

Insanity 601

Chapter 601: Profiting from the situation

“Supreme true inheritance!” Fang Yuan’s pupils enlarged and his gaze burned brightly.

When the true inheritance light lump was still a thousand steps away, Fang Yuan felt its surging aura.

This was a feeling which ordinary true inheritances and even unparalleled true inheritances did not have.

Under the effect of this aura, thoughts started to gather in Fang Yuan’s mind; countless thoughts emerged out of thin air and his memories flashed past continuously.

If his mind was like a deep pond during normal times, then right now, the rapidly increasing thoughts were like a huge waterfall crashing down into this deep pond.

Thoughts surged madly, creating waves after waves!

This feeling was incomparably wonderful, and Fang Yuan was not able to find an accurate word to describe it.

The memories buried deep within his mind started to emerge one after another, the dust on them removed as they realistically and vividly appeared in his mind.

Great numbers of inspirational lights flashed past and all sorts of lively ideas emerged in Fang Yuan’s mind. Some problems and doubts regarding cultivation were being instantly solved under the inspirational lights.

An extremely strong self-confidence involuntarily arose in Fang Yuan’s mind.

This was an indescribably wonderful feeling, as if everything was within his control, as if there were no problems he could not solve.....

This was a special ‘power’ that people could not help but be deeply addicted to.

“Lad, wake up quickly, I also know how intoxicating this feeling is, but if you don’t want to die, don’t lose yourself in it! Look at yourself quickly!” Mo Yao shouted.

This voice awakened Fang Yuan, and when he looked at himself, he was pale with horror!

In just a short moment, his body had become weak and exhausted, his glossy forehead now had wrinkles, his strong arms gave a feeling of being old and decayed and were turning even more weak.

If not for Mo Yao’s reminder, Fang Yuan might have lost himself in that wonderful feeling and overlooked the changes to his body.

“This Gu is...?!” Fang Yuan thought of an incomparably shocking answer, and at the same time, used his movement Gu to quickly retreat!

True inheritance secluded domain did not prohibit the use of Gu worms.

The supreme true inheritance also was not chasing Fang Yuan and just continued to fly on its path.

Fang Yuan rapidly pulled distance with it before fearfully looking at this supreme true inheritance that was flying far away, cutting open the dark space.

“This is only the aura of a supreme true inheritance and it almost made me lose myself and die. How difficult would its test be?” Fang Yuan exclaimed in shock.

He could not even get near human qi Gu, an unparalleled true inheritance. There was no need to speak of supreme true inheritance; let alone approaching it, just by nearing it a little, the aura it leaked out almost took his life.

Just like Mo Yao said, Fang Yuan as a mortal was too weak!

This inheritance was definitely a great thing but he did not have the strength to bear it. It was like a bee picking honey, if the honey was as big as a fist, the bee would instead drown to death.

“The Immortal Gu of this supreme true inheritance, could it be... that legendary Gu?” Fang Yuan spoke with almost eighty percent certainty. But this answer was too shocking, making him somewhat unable to believe it.

“Hehehe.” Mo Yao laughed, “Lad, your guess is correct. Even I did not dare to believe it back then, but the truth is right before your eyes, there is no choice but to believe it! Right, the Immortal Gu contained in this supreme true inheritance is the rank nine Gu of legend, wisdom Gu!”

Wisdom Gu!

It was recorded in <>.

This was a rank nine Immortal Gu which could give endless wisdom to the Gu Master!

But the price to use it was extremely high.

The legends of Ren Zu clearly recorded that Ren Zu and Desolate Ancient Moon had to give their middle age to it to obtain its help.

In other words, using wisdom Gu meant using up lifespan!

Fang Yuan had not even approached it, but his lifespan had been worn down rapidly; wrinkles appeared and his body aged in just a short period of time.

In regards to Fang Yuan, wisdom Gu was a true death god!

“I really don’t know how Giant Sun Immortal Venerable obtained it back then and even more, what heaven defying methods did he use to seal it here. No wonder Giant Sun Immortal Venerable thought up all kinds of methods to extend lifespan, he must have used wisdom Gu a lot.” Fang Yuan was deeply moved.

Mo Yao instead sighed: “Giant Sun Immortal Venerable probably used wisdom Gu for one reason – to extend lifespan. Unfortunately, the more wisdom Gu was used, the shorter his lifespan became, and in the end, he did not obtain the solution he wanted as well.”

According to the historical records, Giant Sun Immortal Venerable lived for over eight thousand years before dying.

Eight thousand years was already a result on the middle to upper level among rank nine venerables. Primordial Origin Immortal Venerable who had the longest lifespan, lived for twenty-five thousand years. The one with the shortest lifespan was Red Lotus Demon Venerable who only lived for three thousand years.

Other venerables generally had a lifespan of around seven thousand years.

“There are three supreme true inheritances in true inheritance secluded domain. Tell me, what are the other two like? I really want to experience them.” Fang Yuan’s eyes let out an indescribable radiance.

Mo Yao felt something wrong with his tone, and quickly persuaded: “Lad, don’t have stupid thoughts, pick up an ordinary true inheritance quickly and leave! You have the ten-edge owner token and can only take away an ordinary true inheritance anyway. Even if you pass the test of an unparalleled true inheritance, you cannot take them. Don’t even mention supreme true inheritances, your weak body that can be blown away by the wind cannot even endure their aura!”

Fang Yuan laughed loudly: “Your words make me even more interested to see them! This opportunity is extremely rare, I am afraid I won’t get another chance if I miss it this time.”

“Brat, have you gone mad? Do you not know you lost at least two years of your lifespan just a few moments ago! If you continue squandering time like this, and the true inheritances start flying with the speed of a meteor, you won’t be able to get anything, and you might even lose your life!” Mo Yao was anxious.

Fang Yuan kept on laughing without being moved.

He continued to wander, detouring far away when he saw ordinary true inheritances and unparalleled true inheritances, with not even a bit of intention to take them.

Mo Yao’s will became more anxious: “You lunatic! Heavens, what in the world are you thinking in your brain? You are letting so many true inheritances go away just to broaden your horizons? You idiot, if you die, what should I do? What about Water Pavilion?”

“If I die, this will of yours will also not be able to survive, but you can rest easy, you still have a will left in Water Pavilion. You can wait for a fated person and entrust this precious task upon them.” Fang Yuan unhurriedly replied.

Mo Yao tried to persuade him again, but Fang Yuan was adamant in doing things his own way.

He kept on exploring non-stop, and after several days, the true inheritances were moving faster; Fang Yuan went into dangerous situations every now and then.

Several times, he faced the danger of losing his life, but narrowly managed to escape in the end.

Mo Yao had been trying to persuade him the whole time, the anxiety making her go mad: “Lad, I surrender, you are truly stubborn! Alright, you don’t have to continue, I will tell you about the other two supreme true inheritances.”

“The first is a luck path inheritance founded by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable, using his unique luck path attainment, he was able to become invincible in the world! Second is the control rights of Eighty-Eight True Yang Building. This tower was refined by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable and Long Hair Ancestor; it can plunder the Gu worms of a region, there would be endless Gu cultivation resources for one who obtains it!”

She was truly anxious.

Normally, she might not necessarily be in the mood to provide such inside details to Fang Yuan even if he asked. Now, however, she revealed it, afraid Fang Yuan would continue acting foolishly.

But what she was afraid of happened.

Fang Yuan chuckled and as if he had not heard anything, continued to wander.

Several days later, the true inheritances' flying speed was already as fast as birds. It was extremely easy for Fang Yuan to evade one or two, but true inheritance secluded domain seemed to be shrinking and all sizes of true inheritances had to fly in the narrowing space. The long tails of all sorts of colorful lights they dragged were almost interweaving a thinly spread light web. Fang Yuan could only survive moving through the cracks of it.

At this stage, Fang Yuan was using all his concentration and did not dare to relax for even a moment, for a moment of carelessness would lead to the tragedy of his death.

“Leave quickly. You can't even take away ordinary true inheritances now. As long as you continue to stay here, the danger will increase by each second. Sigh, you have actually gone crazy in such a crucial moment!” Mo Yao was getting dispirited from all the persuading.

Fang Yuan's gaze was burning, suddenly asking: “Tell me, is there a possibility I can find an opportunity to reap benefits when two true inheritances collide?”

Mo Yao was stunned upon listening to this.

But soon, she shouted in a shrill voice: “You fool, you idiot! Would the grand Giant Sun Immortal Venerable commit such a clear mistake? So you were thinking like that, I overestimated you! I overestimated you too much! You have clearly become a victim of your own ingenuity, how could there be such an obvious loophole for you to exploit? You have thought too wishfully, you are too naive!”

“Eh, so it was just my wishful thinking.” Fang Yuan chuckled, his expression undisturbed as he continued to explore.

Actually, he had already known this, but intentionally said it to provoke Mo Yao.

“Why are you still not leaving? Are you looking to die?!” Mo Yao was provoked and was completely driven mad by Fang Yuan.

“Whether I die or not is my matter, it is none of your concern. You have already died, why is a dead person making such a din?” Fang Yuan indifferently ridiculed her; his expression still tranquil as if the one in danger was not him.

“Damn it! Scoundrel! Idiot!” Mo Yao's face flushed with rage and started hurling out curses.

Rumble...

Right at this time, an explosion suddenly occurred a great distance away.

Fang Yuan gazed at the source of the sound, seeing two true inheritances colliding which then sprang towards different directions.

Fang Yuan was dumbstruck.

He had not expected his nonsensical words to come true, true inheritances actually collided!

Especially when one of the inheritances seemed to be a supreme true inheritance!!

Mo Yao was also dumbstruck.

“How is this possible?” Her voice rose an octave higher into an ear-piercing sound that had no demeanor of a refinement path grandmaster, “Back then, when I explored this place, why did not I encounter such a good thing?!”

But soon, her eyes opened wide, coming to a realization: “So it was like that! That is the luck path supreme true inheritance, back then I did all I could to open up a crack in it to obtain the fortune rivalling heaven Gu, but in the end it flew away. I could only use the other inheritances I obtained to settle for the second best option, refining calamity beckoning Gu!”

Mo Yao had created a crack in this supreme true inheritance, because it was no longer in a perfect state, the original balance was tilted, allowing true inheritances to collide into one another.

Boom!

Another sound of a collision.

Fang Yuan’s eyes opened wide, this collision seemed to have caused a Gu to fly out from the luck path supreme true inheritance?

Fang Yuan was stumped: “What is that?”

Mo Yao was also stupefied before shouting: “That is a luck path Gu worm, what are being dazed for, aren’t you going to take it?”

Fang Yuan, however, hesitated: “If I try to take this Gu, wouldn’t I be met with the luck path true inheritance’s test?”

Luck path true inheritance was a supreme true inheritance, Fang Yuan would never be able to endure its test.

“What damned test! The collision has enlarged the crack in the true inheritance light lump, it is breaking down. Take it and leave quickly, if you don’t leave now, you are going to die here!” Mo Yao shouted.

Fang Yuan chuckled and moved forward, dodging here and there, before being able to approach with great difficulty and pick up that Gu worm.

This was a rank five mortal Gu and not an Immortal Gu.

“Lad, you are still not leaving?!” Mo Yao was almost howling by now.

“Haha, what’s the rush.” Fang Yuan laughed heartily, but did not leave, instead staying within true inheritance secluded domain, observing everywhere.

“Looking at the time, with the current chaos, it is almost ready.” he mumbled.

“Lad, what did you say?”

Mo Yao had just spoken when Fang Yuan sprinkled many Gu worms which activated together to form a whirlpool.

The whirlpool let out a majestic force of attraction, absorbing all the true inheritance lights.

Several breaths later, the whirlpool slowed down and crumbled with a loud sound, revealing a door.

“All according to plan!” Fang Yuan threw himself in without hesitation.

The next moment.

He saw the land spirit!

Chapter 602: Frost Jade Peacock

The scene before one’s eyes was that of a grand and elegant white jade hall.

Four huge pillars were holding up the roof, on the ground, light casted shadows on a person.

Be it the walls, pillars, or roof, they were pure and white as snow, they were all created using white jade stones.

At the center of the hall, there was an elevated area with twenty-three steps of stairs.

On the elevated area, there was a green copper divine bird statue. The divine bird was looking up, and spreading its wings, but there were countless black chains, each with the size of an ancient tree, coiling around the divine bird’s body, tangling around its long neck, its slim legs, and even piercing through its feathers and lodging itself into its body.

The divine bird’s eyes were sharp as daggers, it was frowning and had its mouth wide open, almost as if screaming out loud. Its expression was very moving, it looked so real with delicate details, and there was an indomitable spirit of resistance oozing from it, this spirit could leave a firm impression after a single gaze.

Fang Yuan appeared on the stairs, looking at the tall and huge green copper divine bird statue covering his vision, his dark pupils seemed to have flames burning within.

“This, this, this!” The sudden turn of events shocked Mo Yao to the point of stuttering.

She gulped as she pointed her finger, shouting: “This is actually the Frost Jade Peacock, Imperial Court blessed land’s land spirit!!”

“Ah, what’s there to be surprised about?” Fang Yuan’s lips curled into a smile, he said: “Imperial Court blessed land originally had a land spirit, otherwise it would not have recognised Giant Sun Immortal Venerable and made him its master. The land spirit is formed by the combination of an obsession and the blessed land’s heavenly power, to get rid of the land spirit, you will have to deal with the entire blessed land. If the land spirit dies, the blessed land will be destroyed. If the blessed land is destroyed, the land spirit will die too. Currently Imperial Court blessed land is still in good shape, it means the land spirit is still alive.”

His words made Mo Yao shout in anger: “You bastard, such obvious reasoning, how could I not know this!”

Mo Yao had done all she could to research Eighty-Eight True Yang Building for her lover Bo Qing, in an attempt to get the fortune rivalling heaven Gu, and help Bo Qing advance to rank nine.

Eventually, although she succeeded in entering the true inheritance secluded domain, because of her insufficient power she could not obtain fortune rivalling heaven Gu. Instead she had to settle for something else, using her inheritance information and her own foundation as a refinement grandmaster to refine the calamity beckoning Gu.

Because of this, she understood the value of the land spirit of Imperial Court blessed land extremely clearly!

Back then, when Giant Sun Immortal Venerable was not rank nine, he had won in the competition for Imperial Court blessed land’s inheritance, and became the owner of Imperial Court blessed land.

When he became rank nine and was invincible in the world, he had the superior grotto-heaven, Longevity Heaven, and thus Imperial Court blessed land became one of Giant Sun Immortal Venerable’s multiple residences within the world.

Giant Sun Immortal Venerable created Eighty-Eight True Yang Building and set it up within Imperial Court blessed land.

This formed a relationship — if one was targeting Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, they would need to first enter Imperial Court blessed land. Imperial Court blessed land thus became a protective shell for Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

After Giant Sun Immortal Venerable’s arrangement, this shell had been exerting great use, in that Gu Immortals could not enter.

But in this setup, there was a huge flaw, any Gu Immortal could see it clearly!

That was the existence of the land spirit of Imperial Court blessed land!

