

## HAVING CHILDREN EARNS BENEFIT, START COMPETING FOR DOMINANCE IN THE WORLD BY MARRYING A WIFE

Chapter 2287 - 1977: Impossible, This Absolutely Cannot Be a Coincidence

Seeing that Zhou Youyou remained silent, the spy took the initiative to ask, "Sir, what shall we do next?"

Zhou Youyou snapped back to reality and said to the spy, "Don't act rashly for now."

The spy clasped his hands and saluted, "Yes, Sir."

"I take my leave."

After the spy left the room, Zhou Youyou fell into deep thought once more.

What she feared most now was that Lu Chen could recognize the mysterious identity.

If that's the case, approaching Lu Chen would be tantamount to courting death.

Surely Lu Chen has an Earth Realm strong person protecting him. With her current strength, she cannot handle an Earth Realm strong person.

Although she possesses an undying body, being besieged by Earth Realm strong people, the possibility of being sealed is very high.

However, to just give up this opportunity to approach Lu Chen made her feel somewhat unwilling in her heart.

If she missed this chance, who knows when she could approach Lu Chen again?

Zhou Youyou struggled for an hour before finally getting up from the soft couch.

If she missed this opportunity and waited for the next time Lu Chen came out, it might not be so easy anymore.

She decided to approach Lu Chen and give it a try. If Lu Chen could really identify the mysterious identity, she would escape immediately.

Although the risk is great, she had no choice but to take the gamble to complete the task given by the Sect Hierarchy.

Just as Zhou Youyou was about to head to the Hundred Flowers Tower, another disciple of the Heavenly Fate Sect appeared at the door, "Sir, we've found out what you asked us to investigate."

Zhou Youyou said, "Come in."

Then the disciple of the Heavenly Fate Sect entered the room and handed a list to Zhou Youyou, saying, "This is the list of people that the Zhen Nan Prince Manor is looking for recently."

Upon hearing this, Zhou Youyou curiously accepted the list from the spy's hand and took a brief glance.

However, just that one glance, her eyes were drawn to a few names on the list, unable to move.

Not only was her name on the list, but also Zhou Xiaoxiao's, their Church Goddess's name, and even their Sect Hierarchy's name.

For a moment, Zhou Youyou was completely stunned.

How could Lu Chen possibly know of their existence? They are mysterious, and when they act in the human world, they never use their real names.

Logically, no one should know about them, or was it all just a coincidence?

No, this cannot be a coincidence!

If one name appears, that's coincidence, but four names appearing at once can't possibly be a coincidence.

Lu Chen must know something.

And why is Lu Chen looking for these people? Is it possible that everyone on this list is mysterious?

She must find out how this list came to be. If Lu Chen knew their mysterious names from the start, it would be very dangerous for them.

Thinking of this, Zhou Youyou said to the disciple of the Heavenly Fate Sect, "Report this matter immediately. Make sure the Sect Hierarch knows about it as soon as possible."

The disciple of the Heavenly Fate Sect clasped his hands and saluted, "Yes, Sir."

After that, Zhou Youyou walked straight to the door and soon arrived at the Hundred Flowers Tower.

Meanwhile, in a private room on the second floor of the Hundred Flowers Tower.

Lu Chen was sipping wine, watching the few girls dancing.

With the memories of his past, for him, he had already enjoyed what there was to enjoy, so the girls' dancing didn't interest him much. He just sipped his wine absentmindedly.

He wanted to wait and see if those mysterious ones would have the patience or if they would suddenly make a move against him.

After an unknown length of time, the madam entered the room with a smiling face and said, "Master Lu, I hope you're having a good time?"

Lu Chen showed a disinterested look, saying, "The dance is fine, but it feels like something's missing."

Upon hearing this, the madam's eyes lit up, and she said immediately, "We've recently had an outstanding beauty come to the Hundred Flowers Tower. I wonder if Master Lu is interested?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Chen responded with an "Oh" and then asked, "A beauty? I must see for myself what kind of woman you would call outstanding."

The madam said, "If Master Lu is interested, I'll have that girl come to your room right away."

