

## Villain 111

### Chapter 111: Attacking in Shame and Despair; Sword Slash as Payback!

**“Did your breakthrough to the Conferred Lord Realm inflate your ego?”**

**“Or could it be that you are itching for a beating after I didn’t bully you for a while? Ah! Gu Xian’er, could it be that you truly believe there’s any hope for you to get revenge on me after getting a good master?”**

Gu Changge squatted in front of her with a playful smile, and pinched Gu Xian'er pretty, little nose a bit harder.

Gu Xian'er, on the other hand, could only grit her teeth and glare at him with rage and unwillingness filling her eyes.

What did he mean by saying that her breakthrough had inflated her ego?

Why couldn't she get revenge on him after getting a great master?

She was sure that Gu Changge was making fun of her.

Gu Changge's actions maddened her.

Of course, the main reason behind her rage was still discouragement and unwillingness.

She had worked hard, and diligently cultivated atop a spiritual bluestone every single day — the morning dew was her breakfast, while the essence of the sun and the moon was what nourished her; she cultivated peerless Mystical Abilities in every moment, yet what did all that hardship bring about?

She only desired to take revenge on Gu Changge, and smash his hateful face on the ground to make him regret the endless pain he inflicted upon her.

Just now, she was full of confidence; she believed that now that she had broken through to the Conferred Lord Realm, few among her peers could rival her, and she finally had some hope.

After all, Gu Changge wasn't able to reach the same level as her back when he was the same age as her, so he shouldn't be able to look down on her anymore, right?

Gu Xian'er merely wanted to prove that she was stronger and more talented than Gu Changge, and then defeat him to write off the hatred that existed between them over what happened in the past.

What she didn't expect, however, was that Gu Changge could easily suppress her with a single palm even after she attacked him with her full strength.

His palm was simply too fast!

The result discouraged Gu Xian'er — she felt unwilling, depressed, resentful, and dejected. In short, she felt a mix of various feelings of discouragement.

She had merely wanted to defeat Gu Changge with her own strength, without relying on any treasures bestowed upon her by her masters.

Alas! The result was that Gu Changge could easily kill her if he so desired, and she didn't even have the ability to protect herself!

Gu Xian'er stared daggers at Gu Changge as she came upon this realization; it was as if she wished to stab innumerable holes through his body just from her glare.

'One must never lose in terms of momentum.'

This was what one of her masters ingrained deep in her mind.

**"Gu Changge, don't be so proud of yourself! You are stronger today because your Realm is above mine, but once my Realm catches up to yours, I will definitely repay you for today's humiliation."**

Gu Xian'er coldly spat those words at him.

**"But you must catch up to me for that."**

**"Do you really think you can kill me and get your revenge with your measly ability? Gu Xian'er, aren't you thinking too highly of yourself?"**

Gu Changge's cold and indifferent voice fell into Gu Xian'er's ears once more. He sounded like a god standing high above, who was looking down at her with contempt. His attitude stunned her, and she ground her teeth in soaring rage.

Alas! The palm that he condensed to suppress her was still pressing down on her, and that prevented her from moving in any way...adding to the humiliation was the fact that Gu Changge was tightly holding on to her nose!

This made her almost go crazy and lose her mind out of despair!

**"Gu Changge, don't you dare go too far! I will kill you!"**

Gu Xian'er growled at Gu Changge through gritted teeth, like a cat that had its tail stepped on.

**"I gave you the opportunity to kill me for your revenge, but you didn't cherish it; Gu Xian'er, you have disappointed me greatly with these words and actions."**

Gu Changge's showed a calm and carefree expression.

To Gu Xian'er, he looked like a cold Immortal from the ninth layer of Heaven without a trace of emotion.

Gu Xian'er's head buzzed because of his words, and she was stunned.

She disappointed him?

Why was he disappointed in her?

Shouldn't he be very happy that she couldn't beat him, and that he could easily suppress her?

What did Gu Changge mean by those words?

Did he help her get better cultivation conditions so she could kill him?

Gu Xian'er couldn't understand what went through his mind anymore, and kept looking at Gu Changge with dimmed eyes.

Gu Changge, on the other hand, didn't say anything anymore.

In his opinion, Gu Xian'er was just looking for a thrashing.

Since she had a cold and aloof personality, she should act like a cold and aloof person, too.

Alas! She loved to rush out and provoke him at every turn, so he couldn't help but desire to bully her.

What was wrong with her not cultivating by the Great Elder's side and quietly increasing her strength?

Wasn't that what everyone desired?

Instead of committing to honest cultivation, she kept on thinking about unrelated nonsense that she couldn't achieve with her little strength, and kept on increasing her hatred for him by pinning actions that he hadn't even done on him.

True, he was the one who had to bear responsibility for digging out her Dao Bone, but that was because the Original back then was dominated by his demonic nature — he didn't do it because that's what he desired from the bottom of his heart.

If the System had activated earlier and suppressed his demonic nature, then Gu Changge would have never dug out her Dao Bone.

After all, he had a better method to improve himself.

Gu Xian'er, on the other hand, was stupid and hell bent on avenging herself by trying to kill him.

Gu Changge not killing her outright was already a great kindness to her, yet she was still plotting on how to deal with him.

It's just that he didn't have time to pay attention to her recently, so he left her with the Great Elder so she could cultivate well, and even stimulated the Great Elder into teaching her more diligently.

Gu Changge had given her a great opportunity and favor, yet this naive lass was still dumb enough to focus on other matters.

Just what went through that little brain of hers to make her do something like this?

Was she feeling unwell because he ignored her for too long?

Was she feeling lonely?

Various thoughts flashed through Gu Changge's mind.

But well, since she took the initiative to deliver herself to his doorstep, there was no way he would let her walk back without a good lesson.

He had to teach her the vastness of the Heavens and the Earth!

If he didn't do that right now, then she would get carried away and start to cause trouble for him after every minor breakthrough.

**“I will let you off with a small punishment today, but if there’s a next time again, then I will throw you in a dungeon and suppress you down there for a good few years...”**

Gu Changge said with a calm expression.

**[Pa!]**

Right after that, a certain sound resounded in the surroundings.

Gu Xian’er was stunned and left in a momentary daze.

She couldn’t believe what he did, and then, her face turned crimson!

She was shocked and embarrassed — today was the first day someone dared to spank her after she grew up, and the one who did that was none other than Gu Changge, the person she hated the most!

**“Gu Changge...”**

Yue Mingkong, who was standing to the side, was also stunned by the scene in front of her.

Although Gu Changge’s attitude towards Gu Xian’er was a little strange, it was of course great that he had no killing intent towards her.

An elder brother teaching a lesson to a disobedient younger sister was alright, but he was surely going a bit too far by spanking her when she was already a grown up...

Still, since the one doing it was Gu Changge, spanking her couldn’t be considered excessive at all, and instead, it could be regarded as a minor punishment.

After all, Gu Changge not baring his fangs and ripping her throat apart was already a massive boon.  
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Fortunately, the three of them were the only ones present at the scene, so Gu Xian’er wouldn’t have to worry about the matter spreading outside.

**“Xian’er...”**

Yue Mingkong opened her mouth to persuade Gu Xian’er, but realized that Gu Xian’er had already lost her mind.

**“GU CHANGGE, I AM GOING TO KILL YOU! LET ME GO, I WILL FIGHT YOU TO DEATH TODAY...”**

Gu Xian’er gritted her teeth and roared at Gu Changge with a frosty expression.

Oh! How she desired to chop off Gu Changge’s hand.

Gu Changge, on the other hand, showed no change in his indifferent expression, and said, **“Want to avenge yourself and kill me? Then go and improve your skills before you come back; don’t make me look down on you any more.”**

Afterwards, he shook his head with a hint of regret and disappointment, and then stood up to return to his residence.

**[Hum!]**

Right then, a terrifying aura burst out of Gu Xian'er's body. Her frosty face turned as cold as the bottom of a glacier, and she took out a large, pitch-black broadsword that radiated a thick killing intent.

The pitch-black sword flew towards the sky, and countless terrifying visions spread in its surroundings. One could see mighty Emperors covered in deep, blood-oozing wounds, slaughtered Immortals, and a collapsing Universe.

The power contained in the sword was too terrifying!

It was like a sword of destruction which contained unmatched might that could obliterate the Heavens if unleashed.

**“What’s going on?”**

**“It’s scary! Just what is going on at the Supreme Peak? Isn’t that True Disciple Gu residence? Could someone be fighting there?”**

The sudden appearance of the murderous visions startled all the disciples of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, and they came out of their respective peaks and islands to watch the horrifying scene from afar.

Their souls trembled as the oppressive aura of the terrifying, pitch-black sword spread everywhere, and almost forced them to kneel.

That divine power radiated a might no worse than a Sacred Realm master's blow, and it could easily obliterate anything that came in its way!

Those who felt the brunt of the oppressive aura were none other than the disciples on the Supreme Peak, who felt terror overpower their reasoning, and felt stifled under the unbearable pressure that suddenly descended upon them.

Who could have thought that Gu Xian'er could come up with such a blow?

**“How can Gu Xian'er possess something that can bring out an aura that surpasses the Sacred Realm? If it wasn't for her lack of strength, I am afraid she would be able to bring about even more terrifying strength.”**

Many Elders appeared in the sky and watched the scene with a frown. Although they were old monsters, even they felt their hearts palpitate.

Gu Xian'er might be young, but her background was absolutely terrifying, so there was no wonder that the Elders treated her with some restraints.

They had dug around for Gu Xian'er's origins, and knew already that she was related to the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, but they weren't sure about the rest of her history. Now that they watched the terrifying, heaven-shattering sword light in the sky, their curiosity about her origin couldn't help but intensify.

**“Gu Changge and Gu Xian'er seem to have a deep grudge between them, but as a descendent of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, Gu Changge shouldn't have to worry too much about that sword light; still, I am sure that he will suffer a little, at least...”**

One of the Elders couldn't help but say this as he stared at the scene on the Supreme Peak.

**“That old monster’s sword intent...to think that he would give something like this to Gu Xian’er! Gu Changge, this brat, brought this upon himself, so he surely can’t blame this old man for what is about to befall him...”**

The Great Elder had already returned to calm, and showed an Immortal-like demeanor as he watched everything from inside the Void. He couldn't help but laugh a little and stroke his beard in joy as he watched the scene on the Supreme Peak.

After all, it wasn't every day that one got to see Gu Changge in a tough situation!

Seeing Gu Changge in a tough spot put the Great Elder at ease, and he felt as if he got to drink refreshing spring water on a blistering summer day!

In his opinion, even if Gu Changge didn't outright die today, he would still lose a layer of skin. After all, Gu Xian'er had already lost her reason and directly sacrificed the pitch-black sword to deal with him.

No matter how strong Gu Changge might be, or how many cards he might have up his sleeve, he will have to shed a layer of skin under her assault.

In the next moment, however, the Great Elder's expression froze and his brows wrinkled, as if he had seen a ghost or something — one had to know that there weren't many things in the world that could shock him, but today, he was definitely shocked by what he saw in front of him.

Gu Changge had yet to enter his palace when he noticed the pitch-black sword that Gu Xian'er brought out; he had long expected something similar, so his calm expression showed no change as he turned around and stared at the blade in her hands.

**“Xian'er, don't...”**

Yue Mingkong's complexion also changed, and she wanted to stop Gu Xian'er, but it was already too late.

After everything was said and done, Gu Changge had finally let Gu Xian'er off without killing her, but if Gu Xian'er didn't stop right now, then it would be equal to her tearing all face with Gu Changge.

Once that transpired, she wouldn't have a good end!

With Gu Xian'er's current ability, she had absolutely no chance of competing with Gu Changge if she really tore all face with him...unless she went back to hide in the Peach Village, or asked some of her masters to help her.

Yue Mingkong wasn't worried about Gu Changge.

She knew just how many cards Gu Changge had up his sleeve, so she couldn't imagine Gu Xian'er killing him with her current blow no matter how mighty and flashy it might appear to the outsiders.

She was worried about the situation taking a turn for the worse, and not ending well.

Gu Xian'er, on the other hand, felt regret as soon as she initiated her blow. Rage had thoroughly overtaken her mind just now, and she directly brought out the mighty sword that her Grand Master had given to her, to make mincemeat out of Gu Changge!

This wasn't in line with her desire to defeat Gu Changge in an open and fair match.

What's more? Gu Changge had only bullied her and taught her a lesson, he hadn't tried to kill her, so she was going overboard by doing what she did.

Alas! It was too late for her to stop now.

Gu Xian'er quickly withdrew most of her power from the pitch-black sword, but how could that completely stop it from cutting down her adversary?

The razor-sharp sword light alone could cleave through anything that stood in its path, be it mountains or seas!

**[Hum!]**

The Void trembled, and countless brilliant runes flew around and filled the sky.

**“Gu Changge, get out of the way...”**

Anxiety clawed at Gu Xian'er's heart, and she couldn't help but shout at Gu Changge to move out of her attack's path.

She was the one who shot at him, and she was also the one who wanted him to dodge her attack the most, and this sent her emotions in a turmoil — she never wanted to use such a method to triumph over Gu Changge.

Gu Changge, however, ignored her call and stood in front of his palace's entrance with a calm gaze that watched her sword slash descend upon him. He showed not a slight change in his expression as he let the sword slash at him without a shred of resistance.

His calm expression flustered Gu Xian'er even more.

**“This sword...I will consider it payback for your pain...”**

Gu Changge said with a faint voice.

After that, he quietly watched the knife descend upon his shoulder and cleave through the entire upper half of his body.

Immediately, he felt a terrible pain assault his mind as the blade tore open his body, but the calm expression on his face still showed no change — one couldn't even see a slight frown between his brows.

Soon, blood spurted everywhere, and a bright and mysterious light shone from one of the bones that seemed to contain the runes and aura of the Great Dao.

Under the assault of the blade, fine, thread-like cracks appeared on the bone with a faint clicking sound.

**“What...”**

Yue Mingkong was shocked when she saw the scene in front of her.

She couldn't believe her own eyes!

She never expected Gu Changge to take Gu Xian'er's attack without any act of retaliation.

With his ability, he could easily resist her attack if he so desired, after all!

### **Chapter 112: Ruthless Man; Making Full Use of the Opportunity!**

Why didn't Gu Changge dodge?

What the hell was he thinking?

What did he mean by saying that he would consider it payback for her pain?

Did he take her blade to make up for digging out her Dao Bone back then?

Yue Mingkong was stunned on her spot, and her head buzzed; she couldn't figure out what was going on anymore.

Seeing the blade cut through Gu Changge's body left her in a momentary daze, and then she felt her heart tighten as if someone had clutched onto it.

She hated Gu Changge, hated his indifferent and cruel personality, but even then, she couldn't bear to watch him suffer like that.

No ordinary person could bear the pain of having their body cleaved through with a knife, but Gu Changge's calm expression didn't show a single frown even after his blood spurted everywhere.

**"Ah..."**

Yue Mingkong's mind was in a mess, and she moved her head away with a sigh as she could no longer bear to watch the scene in front of her.

What's more? This was a grudge between Gu Changge and Gu Xian'er, so she couldn't get involved, nor was she qualified to.

'Gu Changge, just what are you thinking? No matter how hard I try, I can't see through you even in this life. Are you really a changed man who is willing to make up for his past wrongs, or are you plotting something even more sinister...'

'How did you know that Gu Xian'er would stop midway? If you had guessed wrong, then that slash would have resulted in your death! How could you gamble with your own life...'

'Are you really trying to repay her for ruthlessly digging out her Dao Bone...'

Yue Mingkong's hands tightly held onto the sleeves of her dress, and a melancholic expression covered her picturesque visage that would otherwise show her usual indifference and majesty.

She felt that she needed to calm down and think deeply about the recent events.

**[Hiss!]**



**“He sure is a cruel man...”**

The Great Elder, who witnessed everything from the Void, couldn't help but gasp as he watched Gu Changge with horror and disbelief. He asked himself if he could do the same as him, and realized that he couldn't be so ruthless to himself.

Gu Changge was a complete monster for taking that slash without a shred of resistance!

If it weren't for the fact that Gu Xian'er had retracted most of the power she put into that slash, then the entire Supreme Peak would have been cut into two once that blade fell in full force.

**“Gu Changge, this old man underestimated you.”**

The Great Elder kept watching the scene from the Void, and sighed.

Although he didn't have a good impression of Gu Changge, nor did he like the brat, he had to accept the fact that he still appreciated him somewhat. Be it his means or other aspects, he was, without doubt, a person who would go extremely far in future, and stand at the pinnacle of the Upper Realm.

There was indeed no one in the younger generation who could compare to him in any way.

Even he couldn't completely see through him!

**“Gu Changge, you...”**

Gu Xian'er was thoroughly dumbfounded as she stood in a daze outside Gu Changge's palace.

