

I'm Actually a Cultivation Bigshot

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Suddenly, they heard a loud clang.

Clang!

Xiao Bai appeared, walking out with a bunch of fitness equipment.

Xiao Bai was serious. “Settle down, Fitness Trainer Xiao Bai is here. I should call the shots around here!”

They stopped talking and looked at Xiao Bai curiously.

Xiao Bai said, “We have to trust in science. Thus, scientific fitness is usually the most effective! We’ll create customized fitness plans according to their powers and physique. You guys should just assist me.”

Then, Xiao Bai scanned the four demons like it was analyzing data.

They were tense, like pre-schoolers against a teacher. They stood up straight and were obedient.

The Black Bear Demon trembled as it looked around and cried. “Ple—Please take care of us, bigshots.”

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At Azure Ville.

It was bubbling inside the clay pot as steam started to build up beneath the lid.

The steam was fragrant, filling up the place with aroma. Everyone was feeling lazy because they had soda earlier. After they smelled the aroma, they were all instantly energetic again. Everyone stared at the clay pot.

Li Nianfan chuckled and mumbled, “Almost ready.”

Then, he took off the lid.

Woah!

Everyone thought they heard the aroma. Could aroma even be heard?

They did not care about the answer. All they knew was that they were completely enchanted by the smell.

Nice!

Superb!

Gu Ziyu was stumped. He stopped flying and fell to the ground. However, he did not feel pain. He merely stared at the clay pot in a daze.

The sauce was thickened into a red glaze. It was appetizing to look at.

Gurgle...

The sauce was bubbling and boiling. Different aromas burst forth from the pot and straight into their souls.

“How... My little bear and fishy smell so good...” Gu Ziyu was hungry and salivating. He kept gulping.

He looked away with all his might. Then, he backed away slowly and knelt in a corner. He looked pitiful, small, and helpless.

Gu Ziyu would rather die than eat his pals!

He did not want anyone to comfort him. He just wanted to cry alone.

Of course, everyone was too distracted to care about him. They all paid attention to the clay pot instead.

Heat off. Ready to serve.

Li Nianfan used the ladle to stir the food in the pot. They could see the delicious, sticky strands of sauce coating the ladle.

It was steaming hot.

Somehow... it was more fragrant.

The three ladies looked at each other and gulped at the same time. They stared at the clay pot with their pretty eyes. Their bowls and chopsticks were in their hands. They were ready to eat.

Sizzle—

Li Nianfan scooped the bear paw and carp from the clay pot into the plate.

The bear paw was still holding onto the fish. It was covered with a thick red sauce that was piping hot and glazy. It perfectly complemented the bear paw and fish. The dish was glistening under the sunlight.

Li Nianfan was proud of his work. He grabbed his chopsticks and announced, “Alright, let’s dig in.”

The three ladies nodded and went for the bear paw.

They jumped when they reached the paw.

The bear paw was extremely tender. They created a hole in the meat just by gently poking at it with their chopsticks. They found that the meat was easily pulled apart.

It was as shiny as a long-lost pearl.

“This, this...”

Too beautiful, too cool!

Shiny delicacy!

Did it defy the laws of physics?

The three ladies gulped again.

The glaze paired with the aroma was hypnotizing.

Gu Ziyu who was secretly observing them from the corner was also shocked. He went from wiping away his tears to wiping away his saliva.

The meat fell off the bone from the bear paw. It was slightly slippery because of the sauce. It was as if the meat was trying to escape from the chopsticks like a naughty child.

The three ladies were focused and careful.

They sighed in relief when they successfully transferred the meat of the bear paw into their bowls without dropping it.

Then, they opened their mouths and ate it.

Suddenly, they froze after tasting the rich flavor along with the nice texture. They looked like they were enjoying it.

It was different from the Fanta. The soda was a liquid, so it made them feel hydrated. This meat could quench their hunger. It made them feel warmth and satisfaction.

Every bite they took was different. The bear paw meat was springy and chewy.

Delicious, so delicious!

They seemed to have forgotten about everything else. All they cared about was moving their chopsticks into their mouths to keep eating.

Gu Ziyu was shaking in the corner.

It was not because he was afraid, but because he was trying to restrain himself.

He had enough of these four women. Could they just stop smacking their lips?!

Why were they moaning from time to time? Were they having orgasms?

What about their ladylike image? Their politeness? Were they trying to seduce the expert?

Shameless!

‘Boohoo, it’s already so tough to restrain myself. They’re torturing me! How rude! I’m so hungry!’

Finally, he could not endure it anymore. He walked over hurriedly.

He tried to comfort himself by thinking, ‘I’m not eating the meat, just trying out the sauce. That means I’m not eating my pals, right?’

He gulped. Then, he tried the thick red sauce with his chopsticks.

Suddenly, he tasted the intense flavor of bear meat. The flavor went straight to his soul.

“Yum, yummy!”

He widened his eyes and bit down on his chopsticks, almost eating the chopsticks as well.

Words could not describe how delicious it was. He could only express his feelings with actions.

He ate a huge chunk of meat. “Boohoo, little bear, little fishy, please, forgive me. I didn’t know you guys would taste so delicious. Oh, superb...”

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Soon, the bear paw and the fish were gone.

Everyone stopped. Gu Ziyu was still licking up the sauce. The leftover bones of his pals were in his hands. He intended to lick them clean, too.

“Yum, yummy! This is definitely the best meal I’ve ever had!”

“This is the life! What more can you ask for than a great meal.”

“Heavenly food! Can’t trade that with anything, not even becoming Immortal!”

The four ladies patted their bellies, satisfied with the food and drinks. They shut their eyes and smacked their lips as if they were reminiscing the meal they just had.

Li Nianfan chuckled and said, “Back where I come from, the Bear Paw, Leopard, Chimpanzee Lips, Dragon Liver, Phoenix Elixir, Carp Tail, and the Crispy Cicada are known as the ‘Eight Rare Delicacies’. Naturally, it tastes good.”

He did not mean anything when he casually said it, but they thought otherwise.

Gu Ziyao went stiff and felt his skin crawl.

Dragon Liver, Phoenix Elixir?

They confirmed that the expert came from the Immortal Land, not from the ordinary Immortal Realm. Otherwise, how could he define Dragon Liver and Phoenix Elixir as delicacies?

Then, they thought of ‘Journey to the West’.

During the Flat Peach Feast in the Heavenly Temple, they had Dragon Liver and Phoenix Elixir as meals, right?

Bigshot! He was a bigshot!

Hold up!

‘Why did Mr. Li tell us that?’

Everyone felt their hearts race in excitement.

Since the expert mentioned it, did it mean that there was a chance they could taste Dragon Liver and Phoenix Elixir in the future?

Gasp—

They almost fainted from excitement.

They could not think about it. They had to stay calm. They did not want to pass out.

Everyone rested for a while. Gu Ziyao brought Li Nianfan to other areas of Azure Ville, showing him the local culture. Li Nianfan got to see the Azure Ville disciples training in cultivation, giving him a deeper insight into cultivators.

It was getting dark.

Gu Ziyao felt nervous. She asked meekly, “Mr. Li, there’s a lot of resting stops here. Why don’t you stay for the night?”

