

Villain 151

Chapter 151: Truthfully, I Love Killing People Indiscriminately; This Cat And Mouse Game Is Somewhat Intriguing.

In the pavilion, the middle-aged woman with golden wings felt chills all over as even her very soul trembled at this moment.

Yet she didn't even dare to turn her head around, for fear that the Young Creatures behind her would see her pale and horrified face.

'Gu Changge?!'

'How did he find me?'

'And when did he arrive? So many natives of the Ancient Immortal Continent, but no one saw him enter?'

The golden-winged woman felt chills all around her body.

Her origins stemmed from the Golden Crow Clan, though she only had a trace of the Golden Crow blood flowing in her veins and not the complete bloodline.

Even with her strength only being in the Heavenly God Realm, those in the same realm could not be compared to her. People regarded her as a strong leader.

However, facing Gu Changge, her heart pounded as fear consumed her.

This young man was powerful and impossibly scary.

Especially since she had just spoken slanderous words about Gu Changge behind his back.

Gu Changge definitely heard her.

The frightened, middle-aged woman was extremely desperate at this moment.

"Why don't you continue? Satisfy my curiosity."

Gu Changge asked without the slightest change of tone in his voice.

Then he casually found a place to sit down, with a faint smile on his face, as if he had returned to his own home and was simply relaxing.

Not an unnatural or embarrassing scene at all.

The Young Creatures in the pavilion were a little confused now.

Why did a human suddenly walk in? They still had yet to even react to the situation.

Most of them have only heard of Gu Changge's name, but no one has actually seen his face, leaving them without the terror and awe that should be present.

Many of them had also speculated that Gu Changge was a hideous and ugly person, so they didn't even manage to associate him with the handsome young man in front of them.

“Who are you? How did you come in?” At that moment, the woman with wings and a pretty face asked with a frown.

None of the creatures here had a favourable impression of the human race.

For the native creatures who have always attached great importance to the inheritance of blood, the human race was lowly and despicable, unable to compare with their ancient and noble clans.

With the opening of the Immortal Ancient Continent, this feeling of disgust only compounded as a large number of human races poured into their realm. They were sick of seeing humans.

“I walked in. The door is there, and no one stopped me.” Gu Changge replied matter-of-factly.

Well, as someone with the Void Talent, who could possibly block his path?

None, unless an existence from the Sacred Realm restrained the space.

But how many Sacred Realm cultivators would there be in such a small city? He can do whatever he wanted here without repercussions.

Hearing that no one intercepted Gu Changge, many young creatures frowned with a hint of disbelief.

‘Attending this gathering is impossible without an invitation.’

‘Yet where did the invitation letter of this human come from, or was the servant at the door muddled and make a grave error?’

“Gu...” The golden-winged middle-aged woman’s voice trembled slightly. She was about to speak but was interrupted by a smiling Gu Changge instead.

“I’m just an old acquaintance of many days, no need to greet me.”

After chasing the golden-winged woman over such distances and for so long, saying that they were old acquaintances was indeed not wrong.

Gu Changge’s words made her show a smile that was uglier than crying.

“Sir, you are joking...”

She could feel cold sweat on her back, the kind of fear one felt when facing a peerless beast. She felt so overwhelmed that she couldn’t even speak properly.

Gu Changge was more than capable of killing all of them.

Their lives were pinched between Gu Changge’s fingers. With the slightest bit of force, they would all be reduced to mists of blood floating in the breeze. The woman didn’t dare reveal Gu Changge’s identity now.

Moreover, Gu Changge’s purpose here was a mystery, but it was certain that he held no good intentions toward them.

“Third Aunt, who is he?”

A young woman who also had golden wings asked in a very dissatisfied tone, just barely holding herself back from directly driving Gu Changge out.

“Xue’er...”

The middle-aged woman smiled bitterly. She was terrified and did not know what to say.

Gu Changge didn’t seem to notice the aggravated expressions of these creatures.

He poured himself a glass of wine, raised it to his lips, and took a sip.