Her eyes widened, and she couldn't believe what she saw. Gu Changge could have easily evaded her attack, after all, she had retracted most of the attack's might, so why didn't he?

Why didn't he resist?

Why did he say that he would take that slash as payback?

If she hadn't stopped just then, then wouldn't he have died here and now?

Just why?

Just why did he do all that?

Could it be...could it be that he was hiding some deeper plot?

Gu Xian'er panicked when her eyes met Gu Changge's calm gaze, and she couldn't bring her mind to settle down.

She yelled at him, glared at him, called him despicable and shameless, and even took advantage of the chaos to sneak such an attack at him, yet Gu Changge said nothing in response, nor did he do anything to her.

This increased Gu Xian'er's unease, and she felt as if she had done something wrong.

She had almost killed Gu Changge just now, no?

Gu Xian'er's head buzzed, and she froze on her spot, so much so that she didn't even notice when Gu Changge pulled the blade out of his body and left without a word.

Gu Xian'er had lost her soul, and stood with a dazed expression on her cold face.

Yue Mingkong couldn't help but sigh at this result, and went forward to comfort her. Today's events confused her, too, and she couldn't figure out just what was what anymore.

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The calm expression on Gu Changge's face disappeared as soon as he returned back to his residence. The terrifying pain made him frown, and various thoughts flashed through his mind.

Finally, he showed a mysterious grin.

Of course, everything he did was part of his overarching plot. After all, if he wanted Gu Xian'er to believe him, then he had to take that slash from her like this. Otherwise, with his ability, he could dodge her attack without much effort.

No matter how strong Gu Xian'er might be, or how mighty her weapons, she was still nothing more than a measly cultivator in the Conferred Lord Realm, after all. Not to mention the fact that she had a soft heart, and held back even in the face of her greatest enemy.

This was all within Gu Changge's calculations, or he wouldn't have put his life on the line like that.

Yue Mingkong's disappearance made Gu Changge arrive at the conclusion that she must have gone to Gu Xian'er's place.

He reckoned that Gu Xian'er must have had a tragic ending in her past timeline. Even with the templates of two protagonists united on her person, he estimated that she couldn't have won against the Original who was dominated by the Devil Heart.

In the grand scheme of things, she wasn't a character worth mentioning.

'What a stupid little girl...'

'How could you ever escape the palm of my hand?'

Gu Changge shook his head and swept a glance at his injury.

By now, the bleeding had already stopped.

He had a strong physique, so even though not much time had passed, the wound had already started to heal.

The pitch-black blade had a strange aura that could burn someone's lifeforce, but Gu Changge's Forbidden Arts easily swallowed it with the pitch-black Great Dao runes he condensed, so it couldn't affect him in any way.

With his ability, it won't take him long to heal the injury and return to his tip-top condition.

It's just that...Gu Changge was in no hurry to do so.

**[Hum!]**

He subtly put some of his spiritual power into the wound, and that made the wound open up again as blood gushed forth unceasingly.

Right now, the wound looked even more grotesque than before!

It was as if there was a layer of energy on it that was preventing it from healing.

Gu Changge nodded with satisfaction as he watched it.

Since he had already taken harm upon himself, he couldn't waste the great opportunity that Gu Xian'er 'graciously' provided him with.

Gu Changge saw countless cracks on many of his bones as he glanced at the terrifying scar on his body that spread across his upper half.

Of course, the Dao Bone wasn't so fragile that it would be cracked just like that. Although the pitch-black broadsword was mighty, it couldn't bring out enough might in Gu Xian'er's hand. The cracks on it were superficial, and made by Gu Changge to deceive everyone.

Soon, dense Great Dao runes flickered on the Dao Bone, and the cracks healed and disappeared without a sign within moments.

After all, it was the Dao Bone born from the Great Dao, and he still had some uses for it...like making Gu Xian'er dig it out with her own hands.

This was one of his many more cards that he had prepared for Gu Xian'er.

The mysterious and innate abilities of the Dao Bone had long been absorbed by his Devil Heart, so, for Gu Changge, having or not havin the Dao Bone made no difference.

As these thoughts appeared in Gu Changge's mind, he realized that although painful, but taking that slash was worth it.

It was thanks to his mighty willpower, and sturdy and indestructible Primordial Spirit, that he didn't reveal a single flaw during his performance.

Soon, Gu Changge changed his expression after noticing the sound of footsteps coming from outside his place.

It was Yue Mingkong, who had sent Gu Xian'er back, and came to check on him.

**"Are you alright?"**

Yue Mingkong asked with a complicated expression.

One could hear a trace of concern in her tone that was no longer as cold and indifferent as before. Her heart and tone had softened after she saw Gu Changge's terrifying injury.

Although she had been living with Gu Changge on the Supreme Peak these past few days, and pretended to get along with him all the time, the relationship between the two hadn't eased up in any way.

Since she had already torn all face with Gu Changge back in the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, there was no reason for her to pretend to like him or whatever before him anymore.

Gu Changge, too, had many things to deal with, so he didn't bother with her either.

On the other hand, Yan Ji would appear every now and then, and add to Yue Mingkong's discomfort.

Alas! She was Gu Changge's personal maid and follower who was responsible for managing most of his daily life's matters. What's more? Although Yan Ji looked young, she was extremely powerful.

She was already a mighty master of the Great Sacred Realm!

This left Yue Mingkong in a helpless situation.

Even though she didn't treat Gu Changge well, she had started to think that he had changed, but the change was that he now treated other women well!

What the heck was that?!

If it wasn't for her deeply cultivated state of mind, and the fact that her previous life had taught her well that there was no use fighting over something like this[1], she would have never been able to bear Yan Ji's existence.

[1: fighting other women for all of her man's love.]

Still, Gu Changge's actions today puzzled Yue Mingkong even further, and she was at a loss for a while.

Many events that transpired in her previous life had also happened in this one, but something unexpected had happened to Gu Changge.

Could it be that Gu Changge was some sort of a variable?

Could she change Gu Changge, and prevent the tragedies of her previous life?

Yue Mingkong felt that she had to give it a try!

Although she knew Gu Changge well, she never truly understood him.

Just what had he experienced before?

Why could he stand unmoved in the face of such deep pain that would have made others panic and pass out?

Those who walk the path of evil are also just pitiful people sometimes, so perhaps, Gu Changge might also be hiding some secrets that she never even thought about.

**"I am alright, Mingkong! On the other hand, the fact that you care about your husband brings me great joy."**

Gu Changge gazed at Yue Mingkong and said with a smile.

Once he finished his words, he began to look through his Spatial Ring for some pills and elixirs that could help him relieve his injuries.

His indifferent expression showed no change as he moved around and looked through his stuff — it was as if he couldn't see the grotesque injury that went through half of his body.

Yue Mingkong never thought that he would have the cheek to tease her even after all that went down; she stood in silence for a few moments, and then said, **“Xian'er's blade contains the Power of Destruction, so normal healing pills won't do anything to help you.”**

The Power of Destruction could destroy vitality and prevent wounds from healing — even a physique with a strong vitality would have to suffer under its assault.

**“Is that so? No wonder I found it so hard to heal this wound.”**

Gu Changge was taken aback by her words, but still didn't seem to care too much about it.

**[Hum!]**

Right after that, a brilliant light shone from his body, and the rays of light intertwined together to form a terrifying dragon that made a rumbling sound as it moved around.

His mighty, unending aura spread through the surroundings, and made it seem as if a giant was trying to stomp down on Heaven and Earth.

Yue Mingkong couldn't help but admit that Gu Changge's strength was indeed outrageous and unreasonable. His cultivation alone was so strong and overpowering when he hadn't even brought out any of his trump cards yet.

But soon, Gu Changge showed a frown.

The rays of energy fell apart as soon as they touched his injury with the intent to heal it.

**“It's weird; it will take a while for me to heal these injuries.”**

He sighed with a helpless tone.

Right then, a faint fragrance tingled his nose. n0VELusB.c0mm

**“Don't waste your time like this; you have to first get rid of the Power of Destruction, or the wound will never heal.”**

Yue Mingkong shook her head and walked over.

Although she looked indifferent, her indifference couldn't hide the slight distress in her eyes. Taking out an embroidered handkerchief, she started to carefully wipe away the blood near Gu Changge's wound.

**“Mingkong, since when did you care so much about your dear husband?”**

Gu Changge couldn't help but ask with a laugh, as if Yue Mingkong's actions truly surprised him.

Yue Mingkong's expression showed no change, and she responded, **“When did I not? It's just that you never felt it before.”**

Gu Changge was somewhat stunned by her response, and then softly sighed without a word.

Yue Mingkong immediately caught the change in his emotions, and frowned.

**“Gu Changge, what are you sighing for?”**

**“It’s nothing.”**

Gu Changge continued with a smile, **“After all, I am a heartless man, so it’s normal for me to not feel anything.”**

The statement might sound somewhat bizarre, but it was a fact that he indeed didn’t have a normal heart before, so there was nothing wrong with his words.

Anyway, he could pin all the blame on the Devil Heart.

This was a solution Gu Changge devised a long while ago.

The Devil Heart was his greatest secret beside his Forbidden Inheritance, and it appeared that Yue Mingkong never found out about it in her previous life.

It seemed that...he had to create a chance for her to ‘accidentally’ discover his secret.

Many thoughts flashed through Gu Changge’s mind, but his expression remained unchanged.

**“Heartless— Indeed, your heart is made of metal...”**

Her words revealed no abnormality, but various unspeakable emotions washed through Yue Mingkong’s heart. She fell silent, and thought of many matters that transpired in her previous life.

In the end, she simply sighed as she couldn’t put into words what she wanted to say.

### **Chapter 113: Chilled Back; Gu Changge’s Plan!**

**[Two days after Gu Changge was ‘injured’ by Gu Xian’er.]**

The Elders and the Palace Master made Gu Changge the Heir of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, and even the Great Elder accepted and supported the proposition.

The incident quickly spread throughout the Palace and caused an uproar.

It shocked all the disciples.

Who in the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace didn’t know about the friction between the Great Elder and Gu Changge? The two had some dispute just a while ago, and the Great Elder’s rage had darkened the sky above the Palace to the point that they feared it might fall upon them.

But now, Gu Changge was given the position of Heir out of nowhere!

This left the disciples in disbelief, but they didn’t dare question the decision of the higher-ups even if the hasty settlement of the Heir’s position left them disgruntled.

Who dared to ask for the position from Gu Changge? They didn’t even think about taking it away from him.

Even the True Disciples didn’t dare to stand in Gu Changge’s ways and either went out for adventure or hid in the name of secluded cultivation, so what could the rest of the Inner and Outer Palace Disciples do?

What's more? Gu Changge could cover the sky of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace with one hand, so who else besides him would be worthy enough for the position of the Palace's Heir?

No one dared raise a voice of disagreement.

The news about Gu Changge's injury at Gu Xian'er's hand also spread throughout the Palace, and people realized that Gu Changge didn't show his face outside even once after that.

Gu Xian'er's name sent waves throughout the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace once more.

After all, she was the only disciple who dared to challenge and attack Gu Changge.

Many people, however, heard that Gu Changge was seriously injured because he didn't resist her attack at that time.

For a while, people fell into speculation about the grudge that existed between Gu Changge and Gu Xian'er. Everyone watched the excitement, and countless rumors floated around. No matter where one went, some people would always love to speculate and gossip about anything and everything.

Gu Xian'er's great strength also attracted the attention of countless disciples.

After all, she was taken in as a disciple by the Great Elder, and her performance on the Heavenly Road was no worse than Gu Changge's either.

Many felt that she had a promising future and would one day become a mighty figure in the Upper Realm!

Before long, the Elders also announced that the Succession Ceremony for the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's Heir would be held in seven days.

At the same time, the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace informed the various mighty Heritages of the Upper Realm regarding their plan to open the Ancient Immortal Continent to everyone and let all of them explore the Continent for the immortal opportunity that would soon appear.

All the Dao Heritages of the Upper Realm stirred as soon as they received the news, including many Ancient Immortal Families, Immortal Dynasties, and Ancient Immortal Races. So much so that even descendants of elusive Heritages that hadn't seen daylight in eons also showed up.

The Ancient Immortal Continent didn't contain just some ruins; it held various Secret Realms with greed-evoking opportunities too.

Back then, the Continent was forcefully moved to the depths of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace by a terrifying existence. *n0vεlusb.com*

The Continent held countless immortal opportunities and even more dangers; even the Elders of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace dared not set foot into areas shrouded by mystical mist.

In addition to all these, there were also many native races and creatures living on the Ancient Immortal Continent. They were protected by the ancient monstrosities that usually hid in the depths of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace.

Once the Ancient Immortal Continent opened to the outside world, numerous young geniuses would flood into it, and no one would be able to guarantee their safety — the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace specially put forth requirements for all Heritages for this sole reason.

Each force could only send ten young talents, and they also had to guarantee a supervisor who would overlook them.

This news caused a massive sensation as soon as it spread.

Of course, the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace made sure to lift this restriction when it came to cultivators not affiliated with any force — loose cultivators, in other words — to keep it fair for everyone.

This was the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's bottom line; after all, they couldn't just let in every single person currently staying in the Heavenly Dao Ancient City, right?

And since all the forces were in the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's territory right now, they had no choice but to accept the Palace's terms.

At the same time, everyone also figured out why the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace suddenly instated Gu Change as their Heir — it was to deal with this particular situation.

**“The Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace is smart! Who in the younger generation can match the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family at present times? Once all the young 'uns step foot into the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's territory, it's inevitable that they will compete with each other. But, with the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family keeping an eye on them, they would have no choice but to act with restraint.”**

**“One can say that it's a phenomenal move by the Palace!”**

**“That might not be the case, though. Many Young Supremes recently broke through to the Conferred King Realm, so I am afraid that there will be earth-shaking battles breaking out soon.”**

**“I heard some rumors saying that Ye Langtian, the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, and a mighty Young Supreme known as the Reincarnation of an Ancient Emperor, has been getting chummy with the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family...”**

**“There's also that guy named Ye Ling from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family; although he was said to be worse than Ye Langtian, he was still able to reach a tie in an exchange with him!”**

**“That might be the case, but I don't think that Ye Ling will be able to make any waves in front of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Young Master...”**

**“I heard some people say that the Young Heavenly Genius called Ye Ling has plans to challenge the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family! I wonder when an enmity developed between the two.”**

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**[Inside a divine tower in the Heavenly Dao Ancient City.]**



A depressed expression masked Ye Langtian's face as he listened to the conversation of the cultivators outside.

**"Brother Gu, I never thought I would implicate you in this matter..."**

He raised a glass towards Gu Changge with an apologetic expression.

Gu Changge's peerless visage showed an indifferent and calm expression as he raised a jade glass full of fragrant wine to his lips and took a sip.

A smile appeared on his face as he listened to Ye Langtian's words, and he said, **"It's just a little grasshopper prancing around that can be stomped to death at any time, so why let him bother you so much, Brother Ye?"**

The purple-clothed girl beside Ye Langtian nodded in agreement and added, **"Gu Changge is right, Brother; why do you care so much about that guy? Ye Ling is just a tricky fool from the collateral branch jealous of your achievements and only knows how to use tricks and conspiracies."**

In her opinion, Ye Ling was definitely not Ye Langtian's opponent if they fought head to head. No matter how strong Ye Ling might be, his strength depended on trickery and external support, after all.

What's more? There was an insurmountable disparity between the identities of the two! Even if the Elders held some hope for Ye Ling, they couldn't change anything.

Ye Langtian was overthinking the matter, she believed.

She completely agreed with Gu Changge, and also thought that Ye Ling was nothing more than a little grasshopper that could be stomped to death at any time.

The purple-clothed beauty's pretty little face showed some disdain as she thought of this, and her lips curved up to form a faint smile.

She was Ye Liuli!

Ye Liuli and her brother, Ye Langtian, had been staying in the Heavenly Dao Ancient City to wait for the time when the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace would open the Ancient Immortal Continent.

By chance, they came across Gu Changge today.

To be precise, they came across Gu Changge and Yue Mingkong.

The woman beside Gu Changge had a picturesque, immortal-like bearing, with an aloof and noble aura. Although her phoenix eyes were in a relaxed state, she still gave off an indescribable pressure to those in her surroundings.

She was the Crown Princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, Yue Mingkong, the Future Empress of the Dynasty.

Ye Liuli felt envious of the relationship between the two. No matter how she looked at them, the two appeared to be a perfect pair of immortals made for each other as they sat side by side.

Gu Changge's minor movements under the table didn't escape Ye Liuli either.

Although Yue Mingkong was also drinking wine with them, her other hand was gently held by Gu Change, and she couldn't see any discomfort or other signs from Yue Mingkong's expression.

Her letting him hold her hand in such a way meant that the relationship between the two was going great.

Why else would someone with Yue Mingkong's temperament let someone touch her so easily?