Lu Chen thought to himself, could it be that the mysterious ones couldn't hold back and were going to make a move on him? However, if it was just one mysterious being, it might not harm him.

Secretly, there are three Earth Realm strong protectors, not to mention he has Dragon Qi protection. Thinking of this, Lu Chen said to the madam, "Let her come then."

The madam then said, "Alright, I'll have the girl come to your room now."

With those words, the madam left the room.

A moment later, the room door opened again.

A slender woman in Qingyi attire slowly entered the room.

The woman, with her slender figure and charming posture, was a stunning beauty. Despite her short stature, her figure proportion was excellent, appearing lively and cute.

The moment Lu Chen saw Zhou Youyou, he was slightly taken aback. Memories from his time inside the Chaos Beast flooded his mind.

Zhou Youyou and Zhou Xiaoxiao, those sisters, were among the earliest of the Ancestor of the Strange's women he had. Back when Mu Zixuan was pregnant, he'd go to Zhou Youyou's room night after night.

Because of Zhou Youyou's adorable petite nature, it often triggered Lu Chen's desire to conquer, making him want to make her cry.

While Lu Chen was lost in thought, a system interface appeared.

[Name: Zhou Youyou]

[Identity: Left Protector of the Heavenly Fate Sect]

[Status: The Sect Hierarchy of the Heavenly Fate Sect assigned her a task, wanting her to get into your bed and then use her deceitful evil qi to corrode your body. Upon hearing that you came to the Hundred Flowers Tower, she planned to use this chance to approach you, and at the same time figure out why you know their mysterious names.]

[Cultivation State: Early-stage Xuan Realm]

[Score: 100]

[Favorability: 10...19...35...40...(continuously rising)]

Seeing Zhou Youyou's favorability, Lu Chen suddenly remembered that inside the Chaos Beast's stomach, when he first met Zhou Youyou, she also fell in love with him at first sight.

Unexpectedly, in another world, when Zhou Youyou saw him again, it was still the same. With this thought, a slight smile appeared on Lu Chen's face.

At this moment, Zhou Youyou was already standing frozen in place. She didn't know why, but the moment she saw Lu Chen, she felt an overwhelming sense of familiarity.

It was as if she had known this man before. Not only that, but her heart was also racing. His handsome face and deep eyes were constantly assaulting her mind.

Zhou Youyou felt bewildered, uncertain of why she felt this way.

The deceitful evil qi inside her became very agitated, and for a moment, her body felt unbearably hot, her face flushed with red.

At this time, the madam beside them saw Lu Chen staring intently at Zhou Youyou, while Zhou Youyou was equally fixated on Lu Chen. The two of them were just looking at each other without speaking.

She hurriedly said from the side, "Master Lu, the person is here. What do you think?"

Chapter 2288 - 1978: Beauty in My Arms, Who Needs Wine

Upon hearing the words of the brothel keeper, Lu Chen came back to his senses and, smiling, said to her, "She'll stay, the others can leave."

Seeing that Lu Chen had taken a liking to Zhou Youyou, the brothel keeper immediately addressed the other women in the room, "All of you come out, lest you ruin Master Lu's enjoyment in elegance."

Once her words fell, the women in the room filed out one after another, and afterward, even the brothel keeper turned to leave, closing the door on her way out.

At that moment, only Lu Chen and Zhou Youyou were left in the room.

Zhou Youyou had already reacted by now, but she remained anxious and uneasy, very worried that Lu Chen might discern her mysterious identity. Of course, that was only one aspect; more unsettling was that sense of familiarity.

Seeing Zhou Youyou standing motionless by the door, Lu Chen asked, "What's wrong? You seem very afraid of me, standing by the door all the time."

Zhou Youyou comforted herself internally: Surely he hasn't seen through my identity.

Then Zhou Youyou lowered her head and slowly approached Lu Chen. Upon reaching him, she softly murmured, "Greetings, Master Lu."

At that moment, Zhou Youyou felt her mind become fuzzy, a blank slate, with her reddened cheeks making her appear even purer and more enchanting.