Li Nianfan groaned. “This... I’ll be a disturbance.”

Azure Ville was beautiful and had an abundance of friendly, polite cultivators. They were nice and pretty. He was offered to stay for free. These reasons made him want to accept the offer.

Gu Ziyao was overjoyed and hurriedly said, “No, it’s not a disturbance at all. We’ve already prepared your room, so feel free to stay if you want.”

“Alright, then, I’ll stay. Thanks for the hospitality!” Li Nianfan smiled at the passionate young lady.

His room was near the palace. It was a cottage yard filled with grass and florals. It looked like a top-notch scenery painting.

The sun set as the birds stopped chirping. Darkness covered the sky like a curtain, revealing the pale moon.

Owls passed by occasionally, perching on the branches.

Creak...

Daji walked out of the room in a white dress. She looked up at the moon as if she were the Moon Goddess.

‘Master, Daji will carry out her task perfectly!’

She flew up fast and disappeared into the night.

The Northside of the Immortal Realm was known as the Northland.

Northland was in a state of poverty in comparison to the Southern areas. The resources were limited and it was run by several powerful families. The resources went to the rich, which added to the poverty. It was every man for himself. The Liu Family was the most powerful among the Northland powerful families.

It was because the Liu Family...had Immortals!

The Liu Family had been making moves recently. It was unclear what happened but it seemed like the Liu Family were tense and nervous. Family members had been summoned to return and the Liu Family cultivators had been on the watch even during midnight. They were planning something.

It raised the attention of Northland. Cultivators around the Liu Family were all trying to figure out what was going on.

Nobody would be foolish enough to offend the Liu Family, so they must be planning an opportunity.

The Liu House was huge and had a lot of buildings. The lights were still lit in the biggest mansion of the Liu House.

A black-robed elder was sitting at one end of the hall. He had a terrifyingly strict gaze, making the hall seem colder.

The elder had a hoarse voice. "Still no news from Rusheng?"

Another elder stepped forward and replied in a trembling voice, "Not yet, Master. However, the Lifeline Jades of the Great Guardian and Assistant Guardian were...were crushed."

Boom!

The black-robed elder was livid. A tornado flew in the hall and roared. The surrounding furniture was crushed to bits!

“Who is it? Who dares to mess with the Liu Family?!” he yelled angrily and had bloodshot eyes. He was like a rabid tiger, glaring at everyone in the hall. “Useless, you’re all a bunch of useless losers! Find out who it is, no matter the cost. Gather the men, we’re going to Azure Ville!”

Everyone held their breaths and felt pity for the culprits.

How reckless of them.

Their master was livid. The culprits would face a fate worse than death no matter who they were.

It was going to go down in the Immortal Realm soon.

Suddenly, a young man spoke up. “Master, I have some leads in the investigation. It seems like we’re in luck.”

The black-robed elder was intrigued. “Oh? Hurry up and tell me.”

“That girl seems to be a new student in the Golden Lotus Sect, an extremely ordinary sect. She’s an Inferior Spiritual Root, but her cultivation speed is unusually fast. She made news in Northland when she surpassed a Golden Core cultivator with her foundation-level skills.”

He stopped for a while, then continued, “I heard from a lot of people and found out that the girl’s origin is a total mystery. When the Golden Lotus Sect took her in, a mysterious man appeared and gave them...”

His tone was serious as he trembled. “...or so rumor has it...writings that contained endless Insights. It’s most likely an Immortal treasure!”

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Woah!

Everyone's eyes widened as they felt their hearts race. They were breathing heavily and looked greedy.

"Mysterious man? Immortal treasure?"

The Liu Family Master took a deep breath and said, "Is this news true?"

That young man said, "I asked around. The cultivation sects who were present at the Ganlong Immortal Dynasty that day confirmed it to be true. Also, the Holy Emperor was respectful towards the mysterious man, so he must be someone important!"

Someone else spoke up. "For an Inferior Spiritual Root, it's impressive that she achieved what she did in such a short amount of time. Whether the rumors are true or not, that girl's got a lot of Insights going on!"

The black-robed elder nodded and said in a low voice, "The Golden Lotus Sect is weak. Send a cultivator from the Yuan Ying realm to destroy the Golden Lotus Sect and kidnap that girl!"

"Master, would we be offending the expert that was supporting the girl if we do that?" said the young man worriedly.

The black-robed elder sneered, “Ha, even if he’s someone powerful, will he be more powerful than our ancestors? Don’t forget that we have Immortals! Get that girl. If she knows what’s good for her, she’ll pick one of the young masters to marry. If she doesn’t want to obey us, we’ll forcefully take her powers. Why worry?”

Everyone cheered, “Smart!”

The black-robed elder waved and said, “Alright, the Golden Lotus Sect is a small case. Right now, I just want to know how Rusheng is.”

Outside the Liu Family.

The hidden cultivators suddenly felt an ominous feeling, like something powerful was incoming.

They all looked up and were shocked.

They saw six figures rushing toward the Liu Family, each as fierce and powerful as the other. They made it seem like everything else was trembling.

Someone identified the leader of the six figures. The cultivator exclaimed in disbelief, “That’s... Gu Changqing?!”

“Not only Gu Changqing! The three elders of the Azure Ville are also here!”

“The other two seem to be Zhou Dacheng, the Second Elder of the Linxian Palace, and the Holy Emperor from the Ganlong Immortal Dynasty?!”

“What are they doing? This is crazy. I must be seeing things!”

Yikes—

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Gu Changqing and the others did not conceal their identities. They were purposefully obvious and wanted to let people know they were a force to be reckoned with.

They went straight for the Liu Family!

Everyone in the Liu Family mansion was perturbed, including the Liu Family Master.

Before they could react, they heard someone yelling from the sky.

“After tonight, the Liu Family shall cease to exist in the Immortal Realm! To those outsiders, to those who don’t want to die, I suggest you back off immediately!”

This message was like a bomb in the dead of night. Everyone was thunderstruck. They could not believe their ears.

No more Liu Family in the Immortal Realm?

They...were here to eliminate the Liu Family?!

This...

Terrifying, how horrifying.

Everyone went stiff and felt their skin crawling.

Phew—

Several figures flew out of the Liu Family mansion in a flash. They levitated in mid-air and stared at Gu Changqing and the others.

The Liu Family Master did not look happy. He said in a low voice, “Lord Gu, what’s the meaning of this?”

Gu Changqing looked calm but he had a menacing glint in his eyes. He stared at the Liu Family Master and said, “Liu Xinghe, we’re here on the order of the expert to eliminate the Liu Family. Any last words?”

He said it softly, but it was as impactful as a bomb. Everyone was alarmed and disoriented.

They were here to eliminate the Liu Family!

The Liu Family! The best in Northland!

Why?

Who was that expert? How did he get Gu Changqing to personally work for him? What a terrifying existence!

“Gu Changqing! You’re crazy! Do you know what you’re doing?”

Liu Xinghe focused and clenched his jaw. “My son is missing in Azure Ville. I was about to go to you for an explanation. Now, you’re here. Do you think the Liu Family are people you should be messing with?!”

“Your son? Liu Rusheng?” Zhou Dacheng smiled and said coldly, “He’s at fault for being stupidly reckless and offending the expert! He’s already dead! He died peacefully. I personally watched him go.”