Ye Liuli couldn't suppress the envy in her heart.

Certain unexplainable emotions towards Gu Change had long taken root in Ye Liuli's heart, especially after she returned from the Lower Realm.

But from the sight in front of her, she could tell that Gu Change and Yue Mingkong were incredibly close — they weren't, in any way, estranged like the rumors outside said.

**“Brother Gu, you are right. Alas! I thought the same as you and considered Ye Ling to be nothing much, but that's exactly what caused me to suffer such a setback at Ye Ling's hands.”**

**“I have no idea what's going on with the rumors that claim that Ye Ling wants to challenge you, though, Brother Gu.”**

Ye Langtian shook his head and said with a sincere tone.

Although his words sounded sincere indeed, those with a keen mind would be able to see through his true thoughts.

Since he and Ye Ling were from the same family, he couldn't arbitrarily attack Ye Ling, or he would dissatisfy the Elders, and they might decide to remove him from his position.

It just so happened that Ye Ling decided to court death, and started to bark around that he wanted to challenge Gu Change, so Ye Langtian decided to get rid of him with a borrowed blade.

Ye Langtian didn't become the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family because he was a kind numbskull, after all!

He was also a shrewd youth who carefully considered many matters.

Of course, there was nothing he could do if Gu Change didn't want to bother playing along with him.

Gu Change's expression still showed no change as he listened to Ye Langtian's words.

**“Oh! Your words make it seem like Ye Ling has some capability, Brother Ye.”**

This made Ye Langtian wonder if Gu Change couldn't see through his subtle hint?

**“There's only a collateral branch of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family behind Ye Ling, so there's no way he could have arrived at this step with just their help...Brother Ye, have you heard any news recently?”**

Gu Change suddenly changed the topic and mentioned Ye Ling's origin with indifference.

Gu Change wasn't surprised about Ye Ling wanting to challenge him.

After all, not only could he achieve great fame throughout the Upper Realm by challenging him, but he could also let the world know how 'mighty' he was if he succeeded.

What's more? He had good enough reasons to go against him.

After all, Ye Ling's sworn brother, Bai Lie, the Young Master of the White Tiger Family, suffered great humiliation at his hands, while his fiancée, Yue Mingkong, almost killed Ye Ling himself.

That being said, it was expected for Ye Ling to pin all his hatred on his head instead.

After all, Ye Ling was a Favored Son of Heaven who was born to go against him.

The inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation had greatly boosted Ye Ling's confidence.

Even Ye Langtian, who was said to be on par with Gu Changge, didn't think too highly of Ye Ling, so how could Gu Changge give him any attention?

Of course, Ye Langtian's desire to kill with a borrowed knife didn't evade Gu Changge.

For him, the higher Ye Ling jumped right now, the harder he would fall.

What's more? Gu Changge had already thought of a method to deal with Ye Ling that would not only ruin him completely but would also let him reap the benefits without putting in much work.

Gu Changge's smile deepened as he recalled his plot, and he couldn't help but tighten his grasp on Yue Mingkong's delicate, little hand.

Her dainty hand was like a piece of flawless immortal jade that made him not want to let go of it.

His actions made Yue Mingkong glare at him with a cold snort.

It's just that she was too lazy to fall out with Gu Changge in the presence of outsiders. Also, she knew that Gu Changge was just trying to get a response out of her with his actions.

As for Gu Changge's injuries left behind by Gu Xian'er's attack? They had already been healed thanks to her bitter effort.

By now, Yue Mingkong's attitude towards Gu Changge had eased up a lot, and she was no longer as indifferent to him as before.

Him holding her hands and such couldn't make her lash out at him anymore.

As for why they were together right now?

Out of nowhere, Gu Changge decided to leave the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace for the Heavenly Dao Ancient City, so Yue Mingkong thought of following him to see just what he was up to now.

As soon as Gu Changge sensed Ye Liuli's location, he put on a show of coming across her by chance. After that, they all went to this divine tower to eat, drink, and chat about the current situation.

Gu Changge's followers already reserved the divine tower, so they didn't have to worry about causing a stir or someone bothering them.

The short exchange between Gu Changge and Yue Mingkong didn't escape Ye Liuli's eyes. It intensified her guess about Gu Changge having a great relationship with Yue Mingkong, which only increased her envy.

Ye Langtian, on the other hand, fell into thought after listening to Gu Changge's words and then said, **"I have thought about this matter before, Brother Gu, and I believe that there might be an expert guiding Ye Ling from the shadows. It's also possible that he chanced upon some inheritance. When I exchanged moves with him, I realized that his moves were truly bizarre, and he could also neutralize a lot of my Mystical Abilities..."**

He had investigated Ye Ling but came across nothing unusual, so he believed that there was either some expert guiding him from the shadows, or he might have chanced upon some powerful, ancient inheritance.

**"It seems that Brother Ye's guess is the same as mine. Since Ye Ling dares to be so high-profile, there's a high chance that there's someone strong backing him."**

Gu Changge said with a smile.

Ye Langtian nodded at his response and asked, **"Brother Gu, do you also think that he might have acquired some kind of inheritance?"**

Yue Mingkong, on the other hand, couldn't help but stare at Gu Changge with a strange light in her eyes.

Was Gu Changge going to reveal the fact that Ye Ling got his hands on the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation's inheritance?

Why else would he lead Ye Langtian in this direction?

But soon, Yue Mingkong shook her head.

With Gu Changge's character, there was no way he would share Ye Ling's secret with anyone else.

If it wasn't for her special relationship with Gu Changge, she was sure that he would have already silenced her to keep the secret just to himself.

There was no way that Gu Changge would take the initiative to reveal the secret before killing and robbing Ye Ling of his inheritance.

Just what was he plotting?

Right when Yue Mingkong fell into thought about this matter, she heard Gu Changge's faint voice, **"By the way, Brother Ye, I heard that many outstanding disciples of various Heritages disappeared into thin air recently. What do you think about this?"**

Yue Mingkong was stunned as soon as she heard his words.

Her pupils shrank, and she felt a chill go down her back even though the inside of the tower was warm enough, and it was also daytime.

She instantly figured out Gu Changge's plan.

## **Chapter 114: Pinning Blame; Brain Full of Conspiracies!**

**“How much do you know about this matter, Brother Ye?”**

Gu Changge spoke lightly about the matter as if he was asking about something unimportant.

At the same time, he raised the glass of wine to his lips and downed it in one gulp with a hint of admiration in his words as he praised, **“This wine is quite good.”**

Yue Mingkong was stunned as she watched his show of innocence, and a chill went down her back. Others might not be able to figure it out, but she clearly understood his plot.

Gu Changge was the true inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, but he had framed many in their previous life!

Alas! She foolishly believed him every time, and never once doubted his words.

But now that she witnessed him plotting against someone right in front of her, she couldn't help but feel cold sweat go down her back and hands.

While talking, laughing, and drinking, he pinned such a disastrous suspicion on Ye Ling's head as if it was a light matter not worth mentioning.

Although Yue Mingkong desired to murder Ye Ling as well, she couldn't compare to Gu Changge when it came to dealing with the other party. Everything she did up till now could be considered insignificant if compared to Gu Changge's sinister means.

She understood already that Gu Changge was a terrifying monster, but witnessing him lead someone to ruin like this completely subverted her understanding of his true depths.

His every word, deed, and movement was carefully calculated with the intent to destroy someone!

The cold sweat that went down her back kept on increasing, and Yue Mingkong gave herself a mental note to never reveal the fact that she knew that Gu Changge possessed the [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art]. If Gu Changge found out about this matter, then she will find herself dead without a burial place, and no one will be able to save her at that time.

Her regression brought her no advantage over Gu Changge, after all.

**“This wine is really good, Mingkong; you should have a taste as well.”**

Right then, when Yue Mingkong was lost in innumerable thoughts, Gu Changge brought a glass of wine in front of her and asked her to have a taste.

**“Why is your face so pale, and why are your hands somewhat cold? Are you feeling unwell?”**

Yue Mingkong knew that Gu Changge's concern was all faked, so she couldn't help but sit there in a daze without uttering anything in response for a while.

**“Changge, I am fine.”**

Yue Mingkong shook her head and muttered to him without letting him see any abnormality.

Gu Changge's smile showed no change, and he continued, **"That's good."**

He could tell that Yue Mingkong had probably guessed his intentions, and that's what caused such a sudden shift in her condition.

As for using that trick to deal with Ye Ling? Gu Changge was naturally all too familiar with matters like this. He felt no psychological burden going through with his plan, and it was no different from eating and drinking to him.

Yue Mingkong, on the other hand, was just a woman, after all.

Although she could take drastic measures in certain situations, those measures were all forced by her situation. She wasn't someone like him who was born to be a villain whose head had nothing but conspiracies twenty-four-by-seven.

As for where he got the idea to put the blame on Ye Ling's head? That was a complete coincidence.

The reason why he went to the Heavenly Dao Ancient City was that Yin Mei collected quite a few high quality 'cultivation resources' for him, but something went wrong while she was collecting the resources for him, and some forces noticed the disappearance of the Young Heavenly Geniuses, and that caused quite a stir and panic in the outside world.

Gu Changge didn't blame her though.

After all, one who walked by the river would get their shoes wet at one point or another.

Even if she did it in complete secrecy, it was inevitable that she would reveal some flaws or traces at some point in time.

Just when Gu Changge was thinking about a solution for this matter, he ran into Ye Langtian who brought up the matter of Ye Ling.

Wasn't he just sending him a scapegoat?

As for how he would pin everything on Ye Ling's head? Gu Changge had already thought up a lot of methods, and each one of his plans could ensure that Ye Ling would seamlessly become his scapegoat, and no one would be able to find any flaws.

Ye Langtian was somewhat stunned.

Afterward, as he watched Gu Changge and Yue Mingkong harmoniously chat with each other, he couldn't help but compliment the two with a smile, **"Brother Gu, Princess Mingkong, your relationship sure is enviable."**

By now, Yue Mingkong had already returned to normal and responded to his words with a silent smile.

At the same time, she thought that she was asking for too much.

Although Gu Changge still kept his self-interests as his priority, when compared to their previous life, the relationship between the two of them was far better, and it only kept on improving.

What's more? Gu Changge even clenched her hands to comfort her when he noticed they were getting somewhat cold and sweating.

She couldn't tell if he noticed something from her performance, but his care made her feel well.

Right then, Ye Langtian continued the previous topic and said, **"A lot of talented geniuses recently disappeared, and that caused a lot of forces to panic."**

**"The most important thing about this matter is that those who disappeared didn't have a high cultivation base. At first, no one noticed anything, but after too many disappeared at once, some cultivators noticed that it wasn't a small number of people who disappeared."**

**"Even more important than that is the fact that someone dug out various Daoist cemeteries, and many ancient corpses disappeared from inside."**

It wasn't hard for Ye Langtian to find out details about this matter, after all, he was the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family.

Of course, the main reason this matter reached him was that the grandson of a major Family's Elder disappeared a few days ago.

The Elder's grandson had recently made his debut in the outside world, so he didn't have any grudge with anyone, yet he still disappeared without a trace.

Still, the Upper Realm was unimaginably vast, so it wasn't abnormal for some people to disappear now and then — to be precise, one couldn't count the number of people who disappeared in the Upper Realm daily.

Cultivators could go missing for various reasons like: 'falling into a Spatial Crack, accidentally provoking a hidden master into action and dying as a result, or whatnot...'

What made this Elder's grandson a special case was the fact that the Elder discovered clues about a power in the shadows that had been looking for talented geniuses for a good while. This power's influence began from the Inner Region and later spread to the Middle and Outer Region of the Upper Realm.

This matter shocked many forces as soon as it came out, and most of them panicked in response.

**"What you say is no different from what I heard."**

Gu Changge said with a nod and then fell into thought.

After a while, he stared at Ye Langtian, and directly asked, **"Brother Ye, do you think this has something to do with 'that' taboo inheritance which was annihilated after countless Dao Heritages united?"** *n0veluS.b.COm*

Gu Changge asked with a calm expression.

His words were straight to the point as it would be more suspicious if he started to beat around the bush right now.

**"Brother Gu, what are you trying to say?"**

A thoughtful glint flashed Ye Langtian's eyes.

He didn't need Gu Changge to explain anything more about this matter as he had also reached a similar conclusion since there was no way this matter would otherwise cause such panic.

The only reason he didn't bring it up first was that he thought that something so terrible couldn't come to pass now of all eras.

The fact that it was called 'that taboo inheritance' already said much about its terror.

No one in the Upper Realm dared to mention the name of that inheritance in the current era, and that's why it was called 'that taboo inheritance' by those who talked about it.

**"If I guessed correctly, then 'that' taboo inheritance must have surfaced once more. After all, it's like a wild weed infestation that won't completely die off even if you burn it. Once spring arrives, the weed will grow back — no matter how we destroy it, it will recover sooner or later."**

Gu Changge said without a change to his calm expression.

Yue Mingkong, on the other hand, felt as if Gu Changge was foreshadowing something as she listened to his words.

After all, the true master of that taboo inheritance was none other than Gu Changge!

Yet now, he was talking about it like it had nothing to do with him.

**"Brother Gu, that's exactly what I concluded as well."**

Ye Langtian nodded at his words with a sigh, and suddenly felt that he had found himself a confidant in Gu Changge's form; he couldn't help but cherish the fact that he could form a friendship with him.

Of course, he had no idea that Gu Changge merely wanted to use his mouth to spread this matter.

This way, no one would be able to put their suspicions on Gu Changge himself.

**"If that's true, then the birth of that taboo inheritance is too coincidental."**

Gu Changge spoke up again with a brooding expression as if he was trying to figure out the ins and outs of this matter.

**"Brother Gu, do you think Ye Ling's sudden rise has something to do with that taboo inheritance?"**

Ye Langtian also didn't beat around the bush and asked with a somewhat confused and thoughtful expression.

**"I have investigated Ye Ling, and what I came up with was that he had no background, no resources, and even his collateral branch didn't value him much...since that's the case, how could his cultivation base soar so high in such a short time, to the point that he's almost catching up to us?"**

**"Indeed, it's just like what you say, Brother Gu! It's too much of a coincidence, so it seems that I have to pay extra attention to this matter."**

Ye Langtian responded to him in agreement.



Although Gu Changge's calm expression showed no change, in his heart, he praised Ye Langtian for getting the hint and going down the path he prepared for him.

With that, Ye Ling's life will no longer be as smooth-sailing as before.

Of course, he would need to push a few more matters before he could deal with him completely.

**"Brother Gu, this matter is of great importance, so I must leave as soon as possible and report back to the Family; I will see you again once the Ancient Immortal Continent is opened."**

Ye Langtian's complexion turned gloomy as he thought more and more into the matter, and before long, he brought Ye Liuli along and left.

**"Brother Ye, don't be too hasty."**

Gu Changge bid him farewell with an indifferent smile on his face.

Before long, silence covered the entire divine tower, while Gu Changge watched the street outside with a thoughtful expression.

Yue Mingkong said nothing, and kept on staring at Gu Changge's handsome face with a bright light in her eyes — it was as if she desired to see through him by any means.

**"What's wrong? Haven't you gotten tired of looking at your husband's face after so many days?"**

Gu Changge said with a chuckle and then took her hand in his hand once more.

Yue Mingkong's beautiful eyes didn't move away from him, and she replied with a shake of her head, **"Your methods are too terrifying."**

**"You don't need to worry over that — Ye Ling had to die either way, so it's easier to kill him like this,"** Gu Changge continued with a laugh, **"Besides, aren't I, your husband, helping you kill him?"**

Yue Mingkong responded to him with a weak snort, displaying her disdain for his statement.

He was helping her kill him? Utter nonsense.

Those were mere pretty words. In reality, he was aiming for all the benefits that lay in killing Ye Ling!

At most, he would let her have some leftover soup after gulping down all the meat.

Those who cooperated with Gu Changge would be foolish to think they could get any advantage through him, be it his fiancée or someone else.

Yue Mingkong understood Gu Changge better than anyone else in the world.

**"Your brain has nothing but conspiracies inside it...how many of your words are believable?"**

Yue Mingkong didn't have the energy to entangle with him anymore, and started to think about Ye Ling's means that she could recall from the memories of her previous life. Now that she had suffered a loss, she had no choice but to be more cautious.

**"Just wait and watch the show."**

Gu Changge said with a cackle.

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**[In a remote ancient city to the east of Heavenly Dao Ancient City.]**

**“Brother Bai Lie, I must thank you for all the cultivation resources you have provided me all this time! I would never reach my current heights without your help.”**

Several Young Heavenly Geniuses — men and women alike — chatted over drinks inside a luxurious-looking pavilion. Among them sat a man in black with a pendant hanging around his neck: ‘he was Ye Ling.’

Sitting there, he raised a toast towards Bai Lie and expressed his sincere gratitude for his continuous love and support.