Seeing her in this state, Lu Chen felt a sudden impulse to tease her.

Lu Chen then raised his hand, directly grasping her delicate hand, pulling her into his embrace and seating her upon his lap.

This sudden turn of events left Zhou Youyou even more flustered and helpless; she had not anticipated that a mysterious being like herself would one day fear a human.

Lu Chen inquired, "I heard you just came to the Hundred Flowers Tower?"

Zhou Youyou answered haltingly, "Y-yes, Master."

Zhou Youyou continued to keep her head low, not daring to meet Lu Chen's gaze.

Sitting on Lu Chen's lap, Zhou Youyou felt her body growing increasingly warm, and the deceitful evil qi within her threatened to spill over uncontrollably.

Lu Chen leaned in close to her ear and softly whispered, "So you are still untouched."

The warmth of Lu Chen's breath against Zhou Youyou's ear rendered her mind increasingly chaotic, leaving her momentarily unable to respond to his question.

Just as Zhou Youyou's mind went blank, she suddenly realized that Lu Chen's hand was slipping into her dress.

Zhou Youyou snapped back to reality, aware that despite being mysterious, she understood humans well. Lu Chen had already started to make his move, and what he intended next was obvious.

Zhou Youyou hurriedly said, "M-Master, I... I perform, not sell my body."

At this, Zhou Youyou attempted to rise from Lu Chen's lap.

But how could Lu Chen possibly afford her such a chance? Lu Chen promptly tightened his grip around Zhou Youyou's waist, firmly holding her in place on his lap.

Zhou Youyou struggled momentarily, but upon realizing she couldn't get up, had to concede defeat.

If she truly wished to rise, she could easily do so. With her early-stage Xuan Realm strength, the activation of deceitful evil would make her unmanageable for anyone.

However, if she activated her deceitful evil, her identity would be exposed.

Zhou Youyou realized that if things continued this way, she might lose herself tonight, so she quickly diverted the topic: "M-Master, let me pour you a drink."

She thought to herself, as long as Lu Chen got intoxicated, he wouldn't be able to do anything to her afterward.

Lu Chen laughingly replied, "With beauty in my arms, why need the drink?"

As he spoke, Lu Chen's hands continued their wanton exploration. Though Zhou Youyou wanted to break free, she inexplicably couldn't summon the deceitful evil within her body; perhaps it was the fear of exposure, or perhaps other reasons.

Seeing Zhou Youyou's favorability towards him rise to 90, even Lu Chen found it a bit unbelievable, considering Zhou Youyou was the ancestor of the strange. Although amnesiac, her identity at present was mysterious.

During their time within the Chaos Beast's belly, Zhou Youyou fell for him at first sight, not just due to memory loss, but also because her identity was human.

Now, in this world, her identity is mysterious; logically, beings of this nature view humans as nourishment, incapable of developing affection for humans, let alone love at first sight.

For Zhou Youyou to fall for him at first sight twice in a row, Lu Chen suspected she might be cultivating the path of emotion, or there might exist some kind of cause-effect between them, influenced by the power of cause and effect, making Zhou Youyou fall for him at first sight every time.

But now wasn't the time to delve into these matters. Since Zhou Youyou had again fallen into his hands, he definitely intended to thoroughly bully her.

With this thought in mind, Lu Chen promptly stood to his feet, scooping Zhou Youyou up.

Currently, Zhou Youyou felt completely powerless, unable to resist Lu Chen, leaving her at his mercy as he carried her toward the bed.

At this point, Zhou Youyou's heart raced, filled with panic but devoid of any notion of defiance.

Once Lu Chen reached the bedside, he laid Zhou Youyou down, then leaned in close, nose to nose with her, locking gazes with her captivating eyes.

Lu Chen's sudden proximity made Zhou Youyou feel as if her heart would leap from her chest. Lu Chen smiled and said, "Only perform, not sell? I've never heard of any woman from the Hundred Flowers Tower not selling herself."

On hearing Lu Chen speak, Zhou Youyou truly feared, yet her uncooperative body remained incapable of resistance.