Liu Xinghe was livid. He roared, “Zhou Dacheng, die!”

“You’re the one who should die!” Gu Changqing yelled coldly. “You ignorant fool, you don’t know who you’ve messed with! I pity you, you miserable man! Enough talking, time to die!”

At a wave of his hand, golden hoops appeared in front of him. The hoops were on fire, looking like tiny suns in the night sky. Then, they attacked.

They circled the Liu Family, setting everything on fire. Instantly, the Liu Family was surrounded by fire.

Everyone was shocked by the huge fire.

Liu Xinghe looked around. He was so enraged that he started to laugh maniacally. “Good! Fine! Looks like I’ll have to show you what the Liu Family’s capable of!”

He was a weaker cultivator compared to Gu Changqing. However, he was not afraid of him because he was at the Liu House.

He yelled, “Cast the spell!”

The Liu Family members were ready. A green light beamed into the sky, lighting up the night sky.

Wild winds started to blow!

The wind was as sharp as a blade, slicing anything in its path at first contact!

The flames flickered like a candle’s flame in the wind.

Liu Xinghe smiled and smugly said, “Gu Changqing, you seem to have forgotten that the Liu Family is blessed with Immortals. Who’s this expert you speak of?”

“Ignorant fool! The Immortals are nothing in front of the expert!” sneered Zhou Dacheng. He waved and a zither appeared in front of him. He started playing the zither!

Clang!

The zither unleashed airwaves!

The three elders were gone with the wind. They stood in a triangular formation and cast the fire spell inward, attacking the Liu House.

Gulp.

Outsiders watched in horror.

Was this the biggest battle in the Immortal Realm?

Something like this had never occurred before, right?

Who made this possible?

How terrifying.

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What a sudden start to the biggest battle of the century!

A huge battle like this would not occur unless it was absolutely necessary. Powerful cultivators were hard to come by and battles were dangerous as they often led to death. Cultivators would rarely battle to the death to ensure the continuation of the future generations of cultivators.

However, there was no room for negotiation. Only a few sentences were spoken before the battle began.

It was an unimaginable situation.

All because of a few words from the expert!

Boosh!

Fire dragons circled above the Liu House. They made sounds as if they were roaring as flames rose around them.

Clang! Jam!

The zither sounds also surrounded the Liu Family.

Endless attacks flew toward the green light beam.

Liu Xinghe was pale. Some of the Liu Family members spat out mouthfuls of blood. They felt weak and overpowered.

The Liu Family was strong but it was still a difficult battle against powerful cultivators.

Liu Xinghe clenched his jaw and laughed menacingly. He let his long hair down.

“If that’s the case, we shall battle to the death!”

He waved his right arm and the green light solidified into a shield. Then, a temple in the Liu Family started to shine, giving off a misty glow. Everything seemed to be shaking.

The powerful Liu Family members levitated around Liu Xinghe. They were casting a spell together.

Vroom—

A rumble appeared out of thin air. The sound gradually grew louder, overpowering every other noise.

It was as if something had been awakened.

The wind blew in the misty night.

The green light shined bright, so bright it was almost blinding.

Cling!

A sudden noise appeared like a bomb.

A beam of light cut through the sky like a rainbow, leaving a trail behind it until it stopped in front of Liu Xinghe.

The light was overpowering.

Everyone felt their hearts quicken. With just one glance at the sword figure, they felt the immense danger and wanted to flee.

Danger!

That sword was extremely dangerous!

Someone gulped and said, “Immortal...Immortal Item?”

It took all his might to say those two words. Cold sweat dripped from his forehead.

The Liu Family had an Immortal Item!

Flash!

The sword was astoundingly powerful!

The wind moved with the sword, creating wind blades!

Everything in its way was cut through. The trees and flowers around them were destroyed, leaving an empty field.

The nearby cultivators vanished. The cultivators who were far away were also cut apart by the wind blades!

Groans of pain and suffering could be heard coming from the woods. Figures fell off the trees like raindrops.

A little girl hid among the trees and watched the battle.

A wind blade came right toward her, but suddenly, a misty white light burst from her chest and the oncoming wind blade faded into nothing.

The little girl stuck her tongue out and patted her chest.

“Brother Nianfan saved my life again,” she mumbled. She looked like she lost something. “The Insights from the writings are gone. I haven’t absorbed much of it yet. I can’t waste things like this again.”

Then, she looked around the place that was full of dead bodies. She immediately leaped down from the tree she was hiding in and walked to the bodies. She mumbled, her hands in a praying gesture, “You guys were scheming on the Golden Lotus Sect and tried to chase me down. I’m doing this out of self-defense. Since you’re all dead, your cultivation training would go to waste, right? So, I should enjoy it while it’s still fresh. Sorry about it, but thanks a lot.”

She had a creepy glint in her eyes. She reached out to the skulls of the deceased and absorbed their powers into her body.

The little girl’s brows furrowed as she looked up at the moon. “This technique isn’t complete but it was taught by Brother Nianfan. I have to call it something awesome. What should I name it? In ‘Journey to the West’, Brother Nianfan said the Heavenly Temple is the coolest, but it’s not as cool as my Brother Nianfan. Brother Nianfan’s the coolest! Maybe I should call it... Heaven Devour?”

Liu Xinghe smiled menacingly. He boasted, “Ha, you weaklings dare mess with the Liu Family? Die!”

Then, he grabbed the sword and attacked them!

The fire dragon fell apart with a single blow. Gu Changqing and the three elders retreated. Zhou Dacheng stopped playing because his zither strings snapped!

Liu Xinghe held onto the long sword. A halo had formed around him.

He looked at Gu Changqing and said coldly, “Lord Gu, this is the sword of my Immortal ancestor. It’s not an Immortal Item, but it’s as powerful as one. Leave now and I shall spare you! Zhou Dacheng’s the one who murdered my son. I only need to kill him!”

Gu Changqing was shocked. Then, he calmly said, “The Liu Family aren’t the only ones who have Immortal Items.”

He took out a small red flag and tossed it up into the sky.

A sky full of fire reappeared. The fire was stronger this time. The fire pillars were taller than the Liu House. It connected with the sky and locked the Liu Family in place!

Liu Xinghe was in disbelief. His voice went high-pitched. “The Fire Flag? You’re crazy for using the Fire Flag. Don’t you need it for the Demon Lockdown Spell?”

“I used to, but temporarily, not anymore!” Gu Changqing cast a spell at the Fire Flag. The flames came to life and moved back and forth in the sky.

“Trying to kill me?”

Zhou Dacheng sneered, “Are you really proud of having an Immortal Item in front of someone like me who comes from a powerful sect? Who doesn’t have an Immortal Item these days?”

He waved and the Tianxin Zither appeared.

It was the Tianxin Zither of the Linxian Palace!

The Holy Emperor stood at the side awkwardly. He wanted to say something but did not.

Sure, he could flex, but could he just stop with the personal attacks?

‘Come on... I don’t have an Immortal Item!’

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Flash!

The night lit up like it was daytime.

You could see the changes of the galaxy from afar.

Endless power!

The fire, the sword, the wind blades, and the zither sounds!