Gu Changge couldn’t help but smile and praise, “This wine is not bad, it actually contains a variety of nourishing immortal fruits...”

Hearing this, someone suddenly snapped back with a look of contempt, “This wine is only available in our Immortal Ancient Continent. You won’t find it anywhere in the outside world.”

Gu Changge nodded in agreement, “Yeah, but it doesn’t matter. I’ll manage to drink it somehow.”

People could not understand the meaning of his words.

Yet, for some unknown reason, they felt extremely uncomfortable.

This young man possessed an aura that made them feel terrified.

“Just who are you? Why are you at our banquet?” One couldn’t help but shout.

They couldn’t see through Gu Changge’s strength, but seeing as he was about the same age as them, they mistakenly believed that he shouldn’t be stronger than themselves.

After all, the cultivation of outsiders was always notably inferior to them.

Even Lord Long Teng was ahead by a whole major realm than his opponent back then. If it hadn’t been for the enemy’s use of despicable means, how could he have been killed so easily?

This was the everlasting regret in their hearts.

Hence, the native beings didn’t even have the slightest sympathy for this strange man in front of them, and could not wait to strike him down. [n0VeLuSB.com](http://www.novelupdates.com)

“It doesn’t matter who I am. What matters is what you lot said just now, which interests me a lot.” Gu Changge smiled ever so casually.

He glanced at everyone in front of him with intrigue.

A game of cat and mouse is truly fun.

Not wanting anyone to destroy his amusement, he glanced at the middle-aged woman with an inexplicable meaning in his eyes.

The middle-aged woman soon understood his actions, and her face turned even paler.

‘Dare to say who I am, and all of you here will die.’

This was what Gu Changge’s word meant to her.

She was shaking all over with uncontrollable fear.

“What’s wrong with you, Third Aunt?”

The younger woman who spoke just now had noticed her abnormality and asked.

The middle-aged woman hurriedly ceased her trembling upon hearing this, shaking her head and replying, “I’m fine, I’m fine...”

That said, the young creatures present were not stupid, and it was obvious that they had sensed an abnormality. This matter was not overlooked.

‘Why did an expert of the Golden Crow Clan become so frightened as soon as the young man arrived?’

‘This is the territory of the Ancient Immortal Races. No matter how arrogant this person is, what would he dare do to us?’

Some creatures felt disdain in their hearts, thinking that no matter how terrible the man in front of them is, would he dare to make trouble on enemy territory?

“So what? We were talking about that despicable guy named Gu Changge just now, and that we will kill him and avenge Lord Long Teng!”

A beautiful-looking woman with feathers suddenly shouted bitterly, full of anger and killing intent.

“That young genius of your human race. During a fair match, he plotted and killed Lord Long Teng by utilizing underhanded methods. We’ll all remember this hatred!”

The rest of the creatures also began babbling.

At this moment, it seemed that all the aggro was tacked onto Gu Changge, and everyone looked as if they wanted to attack him on the spot.

They didn’t notice, however, that when they spoke, the middle-aged woman shook like a sieve and turned her face away from them as if to cut off her relationship with them.

“Oh? What shameless methods did this Gu Changge use?”

Listening to their swears and curses, Gu Changge’s face didn’t change or shift at all, and he instead continued asking about the matter with great interest.

There was no aura of a great villain anywhere to be found.

“Humph. When that b*****d fought, he first initiated a sneak attack. Then he threatened the life of a creature from our Immortal Ancient Races, asking Lord Long Teng not to resist, or he would kill them.”

“Lord Long Teng saw the bigger picture and so he did not resist. Otherwise, with that b*****d’s mere False God Realm cultivation, how could he have even injured Lord Long Teng?”

As soon as they said this, everyone brimmed with righteous indignation, it was as if their anger had been ignited, filled with fury and murderous intent.

The entire pavilion almost burst with their collective hatred.

“Oh, if that is the case, then Gu Changge really is a despicable and shameless villain.”

Gu Changge raised his glass and took another sip of wine, nodding in agreement.