Lu Chen raised his hand at this moment, gently caressing Zhou Youyou's delicate features, and with a smile, remarked, "You're so adorable."

Praised like this by Lu Chen, Zhou Youyou felt an even stranger sensation stirring within her, as a veil clouded her eyes, and in a mosquito-like voice, she murmured, "N-no, can't, mmm..."

As soon as Zhou Youyou uttered her last word, Lu Chen lowered his head and boldly claimed her lips.

By now, Zhou Youyou had entirely forsaken thoughts of resistance; the instant Lu Chen's lips touched hers, she felt a rush of electrical sensation through her body, rendering her mind overwhelmingly joyous.

Lu Chen relinquished restraint at this moment, heightening his advances, and before long, Zhou Youyou was absorbed in rapture.

Meanwhile, in the shadows of the Hundred Flowers Tower, the trio of Lu Xun sensed the commotion within the room, exchanging confused glances.

Wasn't the intent to entice the mysterious to react by coming to the Hundred Flowers Tower? How did things end up by the bedside?

The trio felt somewhat helpless; evidently, their princely heir truly had difficulty shrugging off his innate nature.

At this moment, Zhao Yu remarked, "Could it be that Master has recovered some memory?"

Lu Xun responded, "Perhaps, otherwise why would Master show interest in women from the Hundred Flowers Tower."

Since Lu Chen's memory loss, he had focused almost entirely on cultivation, striving to elevate his realm. Now, suddenly seeking pleasure at the Hundred Flowers Tower, to say he hadn't regained memory seemed implausible to them.

The trio let out a deep sigh, a touch of worry seeping into their hearts.

They worried Lu Chen would revert to his former ways, succumbing once more.

The former Lu Chen lacked talent, so indulging was inconsequential. But now Lu Chen possessed great talent; to squander it on women would indeed be a waste.

Chapter 2289 - 1979: Are You Willing to Go to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor with Me?

Tonight, the capital city was drenched in a heavy rain, masking all noises inside the room. Zhao Yu and his two companions were concealed in the shadows, feeling somewhat awkward.

They couldn't stray too far from Lu Chen to ensure his safety, nor could they entirely ignore the sounds from inside the room. What if the woman suddenly decided to harm Lu Chen?

Finally, the long night passed, the rain stopped, and the sky began to brighten with the rising sun. A ray of sunshine pierced through the window, illuminating the fair skin inside the room.

At this moment, Lu Chen glanced down at Zhou Youyou nestled in his arms, her delicate arms wrapped around his waist, her head resting against his chest, looking extremely docile.

Lu Chen lowered his head and gently inhaled the fragrant scent of her hair, his large hand softly stroking her smooth back.

After an indeterminable time, Zhou Youyou slowly awoke from her dreamlike state, recalling the events of last night. She felt a wave of shame wash over her. How could she, a mysterious being, have been slept with by a human and toyed with in various ways?

Most baffling of all was that she hadn't resisted despite her strength. If she had fought back, Lu Chen would have been powerless against her.

Zhou Youyou was utterly confused as to why she felt such emotions for a human.

This human must have done something to her!

Yes, it wasn't her fault but rather this human's problem.

Suddenly, Zhou Youyou recalled something important. If Lu Chen was capable of such actions, then perhaps he hadn't uncovered her mysterious identity?

If that were the case, they needn't worry about Lu Chen identifying the mysterious beings, thus posing no threat to them.

But what should she do next? The thought of remaining intimate with this despicable man made Zhou Youyou blush and her heart race, with a strange emotion swirling inside her.

Meanwhile, Lu Chen gently stroked Zhou Youyou's skin as he glanced at the system interface before him: "Congratulations, host, you have gained a wife or concubine, rewarding you with the Profound Realm Swordsmanship - Shattering Star Sword Skill."

Seeing this system reward, Lu Chen's lips curled slightly. Once he mastered this sword skill, his martial strength should increase significantly, moving beyond just using the Sword Evil technique.

