obtained the legacy, causing the anomaly?

Just as Chu Zhengyu was pondering this, suddenly, the Phoenix emitted a deafening sound, "So, you haven't escaped!"

Hearing the Phoenix's voice, the immortals on the Heavenly Ladder were stupefied once more, surprised it could speak.

At this moment, Chu Zhengyu subconsciously looked up again at the Fen Xiao emitting solar-like light in the sky, quickly lowering his head after a sweeping glance.

Chu Zhengyu raised a trembling hand, wiping sweat from his forehead; he realized something upon looking up just now.

The Phoenix wasn't an anomaly but a powerful Divine Soul.

Likely, this Divine Soul belonged to the residual soul of a deceased Great Power.

Chu Zhengyu now broke into a cold sweat down his back, realizing merely a residual soul had subdued everyone; if the Great Power were alive, Immortal Venerates surely wouldn't be his match.

No wonder their Heavenly Girl said this Great Power possessed strength comparable to the Immortal Emperor.

After calming down, Chu Zhengyu was curious.

Listening to the residual soul's words, it seemed to be searching for someone?

Could it be that Lu Chen provoked the residual soul, and it was searching for him?

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Within the palace, Lu Chen also heard Fen Xiao's voice; he turned to Xiyue Immortal Venerable and said, "Get ready; it has found me."

As he spoke, Lu Chen hesitated not to depict the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array. Perhaps due to his recently enhanced Divine Soul, his speed in depicting the array was faster.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable hadn't reacted yet, but Lu Chen's Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array was almost completed; if not for Lu Chen being unable to keep up with his Mortal Immortal power, the array would have already formed.

Lu Chen urged Xiyue Immortal Venerable, "Quick, provide me immortal power!"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't hesitate, instantaneously teleported to behind Lu Chen, channeling immortal power to him.

As soon as Xiyue Immortal Venerable's hand touched Lu Chen, half of her immortal power was instantly drained, casting doubt on whether they could seal the residual soul outside.

At this time, waves of flames surged into the palace like a tide, and Fen Xiao flew towards the palace.

As it was nearing Lu Chen, Fen Xiao instantly sensed something amiss, perceiving a threat of death from the array pattern in front of Lu Chen.

Fen Xiao flapped its wings urgently, stopping suddenly; however, at that instant, Lu Chen already activated the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array.

The next moment, the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array appeared above Fen Xiao's head.

Lu Chen shouted loudly, "Seal!"

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Feeling the oppressive power of the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array, Fen Xiao sneered, “How overconfident!”

This formation could indeed pose a threat to him, after all, he was now just a residual soul.

However, activating this formation consumes a massive amount of immortal power. The power of one Immortal King and one Mortal Immortal clearly couldn't fully unleash the formation's potential, let alone seal him.

Fen Xiao loudly shouted at this moment, “Burning Heaven and Boiling Sea!!!”

His body instantly erupted into even fiercer flames, clearly, he was burning his Divine Soul Power.

At the moment of burning his Divine Soul Power, this wisp of residual soul became even more transparent, looking as if it were about to disappear at any moment.

But even as this residual soul was very weak, it was nonetheless left by a Great Power, and the strength Fen Xiao exploded with was enough to crush an ordinary Immortal King.

The Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array set by Lu Chen was instantly incinerated by the flames on Fen Xiao's body.

Seeing the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array directly shattered, Xiyue Immortal Venerate was ready to abandon her avatar, as the strength displayed by this residual soul was too formidable, beyond what her Immortal King avatar could defeat.

Just as Xiyue Immortal Venerate was about to let her consciousness return to her main body, she suddenly sensed the aura around Lu Chen rapidly rising.

Soon, Lu Chen's aura reached the Immortal King Realm.

This...

Xiyue Immortal Venerate was slightly taken aback, how did a Mortal Immortal Avatar elevate its cultivation to the Immortal King Realm in such a short time?

Could it be that he also burned his soul?

Lu Chen had initially predicted that the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array might not be able to seal Fen Xiao, so he had prepared to use the Immortal King's Remain Curse.

Feeling Lu Chen's strength rising to the Immortal King Realm, Fen Xiao remained unfazed. Now, inside his Small World, he could manipulate all the formations within this palace.

How could a mere Immortal King be his opponent?

In the next moment, Fen Xiao prepared to mobilize the Great Array, but before he could activate it, he saw black mist swirling around Lu Chen's body, and Lu Chen's voice soon followed.

“Nine-Turn... Soul Forbidden Technique!!!”

As soon as the words fell, countless black runes flew out of Lu Chen's mouth, transforming into chains that bound Fen Xiao's residual soul,

making the already faint residual soul even more transparent. Fen Xiao roared, “No!!!”

Fen Xiao struggled hard, trying to activate the formations within the palace, but his Divine Soul Power was restrained by the black rune chains, unable to move at all.

Seeing the Immortal Law Lu Chen cast directly trap Fen Xiao, Xiyue Immortal Venerate was somewhat surprised. The pressure of this residual soul was so powerful that even her main body would not dare claim it could suppress it in a short time, yet Lu Chen could suppress it in his sleep.

Could the Immortal Law Lu Chen used have such a terrifying suppressive effect on divine souls?

Xiyue Immortal Venerate quickly came to her senses. This guy was an Outer Heaven Person, so naturally, he could not be viewed with the eyes of an ordinary being. Having some special methods was normal, and Xiyue Immortal Venerate didn't dwell on it.

Now, it depended on whether Lu Chen could refine this residual soul or not.

After binding Fen Xiao with the Nine-Turn Soul Forbidden Technique, Lu Chen hesitated not at all and immediately amplified the infusion of immortal power, attempting to suppress the consciousness of Fen Xiao's residual soul, then take the opportunity to refine him and absorb his Divine Soul Power.

The power of the Immortal King's Remain Curse was not much; he had to refine Fen Xiao quickly, or else he would have to use the Immortal King's Remain Curse a second time. This was meant to counter emergencies, he couldn't waste it again.

Fen Xiao also sensed Lu Chen erasing his consciousness, and his residual soul continuously struggled, sometimes transforming into a human shape, other times into a Phoenix.