This flaw did not exist when Giant Sun Immortal Venerable was still alive. Because Giant Sun was the master of the land spirit, the land spirit would obey and do whatever he told it to do.

But after Giant Sun Immortal Venerable died, Imperial Court blessed land became ownerless. As long as one could meet the land spirit’s expectations, anyone could become Imperial Court blessed land’s new owner.

And Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was situated inside Imperial Court blessed land, thus whoever controlled Imperial Court blessed land would have Eighty-Eight True Yang Building in their grasp.

As long as one was a Gu Immortal, they would understand this from just a small amount of thinking.

In Mo Yao's lifetime, when researching Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, she had spent a huge amount of time and effort in this field.

But eventually, she made no progress.

All the hard work and effort she put into this resulted in nothing.

What sort of person was Giant Sun Immortal Venerable, how could he be unaware of this loophole? He dealt with this perfectly, sealing the land spirit deep within, and in Mo Yao's eventual exploration, she could not even find a single feather of the land spirit.

"To think that the land spirit was hidden inside the true inheritance secluded domain! Only when the true inheritances fly at a certain speed would this loophole appear, and allow for the possibility of opening this gateway!" Mo Yao's heart was shaken, at this moment, she understood what had happened.

The more she thought about it, the more she viewed Fang Yuan with a new and higher level of respect.

"This lad, I underestimated him! What sort of background does he have, he actually knew this method of entry?" Mo Yao was shocked and curious.

Fang Yuan's performance was very shocking, it greatly exceeded her expectations.

What she did not know was, this was inside the video from central continent's Gu Immortals in Fang Yuan's previous life.

In fact, the deep research of central continent's Gu Immortals was actually built upon the foundation of Mo Yao's findings.

Mo Yao was an impressive refinement grandmaster, for her lover, she researched the Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, and charged in alone. After she died, the previous research material that she left behind was in the hands of Spirit Affinity House.

For the ten thousand years after that, generations after generations of geniuses within Spirit Affinity House continued their research on it. At the same time, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building had been corroded by the power of time, showing more and more loopholes over the years, becoming easier to exploit.

But Spirit Affinity House knew that to take down this juicy meat called Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, it was not something a super force could do alone. Thus, Spirit Affinity House secretly worked with several other central continent sects and planned this for thousands of years.

Spirit Affinity House took the lead as they controlled the most important research materials from beginning to end. Later, good preparation would be the key to success, when central continent's Gu Immortals attacked, the group was led by Spirit Affinity House's fairy of that generation, Black Moon.

As he walked up the stairs, Fang Yuan arrived at the foot of the green copper divine bird.

This tall statue was Imperial Court blessed land's land spirit, Frost Jade Peacock!

Except that it was sealed tightly by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable, and could not move. Since hundreds of thousands of years ago, throughout the ages, it had been standing here without any movement.

As they got closer, Mo Yao had a discovery: "Heh, lad, your plan will be hard to execute. The green paste on the Frost Jade Peacock's body is created by the rank seven Immortal Gu Earth Prison. The black chains that are coiling around its body are made from the rank seven Immortal Gu Earth Net... Eh!"

While saying this, Mo Yao thought of something and her words stopped.

At once, in Fang Yuan's mind, she was staring with her eyes wide open, like she had seen a ghost.

Because she had suddenly remembered: Not long ago, Fang Yuan summoned two Immortal Gu, one of them was Gruel Mud!

Earth prison Gu, earth net Gu, although they were rank seven Immortal Gu and were higher than Gruel Mud by one rank.

But they were one time expenditure Gu, they vanished after one use.

The two rank seven Immortal Gu worked together to seal the land spirit, but after hundreds of thousands of years of corrosion from time, this strength had weakened greatly.

And Gruel Mud was a direct counter to this strength!

"Hahaha, it seems you have already thought about it, you are not too stupid." Fang Yuan laughed heartily as he took out the gruel mud Immortal Gu from his pocket.

Although this Gu was rank six, because it was an expenditure type Gu, it was comparatively easier to use, there was no need to inject immortal essence into it, he just needed to squeeze it.

Fang Yuan squeezed lightly and it shattered.

The Gu worm burst and oozed out a brown-green light that was like liquid.

The light followed Fang Yuan's will and flew up, fusing into the divine bird statue.

Throughout the process, Mo Yao watched in a daze, unable to say a word.

After the light fused into the statue, a slight tremor occurred, but this tremor was simply too light, it was almost like an illusion.

But soon, this tremor became larger.

The entire divine bird statue starting shaking. Cracks were forming on the green paste covering the divine bird statue, next, the chains starting colliding with one another, making a loud and sharp noise.

"Su... success?! Don't tell me, after hundreds of thousands of years of wear and tear, the powers of the two Immortal Gu were used up?" Mo Yao muttered to herself, she had a complex expression, there were disbelief, surprise, suspicion, and denial...

But afterwards, the tremors became smaller.

The divine bird statue became silent, and the chains stopped clashing, the entire white jade hall became quiet once again.

Mo Yao was deeply disappointed, she sighed: "Failed in the end! There was the difference of a rank, plus this was the setup of an Immortal Venerable."

"Hehehe." But at this point, Fang Yuan laughed lightly: "Mo Yao, look at the divine bird's head?"

Mo Yao's will looked over and was shocked: "The green paste on the land spirit's head is slowly melting! That's right, this is the gruel mud Immortal Gu's real effect, I was too caught up with the commotion and got carried away, I lost my bearings and did not think of this. Hehe, laughable, how laughable."

Mo Yao suddenly shook her head and sighed, immediately afterwards her expression had vanished completely, restoring the demeanour of a legendary Gu Immortal, a refinement grandmaster.

Actually, she could not help but briefly lose her cool.

In her life, she had paid too huge of a price for Imperial Court blessed land, for Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

Right now, earth prison Gu and earth net Gu, the powers of these two Immortal Gu, although corroded mostly by the power of time, they still had a portion remaining.

Although gruel mud Immortal Gu was effective against them, it was only rank six, it was still very difficult to get rid of the remaining power.

But don't forget about the existence of the land spirit!

The tremors earlier were due to the land spirit.

It was the one which exerted strength, causing the two Immortal Gu to divert the majority of their power to suppress it, allowing the gruel mud Immortal Gu's power to sneak in.

As the green paste melted, it turned into gruel mud on the white jade floor, the green-black mud was a great contrast to the white tiles on the ground.

Drop by drop, they fell on the ground.

The Frost Jade Peacock's head was released, but after getting to its neck, the speed of melting greatly reduced.

Evidently, earth prison and earth net Gu's remaining power reacted and started to resist Gruel Mud, causing the efficiency to reduce greatly.

"Heh, just like in the video in my previous life, it is exactly the same." Fang Yuan laughed as he looked at the land spirit, Frost Jade Peacock: "Oh Imperial Court land spirit, look down at your feet, I was the one who released you. How does it feel to breathe again after hundreds of thousands of years? As long as you recognise me as your master, I will help you to regain freedom!"

Frost Jade Peacock's angry expression was still fixed on its face, hearing Fang Yuan's words, it laughed arrogantly: "I am one with the blessed land, all the things that happened in the blessed land for the last hundreds of thousands of years are clear in my heart. If you want to be my new owner, you will need to fulfill one condition."

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, Giant Sun Immortal Venerable's fulfilled this land spirit's request and became Imperial Court blessed land's owner.

Today, Fang Yuan was facing this request as well.

At this point, the video in his previous life had no more value. Fang Yuan laughed as his eyes shone, asking —

"What condition?"

Chapter 603: Sleepless Night

"No, don't abandon me..."

"Save me, save me, benefactor!"

The voices were reverberating in Tai Bai Yun Sheng's ears, he opened his eyes suddenly and sat up on his bed.

Huff, huff...

He was panting, with his body covered in sticky sweat, it was very uncomfortable.

Another nightmare!

Under the dim light, this rank five peak stage expert's face showed an old and weary expression befitting his age.

In the silent room, Tai Bai Yun Sheng's breathing sounds became softer, as his frown slowly eased.

Sitting on his bed, he fell into deep silence, like he was in a daze, there was an extreme fatigue hidden in his gaze.

Ever since he failed the round, he had been in deep guilt and self-blame for causing Gao Yang and Zhu Zai to be sacrificed due to his own greed.

Almost every night, he had the same nightmare.

In the nightmare, blood was pouring everywhere, the smell was overbearing. All sorts of ugly blood beasts bared their claws and fangs as he was encircled, facing Gao Yang and Zhu Zai's pleas.

They called him benefactor, they asked him to save them.

But every time, even though Tai Bai Yun Sheng had an aperture full of primeval essence, he would be unable to move, watching Gao Yang and Zhu Zai get surrounded by blood beasts and eventually consumed, leaving behind their pale white bones.

Throughout the process, Gao Yang and Zhu Zai would sometimes beg him, sometimes they would protect him, or curse furiously, or taunt him.

Eventually, when they turn into pale white skeletons, lying in the pool of blood, they would still say with their remaining skulls—

“I believe in Lord Tai Bai, he is so kind and righteous, he will definitely never abandon us!”

“Mm, I believe in him too! Even if I die, I will believe...”

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was in pain, he felt sadness, helplessness, and regret!

Especially at the end, he would kneel on the ground helplessly in his dream, letting the blood dye his white hair red as he cried profusely.

He felt that he was no longer Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

This experience made him reevaluate himself.

But every time he examined, it resulted in a severe negative answer.

Sometimes when he looked in the mirror, he felt that he was looking at a stranger!

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was not the only person who had a sleepless night.

It was late at night.

Imperial Court blessed land's night was dazzling with silver light, shining on the land.

Hei Lou Lan looked out of the window, above the sacred palace, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was still forming new floors, the dazzling aurora was shining brightly in the sky, creating a beautiful scenery.

“Damn it! The owner token went missing, what in the world happened?” Thinking back to the time when he challenged the round, Hei Lou Lan gritted his teeth, he clenched his fists as his eyes shone with ruthlessness, ready to devour people with one glance.

Throughout history, there had never been any Lord of the Imperial Court who lost their owner token, but this had to happen to Hei Lou Lan.

“Forget it! So what if I don't have the owner token, so what if I cannot use the Grey Meltdown killer move? Whatever the difficulties, they cannot stop me from getting the strength path Immortal Gu! Mother, if you can watch this from the afterlife, see how I take revenge for you!”

Fang Yuan was slowly walking in the sacred palace's garden.

His expression was not nice, he had a grim look on his face.

In the flower garden, there was a jade fountain and a stone bridge, with flowers blooming and flourishing like it was spring, this beautiful environment was not something he could currently enjoy.

Right after coming out of the white jade hall, Fang Yuan was feeling vexed about the matter of subduing Imperial Court land spirit.

In his mind, Mo Yao's will chuckled: "Hehehe, to think that Imperial Court blessed land's condition for ownership was like that. Lad, with your gloomy personality, it will not be easy for you to find a woman that you love, while she also has to be deeply in love with you."

Not long ago, Fang Yuan faced Imperial Court land spirit Frost Jade Peacock, and was told the condition to become the owner of Imperial Court — true love!

To make the Frost Jade Peacock willingly submit to a master, and obey every command, one person was not enough, it had to be a Gu Master couple who were deeply in love.

It was very easy for Giant Sun Immortal Venerable to fulfill this condition.

But for Fang Yuan, it was filled with difficulty.

Not mentioning the other parts, just requiring Fang Yuan to be truly in love with a certain woman was a near impossible matter.

"If this was in my previous life, I would be able to fulfill it. But now..." Fang Yuan took a few steps and stopped at the stone bridge, he rested on the railing and looked at the jade lake below the bridge, laughing coldly.

The lake was like a mirror, under the radiance of the silvery night sky, it was a dazzling sight.

What he did in Eighty-Eight True Yang Building that night was really a scary experience, but that was over now.

At this moment, he was basking in the beautiful scenery around the sacred palace, compared to the dangerous predicament he was in earlier, this truly felt like a dream or illusion.

"Life is like a dream, like morning dew and nocturnal flower, like the shadow of a bubble..." Fang Yuan muttered, going into a daze.

The light breeze caused ripples on the surface of the lake.

Among the ripples, a blurry image of a woman's figure seemed to appear in Fang Yuan's absent-minded gaze.

That was the woman he had buried deep in his memories.

In Fang Yuan's previous life, he had faced disaster and was a destitute wanderer, during the lowest time of his life, he had met her, the world's encounters were just so amazing, and the toying of fate was simply cruel and merciless.

"If we are talking about true love... why am I thinking of her?" Fang Yuan's fingers which were holding the railing exerted force unknowingly.

He frowned suddenly, and his gaze turned ice cold, the woman's figure silently vanished, and the surface of the lake appeared before him once again.

Fang Yuan fell into deep thought.

The current situation was not looking good!

Frost Jade Peacock was formed from the obsession of the blessed land's original owner, although it was arrogant, it would acknowledge true love.

But it was near impossible for Fang Yuan to meet its requirements.

If he could not subdue the land spirit, then Fang Yuan's plan for taking over Eighty-Eight True Yang Building would fail completely, he would have to stop here.

"No wonder the central continent Gu Immortals in my previous life chose to destroy Imperial Court blessed land, and destroy Eighty-Eight True Yang Building. Gu Immortals have lots of deep secrets and often have extreme personalities, it is harder for them to experience true love than mortals."

"After using Gruel Mud, even though the melting is slow, the land spirit's seal is getting weaker. After being sealed for hundreds of thousands of years, the land spirit is filled with hatred and desires freedom badly, it will definitely try to break the seal. Although Giant Sun's will is still slumbering, when the seal melts to a certain degree, or if the land spirit continues to resist, it will definitely awaken!"

This was Giant Sun Immortal Venerable's will!

When an Immortal Venerable rages, blood would flow like a river, all beings would mourn. But the land spirit has the territorial advantage, as long as the blessed land remains intact, it would have a continual source of strength.

When the two contest, it would be scarier than deities fighting. At that point, those who were mortals like Fang Yuan would suffer.

Especially when Fang Yuan was the culprit who released the land spirit, if he was targeted by Giant Sun's will, he would face a terrible end, there was no way out!

Fang Yuan's original plan was like this.

First, he would enter northern plains and make his way into Imperial Court blessed land.

He achieved this flawlessly, using his previous life's memories, he killed the Wolf King Chang Shan Yin who was at his last breath, taking over his identity and becoming a higher-up of Hei tribe army. Next, he hid within the alliance army and got into Imperial Court blessed land.

The second step was to get into Eighty-Eight True Yang Building and gain the most benefits for himself. Using the video from the central continent Gu Immortals in his previous life, he would subdue the land spirit and without alerting the Immortal Venerable's will, he would become the new owner of Imperial Court blessed land.

The third step, after becoming the owner of the Imperial Court, he would not be in a rush to take down Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, instead he would hide in the background and develop in secret.

Within Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, there was an Immortal Venerable's will, it was not easy to deal with. Imperial Court blessed land was a sacred place in the hearts of northern plains' Gu Masters, it could not be defiled or tainted.