Currently, he was at the peak of the Human Realm, a step away from the Profound Realm. While learning Profound Realm swordsmanship might be challenging now, it wasn't a major issue. After last night's dual cultivation with Zhou Youyou, he faintly sensed the possibility of breakthrough, aided by his Netherworld Evil Control Body and special constitution, allowing him to cross

levels and learn higher realm techniques and swordsmanship without much difficulty.

After claiming the rewards, Lu Chen's attention returned to Zhou Youyou in his arms.

He then raised his hand to gently caress Zhou Youyou's lovely face, guiding her to gaze up at him.

Locked once again in Lu Chen's burning eyes, Zhou Youyou's heart instantly ignited, her face blushing, her gaze becoming dazed.

Zhou Youyou was somewhat bewildered; why couldn't she resist this man at all? She was supposed to be mysterious.

Lu Chen, gazing at the lovely beauty before him, felt his heart burn once more.

He leaned down again and kissed Zhou Youyou's ruby-red lips.

At this moment, Zhou Youyou felt her entire being melt.

She thought to herself, this vile human, to use such tactics on her.

Though she didn't know what method Lu Chen had used on her to reduce her to this state, she firmly believed that she, as a mysterious being, could not possibly develop feelings for a human of her own accord. Lu Chen must have used some methods.

Lu Chen didn't care what Zhou Youyou was thinking. Since she could help him elevate his realm, he couldn't waste this opportunity and should aim to break through to the Spirit Realm today.

Meanwhile, hidden within the Hundred Flowers Tower, Zhao Yu and the others felt a bit speechless when they heard the noises from the room.

Their princely heir had been occupied the whole night and was starting again this morning.

Would their heir really sink into depravity like this? The sounds from the room only began to wane around noon.

At this moment, a surge of potent energy erupted from Lu Chen's body. Suddenly, he felt the spiritual evil within him increasing wildly. His Netherworld Evil Control Body kept absorbing the spiritual and deceitful evils from the air and Zhou Youyou.

Moments later, his mind cleared and sharpened, and it seemed he could sense everything within the room.

Lu Chen felt a surge of joy in his heart, finally breaking through after being stuck at the peak of the Human Realm for so long, moving into the Spirit Realm.

Zhou Youyou now lay limp in Lu Chen's arms. Despite constantly cursing Lu Chen internally, her hands remained wrapped around his sturdy waist.

Lu Chen rose, gazing down at Zhou Youyou's exquisite face, and asked, "Would you like to accompany me to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor?"

Zhou Youyou was briefly taken aback upon hearing Lu Chen's question.

Go to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor? Wasn't her mission from the sect hierarch precisely to infiltrate the Zhen Nan Prince Manor and use her deceitful evil to corrupt Lu Chen's body?

If she could accompany Lu Chen to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, then there's a chance she could complete the sect hierarch's mission swiftly.

But pondering how she'd be treated as a mere toy by Lu Chen, Zhou Youyou felt deeply uncomfortable.

How could she tolerate being toyed with by a human, given she was a mysterious being?

Yet, missing such an opportunity would make it far harder to enter the Zhen Nan Prince Manor later.

After a long contemplation, Zhou Youyou spoke, "Princely heir, I'm just a brothel woman; I don't think Prince Zhen Nan will allow me into the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, right?"

Even though she was confident Lu Chen couldn't identify the mysterious beings, this didn't mean she was entirely safe.

Her sudden proximity to Lu Chen, as a brothel woman at such a critical moment, would surely attract Prince Zhen Nan's attention.

If Prince Zhen Nan decided to investigate her identity and discovered anything, she'd remain very vulnerable in the Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

Upon hearing Zhou Youyou's concern, Lu Chen chuckled lightly and replied, "The Zhen Nan Prince Manor is under my command now. Father won't object much; he even hopes I marry more to extend the familial line."

Thinking for a moment, Zhou Youyou said, "Alright, I'll accompany the princely heir to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor. I hope the princely heir treats me well."

Seeing Zhou Youyou's agreement, Lu Chen immediately called for the madam to prepare hot water.

After a simple wash, Lu Chen led Zhou Youyou back to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

Zhao Yu and the others felt conflicted, uncertain if they should report last night's events to Prince Zhen Nan.