Human cries and a Phoenix's cries echoed continuously within the hall, even reaching the ears of those on the Heaven Ascending Ladder.

Hearing the mournful cries coming from the clouds, Chu Zhengyu and the others immediately halted, more and more suspicious about whether some great terror resided above the clouds; if they went up there, they might be devoured without a trace left.

Seeing he couldn't escape Lu Chen's control, Fen Xiao began to plead, "Young friend, spare me; we both come from the same place, we're practically countrymen!!!"

Lu Chen chuckled, "Earlier, when you attacked me, you didn't consider us as fellow countrymen."

Saying this, Lu Chen began to speed up the transmission of immortal power. Realizing that Lu Chen was determined to obliterate him, Fen Xiao threatened, “Don’t... push me! If you keep this up, I’ll take you down with me!”

Lu Chen remained indifferent, thinking if Fen Xiao really could take him down too, he wouldn’t be here wasting words.

At this point, Fen Xiao’s divine soul was completely suppressed, making self-detonation impossible.

Seeing Lu Chen unmoved by his threats, Fen Xiao pleaded again, “In my Small World, I’ve left many treasures; as long as you spare me, I’ll give them all to you!!!”

This time, Lu Chen didn’t respond to Fen Xiao. He kept operating the Nine-Turn Soul Forbidden Technique, trying to completely obliterate Fen Xiao’s consciousness.

Realizing Lu Chen remained unmoved, Fen Xiao knew he was probably doomed, and began to curse, “Even if you kill me, don’t think you can leave this world; one day, you’ll become nourishment for it too!”

“I’ll be waiting for you below!!!”

“Ah!!!”

Soon, Fen Xiao’s screams in the hall grew weaker and eventually disappeared entirely.

With Fen Xiao’s consciousness completely obliterated, Lu Chen had no hesitation and immediately tried to refine Fen Xiao’s divine soul.

Perhaps because both of their divine souls originated from the Spirit Realm, Lu Chen refined Fen Xiao’s divine soul with ease and absorbed all of his remaining Divine Soul Power.

For a moment, Lu Chen felt his own divine soul was exceptionally invigorated and stronger than before, not even knowing now himself the extent of its strength.

At this moment, Lu Chen saw some remaining memories left by Fen Xiao’s residual soul.

Because it was a residual soul, Fen Xiao’s memories were incomplete, but they involved quite a bit about the Spirit Realm and Deceit Realm.

After reading Fen Xiao’s memories, Lu Chen fell into deep thought.

According to Fen Xiao's memories, the Deceit Realm and Spirit Realm were opposing forces, and for some reason, some people from both realms were drawn into this world.

When they first arrived here, this world was just a mass of chaos, all pitch-black, devoid of anything, with Chaos Qi constantly eroding everyone's bodies.

At that time, a God Realm expert from the Spirit Realm stood up and killed some Spirit Realm experts, creating the Tianyan Immortal Domain from their blood, flesh, and power.

Those so-called Innate Divine Spirits are actually people of the Spirit Realm. Some surviving Spirit Realm individuals found places to hide, while those captured were suppressed beneath the Tianyan Immortal Domain, becoming the source of Immortal Aura for the domain.

Whenever a Spirit Realm expert falls, there is a revival of Immortal Aura in the Tianyan Immortal Domain, but this Immortal Aura is not true Immortal Aura, merely the energy transformed from those Spirit Realm individuals.

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After reading Fen Xiao's memory, Lu Chen's whole demeanor became serious, with his brows tightly knitted.

Seeing Lu Chen like this, Xiyue Immortal Venerate cautiously asked, "Are you still Lu Chen?"

When refining another's Divine Soul, if one's own Divine Soul isn't stronger, and the other's still has consciousness, it's possible to be counter-refined.

Seeing Lu Chen standing dumbfounded, Xiyue Immortal Venerate felt a trace of doubt inside.

Although it was just a residual soul, it was a Great Power's residual soul, not weak in Divine Soul Power, and if careless, could indeed be counter-refined.

Upon hearing Xiyue Immortal Venerate's words, Lu Chen snapped back to reality, turned his head to look at Xiyue Immortal Venerate, and saw her watching him warily.

Lu Chen understood what Xiyue Immortal Venerate was worried about, so he said, "I'm fine, I just read some of his memories and find them somewhat unbelievable."

Hearing Lu Chen's response, Xiyue Immortal Venerate relaxed a bit and curiously asked, "What is the world outside the Tianyan Immortal Domain like?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerate had always believed that her ancestors came from Outer Heaven, not from the Tianyan Immortal Domain, for her cultivation methods were different from typical Immortals. If she could break through to become a Nine-tailed Heavenly Fox, she could directly become an Immortal Emperor, which piqued her interest in the world beyond.

Lu Chen didn't respond verbally; instead, he condensed the memories he had just refined into a Memory Pearl and handed it to Xiyue Immortal Venerate, saying, "See for yourself."

Xiyue Immortal Venerate immediately became vigilant, staring directly into Lu Chen's eyes, and said, "Why don't you just tell me yourself?"

Lu Chen chuckled lightly, "You're really quite timid."

Clearly, Xiyue Immortal Venerate was still worried about Lu Chen being counter-refined, suspecting the current him wasn't Lu Chen.

With a blank expression, Xiyue Immortal Venerate said, "Better safe than sorry."

Lu Chen said, "Alright, I'll just tell you."

"Outside the Tianyan Immortal Domain, there are two worlds: the Deceit Realm and the Spirit Realm."

"Back then, when the Deceit Realm invaded the Spirit Realm, due to certain reasons, both sides were drawn into this world."

"At that time, this world hadn't yet become the Tianyan Immortal Domain; it was a void of chaos, and the entire space was filled with Chaos Qi, constantly eroding their bodies."

"Later, a God Realm Great Power from the Spirit Realm killed some Spirit Realm experts, using their physical bodies and power to create the Tianyan Immortal Domain, and imprisoned some Spirit Realm people beneath it. Whenever a Spirit Realm person fell, their inner power would transform into Immortal Aura."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerate was also astounded, realizing that the Tianyan Immortal Domain was created by someone, and the Immortal Aura they absorbed was actually the transformed energy of Spirit Realm beings.