Bai Lie sat in the middle of all those present and made sure to reveal his astonishing, mighty aura to make sure no one in the surroundings underestimated him and kept their distance.

After all, Bai Lie was the Young Master of the White Tiger Family, and his identity was far superior to theirs. The only reason he came to a shoddy place like this was to give face to his bro, Ye Ling.

**“Brother Ye Ling, you are too polite! Since when was there a need for such words between us brothers?”**

Bai Lie happily said with a laugh.

He was somewhat intoxicated already, and his words were full of heroic spirit.

Suddenly, his expression brightened as he felt the Communication Talisman on his arm give off a weak heat — it showed that his fiancée, Yin Mei, was contacting him.

Sudden contact from her added to Bai Lie’s happiness as Yin Mei rarely contacted him.

**“I can tell that my sister-in-law is contacting you, Big Bro! Big Bro, why don’t you take a look at her message?”**

Ye Ling was well aware of Bai Lie’s affairs; he knew that Bai Lie liked his fiancée a lot and that this sister-in-law brightened Bai Lie’s mood every time he talked about her!

His words made the smile on Bai Lie’s face widen and he checked the message from the Communication Talisman in a hurry, and said with a grin, **“Yin Mei said that she will be leaving the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace for some matter today, so I can meet up with her if I want to.”**

**Chapter 115: Taking Care of His Sister-in-Law; Watching a Good Show!**

Divine lights loomed in the pavilion and rich Spiritual Qi permeated the surroundings to create a tranquil yet lively scene.

Bai Lie downed another cup of wine and his face showed an incomparably prideful and excited expression.

Although Yin Mei met up with him multiple times over the past few days and he even introduced her to many of his friends, including Ye Ling, Yin Mei still made sure to keep a distance of three feet from him because of her reserved nature.

She didn't even let him touch the hem of her dress.

On one hand, this saddened Bai Lie, and on the other hand, it brought him even more delight to know that Yin Mei was a reserved and shy beauty.

The feelings of humiliation he suffered back at the Myriad Dao Banquet had long dissipated into thin air because of this.

After all, Yin Mei was helpless and had no choice but to act submissive in front of Gu Changge.

One of these days, he would chop off Gu Changge's hand that dared to touch Yin Mei's lovely tail.

The fact that Yin Mei took the initiative to look for him added to Bai Lie's joy; he felt that the relationship between the two had advanced another step and they had become more familiar with each other...maybe, he could get a step closer to her today.

The smile on Bai Lie's face deepened as he thought about this.

After informing Yin Mei of his current location through the Communication Talisman, he smiled and said to the Young Heavenly Geniuses in his surroundings, **"I asked Yin Mei to join me here, so I hope no one here has an issue with that!"**

The Young Heavenly Geniuses shook their heads with a smile, and said, **"What are you saying, Brother Bai Lie? How can we have any issue with that?"**

**"I heard about Yin Mei, the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family, a long time ago. They say that not only is she their Holy Maiden, she's also breathtakingly beautiful. The fact that Brother Bai Lie has such a perfect fiancée arouses great envy in my heart."**

**"I also heard about her! They said she went against Gu Changge without any fear at the Myriad Dao Banquet that was held a while back."**

**"That's right! That's right! She stood up against Gu Changge for our Brother Bai Lie! Just how many in the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace dare to do something like that?"**

**"Is there a need to say more about Sister Yin Mei's indomitable character? How many women in the world can reach the same heights as her? How many people haven't fallen after taking such actions?"**

**"I can't help but admire Sister Yin Mei's resolve and temperament! She's a good match for you, Big Bro Bai Lie."**

A group of young talents — male and female alike — toasted Bai Lie, giving a boost to his ego and satisfaction as he sat there in a comfortable mood.

Although their mention of Gu Changge's name upset him, his sour emotions vanished when he recalled that Yin Mei would soon come to meet up with him.

Ye Ling, on the other hand, sat in his seat without a word, but one could see an inexplicable self-confidence radiating from his person. Among the group of young talents present on the scene, he was the one who looked the most outstanding.

He had naturally heard about what went down back at the Myriad Dao Banquet.

That guy called Gu Changge was simply too overbearing! Not only did he humiliate Bai Lie in public, but if it wasn't for Bai Lie's fiancée, Yin Mei, standing up for him at a critical moment, then he reckoned that Bai Lie wouldn't have gotten away with just a deep dose of humiliation.

Ye Ling had seen Yin Mei more than just a few times and her beauty moved his heart without fail every single time.

He loved to appreciate beautiful ladies, after all.

Alas! Yin Mei was his Big Bro Bai Lie's fiancée, so he couldn't have any vulgar thoughts about her.

After all, it wasn't like he had no bottomline just because he loved jade beauties.

Of course, if Bai Lie wasn't around...he would be more than happy to 'take care' of his gorgeous sister-in-law.

Right then, Ye Ling noticed the passing light of gloom in Bai Lie's eyes when he heard Gu Changge's name and couldn't help but say with a laugh, **"Big Bro Bai Lie, why do you care about that Gu Changge so much? Once you break through to the Middle Stage of the Conferred King Realm, won't he be nothing more than a pebble on your path?"**

Bai Lie laughed as he heard his words and said, **"As expected, you are the one who best understands me, Li'l Bro Ling! There's no way I will let Gu Changge strut in front of me once I break through to the Middle Stage of the Conferred King Realm. My White Tiger Family is a heritage no weaker than his Ancient Immortal Gu Family, so I am not afraid of him."**

This was Bai Lie's belief in his invincibility.

The only reason he didn't desire to pit himself against Gu Changge back at the Myriad Dao Banquet was that his Cultivation Base wasn't on the same level as Gu Changge's...but now, he could already feel the loosening of the bottleneck that kept him from reaching the Middle Stage of the Conferred King Realm, and he reckoned that it wouldn't be long before he would be able to break through.

Once he reached the Middle Stage of the Conferred King Realm, he would inflict deep disgrace upon Gu Changge and make him regret his actions.

**"Oh! By the way, Li'l Bro Ling, you seem to have some grudge against that Gu Changge as well, no? I heard that you threatened to challenge him."**

Bai Lie suddenly thought of this matter and frowned, and then asked Ye Ling about what he was up to, **"Don't think that I think you have no hope of winning against him, after all, I am the one who best knows your monstrous talent — you are someone who can defeat those in higher realms than your own, and even reached a tie against Ye Langtian, who's said to be on par with Gu Changge."**

**“Once your Cultivation Base catches up with Gu Changge’s, there’s no way Gu Changge will be able to stand a chance against you.”**

The rumors had made it to every corner of Immeasurable Heaven already, and every young talent in the surrounding admired Ye Ling for his courage and deeds.

Ye Langtian, the Reincarnation of an Ancient Emperor, suffered a setback in Ye Ling’s hands and that fact shocked many in the Upper Realm.

Why else would he have the qualifications to sit beside Bai Lie like his brother?

**“Big Bro Bai Lie, is there even a need to ask the reason? Since Gu Changge’s your enemy, then he’s also my enemy! Also, you must have heard about his fiancée, right?”**

Bai Lie spoke with a carefree tone, as if Gu Changge was nothing in his eyes. In his opinion, the rumors that made Gu Changge look like a god were horse crap!

Even if they were true somehow, he still wasn’t afraid of Gu Changge and held complete confidence in himself and his means.

**“Gu Changge’s fiancée? Yue Mingkong, the fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty? She’s indeed a stunning and talented woman! Could it be that you are having some ideas about her and want to compete with Gu Changge for that reason, my virtuous Lil Bro?”**

Bai Lie’s eyes lit up when he heard Ye Ling’s words and he immediately downed another cup of wine. How was it possible for powerful men to not talk about beautiful women when they gathered together?

Especially when the woman in question was the stunning Yue Mingkong!

The Supreme Immortal Dynasty might be in a territory far away from Immeasurable Heaven, but he heard rumors that she rushed all the way to the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace to meet her fiancé, Gu Changge.

This matter aroused great feelings of envy in his heart!

The faces of the other men in the surroundings also brightened up at Yue Mingkong’s mention, and they perked up their ears to carefully listen to their conversation.

After all, who among them didn’t yearn for that so-called Goddess of Beauty and Battle?

They never expected Ye Ling to have enough guts to dare think about Yue Mingkong, so they couldn’t help but admire him even more.

Ye Ling, on the other hand, squinted his eyes and said, **“I have no idea what the heck went down, but that Yue Mingkong tried to murder me a while back, but I was lucky enough to escape her clutches. There’s no way I will let her off so easily, and since she’s related to Gu Changge, then I might as get him to pay me some interest as well!”**

Ye Ling recalled the incident that went down in the Blackstone Ancient City that day, and touched the black pendant hanging before his chest.

He merely wanted to strike a conversation with a beauty, yet the other party directly went for his life!

A cold glint flashed past Ye Ling's eyes as he thought about this.

Bai Lie was stunned by Ye Ling's remarks, but then he recalled his Li'l Bro's temperament and felt that he was being too ridiculous. He estimated that Ye Ling must have tried to hit on Yue Mingkong, which irked Yue Mingkong into taking action against him.

The young geniuses in the surroundings couldn't help but laugh out loud, and then they all changed topic to discuss the fact that the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace would soon open their Ancient Immortal Continent for all of them.

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**[Outside the ancient city at this time.]**

An ordinary-looking carriage slowly approached the ancient city where Ye Ling and the others were meeting up at.

The old man in black who drove the carriage seemed to have nothing unusual about him, but one could see that he was completely carefree as he sat there without a worry.

Whenever some nearby cultivators saw the old man, they would retreat with a feeling of dread that made them guess that the ones inside the carriage didn't come from a simple background.

Yue Mingkong and Gu Changge sat face to face inside the carriage.

Yue Mingkong's phoenix eyes were partially closed as she thought about many things from her previous life.

Bai Lie, the Young Master of the White Tiger Family, was a good friend of Ye Ling; she knew well that Gu Changge wanted to deal with Bai Lie, but she couldn't comprehend how Gu Changge planned to pin the blame on Ye Ling's head after he was done, so she couldn't help but feel curious about this matter.

After all, just discussing this matter with Ye Langtian and pointing him into a certain direction wasn't enough to pin all the blame on him.

Once someone investigated this matter in depth, they would come to the conclusion that Ye Ling's methods and that taboo inheritance had nothing to do with each other.

Just what other cards was Gu Changge hiding up his sleeve that she never got to witness in her previous life?

She raised her gaze to look at Gu Changge and realized that he was sitting on his spot without any movement.

His usual indifference and arrogant expression that made him seem like a god that looked down on everyone and everything was nowhere to be seen. He simply sat there with a serene expression illuminated by the warm moonlight that gave his handsome face a touch of detachment from the world.

What if this was his true face?

This thought made Yue Mingkong shake her head in disbelief and she immediately suppressed her unrealistic delusions.

The two had their own concerns to deal with, so the atmosphere between the two stayed peaceful and silent.

The mellow aroma of the wine mixed with the fragrance of the lingering sandalwood comforted Gu Changge's spirits as he slightly opened his eyes and said to the old man in black driving the carriage, **"Old Ming, find a mansion for our rest! We are going to watch a good show tonight."**

**"Understood, Young Master!"**

Old Ming replied.

Heavenly Dao Ancient City wasn't far from here.

Because the Heavenly Dao Ancient City was boiling in excitement recently due to a gathering of countless outside forces, many cultivators had rushed to the nearby ancient cities for rest, so their appearance wasn't all that unexpected in anyone's eyes.

After Gu Changge left for the Heavenly Dao Ancient City, he didn't return to the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, nor did he directly rush to attack Ye Ling, instead, he kept a low profile and arrived at this ancient city.

Not only was he here to watch a good show, but he could also prevent something from going wrong.

If he wanted to pin the Forbidden Demonic Inheritance on someone's head then he had to personally take action and use certain tricks.

Right now, he was looking through his Attribute Panel in the System which he hadn't checked in a long while.

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**Host:** Gu Changge n0vE1usb.c0m

**Halo:** Destined Heavenly Villain

**Weapon(s):** Eight Desolate Demon Halberd

**Identity:**

**Innate Bloodline(s):**

**Cultivation Base:** Middle Stage of the Conferred King Realm (Public)

**Mystical Abilities:**

**Destiny Points:** 12000

**Fortune Value:** 2500 (Dark)

**System Shop:** Open

**Warehouse:**

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Before Gu Changge knew it, his Fortune Value had risen to twenty-five hundred Points, and the rate at which it rose wasn't slow.

In addition to all the Fortune Value he received from Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan on a daily basis, there were now some that came from Gu Xian'er as well.

Of course, he had received a good haul after accepting the System's mission to subdue the two Favored Daughters of Heaven — Yue Mingkong and Gu Xian'er.

Right now, the mission that Gu Changge focused on was the one that needed him to deal with Bai Lie. After all, the reward for completing that mission would net him a thousand Fortune Value and five thousand Destiny Points, and that wasn't a low amount.

Bai Lie had lived long enough already, and it was about time he (Gu Changge) squeezed all the value out of him (Bai Lie).

What's more? Bai Lie had an important role in his plan to pin the blame on Ye Ling.

'Quite some time has passed since my last breakthrough, so I should increase my Cultivation Base now.'

Gu Changge swept a glance at his stats once more and thought to himself.

After he got used to the [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art's] efficiency and ease, he found that although spending points to increase his cultivation sounded cool, it wasn't at the same level as the [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art].

Of course, the System's features and functions had their uses.

After all, he couldn't reveal his true Cultivation Base in front of the world yet, so he could just add points and increase his public-facing Cultivation Base and maintain his 'image' of the strongest Young Supreme.

'System, jack me up!'

Gu Changge commanded in his mind.

**[Hum!]**

Immediately, a familiar cool breath washed through his limbs and his aura started to surge as his very cells started to transform with the System's help.

At the same time, the progress of his [Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex's] comprehension shot up to ninety percent on the Eight Layer.

He immediately broke through to the Late Stage of the Conferred King Realm!

'How did this guy make a breakthrough with such ease...'

Gu Changge's sudden breakthrough surprised Yue Mingkong; she had always wondered about how Gu Changge so flawlessly hid his true Cultivation Base and controlled his apparent Realm?

If she wasn't a regressor, then she would have never known that Gu Changge's greatest trump card was something that he always kept hidden from the living.



She was startled, and couldn't help but feel that Gu Changge's means were incredible indeed.

Could it be that he could easily break through to the False God Realm, the True God Realm, or even higher at any time he pleased?

Yue Mingkong fell silent as she thought about this.

Even though she was a regressor and kept on stealing opportunities left and right, her true Cultivation Base could only reach the same heights as what Gu Changge showed on the outside.

Of course, the Early Stage of the Conferred King Realm was merely a Cultivation Base she showed to the world outside was a mere facade.

After her previous life's experience, she understood the importance of hiding her trump cards and true Cultivation Base until it was absolutely necessary to reveal them.

It was because of this that even Gu Changge didn't realize that Yue Mingkong's true Cultivation Base had already reached the Late Stage of the Conferred King Realm.

With just her Cultivation Base alone, she could stand at the pinnacle of the younger generation and look down on the other Young Supremes.

Of course, her true Cultivation Base didn't matter to Gu Changge as she couldn't threaten him no matter how mighty she might be.

### **Chapter 116.1: Trustworthy Brothers; Gu Changge's Puppets!**

Bai Lie looked forward to Yin Mei's arrival with Ye Ling and the others. Finally, when the moonlight reached its peak intensity, a gentle voice reached his ears from outside the pavilion, **"Bai Lie, I am here!"**

The voice soothed the listeners' minds and they felt somewhat intoxicated.

Yin Mei's arrival overjoyed Bai Lie and he rushed to the pavilion's entrance to welcome his fiancée. A group of Young Heavenly Geniuses stood up and followed behind him to have a look as well — their eyes lit up as soon as they saw the newcomer's appearance.

In front of them stood a breathtaking beauty whose appearance wouldn't tire them out even if they were made to look at her forever. It was no wonder that even a man with an iron will like Bai Lie fell for her and couldn't stop talking about her.

'Yin Mei, the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family...'

Yin Mei's beauty amazed him every time Ye Ling saw her.

What's more? Yin Mei dolled up today and even put on some make-up, so she looked even more alluring than before, and that fact aroused great envy in Ye Ling's heart.

**"Yin Mei, you are finally here!"**

Bai Lie said with an indulgent expression as he looked outside the window with a smile.

**"That's right."**

A woman dressed in red replied with a soft smile.

Flowers bloomed under her feet with her every step and her gorgeous face radiated a mind-numbing charm. Her beauty couldn't be put into words...she resembled a goddess who descended upon the world of mortals from the Heavens beyond.

Her unique allure made her stand out from the rest of the beauties present on the scene and one could see a demonic vixen's charm in her every gesture. Her ethereal, jade-like visage was in full view for all to adore as she descended from the Void.