It was magnificent!

Everyone nearby felt how horrifying this battle was. They could not look at it without having goosebumps.

Splurt!

Liu Xinghe was flushed. He finally spat out blood.

He held onto the sword and kept attacking. This sword could cut through everything and cause storms.

Even fire could be cut through!

However, the fire seemed to be endless. Fire poured out continuously from the Fire Flag. Every flame he managed to cut through was quickly replaced with more streams of fire.

This fire surpassed fire from the Yuan Ying realm. It was also known as Heavenly Fire. It had the power to burn everything in sight, and it was the worst fire for Demonic Items. It was also scary for cultivators.

The Liu Family was in danger. They were now surrounded by Heavenly Fire. All the members were sweating bullets, and some had passed out from overheating. A few members could not take it anymore and tried to escape but they vanished into steam before they could even reach the fire.

“So stupid!” cursed Liu Xinghe when he saw that. He looked furious.

Suddenly, he heard a zither sound. It made him jolt as he went blank.

He snapped out of it after a short while.

A fire dragon had ripped an opening in the green light shield. It slithered in and burned the buildings into ashes.

Liu Xinghe’s gaze was as sharp as a blade. He yelled, “Zhou Dacheng!”

The members were no longer trying to escape because they were affected by the zither!

Both Gu Changqing and Zhou Dacheng had Immortal Items. The Liu Family did not stand a chance against them. They would be defeated soon.

Liu Xinghe spat blood on his long sword. He waved the sword in a circular frenzy and hysterically screamed, “Gu Changqing, Zhou Dacheng, who exactly did the Liu Family offend? Why are you doing this?!”

Gu Changqing calmly said, “You’ve offended someone unimaginably powerful. Stop fighting and blame it on the Liu Family’s arrogance! Remember to be more friendly and humble in your next life. There will always be someone you shouldn’t mess with!”

“Who is he? I’m willing to personally visit him and apologize!” said Liu Xinghe.

Zhou Dacheng sneered, “Visit and apologize? You?”

Liu Xinghe had trouble breathing. He yelled, “My son is already dead! I promise I won’t take revenge! Is this not enough? Do you really have to eliminate the Liu Family?”

“Ha, we’ve already told you that we’re here to eliminate the Liu Family. So, yes!” Zhou Dacheng played the zither hurriedly. It was extremely powerful.

He played the ‘Ambush’ tune!

Jam!

The light shield was falling apart. The fire went down on it like a tsunami. Instantly, the Liu Family was in an ocean of fire!

“Argh!” Liu Xinghe yelled hysterically. His long hair was messy and his eyes were red. He looked like he was going crazy with hatred!

“You Bullies! Ancestors, please, look at this. The Liu Family is being bullied! The Liu Family is about to be eliminated!” he yelled at the top of his lungs and spat out another mouthful of blood. He felt like he had aged another hundred years. He desperately looked in the direction of the temple and yelled, “I’m Liu Xinghe from the Liu Family. I am willing to give up all my powers for the ancestors to come down from above!”

Zhou Dacheng said, “Liu Xinghe, come on. The bridge to immortality has been broken. Immortals can’t come down from the Above Immortal Realm and vice versa! It’s useless even if you sacrifice the entire Liu Family!”

Gu Changqing’s brows furrowed. He looked troubled on the side.

He felt anxious for some reason.

He knew it. Something was off. He felt this feeling before!

He felt the change in tides. He was unsure of what it was but something was changing in this realm!

Unless...

He jumped. He felt extremely worried.

Everything was on fire and the zither kept playing!

Suddenly, everything stopped!

Hum—

The long sword hummed. It moved away from Liu Xinghe and shot up into the sky, splitting the fire pillars apart!

Splash!

It was so powerful that it made splashing sounds. Everyone felt like they should be worshipping something.

The long sword went toward the ancestor temple, showering it in light.

“Ancestors?”

Liu Xinghe was dumbfounded for a while. Then, he was overjoyed. He knelt and bowed to the ground emotionally, “Liu Xinghe welcomes the Liu Family ancestors!”

The other members of the Liu Family felt their hearts jump out of their throats. They, too, simultaneously yelled, “Welcome, ancestors!”

It was as loud as thunder.

Everyone except the Liu Family members was perturbed and went stiff.

“Immortals...?!”

They felt their blood freeze. They almost passed out.

Immortals!

Being an immortal was the ultimate goal for cultivators.

The Immortal Realm seemed to be cursed. No one had been able to achieve the goal of being an Immortal for thousands of years. Was the cycle about to be broken?

“This...”

Zhou Dacheng could not believe his eyes. He felt as if something was stuck in his throat. He could not speak.

The Holy Emperor froze. He gulped and said in a trembling voice, “What’s going on? Isn’t the bridge to immortality broken? How did they summon the Immortals? What’s happening?”

If the Immortals were to show up, Gu Changqing and Zhou Dacheng would be finished. Their attacks would be useless and insignificant. They could no longer harm the Liu Family!

Everyone witnessed it.

A figure of an elder with white hair slowly appeared above the ancestor temple...

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He was an old man who was wearing a white robe with a slightly hunched posture.

He had white hair and wrinkles. He looked weak.

However, his gaze was horrifyingly threatening. He looked like he could easily defeat anyone.

This was not an ordinary elder!

Everyone held their breaths. They went blank because they could not believe what they were looking at.

This...

Did the Liu Family summon one of their ancestors?

Immortal! He was an Immortal!

“An Immortal?”

The little girl observed from the woods and mumbled, “I feel like he’s not as powerful as the Immortal that came out from the expert’s writings. Also, this Immortal looks ugly.”

Liu Xinghe was also in disbelief. He was pleasantly surprised. He trembled and cried, “Ancestor!”

He knew it was him because he looked exactly like the painting in the Liu Family ancestor temple.

The ancestor frowned and glanced around. He sighed softly and said, “As expected, the Immortal Realm went downhill. The Liu Family doesn’t have any cultivators from the Cross Tribulation realm.”

Liu Xinghe was embarrassed and said, “Xinghe feels sorry about that.”

“It’s not your fault. The bridge between mortal and immortality is broken, so this was expected.”

The ancestor sounded surprised. “Since the connection between the Immortal Realm and the Above Immortal Realm is broken, how did you manage to summon me?”

“Me?” Liu Xinghe looked confused. He said, “I was desperate and used up all my cultivation powers to summon you.”

“That’s impossible!”

The ancestor shook his head and asked, “Has anything been happening in this realm?”

Liu Xinghe thought about it and shook his head. “No recent news.”

“Fine.” The ancestor stopped thinking about it and asked, “Is the Liu Family in a desperate situation?”

Liu Xinghe jumped and said with hatred in his eyes, “Ancestor, the Liu Family is being attacked by the Azure Ville, the Linxian Palace, and the Ganlong Immortal Dynasty! We’re in danger!”

The ancestor looked at Gu Changqing and the others.

It was just a look, but it almost made them have a mental breakdown!

Splurt!

The six of them spat blood at the same time.

They looked horrified!

So powerful!

Immortals were so powerful!

It was only a look!

Cultivators who leveled up into Immortals would go to the Above Immortal Realm. However, there had not been a single cultivator who managed to become an Immortal in thousands of years. Therefore, nobody knew how powerful an Immortal really was.