Hearing his agreeance, everyone was suddenly a little stunned. They thought that he, as a member of the human race, would justify Gu Changge’s actions.

They never expected him to agree with them.

For a while, they didn’t know what to say.

Some creatures even softened their attitude towards the strange man.

“It seems that Gu Changge is not considered a good person even in the human race. I really don’t know where his Young Asura title came from, but he doesn’t deserve this kind of treatment!”

The woman with feathers spoke with lingering hatred, wanting to smash Gu Changge’s body into tens of thousands of pieces and then feed the chunks to the dogs!

At this time, the golden-winged middle-aged woman looked more and more lifeless.

She felt that Gu Changge’s aura had locked her in, and if she moved even a little, she would face a thunderous blow so powerful from Gu Changge that she would enough to kill her ten times over.

She didn’t even dare to speak.

“However, I think you are a little misguided.”

Gu Changge opened his mouth with a smile.

The expression on his face made even his provoking sentence feel like a spring breeze.

“Which point is wrong?” Someone felt taken aback.

“Gu Changge is indeed despicable and shameless, but he actually likes killing innocent people the most. Especially those who slander him behind his back, he would show no mercy at all.”

Gu Changge replied with a faint smile.

“Isn’t that right?”

He turned around and asked the golden-winged middle-aged woman behind him.

The middle-aged woman received a great shock when she heard the question, turned around from her position of ‘not caring about the world’, and squeezing out an ugly smile.

“Young master, what are you talking about? It’s all fake, all fake.”

“These rumours are false, maliciously spread around by some idiots to slander Gu Changge. At that time, Long Teng simply had no power to resist, as if an ant...”

She kept talking ceaselessly.

However, these contradicting words instantly caused the eyes of the Young Creatures in front to widen, and they wondered whether they were hallucinating.

Someone flushed with anger and shouted, "What nonsense are you talking about? How could Lord Long Teng possibly be defeated in a head-on confrontation?"

"How is it possible? What you're spouting are mere fairy tales, an impossibility that could not happen!"

"Master Long Teng was born invincible, destined to push the world around. He is the young leader of the Ancient Races! He can't be defeated, not by the hands of the human race!"

Many shouted, feeling as though their faith was being insulted.

These words made the golden-winged middle-aged woman shake uncontrollably.

She wanted to order them to stop, but it was too late.

"Right, of course. Exactly what nonsense are you sprouting, you old hag? I, Gu Changge, am just a despicable villain. How can I be as strong as you say? Aren't I simply an ant in front of the 'great' Long Teng?"

At this time, Gu Changge also stared at her and spoke.

The smile on his face did not diminish, and he became even more casual with his speech.

'What?!'

These words suddenly stunned the young creatures in front of them, dumbfounding them.

They almost didn't react.

The woman who hated Gu Changge to her bones also looked stupid and sluggish. She pointed her finger at him shakily and was speechless for a while.

"You... what did you say?" She was so shocked that she couldn't believe it.

Did they hear him right?

The young man in front of them is actually... Gu Changge?

In response, the group of creatures immediately widened their eyes, their bodies were icy cold, and they froze in place, like falling into an icy cellar.

Plummeting from Heaven straight to Hell.

They scolded Gu Changge in front of Gu Changge?

Their scalps were tingling. Unbelievable!

"Didn't you say you wanted to kill me to avenge Long Teng? Am I not right in front of you now?"

Gu Changge said with the playful look of a cat toying with a cornered mouse.

As soon as the words fell, he waved his sleeves, and the entire pavilion rumbled. As if a thick fog had risen, countless runes flashed mysteriously with an otherworldly charm.

"Don't!"

The winged woman who scolded Gu Changge was terrified, horrified, and balked in desperation as she was bombarded by a terrifying force.

The rest finally reacted and realized that a deadly battle today was inevitable.

“What...”

“Fight him! Avenge Lord Long Teng!”

“Kill!”

This group of Young Creatures were both angry and frightened at the same time, finding the space blocked.