A lovely, upturned nose, lips that resembled petals of the most beautiful roses, crystal-like teeth, and smooth-as-satin hair...these features, together with the dim moonlight that illuminated her figure, compounded her heaven-defying attraction.

She stepped into the pavilion with her vivacious figure and peerless, fairly-like allure that could charm all beings in the world.

It was clear that Yin Mei specially dressed up today to make herself look more beautiful than ever before!

This was the first time Bai Lie saw Yin Mei look so ravishing; he was stunned but quickly calmed his heart which was lit with the fire of desire.

**“Yin Mei, you look incomparably gorgeous!”**

Yin Mei rolled her eyes at him in response and said with a bashful tone, **“You smooth talker!”**

Bai Lie's soul almost left his body and his bones turned into jelly as he listened to Yin Mei's words and watched her lovely, bashful expression.

But soon, a hint of displeasure and discomfort appeared on his face as he watched the burning gazes of all the young geniuses in his surroundings sizing up his woman, including his virtuous little brother, Ye Ling's.

After all, Yin Mei especially dolled up for him, so how could he not feel bad when other men watched her with those lustful gazes?

Bai Lie's heroic and generous personality didn't mean that he wasn't a possessive man who wanted to keep his woman to himself.

Without holding back his dissatisfaction, he gave out a cold snort and brought everyone in the surroundings back to their minds.

The Young Heavenly Geniuses moved their gazes away in embarrassment as soon as they listened to his snort. Ye Ling, too, withdrew his gaze and raised his cup of wine for a sip to make it seem like he was innocent in the matter, and then said with a calm tone, **“Big Bro Bai, your luck is unmatched by any!”**

Bai Lie would feel elated if Ye Ling said those words on any other occasion, but right now, he couldn't help but feel somewhat uncomfortable since he knew well of Ye Ling's personality.

**“Yin Mei, you arrived right on time! I was talking about you just now.”**

Still, Bai Lie ignored Ye Ling's remark and greeted Yin Mei with a smile. At the same time, he instructed the people in the pavilion to resume the banquet.

Yin Mei took the initiative to look for him at last and even dolled up for him, so he couldn't help but feel ecstatic. Bai Lie even felt that something wonderful might happen tonight, so much so that he might even get a chance to hold his lovely fiancée in his arms.

After all, the night was long and they were also going to drink and get intoxicated...

Just thinking about what might happen aroused his excitement.

**"I made you wait! A lot of matters went down in the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace recently, so I couldn't move around as I pleased. It was announced that Senior Brother Gu will be the Palace's Heir, and his initiation ceremony is also right around the corner."**

**"I wouldn't have dared to leave the Palace if he hadn't gone out today for some unknown reason!"**

Yin Mei explained with a smile and sat down on a seat with grace.

She made sure to keep some distance from the others in her surroundings though, and this only added to Bai Lie's happiness. He couldn't wait for the banquet to end so everyone would leave, and he could have a chance to be alone with Yin Mei.

The banquet resumed in fervor.

Yin Mei's words gave off a feeling of grace and eloquence as she discussed different matters with those in her surroundings.

Bai Lie, however, showed a somewhat dissatisfied expression as he noticed the lustful gazes of some of the Young Heavenly Geniuses present on the scene.

Yin Mei looked far too lovely and bright tonight, so it couldn't be helped that she attracted everyone's attention.

But soon, that group of young talents noticed the hint from Bai Lie's expression and said their farewells and left. *nOveℓusb.cOm*

Offending Bai Lie for a momentary gaze wasn't worth it, after all.

Before long, Bai Lie, Yin Mei, and Ye Ling were the only ones left inside the pavilion.

**"I would like to offer a cup to you, Holy Maiden! After all, it's not every day that we get to see a goddess who dares to stand against Gu Changge!"**

**"What's more? Gu Changge dominates the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, yet you still stood up to him, and that alone makes this little brother's admiration for you rise to new heights!"**

Ye Ling smiled and raised a cup of wine towards Yin Mei with a bow of reverence.

He spoke the truth.

The details of the Myriad Dao Banquet made him fond of Yin Mei, a woman with unyielding integrity.

Moreover, he saw many beauties tonight, but none of them could compare to Yin Mei's enchanting appearance, and that made him envy his Big Bro Bai Lie's heaven-defying fortune.

Not only was she a beauty, but she was also the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family!

Where could he find another woman on par with her?

Ye Ling downed the wine in his cup in one gulp and showed a prideful expression.

**"You flatter me, Brother Ye Ling."**

Ye Ling's compliment seemed to please Yin Mei, and she toasted him back with a smile.

**"I also heard quite some rumors about you, Brother Ye Ling; they say that not only did you reach a tie against Ye Langtian, who's famous as a Reincarnation of an Ancient Emperor, but you also challenged Senior Brother Gu for a match! Your daring actions shocked me."**

**"How are you able to do that even though you know Senior Brother Gu's might? There aren't many in the younger generation who can stand on par with you."**

Yin Mei pursed her lips and showed a smile which made her eyes curve up and happily chatted with Ye Ling while keeping a distance between them.

**"You flatter me, Holy Maiden! Moreover, what's there to be afraid of? Gu Changge might be strong, but not everyone in the world fears him."**

Ye Ling replied with a laugh.

Yin Mei's flattering words comforted his heart and soul, and a strange feeling bud at the bottom of his heart when he realized that the one who praised him was none other than his Big Bro's hot fiancée.

Still, Ye Ling made sure to conceal his thoughts.

Before long, the two fell into chatter as if there was no one else in their surroundings. From time to time, Yin Mei would roll her eyes at his words, smile, and even cover her mouth to laugh. Her every gesture radiated allure.

Ye Ling, too, showed deep-seated confidence that couldn't be matched by ordinary people.

Bai Lie witnessed the entire scene in silence with an ugly expression and felt like an outsider even though he sat beside the two of them.

After all, Yin Mei always addressed him politely and never showed such a natural and casual attitude in front of him, but now, she happily chatted with Ye Ling like it brought her great feelings of joy.

Bai Lie's expression fell further and he felt that Ye Ling, his otherwise-virtuous and great brother, looked like an eyesore right now.

**"Ye Ling..."**

Bai Lie uttered his name with a heavy expression.

This time, he didn't refer to Ye Ling as his 'virtuous Li'l Bro' and instead, used his full name.

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**"Ye Ling..."**

Bai Lie uttered his name with a heavy expression.

This time, he didn't refer to Ye Ling as his 'virtuous Li'l Bro' and instead, used his full name.

**"Big Bro Bai Lie..."**

Ye Ling reacted to his call with haste and showed an embarrassed expression when he realized that he went a bit too far this time by talking to Yin Mei without giving any attention to Bai Lie, her fiancée.

It didn't bother him too much, though, and he thought that Bai Lie's mind was far too narrow; after all, he was talking to Yin Mei from a distance, so why was he so bothered by it?

Still, Ye Ling looked at the dark sky outside and stood up to leave with a smile as he said, **"My dear Big Bro, I won't bother you two anymore! It's getting late, so I should leave and get some rest."**

He could see Bai Lie's soaring annoyance and rage, so he decided to leave for now so Bai Lie could calm down. His eloquent speech and divine luck had gotten him acquainted with quite a few beauties in the past, so he felt that Yin Mei exchanging a few words with him wasn't all that big of a deal.

Bai Lie was making a mountain out of a molehill, he thought.

Bai Lie's complexion didn't look all that good and he did believe that Ye Ling had gone too far with his actions. He took good care of Ye Ling on normal days and provided him with all the cultivation resources he desired, yet now, he was trying to 'hook up' with his fiancée in front of him!

What the heck was this?

Bai Lie kept his quiet and watched him leave with a gloomy expression.

Before long, Ye Ling also bid farewell to Yin Mei and left the pavilion.

The place he chose for his stay wasn't all that far away from the pavilion.

With that, Bai Lie and Yin Mei were the only ones left in the pavilion.

Bai Lie stared at Yin Mei, who was sitting at a distance from him, with an ugly expression and moved his lips to ask her about what she had just done, but right then, Yin Mei's smile disappeared and she took a step towards him and said in a low voice, **"There's something wrong with Ye Ling, so you should stay away from him in the future."**

Yin Mei's sudden change shocked Bai Lie and he stood on his spot with a dumbfounded expression.

Just a moment ago, she was chatting with Ye Ling in a joyful mood, yet as soon as he left, she returned to her polite, indifferent, and alienated expression from before.

Her change overwhelmed Bai Lie and he couldn't react for a while.

Still, it didn't take long for his mind to process the meaning behind Yin Mei's words and he widened his eyes in disbelief.

So Yin Mei's prior actions were a test for Ye Ling?

Right then, Yin Mei shot him a somewhat dissatisfied glance and asked, **"What are you even thinking? What kind of woman do you take me for?"**

**"I noticed Ye Ling's impure gaze and thoughts as soon as you introduced us a while ago, but you never noticed anything. It's just that I never said it out loud since I feared that you might think I was trying to drive a wedge between the two of you! You must have gotten a good look at your virtuous brother's character today, no?"**

Once Yin Mei finished her words, she stared at Bai Lie with furrowed brows and a disappointed expression.

**"That..."**

Bai Lie was stunned.

Yin Mei's words and previous actions and behavior soon brought Bai Lie to his senses.

He didn't doubt Yin Mei's words.

He had no reason to doubt her.

After all, Ye Ling's excessive behavior was clear for him to see just then.

Bai Lie put great thought into the matter and concluded that Yin Mei did everything to make him see Ye Ling's true face.

Bai Lie's heart was moved by her actions as he never expected Yin Mei to show him such care and concern.

Yet he— he suspected her just now...

Feelings of guilt overwhelmed Bai Lie's moved heart.

**"Yin Mei, please don't take it to heart! I know I wronged you just now! I never thought that you were only thinking about me..."**

Bai Lie explained himself.

But soon, his expression turned cold and he continued, **"I know Ye Ling's temperament more than anyone else, but I never expected him to stoop to such a level where he would even dare covet you..."**

He already knew that Ye Ling to hit on the fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, Yue Mingkong, so he immediately put him into the same category as Gu Changge when he took into account his actions.[1]

[1: Gu Changge tried to cuckold him by having ideas about Yin Mei, while Ye Ling also had a lustful temperament who dared to hit on just about anyone's woman, so he thought that Ye Ling was similar to Gu Changge. He thinks that Gu Changge's also a lustful guy who loves stealing women. ]

**"I knew that this guy, Ye Ling, was only showing respect to me on the surface! In actuality, he was hiding his venomous fangs under that layer of pretense."**

**“There’s no difference between him and that Gu Changge!”**

Bai Lie said with a cold snort while thinking up measures to deal with Ye Ling.

Drowned in his own delusions, Bai Lie failed to notice the fleeting light of sneer that passed through Yin Mei’s eyes. After all, everything she said and did tonight was orchestrated by Gu Changge.

Yin Mei merely complied and followed the script he prepared for her.

Everything went according to Gu Changge’s plan without the slightest deviation and that made Yin Mei’s heart palpitate in fear.

Gu Changge’s ability to manipulate people was far too terrifying.

She never expected him to drive a wedge between Bai Lie and Ye Ling — who were trustworthy brothers for a long time — with such ease.

She, the main character, only needed to say a few words to Bai Lie and that alone did everything else.

She didn’t even need to put any effort into it.

Yin Mei thanked the heavens for the fact that she was the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family, and possessed outstanding acting skills that not many could see through — there’s no way Gu Changge would keep her around otherwise, after all.

Gu Changge’s precise understanding of Bai Lie and Ye Ling’s hearts and minds sent a shiver down Yin Mei’s spine.

Gu Changge never made an appearance, yet everything went in the direction that he prepared beforehand; Bai Lie and Ye Ling played in the palm of his hands like stringed puppets.

They would have never imagined that all of their actions were directed by none other than Gu Changge.

He was too fearsome!

This made Yin Mei bless her heart for making the correct choice back then, or she would have died without a burial at his hand a long time ago.

**“Yin Mei, it’s getting dark so are you going back to the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace?”**

Bai Lie suddenly asked Yin Mei with an expectant look in his eyes.

After all, Yin Mei couldn’t go back to the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace in the dead of the night, right?

Yin Mei’s expression and state returned to normal and she showed no abnormality with herself when she heard his words, and said, **“I won’t go back tonight; I have a small courtyard in this ancient city, so I will go there for rest.”**

Her response disappointed Bai Lie, but he understood that he couldn’t force it.

Yin Mei chatted with him a bit more and then walked away. But before her figure completely disappeared, a glint flashed past her eyes, and an alluring voice floated into Bai Lie’s ears, **“My courtyard isn’t too far from here, just three hundred miles to the east.”**

**“Three hundred miles to the east...”** *n0velusb.com*

Bai Lie’s eyes lit up and his heart jumped in joy as he wondered if Yin Mei was giving him a hint?

Still, it wasn’t time for him to worry about hints as he had an even more important matter to deal with.

Bai Lie’s face sank and he waved his hand, **“Appear!”**

The Void behind him fluctuated and a terrifying figure with an oppressive aura appeared out of thin here. The newcomer was his secret protector, a mighty master of the White Tiger Family.

**“At your command, Little Lord!”**

Bai Lie’s followers also appeared before him at the same time and waited for his command. They were many in numbers and all of them were extremely powerful — the weakest among them was in the Saint Realm.

**“Go get that Ye Ling for me! How dare he think of sabotaging me like this?!”**

Bai Lie commanded with a gloomy expression.

**“As you command, Little Lord!”**

Soon, the group rushed out of the pavilion and went towards Ye Ling’s place, including the mighty protector.

[VILFIC: this mother-trucker, stay with your damn master, you beachface.]

Bai Lie felt relieved about the matter since his protector was personally leading the charge. He knew well about Ye Ling’s tricks, so he felt that Ye Ling would have no path of escape with that mighty master personally taking action.

**“The words Yin Mei left before she disappeared...those must be a hint for me, right?”**

Soon, a smile appeared on Bai Lie’s face and he left for the place Yin Mei mentioned in haste.

### **Chapter 117.1: Ant Ling; Have Some Tea, Brother Bai!**

Gu Changge stood by the window with his hands behind his back and a faint smile on his face, inside a quiet and elegant courtyard.

[Ding! You successfully severed the Favored Son of Heaven’s relationship.]

[Calculating Rewards! You received a perfect score on the mission’s completion and earned 1000 points of Fortune Value, 5000 Destiny Points, and a 40% bonus.]

[Ding! Final rewards after calculations: 1400 Fortune Value | 7000 Destiny Points.]

The System Prompts sounded inside Gu Changge’s mind, announcing to him that everything went according to his plan.

The relationship between Bai Lie, the Young Master of the White Tiger Family, and Ye Ling disappeared into thin smoke like it never meant much.



'What's the use of such flimsy brotherhood that snaps over a little temptation from a beauty?'

Gu Changge thought with an expression of interest on his face.

'Brothers are like limbs while women are like clothes.'

That sentence might sound great, but when the time to prove it arrived, not many could go through with it. After all, who would let their brother wear their clothes?

He merely took advantage of their weakness. Ye Ling was a lustful man who loved beauties, while Bai Lie was a suspicious fool. Yin Mei merely needed to say a few words to drive a wedge between the two of them.

In fact, she didn't even do anything — Gu Changge merely used her as a medium to magnify the rift between Ye Ling and Bai Lie by an infinite margin.

The System's Prompt made it clear that everything went even better than expected and Yin Mei didn't disappoint him. Now, it was Gu Changge's turn to make his move.

It was time he thoroughly squeezed out the last droplets of essence from Bai Lie's existence.

**"I will be going out for a while, so be a good wife and wait for your husband's return."**

Gu Changge said to Yue Mingkong, who was sitting under the moonlight that illuminated her snow-white dress.

Before Yue Mingkong could reply, he jumped from his spot and stepped on the courtyard's wall. Immediately after that, he disappeared.

'What is Gu Changge up to now?'

Yue Mingkong walked out of the courtyard with wrinkled brows and a doubtful expression.

She followed Gu Changge everywhere after he left the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace to peer into his secrets and hidden means, but after he brought her here, he said nothing about his intentions and let her do whatever.

Yet now, he decided to disappear out of nowhere like this, and his sudden action annoyed Yue Mingkong as she knew she wouldn't be able to catch up to him.

After all, there was no way she would be able to find Gu Changge with her current abilities if he intentionally hid from her.

With Gu Changge's might, he could easily prevent her from stalking him.

'Is he going to deal with Ye Ling now? Is that why he didn't let me follow him? This bastard wants to eat everything all by himself, and won't even leave some soup for me.'

Yue Mingkong ground her teeth in rage as she thought about this.

She was worried that Gu Changge would be at a disadvantage when going against Ye Ling, so she used the pretense of discussion and informed him of everything she knew about Ye Ling. At the same time, she thought that Gu Changge would be kind enough to leave some benefits for her, yet...