However, they felt it.

Insects!

They were insects in front of an Immortal!

“Haha, Gu Changqing, I told you that the Liu Family aren’t to be messed with!”

Liu Xinghe laughed. He lost his powers but he was extremely glad. He said menacingly, “You’re going to die here today! What about the expert you spoke of, huh? Where’s he now? Didn’t you say he’s better than my ancestors? Bring him out then!”

The ancestor frowned. “Oh? Are they working for someone? Who is it?”

“They say he’s an expert, but I’m not sure if it’s true,” Liu Xinghe sneered. “I’m guessing he ran away after he saw you.”

The ancestor sighed softly. “Too bad, anyone who messes with the Liu Family shall die.”

Gu Changqing took a deep breath and steadied himself. He said, “Ancestor Liu, we’re indeed here at the request of an expert.”

He stopped and clenched his jaw. Then, he continued, “Also, this expert... I’m afraid that it’s someone you shouldn’t offend.”

“Huh?”

The ancestor was stumped. Then, he burst out laughing. He laughed maniacally. It almost caused a tornado. Thunder rumbled and the trees shook.

“Ridiculous, utterly ridiculous!”

The ancestor shook his head and mocked, “Ignorant, how ignorant! My powers are unimaginable!”

Liu Xinghe was entertained. “Gu Changqing, I didn’t expect you to say that even after my ancestor arrived. Aren’t you worried that people will make fun of you?”

“I can’t offend the expert? Is there anyone I shouldn’t offend in the Immortal Realm? What did you experience to be able to say something so idiotic?”

He was laughing but he looked menacing like he had just been insulted. He switched his tone and said coldly, “I think you’re so frightened that you’re out of your mind! Let me end your suffering!”

He pointed at them.

Suddenly, the weather changed.

Roar!

The strong wind roared like a beast, blowing the clouds away. The wind solidified into a green dragon. It charged toward Gu Changqing and the others.

The wind dragon was insanely humongous. It opened its mouth like it was ready to devour them.

This was too horrifying. Everyone had goosebumps.

Gu Changqing and the others went pale instantly. They looked desperate.

They could not handle the wind caused by the dragon, let alone the wind dragon itself. The Fire Flag and Tianxin Zither were vibrating like crazy. They were at their limits trying to protect everyone.

“Fake Immortal Items?” The ancestor waved. The Fire Flag and Tianxin Zither went out instantly and fell to the ground. “Once you’re dead, these items shall belong to the Liu Family.”

Then, the dragon attacked!

However, a light shield appeared and protected Gu Changqing and the others. The green wind dragon fell apart like an egg smashed on a stone.

“This...”

Gu Changqing and the others were also stumped.

They saw that the light was coming from Zhou Dacheng. The piece of writing slowly floated out and unfolded itself in front of them.

“The writings! It’s the writings!” The Holy Emperor breathed heavily and excitedly laughed, “With the writings, we may not need to be afraid of the Immortal!”

He witnessed the powers of Li Nianfan's writings. It was not weaker than an Immortal!

'Ten steps per kill, leaving no trail behind! Genocide route is done, so leave with honor!'

The words were shining bright red. The violence in the poem painted the sky red!

"Hm? Treasure in this realm?" The ancestor felt uneasy.

He stared at the writing and attacked it with the long sword!

An Immortal using an Immortal Item as a weapon!

He was even more powerful. It was as if he could split the galaxy apart with that attack!

A red glow started to seep out from the writing, solidifying into violent red lines.

The red lines seemed to come alive as they tangled toward the long sword!

Poof!

The long sword was sliced apart by the red strings like it was tofu. Then, it quickly attacked the ancestor. The ancestor faded into thin air before he could make a sound.

It happened in the heat of the moment, and it was over before anyone had the time to react.

They kept recalling what happened.

What was going on?

So scary!

So ferocious!

The Immortal was defeated by the writing?!

Everyone was in a dazed state until they heard a voice from above. He was throwing a tantrum. “Who is it? Who dares destroy my figure in the Immortal Realm? Just you wait. We’re rivals from now on! I will battle you to the death if you mess with the Liu Family!”

It was a voice note from the Immortal.

The quiet writing was agitated. It flew to the sky and circled around, somehow looking like it was angry.

It seemed like it was pissed off by the Immortal.

Then, it beamed a red light and went toward the sky.

Shred!

It shredded itself into pieces, unveiling a long blood sword.

Everyone was extremely silent. They felt goosebumps as their bodies went cold.

The long blood sword attacked the sky!

A cold voice appeared out of thin air. “You dare act boastfully in front of me? I will hunt you down till the ends of the world!”

Then...

Kaboom!

The world shook as they heard a huge boom.

Weird shiny lights rained from the sky.

They looked up and saw a huge hole in the sky!

Did the sword...make a hole in the sky?

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Gasp—

Everybody gasped!

They were horrified and felt their skin crawl!

Then, they all simultaneously rubbed their eyes because they could not believe what they were seeing.

The sky had a hole in it!

They looked up from below and saw a heavenly mist coming from the hole. It was filled with flowers and grass. It looked like Heaven.

The Above Immortal Realm!

It was the Above Immortal Realm!

Everyone was breathing heavily.

They felt fear at the same time. The writing turned into a blood sword and poked a hole in the sky, how powerful!

Gulp!

Liu Xinghe swallowed. He felt his throat go dry and his brain go blank. He looked utterly dumbfounded.

What...was going on?

He was shaken to his core.

‘Liu Rusheng, my son, what have you done? How did you offend someone so terrifying?’

Gu Changqing and the others ignored Liu Xinghe. They were too distracted by the hole in the sky.

The Holy Emperor said, “This must be the Above Immortal Realm.”

Gu Changqing nodded. “Just as expected, the Above Immortal Realm is the same as the Demon Realm. They both exist in a unique space. Immortalizing isn’t flying to the sky, but going towards a new dimension instead.”

Zhou Dacheng felt slightly embarrassed and said, “I agree. I tried to look for the Above Immortal Realm in the past. I thought Heaven was in the sky. I kept flying upwards to no avail. I had trouble breathing when I got to the top but I still didn’t see signs of the Above Immortal Realm.”

The Holy Emperor had an idea. “Do you think we can go into the Above Immortal Realm through the hole?”

“No way. Don’t even think that,” Gu Changqing shook his head and said. “The Immortal Realm and the Above Immortal Realm are in two different dimensions. It looks like it’s connected but it’s not. If you get too close to that hole, you’ll create a space-time continuum! You can only be in the Above Immortal Realm if you are an Immortal!”

The Holy Emperor flinched.

Suddenly, they looked at the hole in shock and awe.

They saw a figure approaching the hole. The figure then fell from the hole while everyone was still stumped. The body fell without any resistance.

There was a huge wound in his chest. It slashed through his heart. He was still bleeding!

This must be the Liu Family ancestor.

He was cool and boastful before. However, he looked like he was in anguish and despair. He did not die in peace.

The Immortal...was dead?!

This...

Everyone's eyes widened and their hearts skipped a beat. Nothing could describe how they felt at that moment.

The Holy Immortal—a goal that every cultivator hoped to achieve—was a dead body. He died in front of them!

