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The Prince Zhen Nan naturally knows why Emperor Zhou has come to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor. The Emperor, imprisoned deep within the palace, was released by the Empress Dowager today, clearly wanting to use Emperor Zhou to persuade the Zhen Nan Prince Manor to oppose the strange beings.

Emperor Zhou smiled and replied, "The Prince Zhen Nan should have guessed as much."

Saying this, Emperor Zhou glanced at everyone in the hall, then addressed Lu Chen, "You must be Lu Chen?"

Lu Chen bowed and said, "Yes, Your Majesty."

Emperor Zhou praised, "I have long heard the Heir of Prince Zhen Nan is extraordinarily handsome, like a Banished Immortal. Seeing him today, indeed, he is exceptional."

After praising Lu Chen, Emperor Zhou's gaze returned to the Prince Zhen Nan. As he was about to say something, a servant from the Prince's Mansion entered the hall with freshly brewed tea.

The Prince Zhen Nan raised his hand to indicate the servant should leave the teapot and exit the hall. After placing the teapot, the servant turned and left.

Once the servant had left and closed the door to the dim hall, only the three of them remained.

The Prince Zhen Nan held the teapot and poured Emperor Zhou a cup of tea, then said, "Your Majesty, can you now tell me what this is about?"

Emperor Zhou asked, "Prince Zhen Nan, don't tell me you are unaware of the situation with the Deceit Suppression Bureau?"

The Prince Zhen Nan replied, "I have only just learned about it myself. Is Your Majesty visiting the Prince's Manor today because of the Deceit Suppression Bureau?"

Seeing the Prince Zhen Nan still pretending not to understand, Emperor Zhou bluntly stated, "Now, those five Earth Realm Strange beings are unaccounted for. If left unchecked, once they regain their strength, it could be a crisis of life and death for Dazhou."

"Back then, it was thanks to the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan that we could seal those five Earth Realm Strange beings. Surely, the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan left some methods to deal with these beings in the Prince's Manor."

"This time, I have come to ask the Prince's Manor to help locate those five Earth Realm Strange beings and seal them once again."

As Emperor Zhou finished speaking, the Prince Zhen Nan did not immediately respond but leisurely poured himself tea and slowly took a sip.

Despite his irritation at the Prince Zhen Nan's nonchalance, Emperor Zhou did not show it on his face.

After a while, the Prince Zhen Nan put down the teacup, his expression calm as he said, "Your Majesty, let's speak candidly. You must know how the royal family has treated the Prince's Manor all these years."

Seeing the Prince Zhen Nan willing to speak openly, Emperor Zhou candidly said, "The Prince Zhen Nan should also know my current situation, that woman has been controlling the court for years, and the last thing she wants is to see us harmonious in our service to the empire, thus she has oppressed the Prince's Manor everywhere. But none of this has to do with me."

"If I were ruling directly, it would never have happened. Without the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan, Dazhou wouldn't have been established. I'm not someone who forgets kindness."

Upon hearing Emperor Zhou's words, the Prince Zhen Nan smiled slightly and said, "Your Majesty, your words aren't very convincing. Since the death of my Grand Ancestor, every Emperor in Dazhou has employed various means to oppress the Prince's Manor."

"During my reign, the Prince's Manor even lost its land and was left only with this small manor."

"Would Your Majesty, after ruling directly, truly trust the Prince's Manor and not continue the oppression like your ancestors, or even seek to destroy the Prince's Manor?"

Faced with such a sharp question from the Prince Zhen Nan, Emperor Zhou understood that if he couldn't answer satisfactorily, the Prince Zhen Nan might very well refuse to help Dazhou combat the strange beings.

Emperor Zhou knew his assurances wouldn't hold weight; on one hand, the court is controlled by the Empress Dowager, and he is but a puppet emperor, his words powerless. On the other, his ancestors were indeed wary of the Prince's Manor, desiring its destruction over generations, actions he couldn't deny.

At this point, Emperor Zhou said, "I understand the Prince Zhen Nan harbors resentment towards the royal family. Regardless of what assurance I make, it's difficult for you to trust us. But to reassure the Prince's Manor, I can help the Prince Zhen Nan reclaim his land, and also allow him to oversee the Deceit Suppression Bureau."

"If the Prince's Manor can seal those Earth Realm Strange beings once more, it will remind everyone that the Prince's Manor possesses the strength to oppose these creatures. Without it, facing Earth Realm Strange beings in the future would mean that the royal family must confront them directly. Henceforth, no power in Dazhou would dare entertain undue thoughts towards the Prince's Manor."

To be honest, Emperor Zhou initially agreed with his ancestors' approach. Were he to rule directly, his first act would be to oppress the Prince's Manor, seeking its destruction.

However, learning of the Earth Realm Strange beings' escape changed his thinking, realizing the Prince's Manor's significance. Destroying the Prince's Manor would leave the royal family to face such threats alone, and the noble families are unreliable in their support.

Moreover, the Prince's Manor is experienced in dealing with strange beings. Perhaps the current Prince Zhen Nan is capable of using the Abnormal Skill like the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan, enhancing the Prince's importance in Dazhou.

In other words, while the royal family can suppress the Prince's Manor, destroying it isn't wise, at least not until a method to eliminate Earth Realm Strange beings is found.

Now Emperor Zhou finally understands why the Grand Ancestor Emperor's ancient teachings insisted that future Emperors must not destroy the Prince's Manor. It may be why every Emperor has suppressed but never attacked the Prince's Manor.

The truth is, Emperor Zhou is now somewhat suspicious whether the escape of the five Earth Realm Strange beings was related to the Prince's Manor.

The timing was too coincidental; just as the Empress Dowager and other Royal Family Members were contemplating the destruction of the Prince's Manor, those five Earth Realm Strange beings broke free, highlighting the Prince's Manor's significance.

Upon hearing Emperor Zhou's proposition, the Prince Zhen Nan fell into contemplation. If the Prince's Manor were to control the Deceit Suppression Bureau, it would mean the safety of the Capital city is in the Prince's Manor's hands. Thus, if the royal family wanted to act against the Prince's Manor, it would first have to weigh the strength of those five Earth Realm Strange beings.

Furthermore, the Deceit Suppression Bureau not only houses the five Earth Realm Strange beings but other strange beings and numerous curses. If they were released, the whole Capital city would be bathed in blood.

This means the royal family is handing a significant leverage to the Prince's Manor.

In this way, even if the Prince Zhen Nan were to die, no one at court would dare dream of destroying the Prince's Manor, for fear it might lead to mutual destruction, releasing all the strange beings and curses held by the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

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After hearing the terms given by Emperor Zhou, Prince Zhen Nan's gaze fell upon Lu Chen in the great hall. If the Royal Family can truly return the territory and hand the Deceit Suppression Bureau to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor,

then Lu Chen should be much safer. At the very least, the Royal Family certainly does not wish for anything to happen to Lu Chen.

If anything were to happen to Lu Chen, the Zhen Nan Prince Manor might take extreme actions to retaliate against the Royal Family. If they were to release those strange evils imprisoned in the Demon Suppression Tower, Dazhou's demise would be near.

Of course, while the Royal Family doesn't want anything to happen to Lu Chen, other dynasties will certainly try every possible way to eliminate Lu Chen and frame the Great Zhou Royal Family. In this way, the Zhen Nan Prince Manor and the Great Zhou Royal Family would completely fall out, and other dynasties or forces could easily destroy Dazhou.

Therefore, the Empress Dowager and the ministers in court are very likely to oppose these terms.

Prince Zhen Nan withdrew his gaze from Lu Chen and then looked at Emperor Zhou with a smile, saying, "Your Majesty, the court these days seems not to be under your command anymore. Even if you wish for the Zhen Nan Prince Manor to take charge of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, the Empress Dowager is unlikely to agree."

Once the Zhen Nan Prince Manor controls the Deceit Suppression Bureau, the Great Zhou Royal Family would lose leverage over them. More importantly, currently, the Zhen Nan Prince Manor is allied with the Great Zhou Royal Family. Handing the Deceit Suppression Bureau to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor is akin to giving Emperor Zhou, the Puppet Emperor, a card to counterbalance the Empress Dowager's faction. It's unlikely that the Empress Dowager would easily let the Deceit Suppression Bureau go.

Upon hearing Prince Zhen Nan's words, Emperor Zhou calmly picked up the teacup and took a sip.

At this moment, Emperor Zhou already felt relaxed inside. Prince Zhen Nan's words indicated agreement to his terms; now, the only issue was fulfilling those promised terms.