After regaining her composure, Xiyue Immortal Venerate said, "So, does this mean that we are descendants of the Deceit Realm or the Spirit Realm people?"

Lu Chen replied, "He was just a residual soul, many memories are lost. Whether we are descendants of Spirit Realm or Deceit Realm people, it's hard to say."

"However, we're most likely descendants of Spirit Realm people. From the memories I've seen, the Deceit Realm is inhabited by eerie creatures. They invaded the Spirit Realm to harvest its vitality and Qi Fortune."

"Additionally, eerie creatures are imperishable, and we don't possess their characteristics, so we should be descendants of Spirit Realm people."

Xiyue Immortal Venerate fell into deep thought. After an unknown period, she suddenly remembered the opportunity in the Small World and hurriedly asked, "By the way, since you refined his Divine Soul and read his memories, you should know what opportunities exist within the Small World, right?"

They entered this Small World for the opportunities, and now that this Small World's owner's residual soul has been refined, finding the opportunities would be much easier.

Generally, a Great Power's residual soul is left to guard their legacy or opportunities they left behind, so a residual soul often knows all the opportunities within a Small World and how to obtain them.

Lu Chen said somewhat helplessly, "According to the memories I gleaned, when that person fell, he had no treasures, nor left any legacy."

"He left this residual soul here to see if he could find someone reincarnated from the Spirit Realm and deliver a message back to his original Sect."

"However, after his fall, a part of his obsession merged with this residual soul, leading it to refuse to simply perish. Thus, it used the Heavenly Ladder to absorb the Divine Soul Power of Immortals, weakening their Divine Souls, and nurturing its own residual soul by consuming Spirit Realm Divine Souls, in a vain attempt to resurrect."

Xiyue Immortal Venerate's face turned extremely stiff, "Does that mean we all made this trip for nothing?"

Lu Chen said, "It appears that way now."

Xiyue Immortal Venerate fell silent once more, though she still believed in her instincts. Since she foresaw something she needed inside this Small World, it implied there might be something attracting her here.

However, she didn't doubt Lu Chen, perhaps the memories he accessed did not indeed contain any opportunities.

There must be something Lu Chen didn't perceive as an opportunity, but for her, it could be.

Opportunities are subjective; what is an opportunity for oneself isn't necessarily one for others.

Just then, a thought struck Xiyue Immortal Venerate, and she abruptly remembered something.

Then she looked into Lu Chen's eyes and asked, "Were there any memories about a Beast Core in that residual soul's memory?"

Hearing the question, Lu Chen confusedly asked, "A Beast Core?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerate said, "If he could transform into a Phoenix, that proves he was from the Demon Race, and all Demon Race beings have a Beast Core."

Lu Chen reevaluated Fen Xiao's memories and found that they did not contain any references to a Beast Core.

"There was no memory of a Beast Core in his memories."

Hearing this, Xiyue Immortal Venerate breathed a sigh of relief, believing she hadn't come for nothing.

Lu Chen asked, "Do you want his Beast Core?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerate replied, "If I could absorb the power of his Beast Core, my strength could significantly enhance."

After all, he was a Great Power from Outer Heaven, and his Beast Core must be rich in demonic power, an incredible nourishment for any Demon Race member. Absorbing the power within his Beast Core might allow her to directly break through to the Immortal Emperor Realm.

Of course, she didn't mention that breaking through to the Immortal Emperor Realm directly in front of Lu Chen, for she was still concerned that if Lu Chen knew she might become an Immortal Emperor after absorbing the Beast Core, he might try to stop her.

This guy had designs on her body, and if she became an Immortal Emperor, he'd be out of luck. Hence, he might find ways to prevent her breakthrough.

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Xiyue Immortal Venerable was observing the expression on Lu Chen's face, trying to gauge what kind of reaction he would have upon learning that his strength would increase after obtaining the Beast Core.

At this moment, Lu Chen seemed to be contemplating something. After a few breaths of time, he finally spoke:

"This Small World is so vast, it might not be easy to find the Beast Core."

Although this place is called a "Small World," its size is anything but small—it's even larger than the surface area of the sun in the Solar System.

Size is one thing, but the main issue is that this Small World is filled with various Formations, and quite a few Immortal King Level fierce beasts as well.

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable felt that Lu Chen seemed to be having second thoughts.

In such an expansive Small World, finding an inconspicuous Beast Core, especially given the dangers that pervade this place, it's understandable that Lu Chen would be reluctant.

Just as Xiyue Immortal Venerable thought Lu Chen no longer wished to search for the Beast Core with her, Lu Chen asked: "You belong to the Demon Race, do you have a particular sense for the Beast Cores of your race?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable replied: "If the Beast Core is relatively close to me, I might be able to detect its Demon Qi."

Lu Chen said: "If that's the case, it might take centuries to find the Beast Core."

"However, with so many Immortals sent by various forces, perhaps someone among them will discover the location of the Beast Core first."

Lu Chen said: "In that case, let's begin our action. The sooner we find the Beast Core, the sooner we can leave this Small World."

There weren't any treasures in this Small World, and Lu Chen wasn't particularly interested. If it weren't for the fact that he had multiple Clones, he would want to leave this place immediately.

With so many Clones, leaving one behind to accompany Xiyue Immortal Venerable in exploring this Small World wasn't out of the question.

Seeing that Lu Chen had not mentioned leaving, Xiyue Immortal Venerable was slightly surprised. She thought he would want to leave this Small World at the mere lack of profit.

The fact is, Lu Chen agreeing to explore this Small World wasn't because he planned to gain any benefits from it.

After all, he had a System. Whatever Immortal Law or Magic Treasure he wanted, as long as he could reproduce, the System could provide it for him, so it didn't matter whether there were treasures in this Small World.

But Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't know this. In her view, Lu Chen agreed to enter this Small World with her in hopes of finding treasures and opportunities.

Upon learning that opportunities were absent in this Small World, he might have wanted to leave.

Now it seemed she was clearly mistaken.

At this moment, Lu Chen sorted through Fen Xiao's memory once more, searching for any clue about the Beast Core.

But after combing through Fen Xiao's memory several times, he found no recollection regarding the Beast Core.

This made Lu Chen suddenly have a thought.