If he was discovered, Fang Yuan would face the assault of the entirety of northern plains!

Such frightening power, even if Fang Yuan escaped to other places, it would be pointless. There would not be a single super force that would protect him from the pressure of the whole of northern plains' forces.

Unless it was during the chaotic five regions battle, when no one had the spare energy to bother with him, and when all five regions suffer setbacks, Fang Yuan would survive even if he was exposed.

After becoming the land spirit's owner, Fang Yuan would order the land spirit to stay inside the white jade hall, while cooperating with Eighty-Eight True Yang Building's operations.

This way, everything would progress smoothly.

First, he could use Imperial Court blessed land's strength to deal with the Gu Immortal Tai Bai Yun Sheng. This way, he would have a greater chance of success, and regardless of how their battle end up, Fang Yuan would not lose. Even if he failed to take the Immortal Gu Landscape as Before, Fang Yuan would not be in any mortal danger due to the land spirit's protection.

Secondly, Fang Yuan could use Fixed Immortal Travel to move between Hu Immortal blessed land and Imperial Court blessed land freely. Hu Immortal blessed land was being covetously eyed by Immortal Crane Sect, and every once in a while, there would be an earthly calamity, it would be the centre of many struggles and not the ideal place to cultivate peacefully.

By becoming the owner of Imperial Court blessed land, he could use Hu Immortal blessed land as his cover and Imperial Court blessed land as his true base. While cultivating, he could scheme against Immortal Crane Sect to gain the most benefits. If it failed, he could discard Hu Immortal blessed land and retreat into Imperial Court blessed land.

Imperial Court blessed land was protected by an Immortal Venerable's setup, it was hard for wisdom path Gu Immortals to make deductions involving it. Moreover, Fang Yuan would continue to fix and repair the loopholes in the future, thus it would be much safer than Hu Immortal blessed land!

Thirdly, Fang Yuan would own this precious resource, every time True Yang Building opens up, he could collect all these vast amounts of resources including Immortal Gu without putting himself in danger. When the time comes, he would do what he did in his previous life, subduing a blood path Gu worm and becoming a blood path Gu Immortal. It would be slow and steady, safe and sound.

But though the plan was perfect, reality was not.

Fang Yuan put in his best effort, but he was stuck at the second step.

Unable to become the land spirit's owner, he could not borrow its strength, as a mortal, there was nothing much he could do.

The situation was progressively getting worse, Giant Sun's will was definitely going to awaken. If Fang Yuan wanted to escape, he could use hole earth Gu and connect to Hu Immortal blessed land to flee. But he could not bring these few Immortal Gu with him!

Moreover, even if he obtained landscape as before Immortal Gu, how would he quickly and safely return to Hu Immortal blessed land?

Without the land spirit's help, as a mortal, Fang Yuan could not do that.

“At present, the plan can only be to first think of every possible method to convince the land spirit. If I am on its side, we can deal with Giant Sun’s will together, and I might be able to borrow some of its strength. Sigh... I really do not want to use that final method.”

Chapter 604: Luck Inspection Gu

Half a month later.

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

The wind scythe birds were densely packed together, a great number of them engulfed the sky as they charged towards the alliance army.

These wind scythe birds had beaks as sharp as swords, their wings were curved and razor-edged, like that of a scythe. They flew extremely fast, leaving behind afterimages in the air, and had no fear when they charged towards their enemies.

“Kill, kill, kill!” Hei Lou Lan shouted, the black smoke around his body was rolling, creating multiple black tentacles as they one after another captured the surrounding wind scythe birds and devoured them.

The battle of the army fighting against the wind scythe birds had been ongoing for an hour, with both sides suffering heavy casualties.

The floor was littered with bird corpses, but there were also many dead Gu Masters.

“Ahhhhh...” Hei Lou Lan screamed, he was going berserk from fighting, stretching out his right hand.

His right arm was in a claw shape, as a dark spiral was formed, it rotated in the air and converged at the center of his right claw.

In the blink of an eye, thousands of dark streams gathered like they were flowing into the sea, into Hei Lou Lan’s right claw like a black light ball.

The light ball was dark and mysterious, it spun on its own and gave out a thunder like sound.

“Go!” Hei Lou Lan’s eyes suddenly opened wide as he shouted, using all his strength to point his claw at the sky.

He grabbed the round ball of black light like he was lifting heavy weight, his movement was very slow and strenuous.

Following this movement, the light ball slowly flew into the air.

In the air, it rapidly expanded, in a few breaths’ time, it expanded to the size of a mountain.

At once, the black light ball occupied the sky covering half the alliance army’s surface area.

Countless wind scythe birds were engulfed by it, melting and corroding, not even their bones were left intact.

The entire process was silent and strangely overbearing, people's hearts were turning cold from seeing this.

This was Hei Lou Lan's signature killer move — Dark Vortex!

After lasting for six breaths' time, the vortex killed tens of thousands of wind scythe birds.

The numbers of the wind scythe birds were too huge, and because they gathered above the alliance army, they were a terrifying threat.

After the dark vortex vanished, a huge clear hole appeared in the sky, but soon, the wind scythe birds flooded in like a tide, covering up the hole again. Above the alliance army, there were countless wind scythe birds again.

This was the twenty-fifth round of the sixty-eighth floor of Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

The numbers of wind scythe birds were too great, among them were large numbers of bird kings, their assault was too powerful.

Actually, according to their experiences, they knew there had to be an easier way to challenge this round, but Hei Lou Lan directly charged in and mobilized all his strength to overwhelm the birds.

This attracted the revenge and counterattack of the frenzied wind scythe birds.

"Hahaha, kill all these damn birds!" At one side, Ye Lui Sang laughed. Hei Lou Lan's explosive strength triggered his fighting spirit.

Ye Lui tribe was on the same level as Hei tribe, they were both super forces, having Gu Immortals backing them. Ye Lui Sang and Hei Lou Lan had the same status, they were both the tribe leader of their respective super tribes.

When he saw Hei Lou Lan's killer move that killed countless wind scythe birds, he was not willing to hold back anymore.

"Look at my newly developed killer move — Flame Demon!"

Ye Lui Sang shouted loudly as his sleeves fluttered, and his primeval essence rushed into the Gu worms in his hands.

With a loud thud, his body was clad in flames as the flames burst out, all Gu Masters near him moved away.

Within the radius of a few hundred steps, he was the only person left.

His body trembled and the flames that could rise to heaven split to form a ten metre bronze ape that was completely made of flames.

The flaming bronze ape had an ugly appearance, with teeth like a gorilla, strange horns and bulging muscles. This was the flame demon!

The flame demon rose into the sky, crashing around as all the wind scythe birds that collided with it were ignited, screaming from being burnt alive.

Along its path, flames were burning, causing a straight line of them to form in the sky. Large numbers of wind scythe birds were roasted, falling to the ground.

The flame demon rampaged arrogantly, attracting the attention of many birds, it greatly reduced the pressure of the Gu Masters in the grand army.

“What fire demon, it is nothing much!” Far away, Hei Lou Lan laughed loudly, showing his smug arrogance.

Ye Lui Sang laughed as well: “Hei tribe leader, take another look!”

In saying this, his body shook as the flames fell off him, forming another flame demon.

Hei Lou Lan’s expression changed, not just him, even Fang Yuan who was in the army took a serious look. The flame demon had great strength, but to think he had more than one.

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building gave lots of opportunities, it was not just Fang Yuan and Hei Lou Lan who were improving, other Gu Masters were gaining many rewards as well.

When six flame demons entered the battlefield, the flames on Ye Lui Sang were finally extinguished.

“Six flame demons, thankfully...” Fang Yuan retracted his gaze.

Hei Lou Lan’s expression soothed as well.

Ye Lui Sang had true capability, this killer move was really extraordinary, but that was as far as it got. In terms of power, it could only be on par with dark vortex.

The flame demons rampaged for an hour as their strength fell more and more, eventually perishing among the wind scythe birds.

But soon after, Fang Yuan, Tai Bai Yun Sheng, Xi Xue, Pei Yan Fei, Tao You, Gu Guo Long and others attacked, using all their killer moves. The great strength of rank five experts quickly changed the battlefield, tilting the scales of victory towards the alliance army.

Eventually, they succeeded, getting into the twenty-sixth round.

“Reporting to lord tribe leader, thirteen tribe leaders have submitted a letter of request, they are asking for a temporarily halt of advancement. They are worried about the huge casualties, they need to rest and recover.” Before Hei Lou Lan had finished probing this round, his attendant Hei Shu had already reported.

Hei Lou Lan frowned immediately, shouting: “Begrudging already despite such few casualties! These useless bums, they are all useless cowards! Return this request to them, and tell them we will advance no matter what. Whoever dares to escape or run away from the alliance army will have their entire tribe and any related tribes executed, none will be spared!”

Saying so, he held the letter in his hand and tore it into pieces immediately.

“Continue advancing, charge!” Hei Lou Lan waved his hand, shouting as he commanded the army.

He was anxious.

These days, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building would emit a strange tremor every few days.

Coupled with the disappearance of the owner token, Hei Lou Lan felt that this was not a simple matter, his instincts were telling him that something unthinkable was about to happen.

To avoid any accidents in the future, he had to quickly get the strength path Immortal Gu now. Only after advancing to a Gu Immortal would he have the strength to control this changing situation.

The challenge this time lasted until the twenty-eighth round. Only after everyone was unable to continue and the casualties were too heavy did Hei Lou Lan have no choice but to retreat and recuperate.

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In his room, Tai Bai Yun Sheng showed a bitter smile as he held several east window Gu in his hand.

These east window Gu contained the cultivation experience of previous generation Gu Masters, among them, most were time path attainment!

These were all the round rewards obtained from Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

“Don’t tell me, this is the arrangement of destiny, for me to advance to Gu Immortal realm?”

Back then, Tai Bai Yun Sheng had failed in searching for a lifespan Gu, after wasting all his life’s savings, he had to become Hei tribe’s external elder.

He was a time path Gu master, rank five peak stage, with his sensitivity towards time he knew that he had little time left since a few years ago.

Although advancing to Gu Immortal realm could allow a Gu Master’s life to improve qualitatively, it could not increase his lifespan. But Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s situation was a little special.

His time path inheritance was extraordinary, it was a Gu immortal inheritance.

The core of his inheritance had three Gu, river as before Gu, mountain as before Gu, and man as before Gu.

The inheritance has theorized long ago: When he becomes an immortal, using the supreme opportunity of the resonance of heaven and earth, he could advance his man as before Gu into an Immortal Gu.

The mortal man as before Gu could only be used on others.

Immortal Gu Man As Before, could be used on himself.

“If I have the man as before Immortal Gu, I can use it on myself and extend my lifespan. Unfortunately, man as before is not like the Spring Autumn Cicada, I cannot save Gao Yang and Zhu Zai. Sigh...”

Thinking of this, Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s heart was worried, the intense regret and guilt assaulted him once again.

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Fang Yuan stood at the peak of the tall tower, looking at Hei tribe.

Luck inspection Gu had been activated for a while, it gave him a different field of vision from others.

This rank five mortal Gu was the sole, unexpected gain that he obtained inside the true inheritance secluded domain.

Luck inspection, as the name suggests, could be used to inspect luck. It was an investigative Gu worm.

In his vision, in the living quarters of Hei tribe, there were countless smoke-like luck strands. But among them, two were extremely thick, like cranes among chickens, even the palace's rooms could not hide them.

One came from Hei Lou Lan, his luck was like a huge pillar, with an azure color, it was thick and long. The other came from Tai Bai Yun Sheng, his luck was like the flames burning during sunset, red and bright, it accumulated above the roof of his house, it was like the feeling of dazzling flames.

"The luck of these two are extremely high, but they are different. Hei Lou Lan's luck has a lasting feeling. Tai Bai Yun Sheng's luck is like a pile of old firewood, burning at the last moment. In recent days, I secretly manipulated the rewards and placed many time path attainment experiences as rewards to give them to Tai Bai Yun Sheng. Every time he gets one, the fiery red luck above him turns brighter by a bit. The possibility of becoming an immortal also increased slightly."

Fang Yuan thought about it for a long time, he sighed in his heart when he thought about the mysterious and unfathomable luck path.

But he had only obtained a single luck inspection Gu, he did not know the details of the inheritance, it was like opening a new window, towards this new path, he could only explore it slowly.

He used the luck inspection Gu on himself.

Fang Yuan's body was shrouded in black ink-like luck. This luck gathered and formed a huge coffin shape, completely covering his body, they were emitting a dense death energy, the energy of great misfortune.

Even though Fang Yuan had looked at this many times, his heart always sank when he observed this.

"My luck is not looking optimistic. But these days, all my talks with the Imperial Court land spirit have had no progress. This land spirit is too arrogant, it only wants to break the seal and regain its freedom. True Yang Building has already shaken thirty-eight times, eventually, Giant Sun's will would awaken."

"Eh?" Fang Yuan gasped, he looked at a group of Gu Masters, they were all shrouded in a black coffin-like luck, heading in the direction of Hei tribe.

A moment later, they all entered Tai Bai Yun Sheng's residence.

Fang Yuan thought about briefly before understanding their intentions.

"This is a good opportunity for me to understand the meaning of this black coffin luck." Fang Yuan's gaze was dark, he gave a deep glance towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng's location.

Chapter 605: Pitiful Person

“We implore you to help us, old sir Tai Bai!”

“I am sincerely asking old sir to go forward and plead for us.”

“The whole of my tribe, our elderly, the weak, the women and children too, the future of all of our tribesmen are in lord’s hands...”

In the room, a group of Gu Masters were kneeling on the ground, crying profusely or showing a sad expression, they were desperately asking Tai Bai Yun Sheng for help.

These Gu Masters had rather special identities, they were all the tribe leaders of their respective tribes.

Lou tribe, Lu tribe, Xi tribe... all of these tribes were middle sized tribes or small sized tribes, during the process of challenging Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, they suffered the greatest numbers of casualties, if this were to continue, they might face the threat of being wiped out for good.

The previous few times, they had as a group written letters of request, asking to retreat, but they were all harshly rejected by Hei Lou Lan.

Survival was the number one priority.

Hei Lou Lan’s oppressive and all out tactics had already severely harmed the survival and development of these small and middle sized tribes.

But because of the Black Tyrant’s fierce reputation, these tribe leaders did not dare to approach Hei Lou Lan himself. After discussing among themselves, they decided to jointly approach Tai Bai Yun Sheng for help.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was the current number one healing master in all of northern plains, he was well known to be kind and merciful, his reputation in northern plains was second to none. Now that he had become Hei tribe’s external elder, he was greatly trusted and depended on by Hei Lou Lan.

If they could obtain Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s help, their respective tribes might very well gain the precious time to rest and recuperate.

“Please get up and speak.” Tai Bai Yun Sheng urged them.

“Old sir, if you do not accept our request, we will not get up!”

“Please go take a look at our tribes, you will understand our pain and grief then. Our injuries and casualties are simply too great, our women have lost their husbands, our children have lost their parents, and our elderly have lost their children...”