That bastard, Gu Changge, ran away all by himself and left her to wait for him back in the courtyard.

His actions deepened Yue Mingkong's hatred for him as she realized that her 'beloved' husband had no plans to leave anything for her — he was as selfish and cunning as ever.

Still, she felt curious about how Gu Changge would deal with Ye Ling? Just how was he going to pin the taboo inheritance on Ye Ling's head?

Right now, Ye Ling was out in the light while Gu Changge was hidden in the dark.

Ye Ling probably never even thought that Gu Changge was targeting him.

But soon, Yue Mingkong felt that there was something wrong about her deductions and thought, 'Ye Ling is the successor of the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation with a lot of life-saving cards up his sleeves, so the only way Gu Changge can kill him is by exposing his true might and means...it's very likely for Ye Ling to escape with his life...'

'I don't think Gu Changge will risk attacking Ye Ling at this time, so he must be targeting Bai Lie.'

'After all, Ye Ling still has some use for Gu Changge as he can help him shoulder the title of a heretic for some time. Gu Changge will use that time to strengthen himself using his Forbidden Arts, and no one will suspect him for that...'

'Ye Ling, on the other hand, will turn into a rat hated by everyone in the Upper Realm as he shoulders the blame for him.'

Yue Mingkong soon figured out Gu Changge's plan.

It wasn't once or twice that Gu Changge used a similar method in their previous life to strengthen himself. Now that Ye Ling delivered himself to his door, there was no way Gu Changge would waste the opportunity to improve his Cultivation Base.

In other words, there was a high chance that Gu Changge wouldn't kill Ye Ling just yet.

'Making the world dance in the palm of your hands...the more I know you, the more terrified I feel.'

Yue Mingkong frowned as she couldn't think of any method to break out of Gu Changge's chessboard, and decided to play dumb for a while.

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After leaving the banquet pavilion, Ye Ling returned to the mansion where he usually lived and cultivated.

On the way back, he hummed a faint tune in a good mood and chatted with the old turtle inside the pendant.

**"Turtle Bro, don't you think my Big Bro Bai Lie is too narrow-minded? I only exchanged a few words with Yin Mei, yet he showed me such a gloomy face like I committed some great evil..."**

Ye Ling said with a look of indifference.

The old turtle inside the pendant rolled his eyes and replied, **“You brat, your lecherous temperament is on par with that of the Heavenly Venerate’s from back then. That Bai Lie’s your big bro, so can’t you give him some face?”**

**“Your carefree attitude is a problem! I am telling you that you will suffer a massive loss because of a woman if you don’t restrain yourself!”**

**“Have you forgotten how you almost died in a woman’s hands last time?”**

Ye Ling’s complexion fell and an unsightly expression appeared on his face as he listened to the turtle rub salt on his wound. Not only was he humiliated thoroughly back then, but he was also forced to waste a precious live-saving treasure.

Although he still had a bunch of live-saving treasures, one used was still one less, and that gave him a headache.

**“Turtle Bro, don’t mention that matter again! I want Yue Mingkong to pay me back for what she did that day as soon as possible.”**

**“Alas! She’s a woman with innumerable means, yet I don’t have the fortune to use her.”**

**“What’s so good about that Gu Changege? Isn’t he just from a good family? I don’t understand why so many people fear him.”**

Ye Ling curled his lips in disdain.

He walked every step without relying on his background, and every achievement of his came from the inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation, so he looked down on Gu Changege, who already stood at the peak of the world from the moment of his birth.

What bullcrap Reincarnation of an Ancient Emperor, Reincarnation of a True Immortal, and whatnot? They would all fall like flies once they found themselves in a life-threatening situation; he held various cards up his sleeve that could help him kill them all in one fell swoop.

Ye Ling held complete confidence in himself!

## **Chapter 117.2: Ant Ling; Have Some Tea, Brother Bai!**

**“What happened?”**

Ye Ling felt the atmosphere in his surroundings shift and turn unpleasant out of nowhere. The world around him turned silent, and soon, he felt as if a strong figure was about to rush at him.

A terrifying, oppressive aura descended upon him and made his face change color.

**“Who is it?!”**

Ye Ling’s vigilance shot to the sky as he stared outside the mansion.

The wind halted.

Under the dim moonlight, he could only see a hazy, otherworldly figure standing outside his mansion. The figure seemed to be ethereal and untouched by the dust of the world around it, and he felt as if it didn't exist even though he could see it right in front of him.

Endless fog shrouded the figure's features and strange runes circulated it to release a terrifying might. Ye Ling could only see a pair of indifferent eyes that stared at him with a gaze that resembled a hunter's when he stared at his prey.

'Who is this person? When did he appear here? Why didn't I notice him before?'

Ye Ling's heart tightened and a chill went down his back as cold sweat covered his hands and feet; a feeling of unease clawed at his heart.

His aura surged and a terrifying, dark talisman with the breath of the Dao of Reincarnation and extremely destructive might appeared in his hands — he readied himself to attack at a moment's notice.

At the same time, nervousness overwhelmed Ye Ling. The person in front of him was the most terrifying person he had ever come across.

It wasn't his cultivation that scared him, but the aura that he radiated!

The blurred figure let out a chilling laugh, and then his figure blurred and disappeared into thin air.

**[Kekeke!]**

**"We will meet again, ant..."**

Ye Ling frowned once the figure disappeared, and even the turtle in his pendant noticed that something had gone wrong outside.

In the next moment, Ye Ling's expression showed a drastic change as he shouted, **"Not good!"**

**[Hum!]**

An old man in black appeared from the Void with a jet-black weapon in his hand and slashed at him with the intent to destroy everything in his path!

**"Who are you? Why are you trying to kill me?"**

Ye Ling's complexion changed further. The man in black turned out to be a God King hiding his aura, who wanted to appear out of thin air and assassinate him in a single stroke.

Immediately, the black talisman in Ye Ling's hand radiated a terrifying aura that could turn the heavens asunder.

'Run!'

'He just failed in your assassination, so he won't dare to make another move in a short time...'

The turtle inside the pendant yelled at Ye Ling to flee from the scene as soon as possible — they couldn't stay here anymore.

Ye Ling, too, didn't hesitate and fled as soon as he heard the turtle's words.

What puzzled him, however, was the fact that the man in black behind him seemed to fear him for some reason, and dared not to go all out with his God King Realm power.

Otherwise, if he went all out, then his attack wouldn't be so lousy.

Ye Ling couldn't figure out the ins and outs of the matter, nor did he have the time for that, so he ran as fast as possible to save his life.

What's more? He didn't want to waste a precious life-saving treasure just to run from a mere God King. After all, one used meant one less, and using such a mighty treasure against a God King would be a great waste.

'Young Master, just why did you ask me to do something like this? Why can't I kill that brat, and instead, have to keep him at the edge for his life...'

The old man in black chasing after Ye Ling was none other than Old Ming.

Old Ming couldn't help but frown as he tried to guess Gu Changge's intention behind such an order.

Just now, he felt a terrifying aura from the hands of the man in front of him and noticed a pitch-black rune that made him feel as if it could destroy him with ease, so he dared not get too close to Ye Ling.

Either way, Gu Changge's command was to scare the man without pushing him too hard.

Still, although Old Ming was confused, he followed Gu Changge's command; Gu Changge's thoughts weren't something he could guess, after all.

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After Bai Lie sent his followers and retainer to catch Ye Ling, he rushed to the remote courtyard Yin Mei told him about. Outside the courtyard stood two magnificent white lions made of jade.

'Yin Mei must be waiting for me, right?'

Bai Lie smiled when he felt Yin Mei's aura from inside the courtyard and pushed open the door at once.

It was a quiet and desolate courtyard, and only after passing through several corridors did he reach a place in the depths of the courtyard that was illuminated by the glow of a candle.

He could see a pot of warm wine on the stone table that gave off an intoxicating fragrance that drifted in all directions.

Beside the table sat a graceful figure in red holding fluffy foxtails in her arms. A charming smile adorned the beauty's visage as she appeared to be waiting for someone with her gaze lowered in thought.

'YIN MEI WAS WAITING FOR ME! She even warmed the wine before I could arrive.'

Bai Lie's heart roared in joy as he concluded that Yin Mei's parting words were indeed a hint for him.

**"Yin Mei, I am here!"**

Bai Lie announced his arrival and walked into the room in excitement while radiating his powerful aura.

Right then, Yin Mei raised her gaze with a strange expression on her face after hearing his words, and said with an unabated smile, **“Master was correct! You did indeed come.”**

**“What? Yin Mei, what do you mean? Weren’t you waiting for me?”**

**“Also, Master? What Master?”**

The smile on Bai Lie’s face froze as he realized that Yin Mei wasn’t surprised by his arrival, and instead, looked at him with a hint of indifference and ridicule in her eyes.

At the same time, he wondered if he misheard Yin Mei’s words?

Master?

What Master?

Who was his fiancée, Yin Mei, referring to as Master?

**“Master will be here soon, so you can see him then.”**

Yin Mei didn’t bother to say anything more after saying those words.

Her expression no longer showed the gentleness Bai Lie was familiar with, and instead, she sat there with a bored and indifferent expression.

**“What?!”**

Bai Lie was stunned by her words and stood rooted to his spot with a dumbfounded expression like he was struck by a bolt from the blue.

He couldn’t believe that Yin Mei, the gentle and caring fiancée who even helped him see Ye Ling’s true face, would suddenly act like she had nothing to do with him. *n0Vellusb.COM*

She treated him like a stranger!

**“Brother Bai, you aren’t wrong; Yin Mei was indeed waiting for you.”**

Right then, Bai Lie heard a faint voice from outside the room and saw a figure dressed in white descend towards them under the moonlight.

As soon as Yin Mei saw the newcomer, a respectful and pleased expression appeared on her face and she greeted him, **“Yin Mei greets Master!”**

Gu Changge landed with a nod.

He casually raised a wine glass made of jade sitting on the stone table, and brought it to his lips for a sip, **“Good, I arrived just in time for a drink! The wine hasn’t gone cold yet.”**

He downed the wine in one gulp and exclaimed, **“Your Dao of Wine Warming is getting better and better.”**

**“Thank you for your praise, Master.”**

Yin Mei showed a sweet smile and looked ecstatic as she heard Gu Changge’s compliment.

**“Brother Bai, why are you standing there like that? Come, have a drink!”**

Gu Changge turned towards Bai Lie, who stood on his spot with a sluggish expression of disbelief and chuckled.

### **Chapter 118.1: Leading the Play from Behind the Scenes; Terrifying Gu Changge!**

A cold wind blew through the dark night and creepy shadows added to the terror of the situation under the silver moonlight.

Bai Lie watched the scene in front of him in utter disbelief — reality left him dumbfounded. He felt as if someone cracked open his skull and poured a water basin on his brain.

A moment ago, he tried to rationalize Yin Mei’s words as some kind of a joke and expected her to break out in a smile, but the appearance of his archenemy, Gu Changge, squashed his final bits of fantasy.

Bai Lie believed the wine must be prepared for him, but the one drinking it was someone else.

What’s more? Yin Mei’s words and actions...

From beginning to end, Yin Mei kept him in the dark and treated him like a monkey jumping around in the palm of her hand.

This realization made Bai Lie tremble all over, and his eyes turned red in rage as an evil spirit emerged from his forehead. A massive white tiger materialized behind him, and the word ‘King’ appeared on his forehead.

He wasn’t dumb and understood that Yin Mei deceived him, so he brought out his full might to have a go at them at any moment.

**“Gu Changge, you...”**

He glared daggers at the two of them as flames of rage burned in his eyes!

Only a few moments had passed since Gu Changge appeared and said the words he said to Bai Lie. Even now, he ignored Bai Lie’s growl and glare and said, **“Brother Bai, why don’t you sit for a drink? Are you looking down on this Gu?”**

Silver moonlight illuminated Gu Changge’s handsome visage as he sat there with an indifferent expression that made him look like a cold and heartless god carved out of immortal jade.

On the other hand, Bai Lie felt his heart sink to the bottom of an abyss as he watched Gu Changge’s actions and indifference.

**“Yin Mei, Brother Bai is your fiancé, so you should pour him a glass of wine. Don’t embarrass him after he came all the way here in the middle of the night.”**

Gu Changge said with a smile and took a sip of his wine.

As for Bai Lie? He couldn’t give one damn about the fool.

After all, everything was under his control.

Bai Lie made his guardian and followers go after Ye Ling, so there was no way they would be returning any time soon. After all, Ye Ling was trying to escape from Old Ming's chase, so Gu Changge reckoned that he might not even be in the ancient city anymore.

Bai Lie's people would need to waste a lot of time to find and capture him.

This gave Gu Changge ample time to do whatever he desired to do with Bai Lie. After all, no one besides Bai Lie knew he led Bai Lie into his trap.

As for Ye Ling? Poor Ye Ling never got to see Gu Changge's face or figure.

By the way, Gu Changge felt satisfied after looking at his soon-to-be scapegoat. Ye Ling wasn't a Favored Son of Heaven for nothing — his strength and reflexes were a cut above the rest of those around his level.

Apart from that, Ye Ling also held countless life-saving means and treasures up his sleeve.

Gu Changge had felt a destructive aura from the black talisman in Ye Ling's grasp and reckoned it to be a life-saving treasure left behind by the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation.

For this reason, Gu Changge commanded Old Ming not to push Ye Ling too hard; he just had to chase after him with some killing intent and make him run around like a duck.

He was well aware that Ye Ling wouldn't waste such a precious life-saving treasure unless necessary, after all.

Using such a treasure on a mere God King would be nothing but a waste.

What's more? There was no need for Old Ming to die over such a trivial matter.

Gu Changge's mind soon returned to reality — he hadn't instructed Yin Mei to lead Bai Lie all the way here just for some idle chatter and showing off before him.

Although it felt good to show off, Gu Changge still needed to get some work done. After all, how would he pin the Forbidden Inheritance on Ye Ling's head if Bai Lie didn't die here tonight?

It was time for Bai Lie to play his role in the play.

**"As you command, Master."**

After listening to Gu Changge's command, Yin Mei stepped forward and arrived before Bai Lie, who glared at her with rage and hatred. Without caring about his emotions and thoughts, she filled a glass of wine and said to him, **"Aren't you going to thank my Master for his generosity?"**

There was no gentleness in her words, and Bai Lie could only see disgust and indifference from her gaze. The way she treated him made Bai Lie tremble, and now he only desired to slap her to death.

If he hadn't seen all this with his two eyes tonight, then Yin Mei would have kept on playing him like a fiddle who didn't know an iota of the truth.

**"Yin Mei, you are cruel! I treated you well and always showed politeness, so why did you do this to me?"**



Bai Lie snarled in an almost inaudible voice.

Yin Mei looked at him without a word as she believed he didn't need to know anything.

**[Hum!]**

Soon, brilliant rays of light and layers of hazy mist rose from the ground around the inner courtyard and turned into a chaotic fog that blocked the sky.

As soon as Bai Lie stepped foot into the inner courtyard, he triggered the concealment formation set up around it. The concealment formation covered every direction and made sure to keep any aura from leaking out!

Bai Lie's heart turned cold when he realized that he didn't bring anyone along — even the followers who typically followed him in the dark were sent after Ye Ling by him.

Bai Lie stood there in a hateful mood and cursed himself for his foolish actions.

At the same time, he couldn't help but shiver in fright when he realized the reason behind Yin Mei's words and actions back at the banquet; she did all that to drive a wedge between Ye Ling and him and succeeded at that with flying colors.

The two of them wouldn't be brothers anymore; after all, he sent everyone around him after Ye Ling, leaving him alone and hopeless.

Not only did she drive a wedge between the two of them, but she also left him with a hint to arrive at this desolate place.

Bai Lie's scalp went numb, and a chill ran down his spine as he figured out everything that went down.

They dug a hole for him, predicted his every move, and led him by the nose until he fell into the hole.

There were no flaws in Yin Mei's spectacular acting!

He always believed her to be a kind and gentle woman!

After pouring a glass of wine for Bai Lie, Yin Mei turned around and stood by Gu Changge once again with an obedient and respectful expression. She even filled his empty glass of wine for him once more.

**“Brother Bai, do you want to say anything? I heard that you wanted to slaughter me, so why don't you have a try at it now that I am right in front of you?”**

Gu Changge said with a smile as he reached out to hold one of Yin Mei's fluffy foxtails in his embrace with a comfortable expression.

Since ancient times, excessive nonsense led villains to their death because their plans and arrangements could never make up for their shortcomings.

Alas! Bai Lie wouldn't be able to escape alive from this place even if Gu Changge gave him the entire night, so he wasn't in a hurry.

After all, he wasn't like those dead villains who weren't meticulous enough when making plans.