He said: "What I just refined was merely a residual soul, and its memory is limited. Is it possible that there are indeed many treasures or opportunities in this Small World, but its residual soul didn't know about them?"

This...

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable furrowed her brows slightly. She had just thought that this guy was staying to help her find the Beast Core, and for a moment, her heart was touched.

However, upon further reflection, Lu Chen's guess wasn't without reason. After all, if the residual soul didn't even know where the Beast Core—crucial to it—was, then it might indeed not remember those treasures or legacies.

If that were truly the case, then their trip wouldn't be in vain.

At that moment, Lu Chen looked up and surveyed the entire grand hall.

The entire hall was resplendently built from Xianjin. Without even considering other treasures or legacies, the Xianjin palace alone was worth the trip.

More than one palace stood on this cloud; the palace complexes formed a continuous stretch, with the Xianjin used far exceeding what a domineering force like the Mysterious Moon Palace employed in their palace construction.

Xianjin could be used to create Magic Treasures, or even warships.

In his mind, Lu Chen was already contemplating how to take away this entire palace.

Given such a large complex of palaces, it wouldn't fit into a Storage Ring, and his System Space couldn't hold something so massive either.

Moreover, his inner Small World was still left in the Chaotic Sea, beyond his sensory reach, making it impossible to stash this palace away in his internal world.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable reminded him: "Let's think about treasures and opportunities later; for now, we need to figure out how to leave this place."

There was Rule Power present here, making flight impossible, and the palace was in the high skies.

If they fell, with their Immortal bodies, it's unlikely they'd die, but below there were fierce beasts waiting to feast.

If they descended, they could end up being devoured, leaving no bones behind in a matter of moments.

Hearing Xiyue Immortal Venerable's reminder, Lu Chen came to his senses and then said: "Leaving this place isn't hard. We just need to destroy the Formation in this palace to lift the restrictions."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable immediately thought about how they had initially been able to fly when entering the valley until the fierce beasts appeared afterward.

Thinking in this way, that restriction was likely triggered by the residual soul later on, meant to force them all onto the Heavenly Ladder and weaken their Divine Souls.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said: "Alright, let's split up to find the Formation and break it as soon as possible."

Lu Chen said: "No need, I know where the Formation is."

Having just read Fen Xiao's memory, Lu Chen had some understanding of this Cloud City and knew where the Formations existed.

Once Lu Chen finished speaking, he took Xiyue Immortal Venerable and left the palace in front of them, heading deeper into Cloud City.

Their pace was quick, but even so, it took them several days to reach the core area of Cloud City.

In the core area of Cloud City, there was a massive lake, teeming with evaporating blood water. When the blood water evaporated into the air, it transformed into what the Tianyan Immortal Domain called Immortal Aura.

In front of this lake, the Immortal Aura was exceptionally dense. Just upon reaching the lakeside, Lu Chen and Xiyue Immortal Venerable felt the Immortal Aura madly pouring into their bodies.

After absorbing so much Immortal Aura, their bodies felt somewhat swollen. If it weren't imperative to destroy the Formation and break the no-flying prohibition, Xiyue Immortal Venerable would have wanted to sit down and cultivate.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable glanced at the Blood Lake, whose opposite shore couldn't be seen, and asked: "Where is the Formation?"

Lu Chen answered: "It's under the Blood Lake."

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Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable glanced again at the Blood Lake before them.

Just standing by the Blood Lake, their bodies felt as if they were about to be burst apart by the dense Immortal Aura. If they were to step into the lake, no one knew what might happen.

The Immortal Aura was transformed from the blood water of the lake, and the energy of this blood water was evidently denser and more potent than the Immortal Aura; it was overpowering, and their bodies may not withstand the force contained within this blood water.

At this moment, Lu Chen used Creation Power to conjure a Mortal Immortal body on the spot, then manipulated this Mortal Immortal body to walk directly toward the Blood Lake.

He wanted to see if his body could withstand the violent energy contained within the blood water.

As soon as his Clone entered the Blood Lake, his entire body turned crimson instantly, and in just a moment, the Mortal Immortal body was burst apart by the violent energy contained within the blood water.

Seeing Lu Chen's Mortal Immortal body explode into blood water, Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "It seems that trying to destroy the Formation won't be easy."

Lu Chen remained silent, once again organizing Fen Xiao's memories, attempting to find a solution from them.

After some time, without coming up with a good plan, Lu Chen said, "How about attempting to destroy this lake and see if we can let the blood water flow elsewhere?"

They were now on the clouds, and if they could pierce through the ground, this blood water would quickly pour out.

However, there was one issue: whether or not they could penetrate the ground.

Since entering this Small World, their powers were suppressed, preventing them from demonstrating their full strength, making it challenging to destroy the lake crafted entirely of Xianjin.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "Let's give it a try first."

With those words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable immediately activated her immortal power. Having absorbed too much Immortal Aura when they approached the Blood Lake earlier, she now had more Immortal Aura than she could release.

The next moment, a giant fox claw phantom appeared in the sky as Xiyue Immortal Venerable gathered all her immortal power and clawed toward the lake shore.

When the fox claw anomaly collided with the Xianjin ground at the edge of the lake, a fierce explosion occurred, and the ground emitted a faint blue radiance.

After the explosion's aftermath dissipated, the ground appeared unscathed, as pristine as ever.

Seeing this, Xiyue Immortal Venerable slightly furrowed her brows; the ground was too sturdy, even though she had used her full strength.

They estimated that it's unlikely they could escape here by destroying the Formation.

At this moment, Lu Chen remained silent, quietly observing the Immortal Aura on the Blood Lake's surface.

Seeing him staring at the lake, Xiyue Immortal Venerable asked, "Did you discover something?"

Lu Chen snapped out of his reverie and replied with a smile, "The evaporation speed of this Blood Lake seems rather fast; if we wait a bit, perhaps it might completely evaporate."

This...

Xiyue Immortal Venerable looked toward the Blood Lake, observing that the blood water was swiftly transforming into Immortal Aura. However, as far as the eye could see, it seemed endless; waiting for complete evaporation could take ages.

It's possible that before they returned to the surface, the immortals above would find the Beast Core and take it out of this Small World.