“Old sir, please go and talk to Lord Hei Lou Lan, if this carries on, our tribe is going to perish for good.”

“Hmph, we did not die in the Imperial Court contest, but instead, we are facing extermination within Imperial Court blessed land, if word gets out, where would Hei tribe’s reputation go to? This is simply too ironic!”

The tribe leaders talked one after another, they held a firm attitude and refused to get up from the kneeling position.

“Sigh...” Tai Bai Yun Sheng heaved a long sigh, he had already been very unhappy with Hei Lou Lan’s actions to begin with.

There was enough time to go about this slowly, why did he have to be so anxious and rush their advancement?

Causing such grave and severe casualties, he could not bear to see this in his heart.

From Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s perspective: Most likely, losing the owner token during the challenge of the second round had triggered Hei Lou Lan. Another reason was that the supreme elders of Hei tribe were pressuring him greatly. Because of this pressure, Hei Lou Lan had no choice but to give it his all in challenging the rounds.

“My servants, quickly come and serve tea to the tribe leaders.” Tai Bai Yun Sheng instructed his servants.

He next turned around and consoled the band of tribe leaders: “This old man will do his best to talk to tribe leader Hei Lou Lan, but all I can say is, I will try my best.”

“Old sir, you are truly a kind person, you are so benevolent.”

“Gaining old sir’s help, it is truly our tribe’s greatest fortune!”

“Old sir, this is a letter of request that we have written collectively, we will be waiting for old sir’s good news patiently.”

All the tribe leaders were filled with gratitude and joy.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng received the letter of request from them and kept it in his pocket, after bidding farewell to the tribe leaders, he came to the grand hall and looked for Hei Lou Lan.

Hei Lou Lan was not settling the administrative matters of the army in the grand hall, instead, he was relaxing in the flower garden.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng hurried over quickly and when he saw Hei Lou Lan, the latter was playing chess in the lake pavilion.

Hei Lou Lan heard his intentions and first rejected him strictly, but when Tai Bai Yun Sheng urged him with reasoning and kind words, Hei Lou Lan slowly became less strict as he said: “How about this, I can let these tribes rest and recover temporarily, but they must lend out all of their Gu worms. My army will continue to advance, but we cannot reduce our strength just because of their absence! Every Gu worm that they lend will entitle them to one person who can rest, rank two Gu worm will exempt a rank two Gu Master. A rank three Gu worm will exempt a rank three Gu Master, and so on.”

“Lord tribe leader is wise and merciful, I will thank tribe leader for his magnanimity on behalf of all the different tribes and their tribesmen.” Tai Bai Yun Sheng knew this was the best result he could get, thus he returned and informed all of the tribe leaders about this result.

The tribe leaders looked at each other as they pondered over this, eventually accepting this condition.

Gu worms were the foundation and base of a Gu Master. Gu worms that were lent out were easy to get damaged, but it was much better than losing their own lives.

The casualties that these tribes were facing were simply too severe.

The next day, Hei Lou Lan ordered the black banner army to go to the respective tribes' resting area and collect their Gu worms, being late was not an option. He also sent Tai Bai Yun Sheng to control the situation and settle the relevant administrative matters.

After three days, this matter was finally settled.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng returned and reported to Hei Lou Lan, who invited him to a banquet.

During the banquet, Hei Lou Lan lifted his wine cup as he said: "Old sir, please have a drink! It was our great fortune that old sir joined our tribe, allowing the army to face much fewer casualties and injuries. Old sir, you revived countless people, you have accomplished great deeds."

"I am not worthy of such praise, but we have to try our very best at things, whether we succeed or not is up to heaven. With Longevity Heaven watching us, we can only do our best." Tai Bai Yun Sheng showed a look of shame, replying as he raised his cup. Hei Lou Lan's praise reminded him of Gao Yang and Zhu Zai.

In truth, every since he returned from the blood hall, every word of praise that he heard felt like an insult, like sarcastic comments that were whipping at his soul.

But today, after settling this matter, he resolved the conflict between Hei tribe and many small and middle sized tribes, in a way, he saved the lives of many Gu Masters.

This made him feel slightly better.

"With Longevity Heaven watching us, we can only do our best..." Hei Lou Lan drank his wine in one gulp, putting it down as he muttered, sighing: "Old sir's words are very accurate and articulate, it is truly well said. Longevity Heaven is watching us, the road to the future is filled with mystery and unexpected circumstances, as mortals, we can only do our best. Elder Tai Bai had already done his best, I, Hei Lou Lan, should do the same as well!"

Tai Bai Yun Sheng heard this and suddenly felt that Hei Lou Lan had some additional meaning in his words, he immediately asked: "Lord tribe leader, what do you mean by that?"

Hei Lou Lan laughed heartily, he was about to speak when Hei Shu came in with a report.

His body was covered in blood, his expression was respectful and cautious, he came to Hei Lou Lan's side and said: "Reporting to lord tribe leader, the black banner army has not failed your expectations, we have already settled it appropriately."

Tai Bai Yun Sheng felt the killing aura around him and had a very ominous feeling, he quickly asked: "What do you mean by settled it appropriately? Hei Shu! What did you guys settle?"

Hei Shu did not speak, he raised his eyebrows as he gave Tai Bai Yun Sheng a passing glance, showing disdain in his eyes towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng's compassionate and benevolent attitude.

“Hahaha, elder Tai Bai! It is exactly like what you said — we can only do our best! You are doing your best, and I am doing the same! I have to do all I can to break through the rounds, and accomplish the mission given to me by the supreme elder. Tell me, these people ran away in the middle of our task, what crimes have they committed? They were able to develop to this extent because they relied on me. Taking advantages when they can, and hiding when there is trouble, is there such an easy and simple thing in this world? Hmph! If everyone was like that, would my army need to exist anymore? Will there be anyone left who would challenge the rounds with me?” Hei Lou Lan said this with a sharp and resolute tone, his eyes were shining with a ruthless light.

Saying this, there was no need to mention what the task given to the black banner army was!

“Hei Lou Lan, you!” Tai Bai Yun Sheng stood up in a flash.

He stared at Hei Lou Lan with a furious gaze, he showed shock, anger, and even hatred on his face.

“Insolent!” Hei Shu was unhappy and was about to strike, but Hei Lou Lan stretched out his hand and stopped him.

“Elder Tai Bai, do not forget your current status.” Hei Lou Lan kept away his ruthless expression and poured another cup of wine indifferently.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng clenched his fists, his body was shivering from pure anger.

He stared at Hei Lou Lan fixatedly, he wanted to scold him, but no sound came out of his mouth.

Hei Lou Lan chuckled, pouring a cup of wine for Tai Bai Yun Sheng personally: “Old sir, take a seat, such beautiful and relaxing scenery paired with good wine and food, we should not let it go to waste.”

“Screw your good wine and food!” Tai Bai Yun Sheng swept his sleeves furiously, with a loud crash, all the wine cups fell onto the floor.

Hei Lou Lan was unmoved, instead he pointed at the dishes on the table as he laughed loudly: “Elder Tai Bai, this is a banquet to celebrate your success. If not for your support, why would they trust us so much and lend out their Gu? As they did not have their Gu worms with them, my black banner army could quickly swoop in and take them down, easily obliterating them. I have no one but you to thank for this.”

Tai Bai Yun Sheng heard this and felt like lightning had struck him, he staggered three steps back as his face turned completely pale as paper.

“Hei Lou Lan, you are really an unscrupulous scoundrel!”

“Unscrupulous? I cannot believe this, you are saying such naive things? Elder Tai Bai, you were also once the young tribe leader of a tribe, after living for so many years, have you not seen the reality of this world? These so called political affairs have always been dirty.”

Tai Bai Yun Sheng wanted to rebuke him, but there were no words he could say.

He snorted coldly, turning around and leaving, walking out of the hall quickly without even turning back once.

“Lord tribe leader, should I send people to surveil Tai Bai Yun Sheng?” Hei Shu inquired.

Hei Lou Lan raised his wine cup, his expression was plain, without a bit of nervousness. He glanced at Tai Bai Yun Sheng's back as he laughed coldly: "Tai Bai Yun Sheng is merely a healing Gu Master, what's there to be afraid of? His reputation? Hehe, after this matter, who would dare believe in him again? Good deeds go unnoticed, while bad deeds travel a thousand li..."

Hei Shu heard this and his heart jumped: "Anyone who holds a high political position is an unfathomable schemer indeed!"

At this point, he could see that Hei Lou Lan's actions were killing three birds with one stone.

Firstly, by causing bloodshed in these small and middle tribes, he was creating an example to show the others. Secondly, he could suppress Tai Bai Yun Sheng, making him understand what status he is currently holding. Thirdly, it is to attack Tai Bai Yun Sheng's reputation, in order to strengthen his own political power.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng walked quickly towards the scene of the incident.

The slaughter had ended, in order to create more fear in people, Hei Lou Lan did not order his men to clean up the area.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng looked around, his expression turning white, and his heart was shivering.

The sacred palace was dyed in blood, corpses were everywhere on the ground.

Not just strong adult men, there were even the old, the weak, women and children. Some of them had their eyes wide open, dying an indignant death; some of them had their arms and legs chopped off, some were cut in half, it was a gruesome sight; some had messy clothing, their expressions were twisted and in agony, it was evident that they had been humiliated in an inhuman way before they died...

All of this... all of this...

"It was all caused by me. If not for me trusting Hei Lou Lan, if not for me trying to mediate the tension between the two... I was too foolish, I was too naive! I did not manage to see Hei Lou Lan's ugly and evil intentions! All these people, they all died because they placed their trust in me!"

Tai Bai Yun Sheng's body was shivering, the intense smell of blood was assaulting him, and the scene of a sea of corpses lying on the ground was causing a huge impact on his fragile state of mind.

His back was hunched, the mild wind blew at him and caused his beard to move slightly, he had deep wrinkles and a dazed expression, his fists were tightly clenched, soundlessly expressing the grief, agony, regret, and self blame that he was feeling deep in his heart!

Plop.

He kneeled on the ground weakly, holding himself up with his hands as the blood dyed his palms, his knees, and his pants bright red.

"Sorry, I am sorry..."

Tai Bai Yun Sheng wept profusely, at once, his face was like an overflowing river.

“This is a good person... even though there is also darkness in his heart, in the end, there is great terror when one is between life and death. Facing death, which normal person would not lose themselves?” Far away, at a hidden corner, Fang Yuan had been observing this intently and silently.

He watched the scene unfold with his very own eyes.

It turned out that the black coffin luck represented a severe disaster that would threaten his life. The extermination of these tribes was the best proof of that.

Meanwhile, the death energy on his body was more than dozens of times thicker than these tribes' members, even a hundred times as thick!

“Hehe, this is so interesting. Luck huh...” Fang Yuan's lips curled into a cold and arrogant smile, he wanted to see if this so called bad luck could stop him in his steps.

“In this life, there is no person, any reason, or any difficulties that can affect my determination in moving forward!” His gaze was cold and still as ice, looking towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

“Who said that kind people will be rewarded?” Thinking of this, Fang Yuan's cold expression turned into one that had a trace of sarcasm: “Then let me give you a hand.”

He activated his Gu worms in secret, forming an illusory voice that was untraceable, as the soundwaves entered Tai Bai Yun Sheng's ears one by one.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng's state of mind was close to collapsing, his mind was extremely susceptible to influences.

At this moment, he could hear a voice, it sounded just like Gao Yang and Zhu Zai.

“I believe in you! You will definitely save us, isn't that right?”

“Old sir, you are our benefactor. We are grateful to you, we are willing to risk our lives in order to come forward and help you!”

“Ah!” Tai Bai Yun Sheng screamed suddenly, opening his eyes abruptly.

With his blurred vision due to his tears, he looked at the blood puddle on the ground.

The blood puddle rippled, as the nightmare that haunted him appeared once again, the image of Gao Yang and Zhu Zai dying from the sea of blood beasts!

Tai Bai Yun Sheng's body shuddered, he was still like a statue, but the next moment, he raised his head and screamed with all of his energy.

“AHHHHHHHHHH!”

His shrill and hoarse voice resounded in this bloody slaughterhouse.

“Hehehe, hihhi, hahaha!”

When his screaming ended, Tai Bai Yun Sheng started laughing like a maniac.

His laughter contained the feeling of madness, but also anger and sadness, there was also a trace of mockery towards himself, towards the mortal world.

“Crazy? He’s crazy!”

“Elder Tai Bai has gone mad!!”

The surrounding Hei tribe Gu Masters were shouting in shock.

Meanwhile, Fang Yuan was curling his lips and smiling, he was a transmigrator, and had also undergone rebirth, his rich life experience had allowed him to grasp the psychology of people to a very precise degree.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was a very good person.

But his subconscious action in the blood hall was akin to betrayal.

This action created suspicion, doubts, and denial that he felt towards himself in terms of his personal values.

If a person denied himself, and suspected himself, then he would no doubt fall into a deep abyss of agony.

Very evidently, Tai Bai Yun Sheng was in great pain, he felt guilt in his heart, almost every night, he was tormented by a similar nightmare.

For him to accept that he had some kind of despicable and lowly character as a fact, it would be impossible to do so. His entire life revolved around justice and benevolence, he had walked on this road for too long, he wanted to return to it, but he knew that in the deepest part of his heart, this action formed a barrier that he could not cross.

He was stuck in the abyss of agony, sinking deeper and deeper the more he struggled.

The tribe leaders’ request towards him was a chance that he had towards salvation, and a redemption for his mistakes.

If he could really succeed, it was undeniably the best medicine for him to pay for his sins, and he would be able to forgive himself.

But the truth was, Hei Lou Lan ordered a mass slaughter, not leaving even a single woman or child behind. This in turn caused Tai Bai Yun Sheng to become the biggest assistant in this murder spree.

His medicine turned into a heart piercing poison, the intense toxins caused him to lose himself, his mental state was close to breaking down.

At this juncture, Fang Yuan pushed him lightly, finally causing Tai Bai Yun Sheng to explode, breaking from the deepest part of his heart.

Perhaps only Fang Yuan could understand him at this point.

To put it in another way, after searching through his soul, Fang Yuan, who had seen Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s entire life, could be said to know him intimately.

But the cruel reality was, this person was not his kin or his friend, he was an enemy plotting against him.

Fang Yuan, who was hidden in the darkness listening to Tai Bai Yun Sheng's laughter, looked on with an expression of appreciation, smiling lightly.

This was a respectable and pitiful old man, he screamed his lungs out, in his laughter, on his face full of tears, he was questioning himself, he was questioning the cruelty of this mortal world, fate was toying with him and he was helpless to resist.

"If you deny even yourself, what can you do?" Fang Yuan muttered lightly, his gaze was as deep as night.

"Go to the blood hall again and try to challenge the round? No, if you are there, your mind will be full of Gao Yang and Zhu Zai's images. Go seek help? Who can help you now? Hei Lou Lan? It can be assumed that you have just fallen out with him. Or rather, even if you manage to get the lifespan Gu, will you be able to use it with peace of mind?"