The Empress Dowager's agreement won't be easy to secure. However, Emperor Zhou believes Pei Shuhua isn't foolish. If the Zhen Nan Prince Manor doesn't wish to oppose the strange evils actively, the Empress Dowager's faction will have to confront them instead.

If the Empress Dowager's faction suffers severe losses in the confrontation, it will be only a matter of time before she loses control over the court.

After another sip of tea, Emperor Zhou said plainly, "I will discuss matters with her slowly once I return. I trust she understands the pros and cons."

Prince Zhen Nan replied, "If Your Majesty can persuade the Empress Dowager, then this old minister will dedicate everything for Dazhou."

Emperor Zhou put down the teacup and stood up, saying, "In that case, I shall take my leave. I believe a Holy Decree will soon be sent to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor."

As Emperor Zhou stood, both Prince Zhen Nan and Lu Chen quickly stood up, bowing simultaneously while saying, "Farewell, Your Majesty!"

Emperor Zhou said no more and directly left the great hall. Watching his departure, a sharp gleam flashed in Prince Zhen Nan's eyes. If the Zhen Nan Prince Manor could gain control of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, further advancement might not be impossible.

Of course, that's up to Lu Chen. It depends on whether Lu Chen is willing.

Once Emperor Zhou disappeared from sight, Prince Zhen Nan turned to Lu Chen and asked, "Chen'er, do you think the Empress Dowager will agree to the two terms proposed by Emperor Zhou?"

Lu Chen replied, "It's hard to say. If the Zhen Nan Prince Manor gains control of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, it equates to Emperor Zhou possessing two cards to challenge the Empress Dowager. She might not agree so easily."

"However, even if she doesn't agree now, with the commotion caused by those five Earth Realm Strange, she will eventually comply."

Currently, she doesn't agree because those five Earth Realm Strange, though they have broken through the Sealing, have not caused major incidents or directly harmed the interests of the Empress Dowager's faction yet.

Prince Zhen Nan seriously asked, "Chen'er, do you have any thoughts on that position?"

Hearing this question, Lu Chen was not surprised. If the Royal Family truly returns the territory to Prince Zhen Nan and allows the Zhen Nan Prince Manor to control the Deceit Suppression Bureau, then the Zhen Nan Prince Manor will be fully capable of competing with the Royal Family. At that time, seeking to overthrow the Great Zhou Royal Family's rule wouldn't be impossible.

Lu Chen smiled and replied, "Father, if I were to say I'm not interested in that position at all, would you believe me?"

Prince Zhen Nan was slightly taken aback by Lu Chen's answer, he thought Lu Chen was so eager to become stronger due to having ambitions.

Lu Chen continued, "As long as I possess absolute strength, I will have the power of that position even without sitting in it."

"Rather than focusing on how to ascend to that position, I prefer to spend all my time becoming stronger, strong enough to have the power to wipe out this world with a flick of my finger."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, Prince Zhen Nan was again stunned, realizing his son had such grand aspirations.

Power to obliterate the world with a flick of his finger? What Realm must one reach for that?

For a moment, Prince Zhen Nan thought of his Princess Consort again, feeling sentimental. No wonder he is the child of such a woman.

This ambition, this boldness, is beyond what any mortal can possess.

Coming back to his senses, Prince Zhen Nan showed a slightly benevolent smile on his face, "You are much like your mother. It appears you have inherited all her legacies."

"Unfortunately, I won't live to see that day... cough, cough, cough..."

Saying this, Prince Zhen Nan began coughing violently, with the backlash of spiritual evil on his body worsening.

Lu Chen hurriedly came to Prince Zhen Nan's side, quickly raising his hand to hold Prince Zhen Nan's withered right hand, actively absorbing the Black Evil from his body.

After a while, Prince Zhen Nan's complexion improved significantly. Prince Zhen Nan continued, "You're right. As long as you have absolute strength, you will have

the power of that position even without sitting in it. But, Chen'er, have you ever thought that if you ascend to that position, you'll gain more resources to help you grow stronger more quickly?"

In his heart, Prince Zhen Nan still hoped Lu Chen could overthrow the Great Zhou Royal Family. With Dazhou's suppression over the years, both he and the Zhen Nan Prince Manor's powerhouses were completely disillusioned with the Royal Family. If he weren't in poor health, compounded by having only Lu Chen as his heir, he would have rebelled long ago.

Understanding Prince Zhen Nan's sentiments, Lu Chen said to him, "Father, now is not the time, it's too early to talk about this. If there comes a day they destroy themselves, I won't mind casually dealing with that inconvenience."

Hearing Lu Chen's words, a smile returned to Prince Zhen Nan's face, "With your words, I can rest easy."

"In fact, the Taizu had similar thoughts. He focused solely on improving his strength and didn't want to compete, which led to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor being oppressed after his passing, leading to the current situation."

"Chen'er, you may disregard that position, but you must ensure no hidden troubles are left for your descendants."

"Even if the Royal Family hands the Deceit Suppression Bureau to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, they will not completely abandon their schemes, considering the Zhen Nan Prince Manor always holds a share of Dragon Qi."

Lu Chen said, "I understand, Father."

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After returning to the Imperial Palace, Emperor Zhou did not look for Pei Shuhua. He went directly back to the Long Life Hall, for now it was Pei Shuhua who needed his help, so naturally, she should come to him.

Upon hearing that Emperor Zhou had returned to the Imperial Palace, Pei Shuhua immediately returned to the Long Life Hall, realizing instantly his little scheme of not intending to see her.

Nevertheless, Pei Shuhua wasn't too concerned. After all, he was just a puppet emperor, and such schemes were his only means to maintain dignity.

Subsequently, Pei Shuhua took the initiative to head to the Long Life Hall.

In the Long Life Hall, Emperor Zhou sat serenely on a meditation mat, his eyes slightly closed, emanating a bluish-black spirit evil aura. Just then, the main door of the Long Life Hall slowly opened, and Pei Shuhua, clad in a profound robe, entered the hall.

After entering the hall, Pei Shuhua directly asked, "I wonder if Your Majesty's visit to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor today yielded the results you wanted?"

Upon hearing this question, Emperor Zhou opened his eyes and gazed at Pei Shuhua, asking, "Naturally, I received the answer I wanted, but the reply from the Zhen Nan Prince Manor may not be what Mother wants to hear."

Hearing this, Pei Shuhua knew that the Zhen Nan Prince Manor had proposed some conditions disadvantageous to her.

Pei Shuhua calmly stated, "Oh? Is that so?"

"Your Majesty, tell me, I also wish to know the extent of the appetite of the Zhen Nan Prince Manor."

Emperor Zhou then said, "Seal land, Deceit Suppression Bureau."

Upon hearing Emperor Zhou's terse answer, Pei Shuhua's expression visibly turned cold, and the black evil around her involuntarily emanated, distorting the space around her.

Soon, Pei Shuhua calmed down, let out a cold laugh, and asked, "Is this the condition proposed by the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, or by Your Majesty?"

In Pei Shuhua's view, if the Zhen Nan Prince Manor wanted to take this opportunity to rise again, they would most likely ask for seal land and military power, not to control the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

Though controlling the Deceit Suppression Bureau poses a threat to the Royal Family, the Bureau is obligated to suppress strange and evil forces. If the Zhen Nan Prince Manor controls it, the responsibility falls to them.

The Zhen Nan Prince Manor currently has many strong individuals, but after the strange war, it's uncertain how many Earth Realm strong persons will remain to manage the Bureau.

Pei Shuhua believed the five Earth Realm Stranges would surely retaliate against the Zhen Nan Prince Manor. Even powerful, they would lose many in this war.

So, in Pei Shuhua's view, it was not the Prince Zhen Nan but Emperor Zhou who wanted the Zhen Nan Prince Manor to control the Bureau, as it would give him another card to play, giving him leverage.

Though Pei Shuhua saw through his little scheme, Emperor Zhou displayed no panic and calmly said, "Naturally, it is the Prince Zhen Nan's intent."

"If the Empress Dowager is unwilling, then forget it. The appetite of the Prince Zhen Nan is indeed large, seeking to control the Bureau."

Pei Shuhua eyed Emperor Zhou coldly; seeing his expressionless face, she chuckled, then said, "Regardless of whether it's Prince Zhen Nan's desire or Your Majesty's thought, I will agree. After all, Dazhou is Your Majesty's Dazhou, the Ji family's Dazhou. If even Your Majesty cares not, why should I?"

Hearing Pei Shuhua's words, Emperor Zhou was momentarily stunned, his brow slightly furrowed, scarcely believing what he heard. Did she consent?

She agreed so readily?