Terrifying, horrifying!

The Immortal of the Liu Family was killed because of his boastful voice note?!

Yikes—

Everyone jumped like they were dreaming.

They all shivered. One should be careful not to boast or they might just die!

Liu Xinghe looked like he had just lost his soul. He rubbed his eyes and triple confirmed before yelling, “Ancestor!”

He sounded as miserable as a kid who lost his homeland. It was a pitiful sight.

The other Liu Family members dropped to the ground and were in despair.

The Liu Family...was over!

It was silent!

Everyone seemed like they forgot to breathe. They all looked at their fallen dead ancestor.

Suddenly, the clouds came together. A powerful aura came from the hole in the sky.

Splash!

They heard a splash. It seemed like something was coming out from it.

A blinding light beamed from the hole. Weak cultivators could not look at it without hurting themselves, and powerful cultivators needed to use their powers to resist the light with every glance.

Everyone froze. They felt their skin crawling as fear took over them.

Buzz!

The clouds visibly swirled around like water going down the drain. All the clouds were sucked into the hole.

Suddenly, it was cloudless!

The sky seemed to be cloudless like a mirror that had been wiped clean.

Zhou Dacheng and Gu Changqing looked at each other. They could see the extreme shock in each other's eyes.

Riding...on a cloud!

This was a legendary move of an Immortal!

This... Another Immortal?

After a short while, a huge hand made of clouds reached out from the hole, going straight for the ancestor!

The cloud hand grabbed the Liu Family ancestor like he was a chick before returning to the hole in the sky.

The intention was clear. It was trying to retrieve the dead body of the Liu Family ancestor!

Everyone stopped functioning. They just stood there dumbfoundedly.

However, as the giant cloud hand was retreating into the hole, they felt an overwhelming chill. It was so cold, everyone shivered and snapped out of it.

Crackle!

Suddenly, layers of ice formed out of thin air!

The ice spread instantly. Everyone noticed that the sky was suddenly frozen.

They felt thunderstruck when they looked at the cloud hand!

The cloud hand was frozen in place, too!

A figure in a white dress appeared under the moonlight. She pointed at the cloud hand.

Crack... Bang!

The giant cloud hand shattered and the dead body of the ancestor fell from the sky.

Then, his body was covered in ice, instantly turning him into an ice statue!

Daji gracefully walked over to the ice statue and grabbed it.

The hole in the sky started to move. It seemed like it was fixing itself. It looked like something from another dimension. The hole was visibly being filled up.

An extremely creepy voice came from within it. “Immortal...in the Immortal Realm?!”

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A sky full of ice quickly melted away. The hole in the sky was patched up, too.

The world was back to what it once was.

The cultivators were stiff. A breeze sent a shiver down their spines and chilled their limbs.

They only dared to glance at the lady in the white dress with the corner of their eyes. They hurriedly looked away. They did not dare to see what she looked like because they were horrified!

That was an Immortal!

She was different from the Liu Family's ancestor. She was an Immortal in this realm!

Scary, terrifying, horrifying!

The Holy Emperor and Zhou Dacheng looked fine because they were mentally prepared.

Gu Changqing and the others were as pale as a white paper. They were buzzing as if they were astral projecting. They almost fell to the ground.

Gu Changqing had goosebumps all over. His heart raced as he looked at the Holy Emperor. He asked, "This girl... Is she... Is she..."

The Holy Emperor smiled awkwardly and nodded. He said, "Yeap."

Gasp—

Gu Changqing and the elders gasped at the same time. They felt their souls ascend. They almost had a mental breakdown.

They heard from the Holy Emperor that Liu Rusheng was disrespectful toward a girl next to the expert. That was how he offended the expert. However, they did not expect that this girl was an...Immortal herself!

Holy mother!

Liu Rusheng deserved to die!

He was the number one suicider in the Immortal Realm, that was for sure!

If he was still alive, this information would scare him to death.

“Thankfully... Thankfully, I didn’t help the Liu Family explain the situation out of recklessness. Otherwise...” Gu Changqing flinched. He did not want to imagine it. He might die!

Daji glanced at the dead body in her arms. Then, glanced at the others. She walked away and vanished into the horizon.

Gu Changqing and the others heard a voice. “You should know my master’s pet peeve by now. Clean up nicely! If you happen to miss something and disturb my master... Hmph!”

Gu Changqing and the others jumped. They quickly bowed in Daji’s direction.

Everyone sighed in relief when Daji left the scene.

The bigshot left. They could finally breathe normally.

Everything seemed to be normal. It was as if what they witnessed was a dream. It was unreal.

They went through too much that night. Everything that happened was big news in the Immortal Realm.

The Liu Family was under attack!

The Immortal!

The hole in the sky made by the writing!

The death of the Immortal!

Immortal in the Immortal Realm!

It was all too scary. Nobody would believe it.

They felt as if they were in the Immortal Realm during ancient times. They felt that powerful eldritch vibes!

The Immortal Realm...had a big storm coming!

Liu Xinghe was on the ground. He was no longer the powerful Liu Family Master he once was. Instead, he was a weak old man with messy hair.

He still had a sparkle in his eyes.

He stared Gu Changqing in the eyes and said in a hoarse voice, “Lord Gu, can you please tell me how my son offended the expert?”

Gu Changqing sighed and groaned. Then, he softly said, “He catcalled the lady that just walked away.”

Splurt!

Liu Xinghe spat out another mouthful of blood. He almost fainted from choking.

There were tears in his old eyes.

“Haha, no wonder!” He was slightly hysterical. “I get it now. This is the end for the Liu Family!”

“I should know that arrogance takes you nowhere. What is the Liu Family to this realm? Life in this realm was insignificant to the Liu Family, but the Liu Family was also insignificant to otherworldly beings, right? You were right. We can’t be too arrogant in the next life! We offended such an expert. We...deserved this elimination!”

He stopped talking and fell to the ground. He was dead.

“The Liu Family is used to being cocky. They finally met their match. They deserved it!” Zhou Dacheng sighed. “However, it feels bad to watch the fall of a powerful family.”

Gu Changqing said, “It’s the survival of the fittest here in the Immortal Realm. What do you think will happen to us without the help of the expert? The journey of a cultivator is truly dangerous.”

“True, thankfully we have the expert. It’s our luckiest encounter yet!” The Holy Emperor stopped and said respectfully, “I thought the expert did the writing because he wanted to destroy the Liu Family. Who would’ve thought he actually wanted to kill the Liu Family Ancestor! I was too naive.”

“Naturally. There’s no way we could’ve figured out the expert’s schemes, right?” Zhou Dacheng nodded and sighed. “Too bad we lost the writing, though. I didn’t even have the chance to analyze it.”

The Holy Emperor was pissed off. “Lucky you, I didn’t even get to look at it much!”

Zhou Dacheng coughed softly and played the zither. “Alright, we have to complete the assignment. I’ll kill them all with a song.”

A violent tune was played above the Liu Family.

Half an hour later, Gu Changqing and the others ensured there was no one left alive before they fled the scene.

There were a few bystander cultivators who remained at the scene. They were lucky that they were still alive after witnessing the crazy night. They had witnessed the fall of an elite family!