Their only way to survive was to kill the Gu Changge in front of them; otherwise, they won't be able to escape at all, and would die without even a complete corpse!

Boom!

All kinds of divine lights emerged.

Across all four directions, the air blurred with an endless haze. Some people sacrificed Divine Artifacts and some utilized precious runes. Precious artifacts and protective talismans soared across the sky. They screamed aloud, showing their strongest means, wanting to break out of the pavilion.

At this moment, they seemed to have become fearless soldiers unafraid of death, as if they were going to fight to the bitter end with the villain known as Gu Changge!

“Gu Changge, if you must attack, then come at me! Let them leave!”

All face was torn between the two sides.

The middle-aged woman threw away her concerns, blocking Gu Changge's path as she spoke with a trembling tone. There was no turning back.

A strong aura began to rise from her.

The Heavenly God Realm Cultivation Base revealed itself! Surging with infinite might, the Heavenly God Dharma Body acted like a galaxy, so vast that it seemed to rush out of this pavilion and appear outside in the starry skies.

“Spare them? And who will spare me?” Gu Changge smiled viciously.

Hum!

Divine light as heavy as billions of worlds!

Gu Changge slapped his palm down, turning the sky inside out as the universe shattered, like hundreds of millions of stars fell down at once!

Puff!

The golden-winged middle-aged woman suddenly coughed up blood, experiencing the sensation of being struck by lightning. With an audible bang, she was slapped to the floor. Who knew how many bones were broken by that attack?

“How are you so strong...”

Her expression was of despair and disbelief.

After all, she is a Heavenly God Realm cultivator. She is normally so powerful that she can easily slaughter a city by lifting a finger!

She knew that she might not be Gu Changge’s opponent, but that should also be after Gu Changge used many means and even some trump cards.

Yet, when truly facing Gu Changge, she couldn’t even handle a slap?

At this moment, her soul trembled as she felt incredibly distraught.

‘It was no accident that this Young Asura killed Long Teng.’

‘He is unfathomably powerful!’

Even those of the older generation might not be his opponent, much less the current younger generation. He was simply unmatched, unparalleled in his generation.

“How is this possible?”

“What?! Even Third Aunt is not his opponent?”

“Third Aunt is in the Heavenly God Realm! Could it be that Lord Long Teng was really beaten?”

Witnessing this scene with their own eyes, all the creatures panicked. Most of the powerful beings within their ranks were almost killed by Gu Changge’s palm.

What were they in comparison?

“A pity. I wanted to play with you for a bit longer.”

Gu Changge looked regretful, but there was not much regret in his tone at all.

Boom!

He didn’t bother wasting any more time and struck a quick blow.

The big palm straddled the space in front and crossed it in an instant, splitting the universe.

In this blocked space, the transmission of movement and sound was not possible.

So why not have a bit of fun?

Boom!

A terrifying aura emerged and revolved, changing into a huge grinding disc, enough to crush everything. The force of rotation was so strong that it made people faint!

“Argh!”

“I don’t want to die!”

A beautiful scene accompanied by the screams of many.

They collapsed one after another, puffing into innumerable blood mists. No matter how the Young Creatures resisted, it was useless, for the only way out... was death.

The difference was too vast!

Except for the one person who survived, the rest of the natives present all perished.

The surviving person was a frightened, pale, young woman with golden feathers growing on her body, looking at Gu Changge in horror.

“Please don’t kill me.” She shook in fear.

She never imagined it. Everyone’s power added up was still not equal to Gu Changge’s random slap. This person was simply too terrifying, impossible to oppose.

Gu Changge looked at her and spoke lightly, “No worries, I won’t kill you yet.”

“Why are you doing this?”

On the other side, the golden-winged middle-aged woman who was struck down previously, asked.

She aimed to sacrifice her Divine Artifact to forge an escape route, but Gu Changge swiftly struck again, shattering it in the void with a bang, turning her artifact into ashes!

‘Smashed to pieces with a single palm?’

She looked pale and bloodless.