"Hehe, the current you, what options do you possibly have? What choices can you still make? Denying yourself, wallowing in self pity, feeling intense pain and grief, you, a person who is facing a trial of your conscience, what option do you have?"

In Fang Yuan's heart, an answer was becoming clearer.

"Thus, go ahead and make your decision, I hope you will not let me down!" In the darkness, Fang Yuan's gaze was shining as he looked at the crazy Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was laughing wildly, his voice was bitter like he was wailing.

He tore his clothes, as tears and mucus were mixing on his face, he did not have the demeanour of a rank five peak state expert at this point.

He was someone who feared death, but he was also a good person who was pushed into a corner by this cruel and ice cold mortal world.

In truth, he was more like a —

Pitiful person.

Since some time ago, a mild wind had started blowing.

The wind gradually grew bigger and bigger, as clouds were forming in the sky.

With Tai Bai Yun Sheng as the center, the surroundings were quietly and rapidly transforming

Some sort of mystical change had started, heaven and earth were beginning to tremble.

"You did not disappoint me in the end..." Fang Yuan was extremely excited, he took his leave and vanished without a trace.

He rapidly travelled far away, retreating.

Because...

It was no joke when a Gu Master advances into an immortal.

Soon, the wind and clouds went wild, as heaven and earth changed!

The dark and thick black clouds looked like they were about to collapse at any time, destroying the sacred palace.

In and out of the sacred palace, shouting could be heard everywhere.

“What is going on?”

“What in the world is happening?!”

Countless people did not know what was happening, they fell into a panic.

“This... could it be?!” Some people with greater knowledge and experience stared at this grand scene with a dumbfounded expression.

“Go investigate, go investigate! Who is it?!” In the hall, Hei Lou Lan was furiously screaming.

“Lord, it is Tai Bai Yun Sheng!” Hei Shu was full of sweat as he stumbled his way into the hall and reported this.

Hei Lou Lan’s expression froze, he was as still as a statue for a moment.

A few breaths later, he reacted and shouted with a twisted expression: “Retreat! Order everyone to leave the sacred palace. Of course, those who wish to die can stay here!”

Chapter 606: Awakening

The sky turned dark and gloomy, and the wind howled.

A formless heavenly power slowly lifted Tai Bai Yun Sheng into the air.

He laughed maniacally, his white beard fluttering in the wind. There were no signs of the usual warmth and benevolence on his face, it was replaced by a crazed and distorted look.

Everyone in the sacred palace was in panic; Gu Masters fled in a hurry, forming a huge stream of people that was fleeing for life towards the outside.

Only after running an immense distance, did the crowd anxiously stop.

Expert Gu Masters moved toward the peaks of hills or directly flew to the sky, and used investigative Gu worms to observe the scene above the sacred palace with different thoughts going through their minds.

Other Gu Masters also raised their heads to gaze at the floating Tai Bai Yun Sheng with looks of respect, reverence, affection, worry, envy and so on.

The news of Tai Bai Yun Sheng advancing to Gu Immortal had already spread amongst everyone.

Advancing to Gu Immortal!

This was something that most people would not experience in their whole life, and unexpectedly it was happening before everyone’s eyes at this very moment.

“Inconceivable, Tai Bai Yun Sheng has yet to use any Gu worms but he actually caused such a change in weather!” Looking at the surging clouds and hearing the raging winds, many Gu Masters shouted out in surprise.

Soon the surprised voices surged into a commotion.

Because it was not only the weather that had changed, even the ground under their feet was beginning to shake.

At first, it was only a negligible tremor, but soon vast smoke and dust started to rise from the ground.

“This is the turbulence of earth qi!”

“According to the records in the tribe, Gu Masters have to first break their aperture to advance to Gu Immortal! After breaking their aperture, they can attract heaven qi and earth qi!”

Ye Lui Sang, Hei Lou Lan and some others were from super tribes, and knew a lot more than normal people. At this moment, shock could clearly be seen in their eyes.

The first step in advancing to Gu Immortal was breaking the aperture.

Using primeval essence in an all-out assault to completely shatter one’s own aperture. Like this, the sealed aperture that was covered by the crystal wall would turn into a hole in the Gu Master’s body.

“Just this first step needs extremely great courage. Because there is no turning back after shattering the aperture.” Gu tribe leader Gu Guo Long said with a sigh.

“Advancement to a Gu Immortal is extremely difficult, with miniscule chances of success! Tai Bai Yun Sheng is too courageous, actually daring to take this step. He truly leaves us in admiration.” Nie tribe leader Nie Ya Qing was deeply moved.

Hei Lou Lan’s expression was complex.

He knew some inside details, a part of the reason why Tai Bai Yun Sheng was advancing to Gu Immortal was probably due to his actions.

“I was the one who provoked Tai Bai Yun Sheng, leading to him choosing to take the risk to advance in his crumbling mental state. This is good, although I learnt about immortal ascension from records, I really want to personally observe it. Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s advancement into Gu Immortal will provide a great reference and be helpful to me. It is just that... so be it if he fails, but if he really successfully advances into a Gu Immortal, how should I treat him?”

Hei Lou Lan immediately frowned at this thought, feeling a headache.

Fang Yuan observed the scene while sitting on a back of an azure wolf king, surrounded by an azure wolf group.

“Advancement to Gu Immortal...” His dark gaze had excitement and also showed an expression of recalling the past.

He again used luck inspection Gu to examine Tai Bai Yun Sheng, the luck on him was now like a raging wildfire, originally it had been like flames with a growing red glow. Now, it was even more flourishing, blazing like an inferno!

“His luck is blazing, he had successfully advanced into a Gu Immortal in my previous life, that should not be a big problem for him in this life.” Fang Yuan inwardly nodded.

Unlike Hei Lou Lan with his doubts and hesitation, Fang Yuan already had a plan to face the Gu Immortal Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

He tried to look once more, but the luck inspection Gu actually suffered injuries from the extreme pressure.

His own eyes also felt a burning pain.

Fang Yuan immediately stopped the activation, not surprised at all.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng had already broken his aperture, attracting heaven and earth qi in a huge surrounding range. Using Gu worms in this range will naturally create chain reactions, making the heaven and earth qi surge and trigger a backlash.

If one was stubborn and forcibly activated their Gu, even an Immortal Gu would be injured and might even die, not to mention mere mortal Gu.

Fang Yuan had not considered using Gu worms at this time to plot against Tai Bai Yun Sheng because of this reason.

If he rashly made a move in this period, he himself might be implicated.

In an instant, the dark clouds in the sky surged, and together took the shape of a giant vortex.

In response to this, yellow-brown dust churned endlessly on the ground, creating a vortex that resembled the formation of a loophole.

“This Tai Bai Yun Sheng has deep foundation and accumulation, his human qi is so majestic, actually attracting so much heaven and earth qi! This scene is actually more spectacular than when my tribe’s supreme elder advanced.” Ye Lui Sang was endlessly shocked.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng had an immortal inheritance and roamed northern plains his whole life, gaining extremely rich experience. By now, he had almost run the course of his entire life, thus his accumulation was incomparably deep.

The two giant vortexes covered miles of range.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng gazed up and saw the majestic and fierce vortex which looked like a giant beast opening its mouth.

In comparison, Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s body was small, like a tiny insect near a pond.

But Tai Bai Yun Sheng still kept on laughing maniacally.

“Come, come!” He shouted, his body shook with fear and excitement, but also relief. Even if he failed, he would at least be freed from this nightmare.

Seemingly hearing his shout, the brewing vortex began to slowly rotate.

In the sky and on the ground, two giant vortexes rotated like a millstone.

Lightning flashed in the dark and cloudy vortex in the sky, with the thunder rumbling repeatedly. On the ground, the dusty vortex caused purple smoke to ascend with violent explosive sounds.

Like grinding stone, the dark and cloudy millstone sprinkled down a clear and bright aura. While from the dusty one below, rose a golden aura.

They were heaven qi and earth qi!

Heaven qi was clear and moved freely; earth qi was profound and dense.

And Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s body released a white human qi.

This human qi was extremely dense and like a cocoon, it formed a large sphere that tightly covered Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Heaven qi was raining down while earth qi was bubbling up, both intertwined in the air with human qi.

Heaven, earth and human, the three qi converged together and began fusing.

“First step is breaking the aperture, the second step is taking in the qi.” Hei Lou Lan mumbled.

“Breaking the aperture is a point of no return, the only possibility of survival is in success and failure means certain doom. And taking in qi tests the nature of the Gu Master and their ability to control it. This step is extremely crucial and is like walking between cliffs on a tightrope. If the balance is even a little off such that the human qi is slightly in excess, it will lead to self-detonation! If heaven qi is slightly more, the Gu Master will dissolve into the sky! If earth qi is slightly more dense, the Gu Master will turn into a fossil and suffocate to death! Difficult, truly hard, truly difficult!” Ye Lui Sang lamented while shaking his head, even as a spectator, his heart shook at this sight.

One can only move forward when they begin the advancement to a Gu Immortal, there is no going back. The danger is extremely high, thus many rank five peak stage Gu Masters, even if they knew the method to advance to a Gu Immortal, would not choose to take the risk unless as a last resort.

The expert observes the process while the layman simply enjoys the show.

Most people only watched the sight while bustling with noise and excitement.

But the few expert Gu Masters who knew the inside details were dripping with sweat, their hearts palpating with fear from the sight.

Fang Yuan was the one with the most experience regarding this.

The process of charging to Gu Immortal realm and becoming a blood path Gu Immortal in his previous life had left behind an extremely deep impression on him.

“This second step is extremely difficult, it not only tests the Gu Master’s ability to control the balance, what it tests even more than that is the Gu Master’s nature.” He inwardly sighed.

Heaven qi and earth qi attacked the body, and the three qi converged; this was the process of a mortal blending with heaven and earth.

An ordinary person would never have such a moment where they are this intimately close to heaven and earth.

Heaven and earth were the cornerstones to nurture all living beings, the resonance between heaven qi and earth qi would fill the Gu Master’s mind with the wonders of the Great Dao.

Experiencing the Great Dao was an extremely rare opportunity and the Gu Master could easily lose themselves in it, not being able to extricate themselves. This could very easily lead to an imbalance between the three qi.

Even more crucially —

The higher the amount of heaven qi and earth qi taken in, the higher the chance of advancing to a Gu Immortal. At this crucial time, the Gu Master would often get greedy and take in too much heaven qi and earth qi, leading to an imbalance between the three qi and perishing.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng did not disappoint Fang Yuan, he persevered and stabilized the situation, controlling the three qi perfectly and progressing slowly.

“This Tai Bai Yun Sheng probably received an expert’s guidance!”

“Tai Bai Yun Sheng actually accomplished it, the second step could not stump him at all. This man really is not simple...”

“We need to keep on watching. Being able to do it now does not mean he can maintain the state until the end.”

Hei Lou Lan and Ye Lui Sang were feeling bewildered.

Rumble!

Right at this time, a change occurred.

As the aurora in the sky shook, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building experienced intense tremors. As its cornerstone, the sacred palace started shaking as well, dust rose and many beautiful courtyards collapsed.

“What is going on?”

“Eighty-Eight True Yang Building!”

Everyone shifted their gazes in shock.

“Hmph, it is here.” Fang Yuan sneered, but was well aware of this.

Inside the True Yang Building, the land spirit was furious!

Tai Bai Yun Sheng advancing to a Gu Immortal meant he was taking in heaven qi and earth qi. But this world was not the outside world of northern plains, but was Imperial Court blessed land, a small world of its own.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was using up this small world's heaven qi and earth qi which was akin to weakening Imperial Court blessed land and was basically extracting the source of the land spirit's strength.

Could the land spirit not be angry?

It had been imprisoned for countless years and now finally had the hope of obtaining freedom.

Although it was formed from an obsession and did not know how to tell lies, but it had intelligence and understood the strategy of concealing itself.

The land spirit had originally planned to restrain itself, fearing Giant Sun's will. It would wait till Gruel Mud had corroded the shackles on it to a certain degree before it broke out in one violent move.

But now that Tai Bai Yun Sheng was charging into Gu Immortal realm, he was not only extracting the strength of the land spirit, but was sure to awaken Giant Sun's will! The land spirit would then have all its hopes dashed.

Even more likely, it would be forcibly suppressed by Giant Sun's will again.

With no choice, it could only make a quick decision and take advantage of Giant Sun's will still being in hibernation at the moment, to resist and avoid giving Giant Sun's will time to be prepared!

Thus, everyone looked on as the True Yang Building shook, bringing destruction to the fish in the ponds as many structures in the sacred palace collapsed.

In the True Yang Building, the land spirit Frost Jade Peacock let out a loud cry.

Its attack was extremely effective as the green paste covering its body immediately melted until below its neck and five to six black chains on its body also broke!

"Huh?"

A light mumble, as if just waking up from a dream, echoed out from the depths of the True Yang Building.

"Who has such guts to awaken me from my slumber?" From the infinite and eerie darkness, a giant will resembling the sun slowly woke up.

It was originally only a small glimmer, but soon brightened up to the extent that it could pierce through ten layers of the underworld, sweeping past every corner of the True Yang Building.

Fang Yuan's will that had refined the guest halt stele simply could not defend itself and was immediately wiped out. The glass owner token he held also started becoming boiling hot!

Chapter 607: Ambushing Giant Sun's will

A will blazing like the sun passed through the glass owner token and attacked Fang Yuan's mind.

The will was like a golden flood as it rampaged directly into Fang Yuan's brain!

Will was formed from large numbers of specific thoughts, if Giant Sun's will was allowed to erode his mind, Fang Yuan could very likely turn into a demented amnesiac.

"This is bad! Quickly throw away that damned owner token!!" Mo Yao's will appeared in his mind, and screamed.

She was the will of a Gu Immortal who had reached rank seven before death; her background knowledge of will was much deeper than Fang Yuan's.

Her own gains and losses were linked to Fang Yuan, like two locusts tied with a thread.

The mind was a vital place, Fang Yuan would not want to start a battle in there.

"No need to worry." he sneered. He was already prepared so he was not concerned, soon activating the special will Gu.

The special will Gu received the primeval essence and directly flashed into Fang Yuan's mind, blocking the will of Giant Sun.

The golden-like will came to an abrupt stop, completely halted by special will Gu!

The special will Gu then burst out with a strong absorption force, devouring Giant Sun's will unceasingly. The small will swallowed the big will, as if an ant swallowing an elephant, but Giant Sun's will had no ability to resist.

"This is..." Mo Yao's will was stumped for a while before coming to a realization, "So Giant Sun's will was a special will!"

Wisdom path had developed for a long time since its start at the Remote Antiquity Era, continuing to this day.

Will was classified under wisdom path and naturally the contents regarding it were plentiful. Not only was will divided into many types, there were also all sorts of effects.

Back when Fang Yuan had just ventured into it, he had already bought many wisdom path Gu worms. For example, special will Gu, deliberate will Gu, play will Gu, keep will Gu and new will Gu which were specially used to condense special will, deliberate will, play will, keep will and new will.

These five types of will had their advantages and disadvantages, requiring the Gu Master themselves to choose the appropriate will according to the situation.