He anticipated Pei Shuhua would immediately reject and only compromise after the five Earth Realm Strangers wreaked havoc. Unexpectedly, she agreed now.

Emperor Zhou felt a faint foreboding that Pei Shuhua was not worried about the Zhen Nan Prince controlling the Bureau, as if she wasn't worried that he, as emperor, held a card capable of overturning the situation. This indicated she had a more formidable card.

While Emperor Zhou pondered Pei Shuhua's unexpected consent, she said, "Your Majesty, you should guard against the Zhen Nan Prince Manor more than me. Do not forget, the Prince Zhen Nan still possesses Dragon Qi."

Emperor Zhou came back to his senses and said calmly, "Thank you for reminding me, Mother."

Pei Shuhua then turned to walk out of the hall, saying as she departed, "Take care of yourself."

Now, Pei Shuhua didn't bother pretending to be a loving mother in front of Emperor Zhou. To her, no matter how much Emperor Zhou struggled, he could not overturn the situation.

As for letting the Zhen Nan Prince Manor take over the Bureau, she was unworried. So long as they confronted the Earth Realm Strangers, they would suffer greatly, and who knew how many would be left?

Moreover, the Zhen Nan Prince Manor was currently fragile. As long as Lu Chen died, the Prince Zhen Nan would have no heir, and the manor would cease to exist.

Therefore, Pei Shuhua agreed so readily.

Watching Pei Shuhua leave, Emperor Zhou clenched his fists tightly, his eyes showing deep hatred.

A few days later.

Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

At the Training Ground, Lu Chen watched the Skull Deceit thoroughly restrained by Zhao Yu's aura before him.

This Skull Deceit possessed early-stage Spirit Realm power. Zhao Yu personally caught it outside the Capital City for Lu Chen. To capture it without severely injuring it, Zhao Yu put in considerable effort.

Along the way, Zhao Yu suppressed the Skull Deceit carefully, fearing it might escape his control. Though not worried it would escape, he feared that if it couldn't be suppressed, he might have to harm it greatly, diminishing its challenge to Lu Chen.

At this moment, Lu Chen drew the Evil-slaying Sword and said to Zhao Yu, "Commander Zhao, release your control over it."

Hearing this, Zhao Yu hesitated, then reminded, "Princely Heir, this Skull Deceit still has complete power, so you must be cautious."

Lu Chen replied, "I will be careful."

Then, Zhao Yu untied the Suppression Rope restraining the Skull Deceit and withdrew his aura.

As the Skull Deceit felt the restraints vanish, its dull eyes flared crimson, and the next moment, a Bone Sword appeared in its hand.

Sensing Lu Chen's weaker power, the Skull Deceit charged straight at him.

Lu Chen tightened his grip on the Evil-slaying Sword, channeling spirit evil into it, then swung the sword at the Skull Deceit.

As the Sword Evil neared the Skull Deceit, it dodged easily and, transforming into a white blur, accelerated towards Lu Chen again.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen struck with the Evil-slaying Sword again, unleashing numerous Sword Evils at the Skull Deceit, but it easily evaded each one.

Lu Chen's expression grew serious; it appeared a fully powered spirit evil wasn't easy to handle.

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Lu Chen continuously swung out Sword Evil but could not stop Skull Deceit from approaching. In the blink of an eye, Skull Deceit appeared right in front of Lu Chen.

In the next moment, Skull Deceit directly tightened its grip on the Bone Sword and thrust it toward Lu Chen. Lu Chen did not confront it head-on and hurriedly dodged, causing the Bone Sword to miss.

Seizing the opportunity, Lu Chen once again infused spiritual evil into the Evil-slaying Sword, then suddenly swung it forcefully. This strike almost consumed half of the spiritual evil within his body.

After the deep blue Sword Evil swung out, the airflow driven by this Sword Evil affected the surrounding plants in the Training Ground, causing them to tilt and fall in the direction of the Sword Evil.

However, just as the Sword Evil was about to strike Skull Deceit's body, countless bones suddenly appeared around Skull Deceit's body. These bones quickly assembled together, forming a Bone Shield. The Sword Evil Lu Chen swung landed right on the Bone Shield, only pushing Skull Deceit back more than ten meters. As Skull Deceit retreated, its bone feet left a trench over ten meters long on the ground.

Seeing that Skull Deceit blocked his attack, Lu Chen thought, it seems that relying solely on Sword Evil is not effective against Spirit Realm spirits.

At this moment, Zhao Yu reminded, "Princely Heir, use swordsmanship!"

Lu Chen himself was already engaging in cross-realm combat, not to mention that most spirits are inherently stronger than Spiritual Weapons at the same realm. For Human Realm Spiritual Martial Artists, using spiritual evil from within to exhaust a Spirit Realm spirit is almost impossible, as Spirit Realm spirits have far more abundant spiritual evil within them than Human Realm Spiritual Martial Artists.

Under such circumstances, it is necessary to use martial arts or swordsmanship.

During this time, Zhao Yu and the others have taught Lu Chen many martial arts and swordsmanship techniques. However, even though Lu Chen's realm improved rapidly, his mastery of martial arts and swordsmanship was notably slow.

He was not completely incapable of using the martial arts taught by Zhao Yu and the others, but his use of martial arts did not cause significant damage. Lu Chen could clearly feel that there is a power in this world limiting him, seemingly unwilling for him to learn the martial arts or cultivation techniques of this world.

Lu Chen suspected that the Heavenly Dao of this world had recognized him as an outsider, hence limiting his power. Yet, the Spirit Evil Body Refining Skill provided by the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings is not a part of this world, thus allowing his realm to advance quickly.

If he wants martial arts or cultivation techniques with damaging power, he must rely on the System of Lots of Sons and Lots of Blessings.

At this moment, the Bone Shield in front of Skull Deceit vanished, and then it once again transformed into a residual shadow and rushed straight at Lu Chen.

Without hesitation, Lu Chen directly infused spiritual evil into the Evil-slaying Sword and then swung it.

Shattered Moon Slash!!!

An arc-like Sword Evil instantly slashed toward Skull Deceit. However, this Sword Evil seemed to lack destructive power; the aura of the Sword Evil was not even as strong as the Sword Evil Lu Chen had previously swung directly.

Seeing this, Zhao Yu and the others frowned deeply. They've taught Lu Chen many martial arts and swordsmanship tactics during this period, and although Lu Chen learned these skills quickly, each time he used them, the power was very small.

At first, they thought Lu Chen was controlling his strength, but later when Lu Chen directly asked them for higher-tier martial arts and swordsmanship, they realized that, to Lu Chen, those martial arts and swordsmanship were only of limited potency.

In other words, Lu Chen could only exert less than thirty percent of the power of those martial arts and swordsmanship, which left them puzzled. Clearly, Lu Chen's talent is so high, yet why can't he unleash the full power of the martial arts and swordsmanship he learns?

Meanwhile, seeing the Sword Evil Lu Chen swung, Skull Deceit not only didn't dodge, but its teeth began to clatter as if mocking Lu Chen.

Lu Chen's expression darkened instantly—damn, he's being laughed at by the spirit!

Skull Deceit then raised the Bone Sword, swinging out a Sword Evil more rugged than the one Lu Chen swung. The two Sword Evils collided, Lu Chen's Sword Evil dissipated instantly, and Skull Deceit's Sword Evil headed straight for Lu Chen.

Lu Chen immediately raised the Evil-slaying Sword and swung it again, but this time he did not use swordsmanship.

The Sword Evil Lu Chen swung was fiercer and more potent than the Sword Evil he had when using swordsmanship. As soon as it collided with Skull Deceit's Sword Evil, it obliterated that Sword Evil.

Lu Chen then continually swung his sword toward Skull Deceit, trying to find its weakness.

At that moment, Skull Deceit once again transformed into a white shadow, charging directly at Lu Chen. Just as Skull Deceit was about to approach Lu Chen, the spiritual evil on its body gathered together, forming over ten bone spikes that directly pierced toward Lu Chen.

Witnessing this, Zhao Yu and the others outside the battlefield were somewhat unsettled. At such close range, with Skull Deceit's full-force attack, it's likely their Princely Heir will not be able to fend it off.

However, at this time, Lu Chen mobilized all the spiritual evil on him, actively activating the Netherworld Evil Control Body. In the next moment, all the spiritual evil in the Prince's Mansion began rushing toward Lu Chen's body frantically.

Indeed, a general Human Realm Spiritual Martial Artist cannot exhaust a Spirit Realm spirit simply via spiritual evil consumption, as turning spiritual evil from air into personal spiritual evil requires a process. Besides, absorbing spiritual evil is incredibly painful, and converting it while fighting leads to divided concentration.