Gu Changqing was frowning on their way back. His expression kept changing.

Zhou Dacheng could not take it anymore. “Lord Gu, what’s wrong? Is there a problem?”

Gu Changqing said in a serious tone. “Aren’t you wondering how the Liu Family Ancestor managed to transport his figure to the Immortal Realm? This hasn’t happened in a thousand years.”

Everyone realized it once he said it.

Yeah!

Even the ancestor himself was confused.

Was something about to happen in this realm?

Zhou Dacheng asked, “Lord Gu, do you have any idea what happened? Maybe we can contact the ancestors of the Linxian Palace.”

“I had a hunch. I felt like something changed in the realm as if something was unlocked. I thought I was just imagining it, but now...”

He took a deep breath and said in disbelief, “I think, the bridge to immortality is starting...to reconnect!”

Zhou Dacheng and the Holy Emperor widened their eyes at the same time. They sounded anxious. “Re—reconnect?!”

Gu Changqing was unsure. “It’s just a theory. But from the looks of it, it’s highly possible.”

The Holy Emperor flinched.

“I think I figured it out!”

He tried to put his words into a sentence. Then, he said fearfully, “The reconnection of the bridge to immortality is probably the doings of the expert. Think about it. He gave us the writing on purpose so that we could kill the Liu Family Ancestor. Doesn’t that mean he knew about the Immortal?!”

“Indeed!”

Gu Changqing was baffled. He slightly gasped and said, “Plus, the expert talked about ‘Journey to the West’ at Azure Ville. He was unsatisfied that the bridge was broken. It’s highly possible that he reconnected it!”

Zhou Dacheng added on, “Also, Daji became an Immortal, right? The expert is full of tricks. Fixing the bridge of immortality is a piece of cake to him!”

Gasp—

Everyone gasped simultaneously.

The expert was terrifying!

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The morning sun rose slowly from the horizon.

Li Nianfan was sitting in the courtyard, pouring a cup of tea and savoring it with Daji.

There was a chessboard in front of him. The two of them were playing chess.

Daji's chess skills had improved significantly. She could defend herself against Li Nianfan for fifteen minutes. If Li Nianfan went easy on her, she could handle it for half an hour.

It brought a little entertainment to his dull life.

Knock knock.

Suddenly, there was a light knock on the door.

Gu Changqing, the Holy Emperor, and Zhou Dacheng were standing at the door. They looked anxious.

They rushed over to visit the expert as soon as they got back. The three elders of Azure Ville did not tag along as they did not want to disturb the expert.

They were no longer cultivating bigshots at that moment. They were more like anxious students handing in their assignments.

They did not know whether the expert was satisfied or not.

Li Nianfan said casually, “Come in.”

Here it comes!

Gu Changqing and the others felt their hearts tighten and race faster.

They looked at each other and reminded themselves of the expert's taboo. They took a deep breath before pushing the door open.

Creak!

Their footsteps were soft. They threaded in lightly with baby steps.

Li Nianfan was slightly taken aback. He thought he would see Qin Manyun and the others. He did not expect that it was the Holy Emperor.

He looked at Gu Changqing and felt slightly nervous.

This was the Lord of Azure Ville. He had amazing powers. He saw him cast the Demon Lockdown Spell to seal the demon entrance. The flame pillars left a big impression on Li Nianfan.

Opportunity! This was a huge opportunity!

Gu Changqing noticed that Li Nianfan was looking at him and he got extremely nervous. He quickly said, “It’s nice that Mr. Li’s here to be our guest. I’m sorry that we had some matters to settle. Please, forgive us if we were impolite.”

Li Nianfan instantly had a good impression of Gu Changqing.

He did not expect this powerful cultivator to be so humble. It was rare that he was not snobby!

His attitude and personality were hard things to come by. No wonder he would volunteer to seal the demon entrance and benefit the world.

This man was an esteemed cultivator. Respect.

“Lord Gu, you’re too courteous. You single-handedly looked after Azure Ville. You should be a role model for future generations with such spirit.” Li Nianfan stood up and said, “Your work is what’s important. I’m already a bother here, you shouldn’t have gone through the trouble to personally visit me.”

“You’re so modest, Mr. Li. I’ve heard from my daughter that the food cooked by Mr. Li is fabulous. My children wouldn’t exchange it for anything else. I haven’t thanked you for your hospitality towards them yet.” Gu Changqing laughed and continued, “Also, I love your writing, Mr. Li. The flow is superb. I also thought a lot about your unique understanding of ‘Journey to the West’.”

The Holy Emperor and Zhou Dacheng were baffled. They looked at Gu Changqing and wanted to label him as a teacher's pet.

Gu Changqing looked old-fashioned. They did not expect him to be a masterful kiss-up. His words and actions were just right. It did not touch on the taboo, yet he could compliment the expert as much as he wanted to. The balance was just right. He was absolutely the role model of kiss-ups!

No wonder he could be a Mahalaya realm cultivator. He must have complimented a lot of people with this skill, right?

Surely enough, Li Nianfan smiled and was in a good mood.

He glanced at the Holy Emperor and Zhou Dacheng. He complimented the writing because of them. They were the ones who showed off the writing to Gu Changqing.

Gu Changqing also collected the three paintings. He was a cultured man who loved art and writing.

"I'm flattered, Lord Gu."

Two can play the complimentary kiss-up game. Li Nianfan smiled and said, “It’s just for my entertainment. I’m nowhere near your level, Lord Gu. As the saying goes, ‘at worse you’re a successful man, at best you’re a legendary savior’. It really describes you, Lord Gu!”

‘At worse you are a successful man, at best you are a legendary savior’?

Gu Changqing and the others were baffled. The phrase seemed easy to understand, but it had a deeper meaning to it. It would have a different meaning every time one thought about it.

It could be applied to the basic life of an ordinary man and the ways of a noble Saint!

The expert was truly an expert. His random quotes were filled with meaning!

They pursed their lips and felt their hearts stir.

‘At best you’re a legendary savior’?!

The God-like expert must be up to something important!

It instantly reminded them of the changes in this realm. They confirmed it! The bridge to immortality was probably his doings!

It must be that the expert could not bear to see the doomed Immortal Realm. Therefore, he came to this realm to bless the people!

All of a sudden, they admired Li Nianfan very much.

His character and his level made him a worthy Saint!

Li Nianfan noticed that they were silent. He asked, “How about we drink some tea, everyone?”

Gu Changqing suddenly snapped out of it and hurriedly said, “Thanks for the trouble, Mr. Li.”

“No big deal,” said Li Nianfan.

Daji got up and poured tea for the three of them.

They carefully held the cup in their hands. Their hairs stood on end and their scalps tingled. They were shaking hard even though they were trying their best to control their hands.

That was an Immortal. It was unreal that an Immortal was serving them tea.

They took a deep breath and said respectfully, “Thank—thank you, Miss Daji.”

They picked up their teacups and took a sip.

The Insights came along with the aroma of the tea. It resonated within them, leaving them intoxicated.

Li Nianfan felt pleased when he saw their facial expressions. He asked, “Lord Gu, what do you think about the tea?”