“You saw something you shouldn’t have. Can you blame me?”

Gu Changge smiled casually. After all, doing this was as simple as shooting a group of ants to death.

“I can swear with my Dao Heart that I won’t say anything. Please spare my life!”

The golden-winged middle-aged woman begged in despair. She did not know that those slandering words of hers would cause a disaster of such untold magnitude.

She knelt on the ground, pleading for mercy, wishing to survive.

Nobody wants to die. It was simple logic.

“Rather than oaths made on Dao Hearts, I am one who believes in the phrase ‘Dead men tell no tales’.” Gu Changge smiled lightly, not ready to let her go so easily.

He had always acted meticulously without leaving the slightest hidden danger.

Then he acted, slapping the woman to death with one palm, destroying both body and primordial spirit.

Just like that, this fight was done.

He did not choose to leave early. Instead, he was waiting for just the right moment...

Gu Changge didn't plan to deal with this gruesome scene either; otherwise, how would people know that he had done such a 'good deed'.

The woman left alive by him was just about frightened to the point of stupidity. And to think this was the same girl who wanted to kill Gu Changge to avenge her Lord Long Teng.

Now she was on the verge of pissing herself out of fear.

"Speaking of which, it's about time someone noticed the anomaly here."

Gu Changge estimated the time and then broke the runic pattern that shrouded the vicinity, letting a sudden strong smell of blood waft out into the surroundings.

Soon, many creatures on the street noticed it.

"What is this extremely potent and bloody smell?"

"What happened?"

"What the hell? Why is there such a strong blood scent?"

Many were shocked and rushed in the direction where the stench came from.

"Damn it!"

A powerful creature noticed the situation in the pavilion and roared in anger.

Everyone stared in dead silence.

As the blood mist drifted away, the picturesque scene of a young man slowly slapping to death an arrogant daughter of heaven—who belonged to one of the feathered tribes, appeared.

Seeing their arrival, he seemed a little surprised.

"Was I found out?"

Following his rhetorical question, the void in front of the young man's eyes blurred for a while as he turned around, stepped into it, and vanished from view.

Behind him, a large group of strong men from all ethnic groups of the Ancient Immortal Continent ran forward, but there was no time to stop him. Their faces turned blue as they roared at the sky.

"Damn it! Coming to our territory and killing our people! You're COURTING DEATH!"

They roared, mad with hatred, making for a startling sight.

All the clans worked as one and the same, sharing the same sky!

This grudge must be avenged!

However, they didn't even see who the young man was, nor what he looked like.

So how was this vengeance supposed to be wrought?

Chapter 152: What Are You Thinking?; Was Changge Trying To Protect Me?

Buzz!

In the void three thousand miles away from the ancient city...

Gu Changge's figure materialised.

He looked back at the chaotic city with a smile on his face, not a single sign of guilt.

'Don't the various races of the Ancient Immortal Continent want to retaliate against me?'

'Then let's see who moves faster.'

Of course, his primary motive was that Gu Changge wanted to solve the hidden danger that may expose how Long Teng's corpse was in fact in Mingkong's hands.

At that time, he would gladly bear the suspicions of all the people of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

After all, such an act would merely increase the friction between the Ancient Immortal Races and the outside world.

Gu Changge's plan was vicious.

He was determined to hit more than one target with just a single arrow.

When the time comes, the Ancient Immortal Continent will become even more turbulent, making it all the better for him.

"Master, we have successfully dealt with all suspicious individuals."

Soon, from all directions, followers of Gu Changge respectfully came and gave their reports.

They obeyed Gu Changge's orders and stopped any and all suspicious creatures nearby.

When he heard this, Gu Changge nodded and said, "Very well, let's go."

By doing this, he had successfully dealt with all those who had witnessed his entry into the city.

Fortunately, he cleverly judged the timing and killed everyone shortly after he was discovered.

Otherwise, his actions would be seen as deliberate, counter to his goal.

Gu Changge planned to make Yue Mingkong faintly guess that he was protecting her.