But Lu Chen is different. He possesses the Netherworld Evil Control Body, allowing him to ignore the adverse effects of spiritual evil. In other words, Lu Chen can seamlessly absorb spiritual evil while fighting, ensuring timely replenishment of the spiritual evil consumed by his body.

Feeling the spiritual evil throughout the Prince's Mansion pouring into Lu Chen, Zhao Yu and the others were aghast. Absorbing such a massive amount of spiritual evil at once might cause Lu Chen to suffer backlash from spiritual evil.

Zhao Yu quickly reminded Lu Chen, "Princely Heir, you can't absorb spiritual evil like this, you'll suffer backlash!"

As Zhao Yu's words fell, Lu Xun suddenly intervened, "Commander Zhao, have you forgotten that the Princely Heir has a special physique?"

Lu Xun had just realized this himself. Remembering Lu Chen's special physique, he sighed in relief.

Listening to Lu Xun, Zhao Yu and Fu Li also snapped back to reality.

However, Zhao Yu's brows remained furrowed. Although knowing Lu Chen has a special physique, absorbing spiritual evil so recklessly—is it truly without any issues?

Meanwhile, Skull Deceit, upon sensing its spiritual evil flowing toward Lu Chen, realized something was amiss instantly. After launching those bone spikes, it intended to retreat.

Lu Chen, laughing at this moment, declared, "Now you want to run? Too late!"

At the end of his sentence, Lu Chen quickly gathered the spiritual evil he just absorbed and swung the sword. A towering Sword Evil engulfed half the Training Ground, obliterated all the bone spikes shot by Skull Deceit, and then violently slashed at Skull Deceit's body, splitting it into two halves instantly.

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Seeing the sword Lu Chen swung out, Zhao Yu's mouth twitched slightly, then he said, "I feel the Princely Heir doesn't seem to need to learn swordsmanship."

If Lu Chen were an average Human Realm Spiritual Martial Artist, even if he learned the swordsmanship and martial arts they taught, it would be difficult for Lu Chen to swing out that Sword Evil just now.

With Lu Chen's speed of absorbing spiritual evil, as long as there is spiritual evil around, he can exhaust those enemies with similar strength to him by relying on it.

Hearing Zhao Yu's words, Fu Li spoke, "That's not entirely true. If the Princely Heir learned martial arts and swordsmanship, his strength would become even greater than it is now, and the sword just now would be more fierce."

Zhao Yu said, "You also saw earlier, after the Princely Heir used swordsmanship, even the Skull Deceit laughed at that sword he swung."

Hearing Zhao Yu, Lu Xun raised his hand, stroked his chin, pondering what was going on.

Lu Xun thought for a moment and said, "Logically, it shouldn't be. Why is it that using swordsmanship makes the power of Sword Evil smaller instead?"

Fu Li said, "Perhaps it's because of the Princely Heir's special constitution. This talent is terrifying; there will always be some constraints in other areas."

Hearing Fu Li's words, Zhao Yu and Lu Xun both felt there was some truth to it. Such heaven-defying talent, if there were no constraints or defects, would be abnormal.

While the three were lost in thought, the bones of the Skull Deceit that were split into two halves on the Training Ground flew into the air and quickly assembled. In just a moment, the Skull Deceit was back to its original form.

Seeing the Skull Deceit's body completely restored, Lu Chen was not surprised. He clearly felt earlier that the spiritual evil on the Skull Deceit showed no signs of dissipating. He activated the Netherworld Evil Control Body yet couldn't extract much spiritual evil from the Skull Deceit, indicating it wasn't dead.

Lu Chen gripped the sword tightly again and said calmly, "As expected of Spirit Realm evil spirits; even like this, it doesn't die. Since one sword can't kill you, let's try a few more."

As soon as he finished, Lu Chen gathered the spiritual evil into the sword again and swung another strike. This time, the Skull Deceit didn't endure it like before; its body turned into a white remnant shadow, fleeing toward the other side of the Training Ground.

Lu Chen didn't stop. He continued to wield the Evil-slaying Sword, striking grand Sword Evils toward the direction of the escaping Skull Deceit. However, the Skull Deceit was running away very fast, and it wasn't fleeing in a straight line, hence Lu Chen's Sword Evils always passed by its side.

Lu Chen realized there was too much distance between him and the Skull Deceit, giving it time to react, allowing it to dodge his Sword Evils. He immediately propelled himself off, leaping straight towards the Skull Deceit.

The distance between Lu Chen and the Skull Deceit closed instantly. Following this, Lu Chen swung Sword Evil again. This time, even though the Skull Deceit tried to dodge, it had no sufficient reaction time. The next moment, a Sword Evil sliced through the Skull Deceit's neck, its head dropping to the ground, and its body falling immediately.

Lu Chen activated the power of the Netherworld Evil Control Body constitution, and the surrounding spiritual evil surged madly into his body. Yet, the spiritual evil within the fallen Skull Deceit still didn't flow towards him, proving the Skull Deceit wasn't dead yet.

Lu Chen then continually swung more than ten swords, and the Sword Evils cleaved the Training Ground into big pits, whereas the Skull Deceit suffered even worse, its bones were smashed and scattered all over the Training Ground.

Seeing this scene, Zhao Yu and the others fell silent. They couldn't help but admire Lu Chen's constitution; not having to worry about the consumption of spiritual evil, he could endlessly mobilize it.

When the dust on the Training Ground settled, Lu Chen took a glance at the Skull Deceit's bones scattered around and felt the spiritual evil within them flowing toward his body. This time Lu Chen confirmed the Skull Deceit was dead.

Soon, Lu Chen's gaze fell onto a corner of the Training Ground, where a Deceit Pearl emitting green light lay. It was clearly from the Skull Deceit earlier.

Lu Chen approached the Deceit Pearl, bent down to pick it up, and started absorbing the spiritual evil within it.

At this moment, Zhao Yu and the others came before Lu Chen. Zhao Yu smiled and said, "As expected of Your Highness, easily slaying the Spirit Realm evil spirit!"

Lu Xun said, "With His Highness possessing such talent and strength, the Zhen Nan Prince Manor will certainly flourish again!"

Lu Chen continued absorbing the spiritual evil from the Deceit Pearl while saying, "But after battling, I still show no signs of breakthrough. What's going on?"

Zhao Yu answered, "Princely Heir, you defeated it a bit too easily."

Although the Skull Deceit initially retaliated, once Lu Chen activated the power of his constitution, he kept pressuring the Skull Deceit without pause with his strikes, such a battle cannot provide exercise.

Hearing Zhao Yu's words, Lu Chen froze for a moment. Winning too easily was also a problem?

So how shall I break through?

Must I possibly find even more formidable evil spirits and undergo a life-and-death battle?

At this moment, Lu Xun said, "Princely Heir, you need not worry too much, just fight more evil spirits. With your talent, you'll soon make a breakthrough."

Even without experiencing a life-and-death battle, as long as you fight evil spirits enough times, you can temper your physical body and thus reach a higher realm.

Hearing Lu Xun's words, Lu Chen was about to say something when suddenly a servant came before him, "Princely Heir, there's a Holy Decree."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen hurried to the Meeting Hall.

When Lu Chen arrived at the Meeting Hall, Prince Zhen Nan was already waiting there. At this time, a eunuch's voice came from the entrance, "The Holy Decree is here!"

As soon as the words fell, the Imperial Eunuch holding the Holy Decree directly entered the Meeting Hall. Seeing Prince Zhen Nan, he didn't read out the decree, but handed it to him directly, smiling, "Prince Zhen Nan, Her Majesty asked me to pass a message: all that the Royal Family should give has been given, it's now up to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor. Hopefully, you'll soon find and seal those five Earth Realm Stranges."

Prince Zhen Nan took the decree and said to the Imperial Eunuch, "Please convey to Her Majesty that the Zhen Nan Prince Manor will spare no effort, and will find and seal those five Stranges as soon as possible."

The Imperial Eunuch said, "I'll certainly convey your message. If there's nothing else, I'll return to the Imperial Palace now."

The Imperial Eunuch then turned and left, seemingly not wanting to stay at the Zhen Nan Prince Manor for even a moment longer.

After the eunuch left, Lu Chen approached Prince Zhen Nan and asked while looking at the Holy Decree in his hand, "Could it be that the Empress Dowager really agreed?"

Prince Zhen Nan directly opened the decree and said, "Seeing that the eunuch wouldn't even read the decree, he must have agreed."

Judging from the eunuch's attitude when delivering the decree, he didn't even want to read it, which proves the Empress Dowager was reluctant to issue this decree.