If Lu Chen fell into depravity again as he had before, it wouldn't bode well for the Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

However, they also considered that since Lu Chen was the future Prince Zhen Nan, opposing him now could offend him, which might lead to distancing once Lu Chen ascended as Prince Zhen Nan.

Ultimately, all three chose silence, refraining from reporting the events to Prince Zhen Nan.

But even if they didn't report it, when Lu Chen brought Zhou Youyou to the Zhen Nan Prince Manor, the servants immediately relayed the news of Lu Chen bringing a woman back to Prince Zhen Nan.

Chapter 2290 - 1980: I Heard From the Servant That You Brought Back a Woman?

Zhen Nan Prince Manor.

Zhen Nan Prince's study.

Zhen Nan Prince sat at the desk, flipping through the dossiers of the village massacres by the evil spirits over this period.

He had decided to use this as a breakthrough to locate the mysterious hideout.

The Deceit Suppression Bureau had already organized those dossiers in chronological order. Through these dossiers, it could be seen that the strange incidents initially took place in remote counties, but gradually moved towards the capital city, and the villages being massacred were getting closer to the capital.

This made Prince Zhen Nan wonder if those mysterious forces had grown much stronger and were preparing to make a move on the capital?

Perhaps Lu Chen being taken out of the capital by the evil spirits before was orchestrated by those mysterious entities.

To retaliate against Zhen Nan Prince Manor, they wanted to bring an end to the lineage, which is why they targeted Lu Chen.

Fortunately, Lu Chen had encountered Ji Yunmeng at that time, otherwise, he could very well have been taken out of the capital region.

The thought of this made Prince Zhen Nan break out in a cold sweat. If Lu Chen hadn't encountered Ji Yunmeng back then, he might have already turned into a pile of bones.

Just as Prince Zhen Nan was spacing out while looking at the dossiers, a servant at the door of the study said, "Your Highness, the princely heir has returned."

Hearing this, Prince Zhen Nan laid down the dossier in his hand and then looked towards the door and said, "Enter."

The next moment, the servant entered the room and proactively said, "The princely heir brought back a woman."

Upon hearing this, Prince Zhen Nan frowned: Brought back a woman?

Since Lu Chen lost his memory, he had already come to his senses; he should not casually bring strangers home. This woman is probably not an ordinary person.

Thinking of this, Prince Zhen Nan said to the servant, "Have Lu Xun come here."

"Yes, Your Highness." The servant bowed and saluted, then turned and left the study.

Moments later, the servant brought Lu Xun to the study.

Lu Xun was at a loss for words at this moment, considering Prince Zhen Nan was still alive.

If Prince Zhen Nan asked about last night's matter, as a subordinate, he should speak up, but Prince Zhen Nan wouldn't live much longer, and the future of Zhen Nan Prince Manor would belong to Lu Chen. He should not offend Lu Chen.

At this point, Prince Zhen Nan directly asked, "Last night, Chen'er stayed at the Hundred Flowers Tower all night. What did he do?"

As expected, seeing Prince Zhen Nan ask this question, Lu Xun fell silent, without giving a direct answer.

Seeing Lu Xun not speak, Prince Zhen Nan immediately understood the situation.

Prince Zhen Nan then continued, "I heard from a servant that Chen'er brought back a woman this morning. Last night, Chen'er must have had some encounter with that woman, right?"

Seeing Prince Zhen Nan directly guessed it, Lu Xun no longer concealed it and immediately said, "In response to Your Highness, the princely heir indeed had an intimate encounter with that woman."

Hearing Lu Xun's response, Prince Zhen Nan tapped gently on the desk with his fingers.

Previously, he had suggested Lu Chen take concubines, but Lu Chen refused.

Now Lu Chen has gone to the Hundred Flowers Tower to find a courtesan.

Either this woman has some particular traits, or it could be that Lu Chen might have regained his past memories, which has influenced his personality.

It's fine if it's the latter. If he's regained his memory and returned to his former self, he would need to have a serious talk with him.