Not all immortals climb the Heaven Ascending Ladder; many who saw the anomaly didn't proceed to it and remained on the ground, possibly discovering the Beast Core before them.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "You should have some protective Magic Treasure on you; why don't we just jump down?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable considered that if the Formation can't be destroyed or the flying restriction lifted, they might as well jump down. Though countless beasts awaited below, fighting with all their might might provide a chance to escape the beasts.

She also believed Lu Chen should have protective Magic Treasure.

As they contemplated their escape, a clock chime echoed in the sky again.

The next moment, the entire Blood Lake began boiling, the blood water rapidly transforming into Immortal Aura, and the water level visibly plummeted.

Witnessing this, Xiyue Immortal Venerable and Lu Chen froze momentarily, concerned about accessing the lake bottom to unravel the Formation and lift the restriction, only to see the blood water hasten its evaporation.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable then recalled something and remarked, "Your previous suspicion might not be without merit."

Lu Chen asked, "What suspicion?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable replied, "The residual soul you refined was only part of it, so it didn't include memories of treasures or inheritance. There are items left behind by a Great Power in this Small World."

"From the start we occasionally heard clock chimes; have you considered where these might originate from?"

Awakened by Xiyue Immortal Venerable's reminder, Lu Chen realized the chimes were likely not from thin air; perhaps the source is a treasure.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable continued, "Once the Formation is destroyed and restrictions lifted, we might avail our Divine Sense; if so, searching for items left by the Great Power might be substantially simplified."

With these words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable fixated on the lake water ahead, wishing for it to evaporate promptly.

After roughly two hours, the blood water in the lake completely evaporated, revealing the lakebed.

At the center of the lakebed lay a feather, ablaze with fierce flames, evidently serving as the array core of the Formation.

Feeling the power emanating from the feather, Xiyue Immortal Venerable commented, "There's indeed something valuable here; just this feather alone makes this trip worthwhile."

Lu Chen also sensed the feather's extraordinary nature; if it were used to craft an Immortal Artifact, its power would surely be terrifying.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable glanced at Lu Chen, "This must be the Lifebound Spirit Feather from that Great Power, and it's yours; refining it into an Immortal Artifact can serve as your trump card."

Lu Chen laughed, asking, "That's quite generous of you."

"This feather appears extremely precious; don't you want it?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable replied, "I'm only interested in the Beast Core."

In fact, she desired the feather too but, weighing her options, decided to concede it for Lu Chen. If Lu Chen ends up with no benefit here, he might later compete with her for the Beast Core should they find it.

Even if Lu Chen doesn't contest for the Beast Core, when facing off against other forces over it, she'd need Lu Chen's help, thus giving him some advantages is sensible.

Besides, the feather encloses fearsome power, and even if acquired, transforming it into an Immortal Artifact wouldn't be a simple task, better to let Lu Chen have it.

Lu Chen then utilized Creation Power once more, creating a new Physical Body, instructing it to approach the array core.

According to the memories acquired, destroying the array core automatically lifts the restrictions, enabling them to fly and initiate space teleportation.

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Lu Chen meticulously controlled his clone to approach the blazing feather with caution, and the entire process went remarkably smooth.

Upon arriving in front of the feather, Lu Chen's system panel suddenly popped up.

[Heavenly Fire Phoenix Feather, an outer heaven object.]

Seeing the system interface pop up proactively and displaying the feather's name, Lu Chen felt a bit surprised.

Since the system upgraded to version 2.0, he could ask the system questions, but now the system had been upgraded to 3.0, yet the times he actively queried the system were still very few and far between.

With most of the questions he asked the system, it would reply that he would understand later. Within the system, until a certain stage is reached, certain things would not be revealed prematurely, making Lu Chen reluctant to inquire actively since the system would mostly refrain from answering.

Lu Chen thought to himself, the Heavenly Fire Phoenix Feather being an extraterrestrial material, technically the system shouldn't provide a prompt as he's still quite far from exploring outer world realms, as he's not yet even an Immortal Emperor.

Lu Chen tentatively asked, "System, what is the use of this Heavenly Fire Phoenix Feather?"

The system's female voice promptly responded, "Please explore on your own."

Lu Chen chuckled lightly, the system indeed remained just the same.

Seeing Lu Chen's clone staring at the burning feather with no action, Xiyue Immortal Venerable asked curiously, "What's the matter?"

Hearing Xiyue Immortal Venerable's voice, Lu Chen returned to his senses, then placed the Heavenly Fire Phoenix Feather into his Space Ring.

"Nothing, just remembered something."

The moment the Heavenly Fire Phoenix Feather vanished, both Lu Chen and Xiyue Immortal Venerable felt the oppressive sensation on their bodies disappear, suddenly feeling extraordinarily light.

Without hesitation, Xiyue Immortal Venerable immediately attempted to fly.

The next moment, her body gently ascended into the air, and Xiyue Immortal Venerable remarked, "The restriction is indeed lifted."

Now with the suppression gone, their efficiency in searching for Beast Cores would be greatly enhanced.

After attempting flight, Xiyue Immortal Venerable then released her Divine Sense to see if the restriction on Divine Sense had been lifted.

To her surprise, she still could not use Divine Sense to explore the world; with Divine Sense blocked, they could only rely on demon qi to find Beast Cores.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't mind much, she hovered in the air and said to Lu Chen, "Since the restriction is lifted, we should leave here."

Lu Chen surveyed the distant resplendent palace clusters, then said, "Leave? You don't fancy all this Xianjin?"

Though he couldn't store these Xianjin into his internal world, Xiyue Immortal Venerable, as an Immortal Venerable, could easily fit the entirety of Cloud City into her internal world.

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable paused, then after regaining her senses, also looked over at the splendid palaces.

To be honest, compared to Beast Cores, these Xianjin didn't hold much allure for her; though Xianjin could be used to forge Immortal Artifacts or construct warships.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable was just about to say something, but before she could speak, Lu Chen, smiling, said, "Since you have no interest in these Xianjin, they'll all be mine."

"However, I cannot collect all these palaces, so I'd trouble you to help store them in your internal world first, and pass them to me once we're out."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable looked at Lu Chen with a blank expression, this fellow indeed has a good scheme, using her internal world to haul Xianjin?