When Prince Zhen Nan opened the decree and glanced at it, he found that indeed Emperor Zhou restored the Zhen Nan Prince Manor's fiefs and appointed Prince Zhen Nan as the acting Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

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Looking at the Holy Decree in his hand, Prince Zhen Nan said, "I thought the Empress Dowager would hesitate for a while; I didn't expect her to agree so promptly."

Zhao Yu said, "Perhaps she thinks that once we seal those five Earth Realm Strange entities, there won't be many strong people left in Zhen Nan Prince Manor. At that point, the Royal Family can easily destroy Zhen Nan Prince Manor, which is why she agreed so quickly."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "No matter her reasoning, this is an opportunity for us. Now that the sealed land has returned, let's have Wei Heng go to Guangling County to knock some sense into those Aristocratic Families."

The sealed land of Prince Zhen Nan has been revoked for nearly a hundred years. Although Zhen Nan Prince Manor still has some influence in the South, many Southern Aristocratic Families are no longer loyal to Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

At this moment, Prince Zhen Nan's gaze fell on Lu Chen, "Soon those Strange entities will know we've accepted this Holy Decree. They will definitely target Zhen Nan Prince Manor. Chen'er, until we find those five Earth Realm Strange entities, you'd better not leave Zhen Nan Prince Manor."

Strange entities can take human form, perfectly hiding among the crowd. It is possible that even the current court has Strange entities. The news that Zhen Nan Prince Manor is opposing the Strange entities will certainly not be kept secret from them; upon learning of this, they will undoubtedly seek to settle old and new scores together.

And Lu Chen is the hope for the rise of Zhen Nan Prince Manor. Anyone in Zhen Nan Prince Manor can face trouble; even if all the strong individuals of Zhen Nan Prince Manor perish, Lu Chen must remain unharmed.

Listening to Prince Zhen Nan, Lu Chen said, "Father, if I don't go out, how can I lure the snake out of its hole?"

"Moreover, currently, only I can identify those Earth Realm Strange entities. If I don't go out, it might be forever impossible to locate where those entities are hiding."

This...

Prince Zhen Nan fell into silence; Lu Chen was right. Though Zhen Nan Prince Manor has many strong individuals, none can identify Earth Realm Strange entities. Thus, even if these strong individuals patrol the Capital city every day, it would be useless.

Those Strange entities also understand that the best way to destroy Zhen Nan Prince Manor is to eliminate Lu Chen, its sole bloodline. If he dies, Zhen Nan Prince Manor will collapse without attack, unable to last long, so Lu Chen is undoubtedly their primary target.

If Lu Chen is continually kept within Zhen Nan Prince Manor, giving no opportunity to those Strange entities, it is likely they will never come to Zhen Nan Prince Manor, making finding those five Earth Realm Strange entities exceedingly difficult.

Thus, using Lu Chen as bait is indeed the best method.

It's just...

Prince Zhen Nan felt a deep concern, even though Zhao Yu and two other Earth Realm Strong Persons are continuously protecting Lu Chen, he remained uneasy about letting Lu Chen go out.

Previously, their opponent was the Great Zhou Royal Family. With three Earth Realm Strong Persons protecting Lu Chen, the Great Zhou Royal Family would require weighing the cost of killing Lu Chen, as these three are not easily provoked.

But now their foe is the Strange entities. Those five Earth Realm Strange entities who broke the seal do not fear Zhao Yu and the others. These Earth Realm Stranges are essentially immortal, and even if all five have not appeared, two alone would be hard for Zhao Yu and the others to manage.

If Lu Chen encounters these Earth Realm Strange entities outside, his life could be at risk.

After a long while, Prince Zhen Nan sighed, then said, "Chen'er, even if we use you as bait, we must make thorough preparations."

Prince Zhen Nan thought for a moment; now they wish to find those Earth Realm Strange entities, probably only by utilizing Lu Chen's so-called Person Recognition Skill.

Lu Chen knew Prince Zhen Nan was worried about him, so he said, "Father, do not worry. I won't leave Zhen Nan Prince Manor lightly. If one day traces of Earth Realm Strange entities are found, I'll go out to lure them into action."

Speaking of this, Lu Chen suddenly thought of something and continued, "Besides, Father, have you forgotten I still have Dragon Qi on me?"

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Prince Zhen Nan suddenly realized; yes, how had he forgotten about Dragon Qi? As long as Lu Chen doesn't leave the capital, with Dragon Qi's protection, those Strange entities find it challenging to kill Lu Chen.

Of course, the premise is that Lu Chen remains within the Capital City. If those Strange entities lure him out of the Capital City, or use some method to take him out, the protective effects of Dragon Qi would become void.

Upon regaining his senses, Prince Zhen Nan said, "Indeed, with Dragon Qi, as long as you don't leave the Capital City, as long as the Great Zhou stands, those Strange entities cannot harm you directly."

Lu Chen said, "So Father need not worry excessively about my safety."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "Be cautious; it's never wrong. No one knows whether those Strange entities have methods against Dragon Qi."

Lu Chen said, "You are right, Father."

At this time, Zhao Yu beside him said, "My lord, the Holy Decree appoints you as temporary Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, but your current health..."

Zhao Yu hesitated to continue.

The Black Evil inside Prince Zhen Nan was extracted considerably by Lu Chen, yet his body still suffers from spiritual evil backlash. If inactive, the backlash is not too severe; once active, utilizing spiritual evil, the backlash intensifies significantly.

If Prince Zhen Nan engages Earth Realm Strange entities, he may sustain severe injuries; the command position in the Deceit Suppression Bureau is not easily held.

Prince Zhen Nan understood Zhao Yu's implication and calmly said, "No matter, as long as I don't leave the Capital city."

Like Lu Chen, he also possesses Dragon Qi, ensuring as long as he remains within the Capital City, the Strange entities can't kill him directly.

However, the premise is that he must refrain from acting rashly; if he moves rashly, it will provoke spiritual evil within, exacerbating backlash and potentially accelerating demise.

Prince Zhen Nan continued, "Since the Holy Decree is given, I should visit the Deceit Suppression Bureau as Commander."

To counter those five Earth Realm Strange entities, he now needs to consolidate the Deceit Suppression Bureau. Recently devastated, now spreading panic, while the higher-ups know the truth, the Deceit Suppressing Guards, even the Commanders of the Bureau, are unaware this is all a performance.

If morale is not stabilized quickly, once scattered, tackling the Strange entities becomes harder.

After a brief preparation, Prince Zhen Nan set off by carriage to the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

Yun'an Princess Mansion.

Ji Yunmeng lay on the bed, her icy jade visage pale and bloodless, disordered locks cascading down beside her cheeks, looking heavily injured.

At that moment, Xiao Qi rushed into the room, "Princess, there's trouble!"

Seeing Xiao Qi agitated, Ji Yunmeng furrowed her brows, "What's the matter?"

She faintly sensed an ominous premonition; could the deeds of the Deceit Suppression Bureau and Zhen Nan Prince Manor have been exposed?

At this moment, Xiao Qi said, "The spy from the palace reported that your command position at the Deceit Suppression Bureau was revoked, and now Prince Zhen Nan is temporarily holding the position!"

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Upon hearing Xiao Qi's words, Ji Yunmeng, who lay in bed, was slightly startled.

It wasn't surprising that her position as Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau was revoked; what was surprising was that the position was handed over to Prince Zhen Nan?

What was the Empress Dowager thinking?

Wasn't she afraid that Prince Zhen Nan would take control of the Deceit Suppression Bureau and later use the evil spirits suppressed by the Demon Suppression Tower to threaten the Royal Family?

Of course, this wasn't the most important thing. The main concern was that Prince Zhen Nan was openly a political ally of Emperor Zhou now, and with Prince Zhen Nan in charge of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, it meant the bureau was in Emperor Zhou's hands, giving him a card to counter the Empress Dowager.

Another thing Ji Yunmeng couldn't understand was: why give it to Prince Zhen Nan when he is barely functioning? They could give it to someone else in Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

After all, Prince Zhen Nan isn't the only strong one in Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

Seeing Ji Yunmeng deep in thought and not speaking, Xiao Qi remained silent and stood quietly by the bedside.

After a long time, Ji Yunmeng finally made sense of it all in her mind. The Empress Dowager allowed Prince Zhen Nan Manor to confront the mysterious; even if Prince Zhen Nan Manor doesn't seal those Earth Realm Strange figures, they would likely suffer injuries themselves. Once Prince Zhen Nan Manor's strength is weakened, it wouldn't be difficult for the Empress Dowager to reclaim the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

Having come to her senses, Ji Yunmeng sat up from the bed and asked, "Any other news?"