“It’s good! It has a nice smell and it’s sweet to the taste. It’s fresh and fragrant, too. It’s the best tea I’ve ever tasted!” exclaimed Gu Changqing genuinely.

Li Nianfan laughed. “Looks like Lord Gu’s a fan of tea, too. Unfortunately, I came out in a hurry and didn’t bring any extra tea leaves with me. Otherwise, I would’ve left some for you. If Lord Gu’s free, you can swing by my place next time. I welcome you to visit, and I’ll give you some tea leaves then.”

Gu Changqing was overjoyed. He almost fainted from the sudden surprise. He blushed and almost laughed out loud.

He hurriedly suppressed his emotions and said with a trembling voice, “Tha-thank you, Mr. Li. I’ll visit next time for sure!”

The Holy Emperor and Zhou Dacheng felt envious. Gu Changqing was good at flattery!

Li Nianfan was apparently satisfied with the Azure Ville hospitality.

They had to invite the expert to visit their sect next time. Perhaps they would get a reward if the expert was pleased.

The kiss-up Gu Changqing got lucky this time!

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Li Nianfan put down the cup and suddenly said in a sentimental tone. “It’s been a while since we’ve been on this trip.”

The Holy Emperor noticed what Li Nianfan meant and hurriedly said, “Mr. Li, our matters have been settled. We can go back anytime now.”

“Oh?” Li Nianfan raised his eyebrow slightly. “Can we leave today?”

Zhou Dacheng nodded. “Yes, we can, Mr. Li.”

“Mr. Li, how about staying for a few more days? I shall do my best as a host,” offered Gu Changqing.

“No, thanks, Lord Gu.” Li Nianfan shook his head. “Blackie’s still waiting for me back home. I wonder how Blackie’s doing.”

Gu Changqing said, “Since you’ve made up your mind, I won’t force you to stay.”

The Holy Emperor and Zhou Dacheng got up and said, “We should get packing, Mr. Li.”

The expert had already made up his mind so naturally, they would not disagree with him.

Gu Changqing walked out of the yard and headed straight to the palace.

The Gu siblings were there. They welcomed him, “Father.”

Gu Changqing quickly asked, “Ziyao, how’s the progress on that task I gave you?”

“Father, it’s done!” Gu Ziyao nodded. She hesitated and said, “Father, the expert was interested in the Divine Bead, so I gave it away.”

Gu Changqing asked, “Did the expert accept it?”

“Yeah, he did. He seems to like it,” answered Gu Ziyao.

“Good! Good job!” Gu Changqing was cheerful. No wonder the expert was so nice to him. Maybe that was the reason. He laughed out loud. “Exchanging the Divine Bead for the expert’s favor was worth it. Good job, Ziyao!”

Gu Ziyao laughed. She took out a bracelet from her storage and said, “Father, the expert also looked at this for more than five seconds.”

Gu Changqing took the bracelet and frowned. “Just this?”

Gu Ziyao looked distressed. “The expert glanced at a lot of things, but he was mostly just watching the view.”

Gu Changqing sighed softly. “The expert is interested in too few items. Be prepared. Mr. Li’s about to leave. Follow me to bid Mr. Li goodbye.”

Li Nianfan and Daji were done packing. They walked out of the yard. The others were waiting for them at the door.

They went to the Azure Ville palace. Gu Changqing brought the Gu siblings along with the three elders and waited for them.

“Mr. Li.” Gu Changqing stepped forward. He took out the bracelet and said, “A small gift for a guest in Azure Ville. We can’t let you go back empty-handed. Please, accept this small token.”

Li Nianfan laughed and said, “Lord Gu, you’re too generous. I’m just an ordinary man. How could you give this to me?”

Gu Changqing said, smiling, “This is just crafted art. It isn’t a treasure.”

Crafted art?

Li Nianfan was slightly curious. He looked and noticed that the bracelet bore the images of the three paintings on it. The black jewel seemed to be an antique statue.

The replication of the paintings was alright. The statue got his attention, though. It was well-made and quirky—a worthy collection.

Gu Changqing was clearly a collector of arts. He could have crafted a better bracelet but it was nice of him to give him a gift. Suddenly, Li Nianfan felt a bond form between two art lovers.

Li Nianfan accepted it and said, “I appreciate it, Lord Gu.”

Gu Changqing smiled and said, “As long as you like it, Mr. Li.”

Li Nianfan pondered for a moment. Sigh, it would be shameless of him to just take things and leave!

Moreover, he also accepted the compressor!

He did not have any treasure on him. However, he had to do something in return.

He asked, “Lord Gu, you’re a fan of art. How about I make you a painting?”

Dead silence!

Everyone stopped breathing at that moment.

If one were to watch them closely, one would notice that everyone aside from Li Nianfan was trembling slightly. They were all stiff.

They were screaming internally.

‘What’s happening? Painting?! He’s on the move! The expert’s on the move!’

‘Lucky! Azure Ville got lucky! The expert’s blessing them with paintings!’

‘Don’t scream, don’t scream! Stay calm, stay calm! Oh no, I can’t do this anymore!’

They clenched their fists until their fingernails clawed into their flesh. They were enduring it so they would not blow their tops off.

They looked calm on the surface, but in reality, they were going through a lot.

Especially Gu Changqing. He almost fainted.

He was on cloud nine.

He asked with a trembling voice, “Rea—really? Mr—Mr. Li?”

“Why not? It’s just a painting. I’ll just simply paint it,” said Li Nianfan.

Just simply paint it?

Everyone twitched at the same time.

Yeah. Like the time he simply pierced a hole in the sky!

Yeah, right! What would happen if the expert was serious?

Li Nianfan asked, “Do you have a brush and paper?”

“Yes, yes!” Gu Changqing nodded continuously. He did not even need to request it. Azure Ville was working at full speed. They brought him the best painting tools in their treasure vault.

They had obtained a lot of unique treasures over the years.

The paper was not unique but it was of high quality. The brush was obtained from a secret border, so it was considered rare. No one had used it before.

Li Nianfan tried the brush and said, “This brush is nice. Quite decent.”

Then, he squinted and wondered for a moment.

What should he paint?

He thought of the three paintings in Azure Ville.

They represented Immortals, Demons, and Creatures.

Immortals looked human. Li Nianfan did not want to paint that. Demons were too depressing. He did not want to paint that either.

He should paint an awesome creature!

He was not sure whether this creature existed or not.

Whatever. Paintings could be abstract anyway. Nobody cared if it was realistic or not.

He opened his eyes and started painting!

Everyone watched him without blinking. Li Nianfan was overpoweringly amazing!

Bam!

The tip of the brush touched the paper. Li Nianfan had a golden halo around him. The light started from the tip of the brush. Then, it surrounded Li Nianfan.

It was like sunlight.

It was blinding. They could not look at him directly.

Then, the temperature began to rise as if they were in a large furnace. Thankfully, the heat was harmless. Otherwise, they would have undoubtedly evaporated into thin air!

This...

Everyone had goosebumps.

The way that he was painting could destroy this realm!

How scary and terrifying!

Li Nianfan finally stopped painting. The others were still in utter shock. The golden light started to fade!

Everyone sighed in relief and looked at the painting excitedly.

They saw a painting of a black, three-legged crow. It was squatting in a halo, and it seemed to be looking at them.