Among them, special will could be arranged in advance and automatically trigger under special conditions.

To explain this in a simple fashion, let's take a rat trap as an example. When a rat comes in contact with the trap (fulfilling the special condition), the rat trap will then activate, trapping the rat (the prior setup is triggered, activating the trap).

Giant Sun Immortal Venerable considered dangerous situations occurring in the future, and for the benefit of his descendants, he chose to use the most suitable special will Gu to create a will of himself and placed it in Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

As long as the danger reached a certain degree, the special condition would be fulfilled and the special will would trigger Giant Sun Immortal Venerable's prior setup. As for what the activation requirement of this prior setup was, outsiders did not know. Even Fang Yuan who had been reborn was not clear about it.

But from the video clips in his previous life, he knew Giant Sun's will was a special will.

Knowing this made it easier for Fang Yuan.

Giant Sun's will was an Immortal Venerable's will, but it must also follow the laws and Great Dao of the world. The will was condensed by a Gu worm, and similarly could be subdued by the corresponding Gu worm.

Thus, Giant Sun's special will was greatly restrained by special will Gu. Within Fang Yuan's mind, Giant Sun's will had yet to show its might before it was swallowed by Fang Yuan's special will Gu.

After swallowing this will of Giant Sun, special will Gu's belly immediately bulged like a fatty who had stuffed himself to the limit.

"Haha, what a great will." Fang Yuan praised it but was inwardly shocked, 'That was dangerous! Although it was restrained, it was after all an Immortal Venerable's will. Even if it was only a strand, it was really not easy to deal with!"

The glass owner token was a part of Eighty-Eight True Yang Building. Giant Sun's will attacked Fang Yuan through this owner token. But if the owner token was compared to a passage, this passage was way too small and could only allow a strand of Giant Sun's will to pass.

If the passage was just a bit bigger, the situation would be completely different.

This strand of will that special will Gu had eaten was simply negligible compared to the Giant Sun's will in True Yang Building.

Falling prey to Fang Yuan's small scheme, Giant Sun's will could not contain its anger: "Swindler, you dared profane my, Giant Sun's, honor! I will crush you to pieces!"

Rumble!

True Yang Building started shaking, giving off all kinds of lights which infused the sky, a peerless power seemed to manifest, shaking heaven and earth.

Even though Giant Sun Immortal Venerable had already died and was unable to mobilize Eighty-Eight True Yang Building using just his will, but within Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, Giant Sun Immortal Venerable had left behind a large amount of rank nine yellow apricot immortal essence!

Wild Gu could directly absorb the primeval essence in the air, but would lose this ability when they are refined and have to absorb the Gu Master's primeval essence.

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was an Immortal Gu House and was under the command of Giant Sun's will, it could activate by absorbing the immortal essence left behind by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable; it was extremely simple and easy, as if it was natural!

"Run!" Looking at Eighty-Eight True Yang Building about to show its power, Mo Yao's will anxiously warned Fang Yuan.

Fang Yuan was a despicable thief who had refined a part of True Yang Building, and now that Giant Sun's will had awakened, it classified him as an enemy.

Fang Yuan did not have Giant Sun's bloodline, this enmity was too big, Fang Yuan was directly marked down and an unprecedented killing intent was about to befall upon him!

"There's no hurry." Calamity was coming right for him, but Fang Yuan appeared indifferent and relaxed.

He tightly held the glass owner token.

This particular token was not simple!

It was a product created by expending an Immortal Gu using an owner token as the base. It was a crucial key for which central continent's Gu Immortals and several large forces had prepared with meticulous care over thousands of years.

"Still causing trouble after death, hmph, what era are we living in now!" Fang Yuan snorted and with no fear sent a thought through the glass owner token, launching an ambush.

True Yang Building shook intensely, the aurora that filled the sky instantly collapsed by over half. The phantom image that appeared when condensing the floors was like a candle in front of a great wind, as it collapsed and dissipated.

Everything came to an abrupt stop.

In True Yang Building, Giant Sun's will let out a frightening and furious howl as it was besieged and attacked by countless special will Gu.

These special will Gu were the preparation of central continent's Gu Immortals which had been accumulated for thousands of years, a trump card specially arranged to deal with Giant Sun's will.

Giant Sun's will's weakness was thoroughly targeted, like a sheep surrounded by a pack of wolves.

It had immediately wanted to activate Gu worms to massacre these special will Gu.

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was an Immortal Gu House, a solidified killer move formed from many Immortal Gu and mortal Gu. Naturally, it had methods to clean up the enemies.

But central continent's Gu Immortals had researched deeply and already calculated this.

Coordinating with special will Gu's attack were other shocking methods, actually sealing all of the yellow apricot immortal essence Giant Sun Immortal Venerable left behind.

True Yang Building was not able to move without the immortal essence and immediately stopped all actions. Even though Giant Sun's will was seething with rage, it did not have any method to instantly resolve this, thus landing in a predicament.

True Yang Building sank into deathly stillness as Fang Yuan put his mind at rest.

In his previous life, central continent's Gu Immortals relied on this method to slay Giant Sun's will and destroy Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

"A pity I am still a mortal and not a Gu Immortal, there is no way for me to reap profits from this." Fang Yuan felt a slight regret.

This was Giant Sun's will, even at its weakest moment, it was not something he could meddle with.

In truth, even if he advanced into a Gu Immortal, with just one Gu Immortal's battle strength, the result would not be good. When the central continent Gu Immortals attacked Imperial Court blessed land, they had altogether eleven Gu Immortals, each of them an elite expert, but even then only three were able to return in triumph.

However, the sacrifices were worth it as they received rich battle spoils.

True Yang Building was a spiritual symbol of northern plains and when it was suddenly destroyed, the whole of northern plains suffered heavy impact, their morale fell to the abyss and they were forced into retreat continually in battles. If not for the Gu Immortal Ma Hong Yun who repeatedly playing a vital role as a pillar during the most crucial times, northern plains would have already been annexed by central continent.

As for the current Fang Yuan, he was safe for at least a period of time.

"What happened to True Yang Building just now?"

"Could it be the influence of Tai Bai Yun Sheng advancing to a Gu Immortal was too big and even Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was affected?"

"Imperial Court blessed land prohibits the entry of Gu Immortals, advancing to a Gu Immortal here like Tai Bai Yun Sheng is an extremely rare event. Does this violate the arrangements made by old ancestor Giant Sun back then?"

True Yang Building's abnormal changes caused this crowd of people who did not know the truth to be bewildered and start making guesses.

True Yang Building fell into a deathly stillness and did not show any movement for the moment. Soon, everyone's gazes were attracted towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng again.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was floating in between the sky and the ground, continually taking in heaven qi and earth qi, combining them with his own human qi.

The balanced three qi were pouring into the space where his aperture had once been.

An extremely mysterious transformation was happening to his body.

Whether it was his physical body or soul, they were both being tempered by heaven and earth qi. The essence of his life itself was elevating to a higher level.

There were three steps in advancing to a Gu Immortal; the first was breaking the aperture, the second was taking in the qi.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng had an intact Gu Immortal inheritance and thus had a clear understanding of the key concerns in the process. So far, he was able to stabilize with no major hindrances.

But how could advancing to a Gu Immortal only have these obstacles?

Compared to the majestic heaven qi and the vast earth qi, human qi originated from only Tai Bai Yun Sheng himself.

Thus, there were endless amounts of heaven qi and earth qi, but human qi was limited in quantity.

The three qi needed to be in balance, there was no way to take in the surplus heaven qi and earth qi, so they were excluded and left to the side.

As time passed, these heaven and earth qi accumulated in the sky and on the ground, gathering and condensing, the sheer quantity causing a qualitative change.

“Tai Bai Yun Sheng had too deep of an accumulation, he was able to draw in so much heaven and earth qi. Now the extra heaven and earth qi are condensing into calamity and tribulation!” Ye Lui Sang’s eyes flashed with burning light.

The deeper the accumulation of the Gu Master, the greater the difficulty in advancing to a Gu Immortal. But if they succeeded, their potential future accomplishment would be that much higher.

The risk and profits in this were directly proportional.

Hei Lou Lan watched on tightly without saying a word, putting all his effort in observing and gaining reference.

Heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities, how did they form?

The scene in front of them was displaying the whole process before everyone’s eyes.

Golden earth qi continued to become denser and the turbid qi condensed into shape, gradually forming a one-horned great tiger. And the green heaven qi condensed into countless giant green willow leaves. Every willow leaf was the size of a boat.

The one-horned great tiger was as large as a hill; it raised its head while crouching down, taking a jumping posture.

The green willow leaves swayed as they spread in the sky, ready to strike.

“This is the earthly calamity lofty tiger and the heavenly tribulation willow wind!” Fang Yuan’s gaze flashed with a sharp light.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng stopped his crazed laughter, a grave expression filling his face.

The crowd who were so far from all this could feel the endless power of the earthly calamity and the heavenly tribulation, then what about Tai Bai Yun Sheng who was at the center of this, the target of the earthly calamity and the heavenly tribulation?

The spectating crowd was silent, the atmosphere turning heavy.

Imperial Court land spirit, however, laughed loudly: "The opportunity to break free from my captivity has appeared!"

Chapter 608: Giant Sun's retaliation

Inside True Yang Building.

The land spirit was using all of its strength to attack the seal on it.

Bang bang bang!

Three soft explosive sounds could be heard consecutively, as three black chains binding it were broken.

The green paste on it had thoroughly melted from its neck and even to the tips of its two wings, revealing the bright and lively feathers.

"Little sparrow, you dare!" Giant Sun's will was bursting with fury.

"Giant Sun, despite being dead, you actually still imprisoned me for hundreds of thousands of years. Today, I will definitely break out of your damn cage!" Frost Jade Peacock let out a shrill scream, similarly furious.

Trapped for so many years, unable to even budge, the suffocation and indignance from being in captivity turned into the strength needed to break its seal.

Giant Sun's will gave a deep shout, the sun like will suddenly flared up, rushing in all directions like a majestic golden flood.

Ten thousand special will Gu were already surrounding him in layers after layers. They were like a dam blocking the flood, which was Giant Sun's will.

Giant Sun's special will was completely restrained by the special will Gu. The whole dam held tight without any cracks, but the situation only lasted for a few breaths of time; the special will Gu had already been swallowing Giant Sun's special will to the limit and started to burst one by one.

Several breaths later, the 'dam' formed by the special will Gu trembled, broke down and shattered apart!

Giant Sun's special will might have been subdued but the size of it was extremely large, having originated from Giant Sun Immortal Venerable. Even after the wear and tear of over hundreds of thousands of years, this was still not something ten thousand special will Gu could suppress.

Restraint was relative.

Water could extinguish fire, but if the fire was fierce enough, it could directly evaporate the water pouring on it.

Giant Sun's will that was like a sun was extremely grand and large, although there was a lot of consumption when he attacked special will Gu, it was still able to destroy the ten thousand special will Gu in the end.

Without the besiegement of special will Gu, Giant Sun's will was like a tied up prisoner who had broken out of the shackles, and immediately tried to control True Yang Building.

But the next moment, a full fifty thousand special will Gu rushed out and gathered again, forming a new encirclement!

Central continent's Gu Immortals had researched very deeply and would never underestimate Giant Sun's will, thus they had made sufficient preparations. Special will Gu was not an Immortal Gu, its quantity could be piled up.

Giant Sun's will who had just obtained freedom was again sealed off, letting out a furious roar.

He started attacking again, his momentum as vast as a rapidly flowing river, breaking apart the encirclement of special will Gu.

But soon, the third wave of special will Gu surrounded it. The quantity was even more this time, reaching over a hundred thousand!

Central continent's Gu Immortals had spent thousands of years for this; several great super forces had joined hands making large purchases, refining Gu non-stop, and spending an astronomical amount of Gu refinement resources.

They had paid such an astonishing price and now they were all being used by Fang Yuan, displaying extraordinary effects.

Being trapped once again, Giant Sun's will did not shout or roar.

Giant Sun's will was the will of an Immortal Venerable and knew how to think.

When he realized he had fallen into a scheme and the enemy side had made sufficient preparations, he became calm again.

He began to think and soon discovered a flaw in the encirclement!

Although Giant Sun's will was surrounded tightly in all directions by special will Gu with no area neglected, this did not signify there was no flaw in this encirclement.

These special will Gu were refined by Gu Immortals and refined Gu worms were unable to directly absorb the primeval essence from their surroundings, and there was no supply of primeval essence for them in here.

Then, where did the primeval essence used to activate these special will Gu come from?

There were so many special will Gu, and there could even be more, their primeval essence requirement would be gigantic. Giant Sun's will slightly thought over it and realized — what these special will Gu absorbed was not primeval essence but immortal essence!

A bead of the lowest grade rank six green grape immortal essence could convert to what was practically an almost unlimited amount of primeval essence!

Immortal essence was the source of fuel for these special will Gu.

And these immortal essence were concealed very well; clearly, there were other supporting Gu worms coordinating with special will Gu to form an enormous and hidden Gu formation.

“So long as I break their connection with the immortal essence, these special will Gu would not be of much threat.” Giant Sun's will soon thought of this method.

However, to break the connection between the special will Gu and the immortal essence, he had to fully grasp this Gu formation first.

Just like how central continent Gu Immortals sealed all the yellow apricot immortal essence left behind by Giant Sun Immortal Venerable to suppress Eighty-Eight True Yang Building, Giant Sun's will also had a similar idea.

On the spot, Giant Sun's will thought rapidly and soon found over ten clues.

Following these clues and making deductions, the vague structure of the Gu formation began to gradually become clearer.

The land spirit naturally would not sit and wait for its death.

When it had sensed Giant Sun's will being suppressed, it mustered all its strength to break the seals on it.

Gruel Mud had terrifying effectiveness against these seals; the green paste on its body was full of cracks and the edges were rapidly melting down. The black shackles on its wings once again consecutively collapsed and four broke apart.

The land spirit, Frost Jade Peacock, gave a shrill cry, its whole body shook intensely, shaking away most of the green paste on its two wings, shortly afterwards it impatiently unfolded them.

Cold aura permeated out from all over its spotlessly white body as it raised its head high, appearing noble and beautiful. But it had yet to completely unfold its large wings when they were tightly pulled in by the black chains.

Its movement came to a sudden stop, the intense pain making it even more furious.

Although there were only three chains left, they still tightly shackled its freedom.

“Break them!” Frost Jade Peacock suddenly turned around its elegant neck, its sharp brows flickering with terrifying cold light.

“Damn it!” Giant Sun's will who had been thinking intensely, could not help but stop his thoughts as he sensed this situation.

If the land spirit broke his control, then Eighty-Eight True Yang Building could be thrown out from Imperial Court blessed land at any time.

Without Imperial Court blessed land's protection, countless Gu Immortals would start rushing over to loot True Yang Building.

At that time, it would be the case of an army of ants devouring an elephant; even more yellow apricot immortal essence would not be able to stop the consumption from the dauntless advance of countless Gu Immortals.