The most important matter was that Gu Changge wanted to know how Bai Lie felt right now. After all, he (Bai Lie) was someone who had wanted to murder him for a long time.

Gu Changge held countless cruel methods up his sleeve that he could use to murder his enemies.

It wasn't that he had a distorted character and mind, but that his situation didn't allow him to live with a kind heart.

### **Chapter 118.2: Leading the Play from Behind the Scenes; Terrifying Gu Changge!**

**“Yin Mei, why did you deceive me? What kind of benefits did Gu Changge promise you for you to serve him? Tell me if he's threatening you, and I guarantee to help you!”**

Bai Lie stared at Yin Mei with a fierce glare that made it seem like he wanted to swallow her whole.

**“Foolish man! You'll never be capable of going against my Master.”**

Yin Mei looked down on Bai Lie with eyes full of disgust, disdain, and indifference — this was how she viewed him from the start.

If not for Gu Changge's instructions, she would have never been able to pretend to be a gentle and virtuous woman in front of him.

As for how Gu Changge was better than Bai Lie?

Other than not having Gu Changge's indifference and ruthless means, nothing else made him stand out in front of Gu Changge.

In her view, Bai Lie couldn't even compare to one of Gu Changge's shoes.

**“Gu Changge, you arranged all of this, right? In fact, you led all of us by the nose from behind the scenes, didn't you? For this whole time, Yin Mei was listening to your orders, right?”**

Bai Lie roared.

By now, his eyes had reached a point where they might just burst with rage and hatred at any time.

Yin Mei, who always kept a distance of three steps from him, looked so intimate and obedient when standing right next to Gu Changge, and this fact made his blood rush to his brain.

Bai Lie couldn't wait to slap the two of them to death!

Why couldn't he see through this farce?

Gu Changge sure knew how to hide his plots!

Who would have thought that he was secretly leading them by the nose all this time?

No one could have imagined it.

After all, he never heard anything about Yin Mei being Gu Changge's b!7ch!

And it wasn't just him; even the disciples of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace probably didn't know about this fact.

When exactly did she turn to his side?

Bai Lie's soul almost froze over when he realized everything.

Gu Changge was too terrifying!

Was he hiding everything like this to dominate everyone and everything? What was he trying to achieve? Could it be...he couldn't be plotting something terrifying, right? He couldn't be the one plotting everything behind the scenes, right?

**"It seems that you aren't as dumb as you look! I would have doubted you and your achievements if you didn't react as fast as you did."**

Gu Changge said with a chuckle and then raised his glass to his lips and slowly took a sip before adding, **"Brother Bai, you should down this cup of wine as soon as possible. The Yellow Spring is a long way from here, and you won't get anything to drink on the way."**

**"What...Gu Changge, are you planning to murder me?!"**

Gu Changge's words made Bai Lie shiver in terror, and he realized that he didn't even have words to curse the two in front of him.

The entire White Tiger Family, a mighty Ancient Immortal Family, stood behind him, so did Gu Changge dare to kill him for real?

He had never seen anyone other than Gu Changge who could speak such murderous words with a lighthearted tone and a smile.

At the same time, Bai Lie felt a monstrous bloodthirst rush at him with the intent to drown him to death.

Gu Changge was far more terrifying than he appeared on the surface.

Everyone in the world believed Gu Changge to be nothing but a Young Supreme with a profound Cultivation Base... alas, who would have thought that he would have such a side to him.

**"Brother Bai, are you retarded or something? Why would I make you come all the way here if I wasn't going to kill you? Do you think I am here to chat with you all night long?"**

Gu Changge said with an indifferent laugh.

**[Hum!]**

Right after he finished his words, the wine glass in his hands burst apart and released countless divine flowers that bloomed in their surroundings. A dazzling immortal flower materialized out of nowhere and took root in the Void in front of them, appearing as if it desired to absorb the vitality of all the living beings in existence.

**[Puff!]**

Bai Lie, who kept a keen eye on Gu Changge, never expected Gu Changge to make a move right after he finished his words, so he couldn't resist the impact of Gu Changge's attack that blew him away.

The phantom of the white tiger behind him got crushed into smithereens!

Bai Lie's chest exploded, and a divine flower with crystal-like petals took root inside him. The flower swayed and released a burst of light that rained on him.

At the same time, a terrifying pain from the depths of his soul assaulted Bai Lie's mind and made him roar.

All of his resistance and offensive might got crushed in nothing but a moment, including the white tiger phantom he had just materialized.

The difference between the two of them couldn't be estimated!

**"This is most definitely not the strength of a Conferred King! What else are you hiding..."**

Bai Lie tried to stand up with widened eyes.

Blood covered his body, and he coughed even more of it as he stood up with an expression full of disbelief.

The fact that Gu Changge could so easily obliterate his white tiger phantom and resistance meant that the strength he displayed just then had surpassed the level his current realm could resist!

This realization stunned Bai Lie, and he wondered just how many more secrets Gu Changge hid?

Gu Changge was too terrifying!

**"[Ultimate Golden Destructive Ability] is such a waste in your hands, Brother Bai."**

Gu Changge didn't answer his question and stared at the golden runes that gradually materialized in Bai Lie's hands with satisfaction.

The thing that made him interested in Bai Lie — besides wanting to use him as a tool to pin the Forbidden Inheritance on Ye Ling — was none other than the [Ultimate Golden Destructive Ability].

It was one of the top three abilities of the Upper Realm when it came to destructive might, after all.

It's just that the gap between Bai Lie and his realm was too great, so there was no way for Bai Lie to exert the ability's true might.

**[Hum!]**

Right then, a dark golden flame burst from Bai Lie's body, and the radiance of the word 'King' on his forehead also soared as he gave off a terrifying aura that could subdue all beasts into surrender — he was burning his life force as he resolved himself to fight to the death.

However, what left him dumbfounded, was the dazzling immortal flower rooted in his chest. Even after he went all out, the flower didn't disappear. It was as if it was embedded deep into his soul!

The bloodied flower was in full bloom, and its petals swayed in the surroundings.

Gu Changge, on the other hand, didn't stand up and only watched the scene in front of him with an expression of interest.

Bai Lie, however, understood well that he would die without a doubt if he didn't go all out right now. He could see that Gu Changge only looked at him with the eyes of a hunter looking at its prey or someone high up looking down on a powerless ant that could be stomped to death at any moment.

**“Gu Changge, I must slaughter you!”**

A bright light burst out from the depths of Bai Lie's Sea of Consciousness.

He had sacrificed a dazzling golden page with countless golden runes circulating around it, which turned into a white tiger that gave off a terrifying aura of suppression and seemed to desire the fall of the Heavens!

It was the life-saving treasure that he kept for a life-threatening situation where he had no way out!

**“Die!”**

Bai Lie turned into a golden shadow with a yell and rushed at Gu Changge with the intent to duke it out with him. If a concealment formation weren't covering the surroundings, his aura would have surprised the entire ancient city.

Suddenly, monstrous demonic energy permeated the surroundings as a dark, crimson halberd cut through the air and appeared in Gu Changge's hand. Without a change in his expression, he cut down with the halberd.

The white tiger, which rushed at him, exploded with a pop, and the golden page also crumbled before it could touch him!

**“You are a god...”**

Disbelief and despair filled Bai Lie's eyes, and he opened his mouth to utter some words.

**“Aren't you too eager for death? Do I need to teach you how to put up some resistance now?”**

Gu Changge said with a flat tone as his other hand reached out and grabbed Bai Lie's neck at lightning speed. Within moments, the offensive aura around Bai Lie disappeared into thin air.

### **Chapter 119.1: Devouring the Prey; Fragrance of a Vixen!**

**“Why are you so strong?! How is this possible...”**

Bai Lie questioned in desperation with an ashen face.

He was taller and burlier than Gu Changge, yet Gu Changge lifted him by one hand like he was lifting a powerless chicken, and this further pushed Bai Lie down the abyss of despair.

Gu Changge obliterated his mightiest life-saving treasure with incomparable ease!

He could tell that the monstrous halberd in Gu Changge's hand surpassed the Sacred Rank...no, it had to be a bloodthirsty weapon of the Supreme Rank, or it wouldn't have such might that could cut through his golden paper like a hot knife cutting through mud.

**“What a pity that you wasted such a good treasure (the golden paper)...”**

Gu Changege said with a shake of his head, but Bai Lie couldn't see any trace of pity from his expression.

**“What’s this?!”**

Right then, Bai Lie screamed in horror as extreme terror covered his visage.

Gu Changege, on the other hand, showed a calm expression without the slightest turbulence in his gaze.

**[Hum!]**

Before Bai Lie could utter another word, the flower in his chest burst with all kinds of divine rays of light that merged to form a pitch-black [Great Dao Treasured Bottle].

Right after that, a strong aura burst forth from the flower, and the golden luster of the [Ultimate Golden Destructive Ability] appeared in front of Gu Changege. At the same time, a black hole appeared in Gu Changege's palm and devoured the golden light so he could refine and absorb it.

The night wind blew, and Gu Changege stood on his spot with his eyes closed. After a while, he muttered, **“The taste of the [Ultimate Golden Destructive Ability] isn't bad; it contains countless changes![1] No wonder it's ranked among the top three in the Upper Realm.”**

[1: changes here refers to the ways the ability can be used through manipulation.]

**“Congratulations for obtaining the [Ultimate Golden Destructive Ability], Master!”**

Yin Mei congratulated him with respect in a hurry.

Seeing the scene before her made her surrender her heart to Gu Changege even more. The fear obliterated any remaining thoughts of resistance and betrayal, and she dared not entertain such thoughts anymore.

Gu Changege could exterminate her with ease.

Gu Changege nodded to her in response and then looked at the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] in his hand and said with a smile, **“I didn't let you kill him because leaving scars (made by the halberd) on his body wouldn't be good.”**

Gu Changege could feel the excitement and joy of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. After all, it finally got to make a move after Gu Changege threw it in the System's Weapon Space for a long time.

He felt pity over the fact that it only got to destroy a piece of golden paper that couldn't even make it exert its true might.

The feeling of not being able to go all out almost made it fall into depression.

Adding to that depression was the fact that Gu Changege kept it locked in the Weapon Space all the time, so it couldn't help but feel aggrieved over being left out of all the fun.

Gu Changege comforted it for a while and then threw it back into the Weapon Space.

**“Master, what should I do with Bai Lie's body?”**

After looking at Bai Lie's corpse, Yin Mei asked, as she was the one responsible for disposing of the remains of Gu Changge's 'cultivation resources.'

**"You can't destroy Bai Lie's body."**

Gu Changge said with a smile as he removed the concealment formation shrouding their surroundings. The silver moonlight fell on his face again and increased the sinisteress of his expression.

The only ones who knew about today's events were Yin Mei and him.

As for Bai Lie's body? Gu Changge couldn't let anyone destroy it, or he won't be able to pin the blame on Ye Ling's head.

As long as the eyes of the old monsters behind him (Bai Lie) didn't give out, there would be some among them who would be able to tell how Bai Lie died.

At that time, even if he didn't wish to pin the blame on Ye Ling's head, Ye Ling wouldn't be able to escape his fate.

Gu Changge pondered for a while and then put Bai Lie's body inside his inner world before leaving the place.

Bai Lie's corpse still had some use left.

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**"Congratulations, Master!"**

Yin Mei said her farewell and then cleared all the traces on the scene. She was already used to this kind of work, after all.

Afterwards, she followed Gu Changge's instructions and stayed in the courtyard waiting for what was to come.

Since Bai Lie disappeared into thin air, some of his followers and relatives will definitely come all the way here to question her.

That will be the moment for her to put her acting skills to use.

Unless someone looked through her soul and memories, they wouldn't be able to find the truth.

Yin Mei wasn't worried about someone going that far, however. She held no doubt in Gu Changge's commands and arrangements.

What's more? She was the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family, so who would dare to search her soul without concrete evidence against her?

Yin Mei sat in wait with a calm and natural expression on her face and gently combed her nine snow-white, fluffy foxtails, which shimmered under the silver moonlight.

She had recently realized that although Gu Changge didn't hold much interest in her, he was pretty interested in her tails.

Every time she met up with him, he would take one in his hands and play with it for a while.

At first, his actions made her feel somewhat shy and awkward, but now, she was used to his antics.

Before long, Yin Mei sensed several mighty auras rushing towards her courtyard from outside — she could see several rays of divine lights fly over in her direction.

A strange smile showed on her lovely visage for a moment, but it soon disappeared, and she pretended to be disturbed by the sudden appearance of the newcomers.

**“I pay my respects, Your Excellency, Yin Mei! Excuse me, but have you seen my Young Master?”**

Soon, Yin Mei saw Bai Lie’s followers and protector — who usually hid in the dark — appear in front of her and question her.

The man turned out to be a Sacred Realm Master.

The middle-aged man had a burly build with the apparent characteristics of the White Tiger Family and radiated a mighty aura.

### **Chapter 119.2: Devouring the Prey; Fragrance of a Vixen!**

Yin Mei couldn’t help but show a hint of doubt on her face in response to his question and said, **“Bai Lie did come to me, but he later left saying that he had to settle an account with Ye Ling...”**

**“It turns out that our Young Master personally went to deal with Ye Ling...”**

The middle-aged man of the White Tiger Family frowned after he heard her words.

He was well aware of Yin Mei’s temperament since Bai Lie met up with her multiple times in the past, so he held her in high regard. Yin Mei was a gentle woman with a well-bred and respectful personality.

What’s more? He had seen with his own eyes how Yin Mei helped Bai Lie see Ye Ling’s true colors back at the banquet.

So he held no doubt in Yin Mei’s words.

What’s more? There was a high chance that Bai Lie would personally go after Ye Ling, as that’s just how he was.

He had long ago told Bai Lie that he felt that Ye Ling was not a good guy, but Bai Lie always defended Ye Ling, so he stopped talking about him after that.

Speaking of which, he had to thank Yin Mei for her help. If not for her help, Bai Lie would have never seen Ye Ling’s true colors.

**“Did something happen?”**

Right then, Yin Mei asked with a frown on her face that showed a puzzled expression.

**“To tell you the truth, Lady Yin Mei, our Young Master has yet to return after going off to deal with Ye Ling. I visited Ye Ling’s mansion a while ago and only found some fluctuations of aura there that showed that a battle went down there...”**



**“Ye Ling is missing, and so is our Young Master.”**

The middle-aged man explained with a frown.

Yin Mei could hear a hint of worry from his tone as he spoke.

He had searched the entire ancient city, yet he couldn't find any signs of the two, so he had no choice but to come to Yin Mei.

**“Bai Lie is missing?”**

Yin Mei frowned harder and said with a tone full of concern, **“But Bai Lie is the Young Master of the White Tiger Family, so he must have many life-saving treasures on his person, so he should be fine, right?”**

The middle-aged man sighed and then cupped his hands and said, **“That Ye Ling's methods are too strange and sinister, so I am afraid that the Young Master might suffer a massive loss at his hands. Lady Yin Mei, we have bothered you a lot, so we will take our leave now.”**

Yin Mei nodded and said with some worry in her tone, **“Tell Bai Lie to see me immediately after you find him!”**

**“I will let the Young Master know as soon as we find him, Lady Yin Mei; you don't need to worry about it.”**

The middle-aged man replied and then bid his farewell and left.

Yin Mei's worry for Bai Lie at this time didn't come to him as something abnormal — after all, Yin Mei was Bai Lie's fiancée.

Yin Mei's worry immediately disappeared as she watched the middle-aged man leave with Bai Lie's followers, and an expression full of mockery appeared on her face as she muttered to herself, **“By the time you find him, Bai Lie's corpse would have already grown cold.”**

**“Master truly knows how to predict everything! There's nothing hidden from him.”**

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When Gu Changge returned to his courtyard, he found Yue Mingkong waiting for him with her hands tied before her chest and her back leaning against one of the pillars in the courtyard.

The night wind blew and made her dress flutter while the silver moonlight illuminated her peerless visage. Dressed in a plain gauze dress, she merely stared at Gu Changge with her cold eyes.

Her expression seemed to resemble an aggrieved wife whose husband left her alone at home to steal food for himself in the dead of night.

Gu Changge couldn't help but tease her with a smile, **“Why do you look like this? Your husband didn't go and feast on the food all by himself.”**

The hazy moonlight compounded Yue Mingkong's grace as it covered her tall and proud figure.

**“Where were you?”**

Yue Mingkong asked and then walked towards him with a frown.

She understood well that Gu Changge wouldn't kill Ye Ling right now. It was very likely that he went to find trouble with Bai Lie, the Young Master of the White Tiger Family.

Still, she couldn't help but ask as it was a matter of great importance.

What's more? She could smell a strange fragrance from Gu Changge's body...

Gu Changge replied with a smile, **"Of course, I went out to get some work done; I also got to watch a good play tonight, and I will return to the Palace tomorrow."**

Yue Mingkong stopped right in front of him and narrowed her eyes with a dangerous glint in them after her lovely nose twitched for a while.