Seeing Xiyue Immortal Venerable standing in the air, looking down from above without speaking, Lu Chen continued, "You wouldn't mind helping with such a small favor, would you?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable coldly replied, "I didn't expect you'd be interested in these Xianjin, I thought, given your chance encounters in the Chaotic Sea, you weren't interested in ordinary treasures anymore."

Lu Chen replied, "Indeed, I am not interested in ordinary treasures, but these Xianjin are significantly more useful to me; my Immortal Dynasty still needs some Immortal Ships, and the palaces of my Immortal Dynasty equally need Xianjin."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable spoke indifferently, "Just this once."

After all, she was the one who invited Lu Chen, thus offering him some benefits seemed necessary.

Seeing Xiyue Immortal Venerable agreed, Lu Chen's lips slightly curved upwards, with these Xianjin, the Daqin Immortal Dynasty could at least craft thousands of Immortal Ships.

Having these Immortal Ships would greatly assist the future expansion of the Daqin Immortal Dynasty.

Once Xiyue Immortal Venerable's voice faded, she prepared to absorb all palaces in Cloud City into her internal world.

As Xiyue Immortal Venerable channeled her immortal power, all palaces in Cloud City began to tremble.

Soon, a massive black hole appeared above Xiyue Immortal Venerable's head, the suction from this black hole uprooted palaces one by one, directly absorbing them into the black hole.

At this time, the Immortals ascending the Heavenly Ladder also sensed the commotion above the clouds.

People raised their heads to the sky, witnessing palaces flying into the high-altitude black hole, leaving everyone stupefied.

"What's happening?"

"What is that black hole?"

"Could this be someone opening the internal Small World?"

"Such terrifying suction, this must be an Immortal Venerable Level powerhouse; isn't this Small World supposed to be accessible only to those below Immortal King?"

"Only those two from the Beast Alliance ascended the clouds, could it be one of them doing this?"

"How did the Beast Alliance sneak an Immortal Venerable in?"

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For a moment, there was a stir among the people on the Heavenly Ladder.

They hadn't yet ascended the Heavenly Ladder, and those above it already cleared out the palaces; by the time they ascended, there wouldn't even be a patch of land left, let alone treasures or inheritances.

Just then, an Immortal suddenly noticed a lightness in his body and exclaimed, "The restriction seems lifted!!!"

As soon as the words were spoken, the Immortal flew towards the clouds, excitedly proclaiming, "It's lifted, the restriction is truly lifted, finally no need to wait for the Heavenly Ladder!!!"

Seeing someone actually taking flight, the Immortals on the Heavenly Ladder couldn't hold back any longer; almost everyone stopped climbing the ladder and flew towards the clouds.

However, upon reaching the cloud tops, they were stunned by the scene before them.

What they dreaded the most had indeed occurred.

Looking far and wide, above the clouds were piles of stones and nothing else left.

And the two from the Beast Alliance were nowhere to be seen.

Qingming Immortal King at that moment spoke to Elder Chu Zhengyu, "Elder Chu, it must have been those two from the Beast Alliance that took away the treasures and inheritance, shall we issue a reward for them?"

Elder Chu turned and looked at Qingming Immortal King, then said displeased, "I've warned you, that Mortal Immortal has connections with the Heavenly Girl."

In Elder Chu's mind, someone of Lu Chen's caliber would require the Heavenly Girl's decision if a bounty or warrant were to be issued, it wasn't up to them.

Qingming Immortal King froze, recalling the Heavenly Girl's temper, Qingming Immortal King resignedly said, "Subordinates understand."

Elder Chu glanced at the now-empty cloud tops, then said, "Let's search elsewhere."

As soon as the words fell, Elder Chu along with Nine Heavens Institute's people left the vicinity.

Once the Nine Heavens Institute's members departed, Immortals from other forces unwillingly left as well.

Nevertheless, there were some Immortals who hadn't left immediately, their gazes focused on members of the Beast Alliance present.

In their view, certainly the Magic Treasures and inheritance were obtained by the Beast Alliance members, and those two from the Beast Alliance would eventually

reunite with these members present; by following them, eventually they could find the two and seize the opportunities from their hands.

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Outside the Small World.

Various major forces were watching the entrance to the Small World, hoping that their people would bring out some opportunities.

At this moment, the entrance to the Small World suddenly expanded, and the suction grew stronger, forcing the Immortal Ships around the Small World to continually retreat.

Immediately, a surge of Immortal Aura gushed out from the vortex, transforming into Immortal Rain falling from the sky.

The Immortals drenched by the Immortal Rain immediately felt their bodies become extraordinarily comfortable, and some Immortals whose cultivation state was stuck at bottlenecks broke through on the spot.

The sudden outpour of so much Immortal Aura from the Small World made Qinglian Immortal Venerable wonder if there was some upheaval inside this Small World.

After pondering for a moment, Qinglian Immortal Venerable transmitted to the various forces present, "To accelerate the exploration of this Small World, I have decided that each force can send fifty more people into the Small World."

Hearing this, the various forces quickly dispatched teams to line up outside the entrance to the Small World.

Soon, tens of thousands more were sent into this Small World.

In the subsequent decade, all forces sought opportunities within the Small World left by Fen Xiao.

However, ten years passed swiftly, and the people sent in by the various forces found no opportunities, and few left the Small World.

This made the people from the Nine Heavens Institute somewhat anxious. They had sent in so many, yet those who came out reported that apart from the rich Immortal Aura and vast area, there were no opportunities within the Small World.

Lack of opportunities aside, it was filled with various dangerous formations and hordes of Immortal King-level fierce beasts.

If there were no opportunities inside, what were they doing here, wasting time?

As days went by, more and more people began to doubt whether there were opportunities in this Small World or if it was a ploy by some Great Power before their death.

As for what the Great Power was plotting, no one knew.

Meanwhile.

Inside the Small World, on a cliff.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable and Lu Chen stood side by side, gazing at the endless distant peaks, feeling the breeze blowing across the cliff, lost in thought.

After a long while, Lu Chen finally spoke:

"Perhaps there really are no opportunities here."