But Giant Sun's will was powerless to stop the land spirit at this moment.

He had been making several probing attacks while thinking at the same time, and although there were some results and he was able to recover some methods, they were still very limited and were not enough to suppress the situation.

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At this moment, outside the True Yang Building....

Roar!

Lofty tiger roared and jumped.

The world trembled as the hill sized lofty tiger jumped into the air. Its enormous and malevolent tiger claws slammed towards the insignificant insect-like Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng gave a light shout as he dodged quickly!

The tiger claws could not strike him, but the huge wind force from it was still able to make Tai Bai Yun Sheng feel uncomfortable.

At the same time, the willow winds in the sky fluttered down.

These willow winds were as large as a canoe, and their descent was graceful, resembling falling leaves. But the movement that felt slow was actually fast, and the destructive power contained within them was terrifying.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was bathed with blood, paying close attention to the movements of the willow winds. Previously, he had carelessly come into contact with three willow winds, but just that had already destroyed all the defensive Gu on him.

Right now, when he saw the willow winds falling down, he quickly evaded them.

From the earth, the malevolent tiger pounced up; while from the sky, the willow winds fluttered down one after another. Tai Bai Yun Sheng was already finding it difficult to continue after a while, he was in a sorry state and was facing the danger of losing his life.

"Sigh, it bodes ill for Tai Bai Yun Sheng!"

"His accumulation is very robust, but he has not made sufficient preparations to advance to Gu Immortal."

“Lord Tai Bai Yun Sheng, you can do it!”

Even Fang Yuan could not help but feel nervous at this scene: “Is Tai Bai Yun Sheng going to fail in advancing to a Gu Immortal in this life?”

He suddenly had a thought and disregarding the backlash, forcibly activated luck inspection Gu. But the luck on Tai Bai Yun Sheng was still burning and raging like boiling water, and was still blooming.

But the next moment, a quarter of this flaming luck had suddenly dissipated!

“What’s going on?” It was the first time Fang Yuan was seeing such a change in luck.

And right at this time, a light pillar suddenly erupted from True Yang Building.

The light pillar that was as thick as an ancient tree, charged straight to the sky.

The willow winds were pierced through by this light pillar, immediately crumbling apart and turning back into clear heaven qi, pure and warm.

The light pillar swept through repeatedly, shattering most of the willow winds in the sky, before shooting towards the lofty tiger. The lofty tiger dodged while howling in grief, but the light pillar followed it like a shadow, impossible to avoid!

The earthly calamity lofty tiger continued to decrease in size the more the light pillar touched it, till it vanished into thin air!

“What’s going on?” Everyone was shocked.

“Eighty-Eight True Yang Building has made a move! Old ancestor protected lord Tai Bai Yun Sheng!!” Many people cheered.

But there were also some who scoffed: “Nonsense, Tai Bai Yun Sheng does not have Giant Sun’s bloodline, why would old ancestor protect him?”

“This! Could it be the workings of the rumored divert disaster Gu?” Ye Lui Sang was endlessly shocked.

Hei Lou Lan was even more excited: “The luck path’s divert disaster Gu can divert heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities, greatly reducing their might, even directly obliterating them! If I can obtain this Immortal Gu...”

Divert disaster Gu was one of the cornerstones of Eighty-Eight True Yang Building. It was also one of the limited methods Giant Sun’s will could mobilize currently.

Giant Sun’s will’s actions did not stop at this.

He had forcibly extracted a trace of yellow apricot immortal essence by rampaging multiple times. After activating divert disaster Gu, Giant Sun’s will mobilized the human qi Immortal Gu in true inheritance secluded domain.

Right under Fang Yuan’s sight, Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s burning luck aura suddenly decreased by another quarter.

Human qi Immortal Gu was activated which similarly let out a ray of white light.

This white light, however, directly shone on Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Human qi Immortal Gu could increase the Gu Master's human qi, raising their future potential after advancing to a Gu Immortal. When Tai Bai Yun Sheng obtained its help, the human qi on him instantly inflated by ten times!

With the increase in human qi, he naturally needed even more heaven qi and earth qi.

However, heaven qi and earth qi were drawn out of Imperial Court blessed land.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng laughed heartily, True Yang Building's help had been out of his expectations, but he still quickly accepted it and absorbed large amounts of heaven qi and earth qi, merging the three elements into one; not only averting danger, his potential had also greatly increased, and his future prospects had turned much better!

The land spirit Frost Jade Peacock gave a shrill, furious cry.

Heaven qi and earth qi were extracted in large amounts, causing an intense feeling of weakness to fill its body.

"Little sparrow, you are still too green." Giant Sun's will snorted, he had used all the immortal essence he was able to extract on the most crucial area, acquiring the greatest results, greatly relieving the dangerous situation.

Giant Sun's will was after all a will that originated from an Immortal Venerable, its wisdom was extremely high.

The situation had turned around quickly now and it was advantageous to Giant Sun's will.

The weakening of the land spirit gave Giant Sun's will plenty of time to grasp the Gu formation of the special will Gu surrounding him. Once Giant Sun's will breaks apart this encirclement, he would regain control of the situation, and it would be extremely easy for him to undo the seal on the immortal essence then.

As long as the seal on the immortal essence was broken, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building would be able to display the supreme might of a rank eight Gu House in all its glory!

"This is bad, I still underestimated an Immortal Venerable's will. I have less than half the expected time left." Fang Yuan was able to understand the situation in True Yang Building through the glass owner token.

His heart sank: "Now, I can only put my hopes in Tai Bai Yun Sheng. Hopefully, he can quickly become a Gu Immortal and refine landscape as before Gu..."

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Chapter 609: Better to die than not be free

At the center of the scene, the three qi were fusing.

With the help of Giant Sun's will, the thick qi flows had almost formed a cocoon around Tai Bai Yun Sheng!

All his injuries were long gone without any trace, his body, soul and consciousness were all being refined to a higher level.

He looked back on his life, the scenes of the past quickly flashing through his mind.

The mysteries of the Great Dao circulated in his mind, inspirations came to him without pause, he was obtaining perfect solutions for the difficult problems in cultivation that had restrained him in the past.

At this moment, heaven and earth were like selfless teachers, imparting all their knowledge to Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

However, the mysteries of heaven and earth were too vast and profound, the more Tai Bai Yun Sheng knew, the more he realized his minuteness.

He had no choice but to focus on his time path, refining and developing his knowledge.

His understanding towards time path reached the peak of his lifetime!

Inspiration from nature!

Man is the spirit of all living beings, Gu is the essence of heaven and earth. Gu Masters used Gu, refined Gu and raised Gu; this was actually an unending process of learning, exploring and studying the world.

In the process of advancing to a Gu Immortal, a Gu Master need not use Gu worms to indirectly understand the world, instead it was a direct interaction with heaven and earth.

This was probably the only chance in one's whole life before becoming a Gu Immortal to have such a precious opportunity.

Rank five peak stage was the finishing line of mortal Gu Masters. But rank six Gu Immortals were beyond mortal, becoming a Gu Immortal was only a new starting point.

At this crucial starting point, every Gu Immortal's future achievements would be different depending on the potential they accumulated.

"Such a beautiful experience, but my human qi is not sufficient..." Tai Bai Yun Sheng wished to continue immersing himself in this feeling but could not do so, a regretful expression appearing on his face.

His human qi was already nearly exhausted, and this was after obtaining the help of human qi Immortal Gu, otherwise the time would have been even shorter.

The qi cocoon dispersed and Tai Bai Yun Sheng's silhouette was revealed again.

The three qi had merged and shrunk down to a mass of tri-colored primordial qi, condensed into where Tai Bai Yun Sheng's aperture had originally been.

This step signified the completion of the second step in advancing to a Gu Immortal, receiving qi.

Next was the final step of becoming a Gu Immortal — releasing Gu!

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was being extremely serious, as he took out river as before, mountain as before and man as before Gu.

These three Gu were his core Gu worms and he was exceedingly familiar with them. Moreover, man as before Gu was even his vital Gu.

“Finally, the most crucial moment...” Tai Bai Yun Sheng first sent his vital Gu to the mass of tri-colored primordial qi in his body.

BOOM!

All of a sudden, a mystical sound like that of thunder storm echoed in Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s ears, causing his whole body to intensely shake.

The tri-colored mass of qi was originally merged together and constantly flowing in circulation. But after Man As Before intruded in, it was like it had ignited an explosive; the primordial qi mass immediately exploded loudly.

There can be no creation without destruction, in death there is new life!

This moment was when a mortal could ascend to a Gu Immortal!

The explosive sound was truly mystical, exploding out the marvels of life, exploding out a whole new world!

The mortal aperture was broken, an immortal aperture was being formed!

The immortal aperture was like a small world; the sky was azure like crystals and the ground was a desolate wilderness filled with yellow stones.

It was like a newborn baby and intensely demanded nourishment, erupting at the outside world with an extremely strong force of suction and absorption.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh....

Heaven qi and earth qi madly poured into Tai Bai Yun Sheng, flowing non-stop into the immortal aperture.

In the immortal aperture, the ground quickly expanded; two thirds of a thousand square kilometres, four thirds of a thousand, two thousand square kilometres...

And time flow also rose from the one to one ratio to one to ten, one to twenty....

The immortal aperture was gradually starting to become unstable from the mad flow of qi.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng then sent in River As Before and Mountain As Before, stabilizing the situation.

The immortal aperture was expanding continually, and a tributary of the river of time flowed in the darkness, causing the time flow to increase steadily.

Time passed, Tai Bai Yun Sheng kept on placing Gu worms to maintain the stability of the immortal aperture.

Three and one third thousand square kilometres, four thousand, four and two thirds of a thousand!

One to thirty, one to thirty-one, one to thirty-two, one to thirty three!

The immortal aperture had reached its extreme at this point, as if it had drunk and eaten to its fill, abruptly stopping its growth.

But the clear heaven qi was still pouring in from the sky, and golden earth qi was still surging up from the ground.

At this moment, the immortal aperture absorbed heaven qi and earth qi much slower than before. At first, it was drinking in big gulps, while now it was taking slow sips.

Heaven and earth qi converged into the immortal aperture, green and golden mists and clouds filled the whole immortal aperture.

The dense qi flow was brewing beads of immortal essence within.

They were precisely the green grape immortal essence of a rank six Gu Immortal, thirty six of them in total.

The tribulation clouds in the sky and the calamity dust in the ground, began to gradually dissipate.

The mist like heaven qi and earth qi in the immortal aperture, however, had yet to dissipate.

They condensed around Man As Before, River As Before, Mountain As Before and other Gu worms, causing a dense qi cocoon to form over these Gu worms.

The two qi mixed; heaven and earth interacted.

Within the qi cocoons, each Gu worm was beginning to ferment mysterious changes.

“It is time.” A Gu recipe flashed in Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s mind.

This Gu recipe was only a theoretical Gu recipe of an Immortal Gu, it was from the old beggar’s Gu Immortal inheritance.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng could not guarantee whether this theoretical Gu recipe could succeed.

But he no longer had another option.

His lifespan was near its end, about to exhaust completely. After advancing to a Gu Immortal, his senses reached a whole new level, especially the sense regarding time had heightened the most, it was precise to within a single breath.

This novel sensation did not put him in a cheerful mood for long before he fell into silence, feeling oppressed and even afraid.

Because he could sense that the time he had was truly not much, just like a small puddle under strong sunshine, with his lifespan being the thin layer of water left in the puddle.

He had planned to get lifespan Gu but it failed because of Fang Yuan’s secret manipulations. The bloody road he had experienced in reaching the great hall even became a knot in his heart.

Now, his only hope was in man as before Gu.

According to what the theoretical Gu recipe showed, when man as before Gu was advanced to rank six, it could be used on oneself.

“Refine!” Tai Bai Yun Sheng gave a soft shout, countless thoughts emerging in his mind.

These thoughts formed the theoretical Gu recipe which directly poured into the immortal aperture and then into the thick cocoon covering the man as before Gu.

These heaven and earth qi were the source of all living beings. As the two interacted, they evolved into all things in heaven and earth.

These two qi were the origin of all living beings and could replace any Gu refinement materials.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s thoughts were like keys that directed the heaven and earth qi in the proper direction.

The thoughts entered the cocoon and immediately brought upon a violent change.

Although it could not be compared to the explosion of the three qi in the first step of releasing Gu, its effect was not small either.

The qi cocoon erupted with devouring force, swallowing the remaining heaven and earth qi in the immortal aperture without pause.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh....

The qi flow surged non-stop, forming a screaming gale.

Man as before Gu turned into the eye of the storm, large amounts of heaven and earth qi poured into it, turning into Gu refinement resources.

“This it it, this is it....” Tai Bai Yun Sheng mumbled softly in the air, his tone carried gratification and also expectation.

After so much effort and risk, he was now finally seeing the hope of success.

Although the process had been filled with inconceivable events.

If True Yang Building had not made a move, Tai Bai Yun Sheng was sure to fall in the second step.

As he thought of this, he glanced at the True Yang Building.

He was not of Giant Sun’s bloodline, but True Yang Building had actually helped him; this was a fact.

“Did Giant Sun’s will wake up?” Tai Bai Yun Sheng inwardly guessed. He had a Gu Immortal inheritance, his experience and knowledge were not lacking compared to people like Hei Lou Lan and Ye Lui Sang.

“Giant Sun Immortal Venerable prohibits the entry of Gu Immortals, I have already violated this taboo by advancing into a Gu Immortal here. So, why would Giant Sun’s will still help me?” Tai Bai Yun Sheng was puzzled.

Even with his plentiful experience, he could not anticipate the things occurring in the True Yang Building.

Within the True Yang Building, Frost Jade Peacock gave shrill cries, the green paste on its body kept on shaking and bouncing, the iron chains also shook, producing clanking sounds when they collided with each other.

The powers sealing it were melting down from the corrosion of Gruel Mud.

But Frost Jade Peacock showed no signs of joy, instead it was filled with fear and anxiety.

Giant sun's will, however, laughed brightly: "Little sparrow, your struggle is of no use."

Through Tai Bai Yun Sheng, Giant Sun's will was able to exploit some methods to ingeniously strike the Imperial Court land spirit, weakening its strength at its foundation.

Despite the powers binding Frost Jade Peacock weakening constantly, Giant Sun's will had already bought some time.

He had already seen through most of the special will Gu formation that had besieged him.

How could an Immortal Venerable's arrangement be so simple?

As long as Giant Sun's will was completely free, he naturally had large numbers of methods to choose from like metal path, water path, fire path and so on, to seal the land spirit again.

"I have slept for too long, but it doesn't matter. I will first put this disobedient land spirit in its place, then I shall completely eliminate the minute loopholes in True Yang Building; at that time, Eighty-Eight True Yang Building will once again be like an iron bucket, standing tall for hundreds of thousands of years longer!" Giant Sun's will's tone was deep and profound.

"I won't let you have your way even if I die!!!" After hearing 'standing tall for hundreds of thousands of years', all the hairs on Frost Jade Peacock stood on their ends.