Xiao Qi promptly responded, "Yes, there's more: the Empress Dowager not only let Prince Zhen Nan take the role of Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, but also returned his fiefdom and allowed him to expand his army by ten thousand on the fief."

Upon hearing Xiao Qi's words, Ji Yunmeng murmured, "She's conceded significantly."

Ji Yunmeng thought that now the Deceit Suppression Bureau was under Zhen Nan Prince Manor's control, all she needed to do next was marry into Zhen Nan Prince Manor and then take control of the entire Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

However, speaking of this, last time she met Prince Zhen Nan, he was still able to walk, although he was surrounded by death qi. Despite his severe situation caused by spiritual evil backlash, it hadn't drained his vitality yet?

Ji Yunmeng now truly doubted whether Prince Zhen Nan was really suffering from spiritual evil backlash; how could he still act after such a serious spiritual evil backlash? Maybe the death qi on him was deliberately created to deceive others.

If Prince Zhen Nan is a dying man, it would be fine. After marrying into Zhen Nan Prince Manor, once Prince Zhen Nan dies, she could find a way to fool Lu Chen, and both Zhen Nan Prince Manor and the Deceit Suppression Bureau would be hers.

Now she feared that Prince Zhen Nan might be faking the spiritual evil backlash; if Prince Zhen Nan indeed hasn't suffered the backlash, with his realm, he could live for another hundred years without issues.

If Prince Zhen Nan truly lives another hundred years, given him regaining fiefdom and military power, plus having a card to threaten the Royal Family, Prince Zhen Nan might even consider rebellion.

Next, she must determine whether Prince Zhen Nan truly suffered spiritual evil backlash or if it was just a guise. If indeed suffered, even if he can walk now, he won't live long.

If Prince Zhen Nan's spiritual evil backlash is feigned, she must be cautious; she wouldn't want her plotted position to be snatched by Prince Zhen Nan.

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The news of Prince Zhen Nan regaining his fiefdom and being appointed as the Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau quickly spread throughout Dazhou; when people heard of this matter, their first reaction was disbelief. Since the death of the Grand Ancestor Emperor, every Emperor Zhou oppressed Zhen Nan Prince Manor, yet now the Zhou Royal Family granted Prince Zhen Nan such significant power.

Dazhou, Heavenly Fate Sect.

Amidst endless mountain ranges, trails were built along the mountains, and there stood countless pavilions and towers at the cliffside, relying on the mountain ahead, forming a large architectural complex.

At this moment, in the Meeting Hall of the Heavenly Fate Sect, a woman wearing a light blue long dress and exuding black evil qi was seated on a throne constructed from unknown bones. She glanced at those reporting news in the hall and expressionlessly asked, "Hasn't Prince Zhen Nan already suffered from spiritual evil backlash? Why can he still assume the role of Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau?"

Upon hearing Yun Yudie's words, the disciple from below reporting news quivered, replied tremblingly, "Reporting to the Sect Hierarchy, this subordinate hasn't found the reason yet."

Upon hearing the disciple's answer, Yun Yudie gently tapped her slender fingers on the white bone armrest, and sensing the thick black evil qi unconsciously released, the reporting disciple trembled even more violently, fearing Yun Yudie would drain his vitality.

After a while, Yun Yudie glanced towards the left side of the hall; there stood a woman in a green dress, her figure graceful with neat hair styled into two tails on either side of a jade hand, her appearance beautiful and lively with a trace of adorability.

Yun Yudie said indifferently, "Left Protector, head to the Capital city, find a way to infiltrate Zhen Nan Prince Manor, and ascertain whether Prince Zhen Nan truly suffered spiritual evil backlash."

Zhou Youyou promptly stepped into the hall and saluted Yun Yudie, saying, "Yes, Sect Hierarch."

Without expression, Yun Yudie continued, "As long as Prince Zhen Nan isn't dead, I cannot be at peace."

Back then, she was suppressed and sealed in the Demon Suppression Tower by the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan; she hadn't initiated mysterious chaos simply because she knew Prince Zhen Nan possessed abnormal skills capable of sealing them.

In her view, the First Generation Prince Zhen Nan likely passed those abnormal skills down generations, and the current Prince Zhen Nan might also know those skills. If they rashly start chaos, what awaits her might be another suppression and sealing.

Since breaking the seal and leaving the Capital city, Yun Yudie constantly monitored the situation of Zhen Nan Prince Manor. Upon hearing that Zhen Nan Prince Manor had only Lu Chen left of the bloodline, she immediately instructed those in the Capital City to target Lu Chen, aiming to sever the bloodline of Zhen Nan Prince Manor, but remarkably, Lu Chen's body was protected by Dragon Qi.

At this moment, Yun Yudie thought of Lu Chen, then continued saying to Zhou Youyou, "Also, find a way to approach Lu Chen, and seek the opportunity to lure him out of the Capital City; as long as he's not protected by Dragon Qi, eliminate him immediately."

Zhou Youyou said, "Sect Hierarch, the subordinate heard that Lu Chen hasn't left Zhen Nan Prince Manor recently. After the last incident, Prince Zhen Nan might not easily allow Lu Chen to leave the Manor."

Yun Yudie said coldly, "I don't believe he can stay in Zhen Nan Prince Manor his entire life."

At this moment, Yun Yudie suddenly thought of another method; her light blue eyes scanned Zhou Youyou and then said, "If you can't get him out of Zhen Nan

Prince Manor, find a way to get into his bed, use the deceitful evil inside you to invade his body."

"Even if he has the protection of Dragon Qi, prolonged exposure to deceitful evil will cause him to suffer retaliation sooner or later."

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Zhou Youyou was momentarily stunned by Yun Yudie's words.

Did the Sect Hierarch just tell her to seduce Lu Chen???

Was the Hierarch serious?

After all, she was a Mysterious being!

To a Mysterious being, humans were nothing more than blood food, just as pigs, cattle, and sheep were merely food to humans.

Making her, a Mysterious being, sleep with a human was the greatest humiliation, let alone actively seducing Lu Chen.

Seeing Zhou Youyou's silence, Yun Yudie coldly asked, "What? Are you unwilling?"

Yun Yudie's tone carried an undeniable authority.

Feeling the oppressive aura emanating from Yun Yudie, Zhou Youyou hurriedly said, "Subordinate... is willing..."

Despite her reluctance, she was pressured by Yun Yudie's authority to temporarily agree.

She thought to herself that she would go to Zhen Nan Prince Manor, whether she slept with Lu Chen or not, the Hierarch wouldn't be able to know.

Moreover, she could use some means to confuse Lu Chen, making him believe they had slept together.

In any case, she would never engage in an intimate act with Lu Chen; as for using Deceitful Evil to corrode Lu Chen's body, that would be simple.

Who said one must engage in such acts to corrode Lu Chen with Deceitful Evil? As long as she secretly infused Lu Chen with Deceitful Evil, or released it while Lu Chen was practicing, if he inhaled the Deceitful Evil she released, it would still corrode his body.

Yun Yudie then said, "Since that's the case, you shall head to the Capital city now."

Zhou Youyou bowed again, "Yes, Sect Hierarch."

After bowing, Zhou Youyou turned and left the Meeting Hall.

Watching Zhou Youyou's departing figure, Yun Yudie muttered to herself, "In any case, Zhen Nan Prince Manor must be erased..."

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After taking over the Deceit Suppression Bureau, Prince Zhen Nan immediately reorganized it, gathering all the Earth Realm Strong Persons there.

Deceit Suppression Bureau, Meeting Hall.

Inside the hall, the higher-ups of the Deceit Suppression Bureau exchanged glances, feeling surprised that the Zhou Royal Family dared to hand over the Deceit Suppression Bureau to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

At this moment, Wu Feng quietly commented, "Isn't the Royal Family afraid that this person will use the Demon Suppression Tower to unleash the sealed Mysterious beings and Evil Spirits to threaten the Royal Family?"

Lu Yu said, "More than that, the Royal Family might be worried that the five Earth Realm Stranges causing disturbances could destroy all of Dazhou."

"If Dazhou is gone, how would that person threaten Dazhou?"

Hearing Lu Yu's words, Wu Feng replied, "That's true, currently the biggest crisis for Dazhou is those five Earth Realm Stranges."

Xiong Qingcang then said, "But wasn't that person already suffering a backlash from the Spiritual Evil? How could he become the Commander? There are so many strongmen in the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, why not just assign a late-stage Earth Realm Strong Person to take over the Deceit Suppression Bureau?"