But it can't be too obvious.

Otherwise, Yue Mingkong and her sharp mind would easily guess his plan and doubt him once more, which would be quite bad.

Gu Changge naturally didn't like doing "good things", and – if his involvement was still unknown even after all this – it would undoubtedly leave a bad taste in his mouth.

'If others don't even know you did something good, what is the point of doing "good deeds"?''

Gu Changge was someone who spent one point on the effort to do good and spent ten points on its publicity.

Otherwise, how else could he quickly move Mingkong's heart, letting her understand just how good her dear husband was to her?

As he thought of this, Gu Changge also left with his followers, not intending to stay any longer.

And soon, many Young Supremes of the various races of the Ancient Immortal Continent were attacked and killed by Young Supremes of the human race during the gathering, shocking the entirety of the Ancient Immortal Races.

The Tiangou[1] Clan and Golden Crow Clan were extremely angry.

[1. Tiangou = "Sky Dog"]

Young Supremes from both sides suffered casualties, both their face and will were trampled on in that banquet.

Not even scraps were left.

And among them, a Heavenly God Realm cultivator of the Golden Crow Clan was also killed, causing shock.

Such an act was no longer possible for the younger generation.

They either relied on external forces such as Divine Artifacts and Treasures, or... their strength was so terrifying that they could kill even those in the Heavenly God Realm.

At the time, no large fluctuations could be felt. Otherwise, it wouldn't have been possible for only experts to have discovered it, and they only discovered it after there was no one left at the "crime" scene.

This incident brought shame to the various races in the Ancient Immortal Continent, agitating them as they furiously searched everywhere.

For a while, many races of the Ancient Immortal Continent wondered just who would do such a thing.

After all, the person in question could quietly sneak into the ancient city, avoiding everyone and discretely killing people before safely retreating.

'Such methods are beyond the means of any ordinary Young Supreme.'

'Except for a few Young Supremes with extreme speed, there are few who could do such a thing.'

'But why?'

'Why did he do this?'

'It's a pity that everyone there is dead, and everything is gone. Even if we wanted to investigate, it would be a difficult task.'

Subsequently, many creatures of the Ancient Immortal Continent narrowed the scope of their guesses, fixating on a few Young Supremes of the outside world.

Among them, Gu Changge was both the biggest suspect and the most likely.

However, there was simply no way to prove his involvement.

Gu Changge naturally acted as if he didn't know what was going on and looked as if saying, "I don't know, it wasn't me".

This angered many natives of the Ancient Immortal Continent, who were determined to find Gu Changge guilty.

But even if they were determined, they could not produce evidence.

Since Long Teng's death, the various clans of the Ancient Immortal Continent caused trouble yet again as many natives of the younger generation had spontaneously gathered, planning to attack Gu Changge.

This action will inevitably hurt the rest of the young generation in the crossfire, and the differences and hatred between the outside world and the Ancient Races will only constantly increase.

During this period of time, one can often see cultivators of both sides being killed. They were fighting every chance they could get, painting many lands in red.

The True Dragon Clan also sent out word, demanding that Gu Changge either hand over Long Teng's corpse or face the consequences of his own actions.

For a time, these words caused a sensation.

In this regard, Gu Changge's answer was only one word, "Preposterous".

He even told the younger generation of the True Dragon Clan to willingly deliver themselves to him, to gather their forces. Otherwise... he would kill them one by one, like plucking the petals of a flower.

Naturally, these weren't just passing remarks, the day after they were said...

Gu Changge took his mighty followers, searched for Young Creatures related to the True Dragon Clan, and relentlessly hunted them down!

His strength shocked the various races of the Ancient Immortal Continent and the many sects of the outside world.

A bloody storm engulfed the Ancient Immortal Continent.

However, the True Dragon Clan really didn't dare to let the younger generation compete with Gu Changge, and the faces of the high-level clan elders were a sight to behold.

They were so enraged that, during their meeting, the clan elders couldn't help but smash the jade table to bits!

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The Baiheng Mountain Range is a magnificent relic.