A land spirit was formed from an obsession and the matter of recognizing the master was not a flexible one. Frost Jade Peacock was distinct in this even from other land spirits; it was incomparably proud and would not yield even a little.

But Frost Jade Peacock did not struggle anymore, instead it strangely lay down dispiritedly. However, its gaze was still sharp as a knife, filled with hatred completely.

Giant Sun's will was stupefied before suddenly realizing something as he shouted in rage: "Little sparrow, you dare to do this!"

Outside the True Yang Building.

"The tribulation clouds and calamity dust are gradually dispersing, has Lord Tai Bai Yun Sheng succeeded in advancing to a Gu Immortal?" Those who did not know the truth felt excited at this sight.

"I had never expected Tai Bai Yun Sheng to actually reach the third step! Looking at his appearance, the immortal aperture has already formed. I wonder what grade of blessed land he has formed?" Ye Lui Sang mumbled.

In advancing to a Gu Immortal, after passing the second step, the Gu Master could form an immortal aperture.

Immortal apertures of rank six and rank seven Gu Immortals were blessed lands; rank eight and rank nine Gu Immortal apertures were grotto-heavens!

“Blessed lands are divided into three grades, corresponding to large, medium, and small in size; the more heaven, earth and human qi are fused, the higher the grade of the blessed land. Small blessed lands have an area of up to two thousand square kilometres, they can draw in a small tributary of the river of time, and form over ten beads of immortal essence; there are few resources. Medium grade blessed lands can range from two and two thirds to four thousand square kilometres, they can draw in a slightly bigger tributary of the river of time, and form over twenty beads of immortal essence; they have plentiful resources. High grade blessed lands can range from four and two thirds to six thousand square kilometres, and draw in a large tributary of the river of time, the quantity of immortal essence formed surpasses thirty, and there will be plenty of heaven and earth qi remaining which can mutually interact and refine a mortal Gu into an Immortal Gu!”

Hei Lou Lan’s gaze was fixed directly ahead, the relevant information flashing in his mind.

His brows slightly furrowed, Tai Bai Yun Sheng was able to pass the second step with True Yang Building’s help, reaching the third step. And now, it looked like there was a great chance for him to succeed in becoming a Gu Immortal.

‘If Tai Bai Yun Sheng becomes a Gu Immortal, then what stance should I take, how should I treat him?’ Hei Lou Lan pondered over this issue.

‘If nothing unexpected happens, Tai Bai Yun Sheng will no doubt obtain a high grade blessed land. However, refining an Immortal Gu carries risk, forming calamities and tribulations in the immortal aperture.’ Fang Yuan’s gaze continuously flickered.

For a mortal to advance to a Gu Immortal, there naturally were special risks.

Gu Masters were like this, it applied to Gu worms too.

Humans took in heaven and earth qi, fusing with human qi, the fusion of the three qi would lead to heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities. Gu worms took in heaven and earth qi, and also would induce calamities and tribulations.

It was hard for outsiders to interfere in the calamities and tribulations within one’s own blessed land.

True Yang Building could influence Tai Bai Yun Sheng, but it could not influence the blessed land, the immortal aperture in his body.

In another words, Tai Bai Yun Sheng could only rely on himself.

“Huh?” Fang Yuan suddenly looked at the sky.

Regarding the sky of Imperial Court blessed land, in daytime, golden light glittered, while at night, warm silver radiance shone down.

But right now, pitch-black scars appeared in the golden sky from which specks of starlight shone down.

This was the night sky of the outside world of northern plains.

The whole of Imperial Court blessed land began to tremble.

Everyone started crying out in surprise and shock.

The tribulation clouds and calamity dust which had almost dissipated condensed again. Large amounts of heaven and earth qi poured into Tai Bai Yun Sheng's body non-stop, directly entering his immortal aperture like moths to a fire.

"What's going on?!" Hei Lou Lan was dumbstruck.

"What the hell happened!" Ye Lui Sang held his head, shouting involuntarily.

"Too much heaven and earth qi were absorbed from Imperial Court blessed land, its foundation was injured, thus it is revealing the outside world, in linking up with northern plains!" Fang Yuan's mind shook, his gaze moved from Tai Bai Yun Sheng to Eighty-Eight True Yang Building.

He had guessed the truth.

Frost Jade Peacock was actually so proud, it would rather die than be suppressed by Giant Sun's will any longer.

It lived up to its words!

Chapter 610: The key to victory and loss

When a Gu Master advances to an immortal, their aperture will transform into an immortal aperture.

The immortal aperture is a qualitative evolution of the aperture, it is like the creation of a whole new small world.

Rank six and seven Gu Immortal apertures were known as 'blessed lands'. Rank eight and nine Gu Immortal apertures were called 'grotto-heavens'.

If a Gu Immortal's lingering obsession was left behind when they died, it would combine with the heavenly power inside the immortal aperture and become the land spirit.

Every immortal aperture is unique, it is a part of the Gu Immortal's body. In some ways, even if a Gu Immortal dies, the land spirit and immortal aperture that they leave behind could still be considered a strange form of life extension for them.

Precisely because the land spirit is formed from obsession, it is rigid and not flexible.

In history, there were many such cases. For example, if a Gu Immortal forcefully takes down a blessed land, but did not meet the requirements to become the owner, the land spirit would reject them, in the end, the land spirit may directly self-detonate, causing the Gu Immortal's efforts to be for nothing.

Giant Sun's will forcefully sealed Imperial Court blessed land's Frost Jade Peacock, this had accumulated hundreds of thousands of years of anger in the latter. Now that he wanted to continue sealing it, Frost Jade Peacock's resolute heart was finally ignited.

"What is going on?"

“Lord Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s immortal ascension caused a loophole to form in the blessed land?”

“Imperial Court blessed land is currently being exposed to the outside world, this is unbelievable, this has never happened in the past!!”

“This is bad, I have a very bad feeling. Do you think the blessed land is going to be destroyed?”

In the blessed land, everyone was shouting in fear, they were panicking and their doubts were spreading.

In the sky, countless cracks were formed. The sky of the blessed land, which was silver and gold, had lots of cracks now, from these cracks, one could see the starry sky of northern plains.

Fang Yuan’s gaze was still calm as ever.

“Imperial Court blessed land would not self-destruct so easily.” He muttered in his heart, regarding this he was extremely confident.

In history, there were many cases of the land spirit suiciding, destroying the blessed land along with them, but that was not going to happen here.

This was Giant Sun Immortal Venerable’s arrangement, how could it be broken so easily? This was the hard work of a rank nine Gu Immortal, this set-up covered the entire region of northern plains!

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was the biggest obstacle.

“If this was in the past, how could the land spirit cause such trouble? Except that now, Giant Sun’s will had just awakened, he was caught off guard and had to waste time to resolve this mess. Meanwhile, the seal that imprisoned the land spirit had weakened drastically because of my gruel mud Immortal Gu, this allowed the land spirit to struggle so violently.”

In his analysis, Fang Yuan could not help but internally praise Giant Sun’s resolution and methods.

He had used the chess piece Tai Bai Yun Sheng, and with his limited methods, he managed to fight for precious time and allow the scales of victory to tilt towards himself.

“However, even though the land spirit cannot self-destruct, it could still do the most basic thing like absorbing its own heaven and earth qi.”

Thinking of this, Fang Yuan directed his gaze towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Above Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s head, the scattered tribulation cloud formed once again, and the calamity dust on the ground also started spreading.

Large amounts of heaven qi and earth qi gushed out, they were about to form a new heavenly tribulation and earthly calamity!

“This, what is going on? Why are there still heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities?! Wasn’t it over already?” Seeing this, Ye Lui Sang’s eyes were wide open in shock.

“This is different from what is in the records. There is something strange going on with Tai Bai Yun Sheng, why are there two heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities in a row?” Hei Lou Lan was very confused as well.

Even they had no idea, not to mention the others.

Looking at the imposing heavenly tribulation and earthly calamity forming once again, many people were lost for words as they felt very worried regarding Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s situation.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s expression was ashen.

“Why is there still a heavenly tribulation forming?! My inheritance did not state that this would happen!” He was shocked and furious.

Because not just on the outside, at the same time, the immortal aperture inside his body was also forming another heavenly tribulation and earthly calamity!

When a mortal Gu becomes an Immortal Gu, it is like a Gu Master becoming an immortal, it is a dangerous process to make a qualitative change that defied heaven. When Gu worms were refined into Immortal Gu, they would need to involve heaven and earth qi, this way, the corresponding heavenly tribulations and earthly calamities would form.

Being faced with trouble both internally and externally, Tai Bai Yun Sheng could neither advance nor retreat, he could not attend to one problem while neglecting the other, his situation was very worrying!

Fang Yuan used the gruel mud Immortal Gu to awaken the land spirit.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng’s immortal ascension became a crucial chess piece in the fight between the land spirit and Giant Sun’s will.

This immortal ascension had already gone out of his control.

Other than Fang Yuan, everyone else was kept in the dark, they were unaware of the truth.

Only Fang Yuan knew the land spirit’s intention!

In a race against time, the land spirit could not compete with Giant Sun’s will, thus it placed its attention on Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

The heaven qi and earth qi were extracted by sacrificing the land spirit’s own foundation. Its intention was to form the heavenly tribulation and earthly calamity that would destroy Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

What benefits would the land spirit gain from killing him?

This would involve the devouring of the immortal aperture.

Mortal apertures were not easy to devour and combine, but after ascending to immortal, the immortal aperture was a small world. Between worlds, they could be devoured and assimilated, there were great benefits to Gu Immortals.

On Tian Ti mountain back then, Fang Yuan discarded a portion of Hu Immortal blessed land's territory, which were quickly taken by the other Gu Immortals. Swallowing other immortal apertures and strengthening one's own immortal aperture, there was much to gain from this.

If the land spirit destroyed Tai Bai Yun Sheng, after he dies, his immortal aperture would remain. It would then be absorbed and assimilated by Imperial Court blessed land.

After devouring the aperture, the blessed land's foundation would rise, and the land spirit would become much stronger. This would be a great help for it to break through Giant Sun's seal.

In the sky, dark clouds were rumbling as lightning and thunder resounded.

Countless purple lightning bolts formed into balls of lightning.

On the ground, the calamity dust settled down, exposing the bare earth.

A crack formed on the ground, it was hundreds of meters wide, exposing red hot flames from within, it resembled a desolate beast opening its bloodthirsty mouth.

The flames rose up, forming many traces of restraining smoke as they gushed up.

"Chaotic lightning balls, restraining smoke!" Fang Yuan frowned slightly.

The chaotic lightning balls not only had great power, they could even ruin the Gu Master's mind and will, inducing a chaotic effect. Restraining smoke could seal away the environment, as long as the Gu Master was trapped within, they would lose their five senses, like falling into a maze or an abyss, they would not be able to get free.

Chaotic lightning balls were not fast, but together with the suppression from restraining smoke, they were perfect partners and could unleash the greatest effect!

Fang Yuan could not help but feel some worry.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng's failure was not what Fang Yuan wanted to see.

Holding the glass owner token in his hand, Fang Yuan tightened his grasp as his gaze turned dark: "Still too weak, too weak! With my current strength, I am very heavily affected by circumstances..."

Howl, howl, howl!

The chaotic lightning balls flew through the air, emitting a strange and shrill noise. They sounded like a woman screaming and crying at the same time, it was very painful to the ears.

At the same time, the restraining smoke was rumbling, surging towards Tai Bai Yun Sheng.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng's expression turned pale.

The chaotic lightning balls changed their directions randomly, sometimes they traveled right, sometimes left, it was hard to dodge them. Furthermore, there were traces of restraining smoke around him, like he was in the middle of an ancient forest.

"If I come into contact with the restraining smoke, I'll be finished! Oh no, the heavenly tribulation and earthly calamity in my immortal aperture is also forming, moreover I have already lost my defensive Gu!" Tai Bai Yun Sheng gritted his teeth, his gaze was shining with resolution.

Risk it!

His body gave off a shining light, using several movement Gu, his body flew into the air.

The intense wind blew this old man's hair towards the back, showing an unrestrained demeanour.

Shocked screams could be heard coming from the crowd.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng charged towards the tribulation cloud, above him, there were countless chaotic lightning balls, looking from afar, he was like a moth flying towards a fire.

"Is Tai Bai Yun Sheng seeking death?" Ye Lui Sang frowned deeply.

"Good!" Hei Lou Lan, however, gave high praise.

Fang Yuan's eyes also shone.

Restraining smoke might seem harmless without any attack power and could only trap enemies, but it held much greater threat than the chaotic lightning balls.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng understood the situation and made the best decision.

Only to see that after he charged into the thunder cloud, countless lightning balls shot down like fish swimming in water.

Bam bam bam...

The lightning balls continued to explode, but it did not affect Tai Bai Yun Sheng at all.

He flew left and right, trying to find a survival chance in the barrage of attacks, his movement speed was fast at times and slow at others, he had great control over the situation!

"Amazing! What level of flying attainment is this!"

"To think that Lord Tai Bai Yun Sheng is actually a flying master!!"

"He hid himself too deeply, I only found out now..."

Everyone was overjoyed to find out that Tai Bai Yun Sheng was a flying master!

"To think that Tai Bai Yun Sheng was skilled at using cloud path Gu worms." Ye Lui Sang praised, he was not very surprised at the display of flying.

Tai Bai Yun Sheng was a healing Gu Master, these years when he roamed northern plains, he had encountered many dangers. He had to have a secret ability in order to survive till now.

In truth, most healing Gu Masters were either skilled in defense or movement.

When these Gu Masters were nurtured, they were specially trained in this manner.

That was because in the battlefield, healing Gu Masters were usually the first to be targeted, many times they could not receive protection from their teammates. Thus, healing Gu Masters needed to have certain ways to protect themselves.

“As the number one healing Gu Master in northern plains, Tai Bai Yun Sheng is not skilled in defense, with his age, it is no wonder he has such flying attainment.” Hei Lou Lan thought about this and turned his head, looking at the sky far away.

There, Fang Yuan seated on the azure wolf king’s back, observing Tai Bai Yun Sheng closely.

Compared to Tai Bai Yun Sheng, Chang Shan Yin who was also a flying master was much younger.

“Little sparrow, you are really enjoying yourself.” In True Yang Building, Giant Sun’s will laughed instead of raging.

Eighty-Eight True Yang Building was shaking intensely, the aurora was wavering in the sky as a huge pillar of light shot out.

Immortal Gu — Divert Disaster!

The light of Divert Disaster shone around Tai Bai Yun Sheng, piercing through the lightning balls and restraining smoke.

“Old ancestor is really blessing Tai Bai Yun Sheng, he struck once again!” Amidst the shocked screams, there were jealous and envious people too.

“This is too weird, Tai Bai Yun Sheng is not part of Giant Sun’s bloodline, to think he could receive such blessings as well!” Someone was suspicious.

“As expected, he struck.” Fang Yuan sighed internally, Tai Bai Yun Sheng had already become a crucial factor in the contest between the land spirit and Giant Sun’s will, the land spirit wanted to harm him, while Giant Sun’s will wanted to protect him!