Thinking of this, Prince Zhen Nan said to Lu Xun, "Go and have Chen'er come to the study."

"Yes, Your Highness." After Lu Xun gave a formal salute, he walked towards Lu Chen's inner courtyard.

Lu Chen hadn't slept all night last night and was about to take a rest when he heard Lu Xun's voice at the door: "Your Highness, the princely heir, His Highness wants you to go to the study."

Hearing this, Lu Chen could only get up, open the door, glance at Lu Xun, and not say much.

Lu Xun's heart immediately sank: Could it be that the princely heir thinks he's the informant? If that's the case, it would be troublesome.

Quickly, Lu Xun said, "His Highness heard from a servant that you brought back a woman. He probably wants to ask if there is something special about this woman." Lu Xun didn't want Lu Chen to misunderstand him.

Lu Chen replied, "Is that so." He didn't say much more, heading directly to Prince Zhen Nan's study.

Upon entering Prince Zhen Nan's study, Lu Chen saw Prince Zhen Nan leaning against the chair with eyes slightly closed, seemingly at rest.

Lu Chen proactively asked, "Father, were you looking for me?"

At this time, Prince Zhen Nan opened his eyes and asked, "A servant said you brought back a woman?"

Lu Chen didn't hide it and said, "Yes."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "Bai is now pregnant and unable to serve you. How about I find a few more concubines for you?"

Hearing this, Lu Chen realized the misunderstanding and said, "Father, the woman I brought back is named Zhou Youyou; she can help me with my cultivation."

Hearing this, Prince Zhen Nan suddenly recalled the list Lu Chen provided some time ago.

Lu Chen, worried that Prince Zhen Nan wouldn't believe him, actively released the Spirit Evil Qi within him.

The pressure of the Spirit Realm immediately filled the entire study.

Feeling the aura around Lu Chen, Prince Zhen Nan showed a hint of surprise on his face and then said, "Didn't I say you'd never be interested in courtesans? Since she can assist you in cultivation, then take her as a concubine. However, you are about to marry the princess, so you cannot publicly take concubines before your marriage with the princess."

Lu Chen said, "Father, I understand."

Prince Zhen Nan continued, "You went to the Hundred Flowers Tower not just to find this woman, right?"

Lu Chen responded, "I wanted to see if the Hundred Flowers Tower had connections with any mysterious forces. I was abducted by the evil spirits after I left the Hundred Flowers Tower; hence, I suspect there may be a hidden presence there."

Prince Zhen Nan asked, "Did you find anything?"

Lu Chen said, "Nothing was found; the Hundred Flowers Tower is very clean."

Prince Zhen Nan pondered for a moment and then said, "It could also be that the mysterious forces at the Hundred Flowers Tower knew you were going there, so they all hid."

Lu Chen said, "It's possible."

Prince Zhen Nan said, "Those strange forces likely won't act against you until they are absolutely sure they can take you out of the capital."

Prince Zhen Nan also hoped to use Lu Chen as bait to lure those strange forces out.

But after all, the other party consisted of Earth Realm Strange, and they weren't fools. How could they not see through Prince Zhen Nan's intentions?

Prince Zhen Nan then said, "Go back and rest for now."

Lu Chen didn't say much more and then turned and left.

In the inner courtyard of the mansion, Bai Qingqing was seated in a pavilion, carefully feeling the movements in her belly.

Since knowing she was pregnant, she had lost all inclination towards cultivation, fearing she might inadvertently harm the child.

Spirit evil is not only harmful to the bodies of Spirit Martial Artists but also equally harmful to the child in her womb.

If she continued to absorb spirit evil during her pregnancy, the spirit evil in her body could harm the child, leading to a miscarriage.

This was Lu Chen's first child; whether or not Lu Chen had been possessed by evil, this child was Lu Chen's, so she must protect this child well until he is born.

Just then, a maid rushed in front of her, anxiously saying, "Mistress, there's trouble; His Highness brought back a woman."

Upon hearing this, Bai Qingqing's face showed no change in expression, and she felt no disturbance in her heart.