Not only Xiong Qingcang but others also didn't understand why the Royal Family appointed Prince Zhen Nan as Commander. If it was just to hand over the Deceit Suppression Bureau to Zhen Nan Prince Manor, they could simply designate any strongman from there as Commander, given their loyalty to Prince Zhen Nan, betrayal was unlikely.

Fan Yaodong, who had been silent in the main seat, said, "Perhaps it's merely symbolic, the one coming later should be a late-stage Earth Realm Strong Person from Zhen Nan Prince Manor."

Upon hearing Fan Yaodong's words, the others found some sense in it. They didn't know that not only was Prince Zhen Nan able to walk on the ground, but he also participated in their staged Mysterious breakout play last time. When Prince Zhen Nan pretended to attack the Deceit Suppression Bureau as a Mysterious being, he used Disguise Skills, and the personnel didn't know he was Prince Zhen Nan.

As the higher-ups of the Deceit Suppression Bureau discussed how to interact with Zhen Nan Prince Manor, a hunched figure appeared at the entrance of the Meeting Hall.

Seeing that Prince Zhen Nan had personally arrived, the higher-ups of the Deceit Suppression Bureau were stunned.

After Prince Zhen Nan went to the Imperial Palace last time, his physical condition was expected to worsen due to the Spiritual Evil backlash. He was already

bedridden before and should have been more incapacitated after returning from the palace, yet he could now walk and personally come to the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

Fan Yaodong quickly got up from the main seat, making way and greeting Prince Zhen Nan respectfully, "This subordinate pays respect to Prince Zhen Nan!"

Hearing Fan Yaodong, the others snapped out of it and hurriedly saluted Prince Zhen Nan, "Greetings to Prince Zhen Nan!"

Prince Zhen Nan said calmly, "No need for formalities."

As he spoke, he walked to the main seat and sat down.

Fan Yaodong quickly took a new teacup from the tray and personally poured tea for Prince Zhen Nan, probing as he asked, "Prince Zhen Nan, why have you personally come? You're suffering backlash from the Spiritual Evil and need to rest. If there's anything to instruct, just send someone to inform us."

Prince Zhen Nan looked up at Fan Yaodong, smiling, "Why, does Commander Fan not want me to come to the Deceit Suppression Bureau?"

Fan Yaodong hurriedly said, "This subordinate definitely doesn't mean that, you are now the Commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau; I merely assist you. I was just worried about your health."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "You don't need to worry about my health; I know my own condition."

"Even if I'm to die, it must be after sealing those five Earth Realm Stranges."

"The priority now is to tell me about those five Earth Realm Stranges."

Saying this, Prince Zhen Nan glanced at Fan Yaodong again, making Fan Yaodong feel slightly unsettled under his cloudy gaze.

Prince Zhen Nan directly asked, "Commander Fan, those five Earth Realm Stranges broke the seal during your tenure, do you have nothing to say about this?"

Fan Yaodong said, "Does Prince Zhen Nan suspect me of releasing them? Even with a hundred bolts of courage, I would not dare to collude with Mysterious beings!"

He, Fan Yaodong, was no fool. As the head of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, with such authority, he'd have no reason to engage in such acts.

Prince Zhen Nan said calmly, "I didn't say you colluded with Mysterious beings. But they broke the seal during your tenure, so you are severely negligent."

Fan Yaodong sighed, "I admit, it was indeed my oversight."

Prince Zhen Nan continued to ask, "Has there been anything unusual in the Deceit Suppression Bureau in recent years?"

"Additionally, for those five Earth Realm Stranges to leave the bureau unnoticed, there must be a mole."

As he spoke, Prince Zhen Nan's gaze swept over everyone present.

He then continued, "The first step to finding those five Earth Realm Stranges is to root out the mole. If we don't identify the mole, those five Earth Realm Stranges will surely know all our actions."

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Hearing Prince Zhen Nan's words, everyone present fell into silence.

They also knew that there might be traitors within the Deceit Suppression Bureau, but the problem was how to identify them?

Furthermore, their concern wasn't just about the traitor; they were worried that someone might seize this opportunity to frame others, and the traitor would definitely not just sit and wait to be caught. They would surely find a way to frame others and divert attention.

At this time, Fan Yaodong said, "Finding the traitor within the Deceit Suppression Bureau may not be an easy task."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "For you all, it is indeed not an easy task, but for a certain someone, just a single glance is enough to tell who the traitor is."

Hearing this, everyone looked at one another with suspicion in their eyes.

Just a single glance can identify the traitor? Is there such a person in the Capital city? How come they didn't know?

Fan Yaodong, after coming to his senses, asked, "I wonder who Prince Zhen Nan is referring to?"

Prince Zhen Nan didn't answer directly but said, "Presumably, everyone has heard about the recent purge of spies from Zhen Nan Prince Manor."

Hearing this, Fan Yaodong immediately realized and said directly, "Are you perhaps talking about Master Lu?"

It is rumored that the reason Zhen Nan Prince Manor could easily find those spy operatives is mainly because of Lu Chen. As for how Lu Chen accomplished this, not many know.

Originally, Prince Zhen Nan didn't want to expose Lu Chen's Person Recognition Skill. After all, such a skill is extremely attractive to those in power. Once Lu Chen's skill is revealed, the Emperor Zhou and the Empress Dowager would be the most eager to have it.

However, in order to find the traitor hidden within the Deceit Suppression Bureau, Lu Chen's Person Recognition Skill had to be used.

At this moment, Prince Zhen Nan said, "That's right, my son can easily identify who the traitor is."

Fan Yaodong asked, "I wonder what method Master Lu uses to distinguish the traitor?"

Prince Zhen Nan said, "You don't need to know this; you only need to know that with just a glance, he can identify who the traitor hiding among the crowd is."

Fan Yaodong then asked, "Since Master Lu can identify the traitor hiding among the crowd with just a glance, can he also identify the mysterious entities hiding among the crowd?"

Upon hearing this question, Prince Zhen Nan's face instantly turned extremely serious, and the aura of Black Evil suddenly emanated from his body, enveloping the entire council hall in a terrifying atmosphere.

Fan Yaodong then realized that he shouldn't have asked this question. From Prince Zhen Nan's reaction, it was clear that Lu Chen could indeed identify the mysterious entities hidden among the crowd.

But they haven't even found the traitor within the Deceit Suppression Bureau yet. If the information about Lu Chen's ability to identify mysterious entities were passed on to the mysterious entities by the traitor, they would certainly do everything in their power to kill Lu Chen.

No wonder Prince Zhen Nan suddenly became so serious. Among the high-level officials present, there might be a traitor.

At this moment, Prince Zhen Nan squinted his eyes and revealed a slight smile, then said to everyone present, "For my son's safety, you all wouldn't mind letting him check if you are truly loyal to Dazhou and the Deceit Suppression Bureau, right?"

Hearing this, the high-level officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau felt a bit uncomfortable. Although they knew themselves not to be traitors, the idea of someone else determining if they were traitors made them feel that, even if they weren't, there was a possibility they could become one.

The Deceit Suppression Bureau had done such things often, so they were deeply concerned that Prince Zhen Nan might use such a method against them.

However, upon further thought, they had no conflict with the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, and currently, manpower was needed. Plus, in the future, the Deceit Suppression Bureau would be under the control of Prince Zhen Nan, so why would Prince Zhen Nan target them for no reason?

Realizing this, the crowd seemed to understand Prince Zhen Nan's intention. Prince Zhen Nan was probably using this opportunity to remind them that with Lu Chen, who could identify traitors, Prince Zhen Nan could easily accuse and deal with anyone who disobeyed.

At this time, Fan Yaodong said, "Of course, we are all loyal to Dazhou and the Deceit Suppression Bureau, and fear no test."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "With Commander Fan's words, I am relieved."

At this point, Prince Zhen Nan looked towards the doorway and said to the Royal Mansion Guards at the door, "Li Wei, go to Zhen Nan Prince Manor immediately and invite the Princely Heir to the Deceit Suppression Bureau."

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When Lu Chen heard from the returning guard that he was to go to the Deceit Suppression Bureau, he found it a bit hard to believe. His convenient father was actually letting him leave Zhen Nan Prince Manor on his own accord.

However, considering this was the Capital city, with Dragon Qi present, the mysterious entities couldn't harm him, so presumably, Prince Zhen Nan wasn't too worried about him being harmed by them.

Soon, Lu Chen arrived at the Deceit Suppression Bureau by carriage.

After getting off the carriage, Lu Chen glanced at the grand entrance of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, which was even larger than that of Zhen Nan Prince Manor, with a huge plaque above it displaying the words "Deceit Suppression Bureau."