For ten years, they had searched here, and not finding Beast Cores would have been acceptable, but no opportunities at all had been discovered.

They hadn't even encountered any valuable Immortal Herbs.

Logically, in a Small World inhabited by a Great Power, there should at least be some precious Immortal Herbs or medicinal materials.

Yet the Immortal Herbs here were all ordinary ones, which even Mortal Immortals disregarded.

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Xiyue Immortal Venerable remained silent; she too had doubts about whether anything besides Beast Cores existed here.

That said, she wasn't interested in other opportunities; she just wanted to find Beast Cores.

However, the Small World's area was too vast; even though she had been using Divine Sense to search it for ten years, she had not detected the location of the Beast Cores.

The main reason was that her Immortal King's power was suppressed; even as an Immortal King, her Divine Sense's range was limited, greatly reducing their efficiency in finding the Beast Cores.

At this point, Lu Chen continued, "I can't say there are no opportunities; the residual soul and the Xianjin used to build palaces count as opportunities for me."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable then said, "We've not searched enough areas; perhaps what the Great Power left behind is all concentrated in his tomb."

"Finding his tomb may lead us to his treasures and legacy."

Before dying, Great Powers often build their tombs, yet they haven't discovered this Great Power's tomb.

It's too early to say there are no opportunities here yet.

Lu Chen said, "Indeed, we..."

Before Lu Chen could finish, a person from the Beast Alliance suddenly flew over.

Upon seeing Xiyue Immortal Venerable and Lu Chen, he immediately rushed over and anxiously said, "Alliance Hierarch, something terrible has happened!"

Seeing his anxiety, Xiyue Immortal Venerable slightly frowned and asked, "What happened?"

The Immortal King hurriedly said, "Recently, rumors have been circulating in the Small World that our Beast Alliance has taken all the treasures and legacies, which is why there are no opportunities inside. Now all forces are besieging our Beast Alliance, demanding we hand over the opportunities."

This...

Hearing this, Xiyue Immortal Venerable fell silent. She and Lu Chen had anticipated this scenario when they first ascended the Heavenly Ladder.

Even if they stood out to say they hadn't obtained any opportunities, the major forces probably wouldn't believe them.

After all, in their view, the two were the first to ascend the Heavenly Ladder; how could they have not obtained any opportunities?

Self-proving innocence was impossible, much like how, after Lu Chen emerged from the Chaotic Sea, the forces suspected he'd received some Great Power's legacy.

If not for Lu Chen being the only one capable of inscribing the Chaos Spirit Ruins Sealing Heaven Array's array pattern, coupled with his main body's unknown whereabouts, Lu Chen might still be hunted by some forces even now.

The situation Lu Chen once faced was now occurring to the entire Beast Alliance.

Lu Chen showed a playful expression and said with a smile, "What do you plan to do next?"

"If this news reaches outside the Small World, the Beast Alliance's situation will become very tough."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable spun around to glare at Lu Chen, feeling he was gloating.

Xiyue Immortal Venerable suddenly thought of something, a slight smirk forming, "Simple, we'll spread the word that you obtained the opportunities here."

Since people suspect Lu Chen for obtaining a Great Power's legacy in the Chaotic Sea, "more debts do not make one anxious"; using him as a scapegoat was possible.

Lu Chen laughed lightly, Xiyue Immortal Venerable thought prettily.

Just as Lu Chen was about to speak, the reporting Immortal King excitedly said, "Alliance Hierarch, that's a great idea; they wouldn't dare touch Lu Chen, even if they knew he had opportunities. They wouldn't find his main body, and would have no choice but to give up."

Lu Chen looked speechlessly at the Immortal King, "Without my consent, you're making me take the fall. Isn't that somewhat inappropriate?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "I can promise you a favor."

Hearing this, Lu Chen smiled and asked, "Any favor?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable immediately understood Lu Chen's implication and quickly said, "Except matters between a man and a woman."

Lu Chen waved his hand, "Never mind, your Beast Alliance has nothing I need."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said with displeasure, "In my Small World, there are Xianjin you need. Think it over properly."

Lu Chen was stunned momentarily and then continued, "Apart from matters between a man and a woman, any condition?"

Xiyue Immortal Venerable said, "As long as I can fulfill it."

Lu Chen said, "Alright, I'll remember that, I'll temporarily take the fall for your Beast Alliance."

Xiyue Immortal Venerable asked, "What are your conditions?"

Lu Chen smiled mysteriously, "You'll know in the future."

Lu Chen thought that once they became husband and wife, he would voice his request.

By then, asking her to bear his child wouldn't be excessive, right?

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

Xiyue Immortal Venerable didn't know what Lu Chen was thinking. Seeing Lu Chen agreed to take the blame for their Beast Alliance, she immediately had that Immortal King spread the news of Lu Chen obtaining the inheritance.

In the following years, although the people of the Beast Alliance were still targeted, as the news of Lu Chen obtaining the inheritance spread, the various forces gradually lost interest in the people of the Beast Alliance.

Now people all over the world are searching for Lu Chen, even though they know Lu Chen has many clones, making it hard to threaten him.

However, as long as Lu Chen's clone hasn't left the Small World, then the inheritance is still on Lu Chen's clone. They only need to capture Lu Chen's clone to seize the opportunity he acquired.

Inside the Small World, on a certain Immortal Ship.

Chu Zhengyu stood on the deck of the Immortal Ship, listening to the report of a disciple of the Nine Heavens Institute, with a thoughtful look on his eyebrows.

After the disciple of the Nine Heavens Institute in front of him finished the report, Qingming Immortal King said beside him, "Elder Chu, if the rumors are true, doesn't that mean that one of the two people who first completed the Heavenly Ladder ten years ago was Lu Chen?"

Only now did Qingming Immortal King react, but he was still a little puzzled. One of those two people was a woman, and the other was just a Mortal Immortal.

Chu Zhengyu said that Mortal Immortal had something to do with their Heavenly Girl, but Qingming Immortal King didn't remember when Lu Chen had any connection with their Heavenly Girl.

As for the other woman, could it be that that woman wasn't Lu Chen in disguise?

Chu Zhengyu directly said, "That Mortal Immortal who ascended the Heavenly Ladder that day was Lu Chen."