Her appearance and actions surprised Gu Changge, and he wondered if she could tell where he went through her nose and sense of smell?

Yin Mei, the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family, belonged to him, but he didn't want anyone to know about it. The fewer people knew about their relationship, the better.

Gu Changge didn't intend to tell Yue Mingkong about this matter.

He wondered if Yue Mingkong, a regressor, already knew about it or not?

**"You have the smell of a vixen..."**

Yue Mingkong said with a glare, and her not-so-indifferent tone showed her rage in full.

**"Vixen?"**

Her words stunned Gu Changge, and he couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Speaking of which, Yin Mei was indeed from a family of Nine-Tailed Celestial Foxes.

What surprised him even more was that Yue Mingkong's nose could actually pick up on something like this.

At the same time, he reckoned that he got her fragrance and aura on him when he played with Yin Mei's foxtail.

This realization increased Gu Changge's vigilance, and his aura surged to destroy the traces of aura and odor on his person.

He couldn't let anyone figure out the relationship between Yin Mei and him right now, or his flawless plan would fall apart.

'This girl...Yue Mingkong even remembers what I smell like so clearly, so there's a chance that she's still hiding certain feelings...'

Gu Changge couldn't help but smile as he thought about this.

By the time he finished thinking about the matter, Yue Mingkong had already returned to her resting quarter while feeling that she had wasted all that time waiting for Gu Changge's return.

It actually turned out that he ran out in the middle of the night to hook up with some woman.

The fact upset Yue Mingkong even more than before, and she wondered why a vixen jumped into Gu Changge's life in this life?!

Of course, she knew that with Gu Changge's temperament, whatever woman he went out to meet in the middle of the night was probably nothing more than one of his pawns.

Still, it made Yue Mingkong unhappy as deep jealousy flooded her heart which was already filled with murderous thoughts.

Yan Ji, the annoying woman in the Great Sacred Realm, already troubled her, but now...

She couldn't deal with Yan Ji because of her great strength, but did that mean she couldn't deal with this damned vixen who appeared out of nowhere?

**"Don't let this Empress find out your identity!"**

Yue Mingkong clenched her hands.

A cold light flashed past her eyes, and a frosty expression covered her peerless visage.

But soon, her expression returned to its usual indifference. After all, she was a mighty Empress who could dictate the life and death of countless existence.

She might have suffered setback after setback in front of Gu Changge, but in front of others, she was a terrifying existence who could oppress them just by breathing.

For her, a regressor, dealing with someone was a simple matter.

What's more? She was the Crown Princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty and held enormous authority in her hands.

Yue Mingkong deeply loved and hated Gu Changge. Although she did everything to avenge herself for what he did in their previous life, there was no way she would allow Gu Changge to keep another woman while she was still alive!

## **Chapter 120: Ye Ling, Inheritor of the Demonic Arts; A Vicious Plan!**

The night was destined to not be a peaceful one.

An incomparably terrifying event transpired for the White Tiger Family. An earth-shattering roar broke through the Heavens and destroyed the peace and serenity of the innumerable mountains and divine islands inside the White Tiger Family's territory.

At the same time, a murderous aura surged towards the sky with the intent to drown everyone and everything in its path.

Whoever roared, their rage had soared to heights that couldn't be estimated.

**"Who dares to kill my son?!"**

It was Bai Lie's father, the Tiger Emperor of the White Tiger Family with an unfathomable Cultivation Base.

Right now, he couldn't contain his fury as he received news during his seclusion that Bai Lie's Spirit Lamp went out!

Bai Lie was the Tiger Emperor's most beloved son with a talent that couldn't be matched by anyone else from the White Tiger Family in the last tens of thousands of years. Everyone expected Bai Lie to surpass him, the Tiger Emperor in the future.

The Tiger Emperor spent a lot of time and resources on carefully cultivating Bai Lie, and never expected that he would receive such heart-wrenching news after he sent Bai Lie out for experience not too long ago.

The Tiger Emperor's rage kept on soaring and soaring.

**"Find- Find the one who did it! Who has the guts to kill my son?! I will smash that bastard into smithereens and cut his corpse into a thousand pieces! I will torture his soul for an eternity and make sure that he can never enter the Cycle of Reincarnation!"**

Innumerable members of the White Tiger Family listened to his roars in fright. Their faces paled and their teeth clattered.

The rage of the Tiger Emperor meant an imminent disaster for them that couldn't be avoided. Who would have thought there would be someone in the world who would dare to kill the Young Master of their White Tiger Family!

This was no less than giving birth to an unquenchable hatred between the two parties!

Something like this had never happened before — even if the younger generation competed amongst themselves, they made sure to not go too far.

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**"The Young Master's Spirit Lamp went out...how could this be?"**

**"This isn't good!"**

Bai Lie's guardian sat paralyzed on the ground with blank eyes and kept repeating the same phrases over and over in fright.

He went all out in his search for Bai Lie last night but couldn't find him, yet now, someone gave him news that the Young Master's Spirit Lamp went out and that dumbfounded him.

He couldn't believe those words!

His entire body went cold the moment he received the news.

Now that the Young Master, Bai Lie, was dead, the White Tiger Family would bring forth a catastrophe in their rage. Unless he finds someone willing to shelter him, he wouldn't be able to escape death.

No! Death would be an extravagant hope at that time.

By then, life would be worse than death!

Everyone in the Upper Realm knew about the White Tiger Family's soul enslavement arts that could help them restrain and torture someone to death.

He never expected his ominous feelings from last night to bring about such a cruel result today.

**"How could the Young Master die?! He had innumerable means to save his life yet he still died, so what am I going to do now?"**

**"It must be Ye Ling! It has to be Ye Ling! He must have killed the Young Master!"**

Right now, he couldn't think of anyone other than Ye Ling.

What's more? All the evidence also pointed towards Ye Ling.

After all, Bai Lie had gone after Ye Ling to settle their accounts, and Yin Mei, the Holy Maiden of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family, testified about that matter.

When the people from the White Tiger Family came for his throat, he could ask Yin Mei to prove his innocence!

Other than that, he would need to catch Bai Lie's murderer to have a chance at keeping his life.

The middle-aged man mobilized all of his forces in a hurry to search throughout Immeasurable Heaven as soon as these thoughts crossed his mind.

He didn't believe Ye Ling could escape far in such a short amount of time.

What's more? Even if Ye Ling wasn't the culprit somehow, he still needed to use him as a scapegoat.

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**"Turtle Bro, what happened? Why am I uneasy? I feel like someone is plotting against me! Who was the man last night?"**

**"Why did he say he will meet me again? I felt terrified at that time! The aura he released wasn't something ordinary people can cultivate."**

Ye Ling questioned the turtle in his pendant with a gloomy and uncertain expression.

Right now, he was hiding in one of the many hotels of the Heavenly Dao Ancient City after escaping the pursuit of the black-clothed man from last night. For some reason, the black-clothed man gave up chasing him after he rushed into the city, so he reckoned that he feared exposing himself.

This brought relief to Ye Ling and he rushed to find a place to stay first.

The Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation left a relic in the Ancient Immortal Continent of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, so Ye Ling didn't plan to leave the Heavenly Dao Ancient City until he got what he wanted.

**"I feel that you got yourself sucked into a terrifying plot, brat! The man from last night had a terrifying aura and I think we would better not provoke him. I can't understand why he came to you..."**

**“Did you offend someone recently? I suspect that your status as the Heavenly Venerate’s successor is no longer a secret...”**

The turtle in the pendant carefully recalled everything they went through in the recent time and then said to Ye Ling.

Ye Ling shook his head and said, **“When did I offend someone? It was other people who offended me. Who else is there beside Yue Mingkong and Ye Langtian?”**

**“The man from last night couldn’t have anything to do with them, right?”**

**“Could it be that Gu Change? It’s just that I have never seen him before, and the man’s face was also shrouded by fog last night.”**

Ye Ling’s discomfort rose as he thought about last night’s events.

The indifference he saw from the eyes of the man from last night haunted him and he felt that he was nothing more than an ant that could be crushed at any time by the man.

This soured Ye Ling’s heart!

After all, he was someone who had crushed countless mighty enemies on his journey to fame.

He swore to stomp that man from last night to death one day!

**“I must go to Big Bro Bai Lie and inform him about what transpired last night. I will do it when I meet him in the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace...”**

Ye Ling muttered.

But soon, he frowned and said, **“Why is there so much noise outside?”**

Ye Ling was stunned when he focused and listened to the voices outside. He was dumbfounded and paralyzed on the spot as if struck by a bolt from the blue.

His face paled and his lips trembled due to disbelief.

**“How is it possible?!”**

**“How did Big Bro Bai Lie die?”**

**“I didn’t kill him! I didn’t do anything, so how could this be...”**

A cold chill went down Ye Ling’s spine and he stood rooted to his spot.

He never expected to hear news about the death of the White Tiger Family’s Young Master!

Worse still?! The people claimed him to be the murderer.

Right now, the mighty masters of the White Tiger Family were looking for him.

How could he have the time to kill Bai Lie when he was busy escaping for his life last night?

He could never do something like that!

**“What sin did I commit? Someone’s framing me! I didn’t do it. Turtle Bro, you know that I didn’t do it, right?! You saw how I was escaping for my life last night, right?”**

The only one who could save Ye Ling was the turtle in his pendant.

Only the turtle and the old man in black who chased after him last night could testify that he wasn’t the one who killed Bai Lie!

The turtle in the pendant fell into silence after listening to his words.

After a while, he said, **“It’s useless to say these words now — what can I do even if I know you are innocent? It’s obvious that someone’s trying to frame you.”**

Ye Ling’s face paled as he listened to his words.

**“The White Tiger Family must want to apprehend me, but I can’t let them catch me right now. Even if I can prove I didn’t kill Bai Lie, I will end up exposing the fact that I have the inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation.”**

**“The White Tiger Family won’t let me go either way!”**

All kinds of thoughts flashed through Ye Ling’s mind and his face paled as he couldn’t think of a method to escape the dead end!

Even if he didn’t kill Bai Lie, he couldn’t show his face, or the White Tiger Family would definitely capture him.

Right now, he couldn’t prove himself innocent even by jumping into the Yellow Springs!

If Gu Changge was here, he would definitely praise Ye Ling for his wit that helped him figure out his fate so fast.

But what could he do even if he figured it out?

The inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Emperor of Reincarnation made it so that everyone would want to get a piece of Ye Ling if he couldn’t keep the truth under wraps. Even mighty existences who normally didn’t show themselves would want to capture him.

More important than that, he had no way to prove that he didn’t kill Bai Lie!

The White Tiger Family couldn’t give a damn about the fact of the matter — they only wanted to capture Ye Ling by any means. As for whether he was the murderer or not, they would find out after searching his soul.

Rage flared in Ye Ling’s heart and he almost chewed his lips off, **“What a vicious plan!”**

**“It must be that man from last night who’s plotting against me!”**

Afterwards, Ye Ling put on a disguise in a hurry.

Right now, he couldn’t appear in the world with his real name and face, after all.

Fortunately, the ancient heavenly emperor of reincarnation's inheritance held countless life-saving techniques and treasures which could help Ye Ling escape in dire situations.

He could also use the Power of Reincarnation to conceal his origin and aura!

Ye Ling breathed a sigh of relief when he thought about this.

He had experienced countless situations like this where he had to turn a crisis into an opportunity, and the thing that helped him the most during those times was his ability to put on a disguise!

Innumerable members of the White Tiger Family rushed to the Heavenly Dao Ancient City through the various Teleportation Formations present in the city.

Right now, they all stood in front of an altar with countless treasures, bones, and strange totems that they put forth for some sacrificial ritual. In the middle of the altar floated a drop of extremely bright, crimson blood which contained amazing divinity!

**“This is a drop of the Young Master’s blood essence. Fortunately, we kept it preserved in the Family all this time, or we wouldn’t know what to do at this time. As long as his body still exists, this drop of blood essence will be able to lead us to him and then we will be able to avenge him!”**

One of the White Tiger Family’s members said with a grief-stricken expression on his face.

This ritual required them to pay a great price, but they had no choice but to use it.

Soon, the ritual started and a hazy brilliance appeared from the drop of blood essence and turned into a white tiger that roared towards Heaven and escaped into the Void!

**“We can find the Young Master’s body if we follow that phantom!”**

With that said, the group of mighty men from the White Tiger Family followed after the phantom and soon arrived in a desolate courtyard in the east of the Heavenly Dao Ancient City.

As soon as the phantom appeared in this desolate courtyard, it burst apart and disappeared with a flash!

**“The Young Master’s body is hidden here!”**

An old man with a cold face sent the people around him to search every nook and cranny of the courtyard. Soon, they found a damp and desolate dungeon hidden underneath the courtyard!

**“What’s a dungeon doing in a place like this?”**

When they entered the dungeon, the scene inside stunned them!

**“This...”**

Their faces paled and chills went down their spines as they asked, **“Why are there so many corpses here?”**

**“The Young Master’s corpse is also here! Someone swallowed his essence and origin...”**

The Elder in-charge of the expedition almost went mad with hatred when he saw Bai Lie’s shriveled corpse among the many present on the scene.



**“You dare to kill the Young Master of the White Tiger Family and even devoured his origin...this hatred won’t rest even if the Heavens fall apart!”**

He roared towards the sky!

Soon, the entire matter spread to every corner of the Heavenly Dao Ancient City, and before long, other ancient cities also received the news.

The incident triggered a wave of terror and caused an unparalleled earthquake that shook everyone.

All the cultivators trembled in horror!

They heard that the Taboo Inheritance that had disappeared long ago was about to resurface after its inheritor murdered countless young talents from various heritages and races, and devoured their origins and Cultivation Bases.

What’s more? They even dared to murder the Young Master of the White Tiger Family.

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Soon, people found similar corpses in other ancient cities as well. There were many corpses in the dungeon that weren’t destroyed and showed that someone had absorbed their origin and Cultivation Base!

A massive earthquake shook the entirety of Immeasurable Heaven!

What’s more? The White Tiger Family even announced that the one who killed their Young Master, Bai Lie, was a man named Ye Ling!

Anyone who provided news regarding Ye Ling could claim a hefty reward!

Soon, Ye Langtian, the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, exposed a lot of information about the man named Ye Ling and even put forth many of his doubts about him.

Before long, Ye Ling’s name as the inheritor of the demonic arts spread all over the world, and almost everyone pledged to hunt him to death.

All the cultivators banded together to look for Ye Ling, but they soon realized that Ye Ling seemed to have disappeared into thin air.

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Several days passed in the blink of an eye.

Although an unprecedented event transpired in the outside world, it couldn’t stop the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace from holding the Coronation Ceremony for their next Heir’s ascent.

Countless people from the other heritages rushed to the Palace to witness the event.

The Great Elder appeared in person with a clear complexion and an immortal bearing, and sat at the seat of honor at the highest point.

Below the Great Elder stood a middle-aged man dressed in blue with a gentle expression and a long beard.

He stood there with a straight back. His eyes resembled stars and his snow-white hair fluttered in the wind. He gave off a heroic vibe as he stood there with a hazy brilliance revolving around him.

He looked at Gu Changge, who stood not too far away from him, and said with a gentle smile, **"I will leave the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace to you in the future."**

Gu Changge responded to him with a polite smile and said, **"It's still too early for you to say that, Palace Master!"**

Next to him stood a group of Elders with unfathomable Cultivation Bases.

Below them stood a group of True Disciples, followed by a group of Inner Disciples arranged in order of the position.

As for the Outer Disciples? They weren't qualified to approach the main scene and watched the proceedings from a distance.

Right now, all the disciples watched the tall and handsome figure in front of them with envious gazes.

Soon, the series of complicated rituals and whatnot came to an end.

The Great Elder showed a complicated expression and said in a loud voice that spread in every direction, **"I hereby confer upon True Disciple Gu Changge the position of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's Heir!"**

**"Bring forth the Heir's robes!"**

As soon as his words fell, an Elder with a smile on his face walked forward and presented the Heir's robes.

Unlike the other Dao Heritages, the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace didn't choose a new Heir every few decades or centuries.

The Heir would keep their position as long as the Palace Master didn't resign from their position and enter seclusion in the depths of the Palace.

In other words, once the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace established a Heir, the Heir's position wouldn't change for at least a thousand years.

The massive Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace would be under the Heir's complete control in the future!

The robes of the Heir looked exquisite and gorgeous, and it seemed as if they were embroidered with millions of stars from the Ninth Heaven. Divine lights flowed through the threads of the article, and dazzling immortal rays radiated from it in every direction.

Gu Changge looked even more handsome after he put on the Heir's robes. His already exquisite features appeared even sharper.

The hearts of countless female disciples and Elders fluttered as they watched the handsome youth in front of them!