He had passed by the Deceit Suppression Bureau many times before but had rarely entered, mainly because, before regaining his memory, he was quite timid and fearful of evil spirits.

Under the guidance of the Royal Mansion Guards, Lu Chen quickly arrived at the council hall of the Deceit Suppression Bureau's high-level officials.

Entering the council hall, he sensed the terrifying aura emanating from Prince Zhen Nan and saw the serious expressions of the high-level officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau. Lu Chen asked, confused, "Father asked me here, what is it for?"

Prince Zhen Nan glanced at the high-level officials present and then said, "I want you to see if any among these people have sided with the mysterious entities."

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen immediately used the system to check these people's data and then said, "They are fine for now."

In truth, he couldn't be a hundred percent certain who the human traitor was. Although the system could identify their names, identities, and favorability towards him, it was still possible that these people hadn't joined the mysterious entities' ranks but merely provided some help to them.

And it's not to say that those with low favorability towards him are definitely human traitors; likewise, those with high favorability are not entirely without issues.

After all, even Bai Qingqing, the Ancestor of the Strange, is now carrying his child. Now Bai Qingqing has a high favorability towards him, but from a standpoint, they are on opposing sides.

However, that being said, although the data from the system cannot be the sole criterion, it can help filter out most people.

As long as these people have secretly joined the mysterious entities, the system would surely determine them as spies of the mysterious entities, making it very easy to find traitors.

At this moment, Fan Yaodong and others, upon hearing Lu Chen's words, thought in their hearts that Prince Zhen Nan was indeed cautioning them.

Lu Chen said they are fine for now, but the implication was that they might have problems at any time in the future, and when that would be was up to Lu Chen.

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Although at this moment Fan Yaodong and other senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau felt a little uneasy, now that Prince Zhen Nan had already controlled the Deceit Suppression Bureau, they were helpless.

At this time, Prince Zhen Nan said: "Since none of them have issues, let's take advantage of this opportunity to gather all the Deceit Suppressing Guards in the Capital city and see if there are any hidden traitors or mysterious among them."

Fan Yaodong and others immediately said: "We will gather all the Deceit Suppressing Guards at once."

As soon as the words fell, Fan Yaodong and others left the council hall. Soon, only Prince Zhen Nan, Lu Chen, and Zhao Yu, who protected Lu Chen, remained in the council hall.

After those people left, Prince Zhen Nan looked at Lu Chen and asked, "Chen'er, can your Person Recognition Skill accurately determine whether they are traitors?"

After all, this concerned Lu Chen's safety, so Prince Zhen Nan had to be cautious.

Lu Chen replied: "I cannot achieve absolute accuracy; I can only judge whether they have secretly joined other forces, or if they themselves are mysterious. If someone hasn't joined other forces but provides convenience to mysterious for some reason, I can't see that."

Upon hearing Lu Chen's words, Prince Zhen Nan frowned slightly. If this were the case, then it wouldn't be so easy to identify certain traitors within the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

If those mysterious threatened the family members of those people in the Deceit Suppression Bureau, and made them reveal some plans of the bureau to the mysterious, then Lu Chen should not be able to detect it.

After pondering for a moment, Prince Zhen Nan asked: "If a mysterious is disguised as a human, can you spot it immediately?"

Lu Chen replied: "There's no problem with that; mysterious and humans are completely different in my eyes."

Prince Zhen Nan said: "Being able to distinguish mysterious is enough."

Even if Lu Chen cannot identify traitors, as long as he can reveal certain hidden traitors within the Deceit Suppression Bureau, it would deter those intending to betray the bureau.

After about two hours, those directors of the Deceit Suppression Bureau gradually returned to the council hall.

Once all the senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau gathered, Fan Yaodong opened his mouth to speak to Lu Chen: "All the Deceit Suppressing Guards from the Capital city have arrived at the Training Ground, please trouble Master Lu."

At this moment, Prince Zhen Nan got up from the main seat and walked towards the door, speaking as he walked: "Let's see how many evil and treacherous beings are lurking within the Deceit Suppression Bureau."

Soon, Prince Zhen Nan and the senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau arrived at the Training Ground. At this time, the Training Ground was already crowded with people, and the Deceit Suppressing Guards from each department were standing separately, forming five squads in total.

Upon seeing Prince Zhen Nan and the senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau appear at the Training Ground, the previously noisy Training Ground suddenly fell silent, and everyone's eyes were fixed on Prince Zhen Nan and the others.

The Deceit Suppressing Guards already knew about Prince Zhen Nan assuming the role of commander, just like the senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, they thought that the position of Prince Zhen Nan was merely symbolic, as someone affected by spiritual evil backlash would not personally come to the Deceit Suppression Bureau.

Seeing Prince Zhen Nan standing in the Training Ground, the Deceit Suppressing Guards found it hard to believe.

At this time, Fan Yaodong stepped forward and said: "I believe everyone has heard, from today onwards, Prince Zhen Nan will be the new commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau."

Upon hearing Fan Yaodong's words, the Deceit Suppressing Guards immediately saluted Prince Zhen Nan, saying in unison: "Greetings, Prince Zhen Nan!"

Although Prince Zhen Nan has become the commander of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, his royal title is clearly higher than the position of commander, hence the Deceit Suppressing Guards would not address him as "commander" but directly as "Prince Zhen Nan" when saluting.

Prince Zhen Nan said faintly: "No need for salutations."

"Since I have taken over the Deceit Suppression Bureau, I will definitely revive the bureau, and soon suppress and seal those five Earth Realm misters and wash away the shame of the bureau."

"Before this, I plan to form a temporary agency, one specifically to search for Earth Realm misters."

"Next, those selected by Lu Chen should step forward and stand aside."

Upon hearing Prince Zhen Nan's words, the Deceit Suppressing Guards were immediately puzzled: Is it necessary to form an agency specifically to search for Earth Realm misters? Isn't identifying misters the duty of the Investigation Bureau?

Moreover, searching for Earth Realm misters is a very important task, so how come the formation of a temporary agency is going to be done by Lu Chen, a princely heir? This all seemed quite mysterious.

At this moment, Lu Chen came to the front of the crowd, glanced briefly over them, and discovered quite a few spies from other forces, especially a large number from the Heavenly Fate Sect, even one commander was a spy for the Heavenly Fate Sect.

Lu Chen went to the sixth person in the first row and asked: "What is your name?"

The man replied loudly: "Subordinate Ge Tianhai."

Lu Chen smiled and said: "Impressive aura, and your strength is good; step out."

"Yes."

Ge Tianhai remained unaware that his identity had been uncovered; he thought Lu Chen genuinely intended to let him join that temporary agency to search for Earth Realm misters. He was thinking that if he could join this temporary agency, he would know every move of the Deceit Suppression Bureau. This way, he could report the bureau's actions to the Heavenly Fate Sect in advance and his status in the sect would surely be greatly elevated.

Thinking of this, a small smile appeared on Ge Tianhai's face.

Afterward, Lu Chen continued to shuttle among the crowd, and in just a moment, he picked out more than ten people.

These people came from various subordinate agencies of the Deceit Suppression Bureau. Seeing these people being selected, the faces of several directors of the bureau were incredibly gloomy; they hadn't expected there to be so many traitors within the agencies they managed.

Among the people Lu Chen selected, not all were from the Heavenly Fate Sect, but there were also spies from other forces. Lu Chen didn't know which of these forces had connections with mysterious beings; he just picked them out first, intending for the Criminal Law Department to interrogate them slowly later.

After Lu Chen approached the last Deceit Suppressing Guard face to face, he looked toward the other side of the Training Ground, where thirty to forty guards were already standing.

Lu Chen then returned to Prince Zhen Nan and the others to say: "That's about right, but we're missing a leader. Such an important agency needs a commander to oversee it, right?"

Hearing this, Fan Yaodong and other senior officials of the Deceit Suppression Bureau felt their hearts skip a beat. From Lu Chen's words, did it mean even among the commanders there was a traitor?

Fan Yaodong gathered himself and said: "Master Lu is right, a commander is indeed needed to oversee it. Who do you think is suitable, Master Lu?"

Lu Chen's gaze directly fell upon the place where the Deceit Suppression Bureau's commanders were standing. After scanning those commanders briefly, his gaze settled on a slender elder.

Lu Chen pointed at that commander and said: "He seems quite experienced, let's have him."

Upon seeing Lu Chen pointing at him, Gu Tao was overjoyed; he had just been thinking about whether he could mix into this temporary agency to acquire the plans of the Deceit Suppression Bureau, but unexpectedly Lu Chen actually selected him.