This...

Hearing Chu Zhengyu's words, Qingming Immortal King was stunned, that Mortal Immortal was Lu Chen?

When did Lu Chen have a connection with their Heavenly Girl?

After gathering his thoughts, Qingming Immortal King tentatively asked, "Elder Chu, what is the relationship between Lu Chen and the Heavenly Girl?"

Chu Zhengyu glanced at Qingming Immortal King, then said expressionlessly, "This isn't something you need to know."

Qingming Immortal King smiled wryly, "Elder Chu is right, I spoke out of turn."

Chu Zhengyu then fell into contemplation again, wondering if the inheritance inside the Small World was really obtained by Lu Chen, should the Nine Heavens Institute also try to seize the opportunity Lu Chen acquired?

Just as Chu Zhengyu was lost in thought, suddenly, the voice of a disciple from the Nine Heavens Institute came from afar, "Look over there, it seems like there's an exit!"

Upon hearing this, Chu Zhengyu immediately regained his composure and quickly looked towards the distant black vortex.

During these ten years, he had been searching for an exit from this world, but the exits of this Small World were very scarce, and it wasn't until today that their people found one.

Since they found the exit of the Small World, he no longer needed to worry about Lu Chen's matter. He would directly go out and report to their Heavenly Girl to see what instructions she had.

With this thought, Chu Zhengyu then said to Qingming Immortal King, "You all continue to stay inside the Small World. I will report the Lu Chen matter to the Heavenly Girl."

"Do not engage in any conflict with Lu Chen until I return."

Qingming Immortal King said, "Yes, Elder Chu."

Chu Zhengyu then jumped off the Immortal Ship and headed straight to the exit of the Small World.

Right after, Chu Zhengyu exited the Small World and, upon seeing the many Immortal Ships outside, immediately felt refreshed.

The Small World was truly dangerous. During these ten-plus years, they would occasionally trigger some Killing Arrays. After escaping the Killing Arrays, they might encounter groups of Immortal King Level ferocious beasts.

The Immortal Aura inside was too dense, making the ferocious beasts very powerful, and he himself was always injured. This made him have no interest in exploring the Small World and had planned to leave a long time ago; he just hadn't been able to find an exit.

As Chu Zhengyu emerged from the Small World, the Immortal Venerates of the Nine Heavens Institute immediately came to his side. Although Chu Zhengyu was only an Immortal King, with cultivation and strength not as high as those Immortal Venerable level Elders.

However, Chu Zhengyu had a relatively senior status within the Nine Heavens Institute. Plus, he had once entered the Chaotic Sea to seek out the Heavenly Girl, so even though he was only an Immortal King, he held a significant position in the Nine Heavens Institute.

Chu Zhengyu's constant presence in the Small World had worried the present Immortal Venerates of the Nine Heavens Institute, fearing that something might have happened to him inside.

Qinglian Immortal Venerable stepped forward with a smile, saying, "Elder Chu, it's fortunate that you've come out. If you hadn't, I wouldn't have known how to explain to the Heavenly Girl."

Chu Zhengyu said, "Qinglian Immortal Venerable jests. Exploring this Small World was my decision, so any consequences are mine to bear. How could I need Qinglian Immortal Venerable to report to the Heavenly Girl?"

"In fact, I should thank all of you. If it weren't for you sending so many immortals into the Small World, I would've been torn apart by those beasts long ago."

Qinglian Immortal Venerable then asked, "Did Elder Chu encounter any fortune inside?"

Chu Zhengyu replied, "Not for the time being."

Qinglian Immortal Venerable continued, "We've recently heard from some who've left this Small World that Lu Chen seems to have obtained the inheritance. Does Elder Chu know anything about this?"

Chu Zhengyu said, "I heard similar rumors inside, but I still need to report this matter to the Heavenly Girl."

Upon hearing this, Qinglian Immortal Venerable was puzzled. Report to the Heavenly Girl?

Report to the Heavenly Girl for what?

Chu Zhengyu didn't explain, and then he said, "I've other matters to attend to, so I'll take my leave."

After speaking, Chu Zhengyu left the scene.

Seeing him leave, the Immortal Venerates of the Nine Heavens Institute exchanged glances.

One Immortal Venerate asked, "Why does this matter need to be reported to the Heavenly Girl?"

Facing this question, the Immortal Venerates remained silent, but a knowledgeable one revealed, "It's said that the Heavenly Girl knew Lu Chen during their time in the Chaotic Sea."

Hearing this, the Immortal Venerates couldn't help but wonder if Lu Chen had some relationship with their Heavenly Girl?

If that's the case, they couldn't intercept Lu Chen's clone and seize the inheritance.

Meanwhile, Chu Zhengyu was already in a room on an Immortal Ship. He took out a Jade Token given to him by Xuan Qingyun and infused it with immortal power, activating the Jade Token.

The next moment, a cold voice emanated from the Jade Token, "What's the matter?"

Chu Zhengyu directly stated, "I encountered a clone of Lu Chen in that Great Power's Small World, and there's a rumor that Lu Chen obtained an inheritance."

Upon hearing this, Xuan Qingyun indifferently asked, "Why report such a thing to me?"

This...

Chu Zhengyu answered, "We plan to pursue Lu Chen to seize the inheritance from him."

Xuan Qingyun replied blandly, "Do whatever you want. His matters are none of my concern."

Since Xuan Qingyun said this, Chu Zhengyu felt reassured and immediately responded, "I understand."

The next moment, Xuan Qingyun severed the connection with the Jade Token.

Chu Zhengyu put away the Jade Token and directly transmitted to the Immortal Venerates of the Nine Heavens Institute, "I've already reported the matter of Lu Chen to the Heavenly Girl. She said we can do whatever we want."

Hearing Chu Zhengyu's message, the Immortal Venerates of the Nine Heavens Institute didn't hesitate and immediately dispatched numerous disciples into the Small World to search for Lu Chen's clone.

In fact, they'd been planning to do this from the beginning. But then Chu Zhengyu suddenly said it needed to be reported to the Heavenly Girl, making them think there was some sort of relationship between Lu Chen and the Heavenly Girl, and they planned to send someone to stop the disci...