Yue Mingkong took a group of followers to occupy this place as if waiting for something.

Apart from her, only a few cultivators and creatures currently resided in this area.

As Gu Changge expected, she naturally learned of these days' news.

'It seems that, after he disappeared, he went to hunt down the expert who hid in the void back then.'

Standing atop the mountain, Yue Mingkong had a calm and profound expression. She wore her hunting dress. Her bare feet were like snow, and her hair fluttered as she observed the vast ruins shrouded in the mist ahead.

She was busy thinking at the moment, recalling the direction Gu Changge had left in.

Others may not know why Gu Changge killed the Golden Crow Clan's Heavenly God Realm expert, but her sharp mind could easily guess why.

'When Changge gave me Long Teng's corpse, was it seen by the Golden Crow Clan's expert from the shadows?'

'Is this why Gu Changge went to chase after the expert?'

'This way, only I and Changge would know that I have Long Teng's corpse with me.'

'Was Changge trying to protect me?'

"Changge, just what are you thinking?" Yue Mingkong mumbled.

Her eyes had suddenly blurred as her nose ran a bit sour with rampant emotions.

In her previous life, Gu Changge would never do this and would gladly let the whole world know that Long Teng's corpse was in her hands.

He would have never protected her like this...giving her Long Teng's corpse and even taking on the wrath of the True Dragon Clan for her.

In all honesty, she could not have been more moved at this moment.

'It seems that when he was trying to get rid of the expert, he was noticed by the rest of the Ancient Immortal Races. In this way, he not only attracted the anger of the True Dragon Clan but also attracted the anger of the other races.'

Yue Mingkong frowned.

She suddenly wanted to set off to find Gu Changge.

Even if she was as strong as Gu Changge, she still wouldn't feel comfortable with having the entirety of the Ancient Immortal Races bearing down on her.

She wanted to avenge herself for her previous life, but she wouldn't let the others hurt Gu Changge.

This was a private matter between her and Gu Changge, so it was impossible for her to see Gu Changge in such a dangerous position and fail to act.

'However, after the Fairy Spirit is born, many of the older generations will come, and the various clans of the Ancient Immortal Continent will most definitely unite. As of now, it would be best if I were to stay here. There is a hidden Immortal Road[2] in the Baiheng Mountain Range; when it opens, I can be the first to enter.'

[2. Quick recap: Immortal Road was the portal through which Changge and company came to the Ancient Immortal Continent, but it is not the only one.]

After Yue Mingkong seriously thought about it, she felt it was best to stay here.

In her previous life, Gu Changge was able to steal the Fairy Spirit from the hands of the older generation. She obviously had many ways to save her life, but she was still worried, almost too much.

As for the current events... even if the various clans in the Ancient Immortal Continent hated Gu Changge, they would not dare send one of the older generations to personally intervene.

As she thought of this, she breathed a sigh of relief.

'I might just be hesitating... but should I tell Gu Changge about the Fairy Spirit in advance? After all, many things have proven that the Gu Changge of this life is vastly different.'

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At the same time, in a remote courtyard in the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan...

A young man named Hei Ming sat in a lotus position, strands of black mist lingered on his face like silk threads, floating as they gave off a strange aura.

Then, he opened his eyes with a flash of excitement.

"How long has it been? I've broken through to the Saint Realm in less than a month. I was only at the Transcendent Realm before! At this rate, I can break through to the Conferred King Realm in half a year at most, surpassing even my sister and becoming the absolute genius of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan!"

Hei Ming spoke with much excitement.

If it had been more than a month ago, he would definitely not dare to think so.

But now, not only did he achieve it, his cultivation even broke through two major realms in one go and was still increasing by the day.

The speed was simply incredible.

'The Immortal Binding Technique is simply too terrifying and heaven-defying.'

Some time ago, his Big Sis Hei Yanyu provided the Cultivation Technique of the Binding Immortal to a group of elders, shocking the whole family for a while and causing a big sensation.

After much study by the clan elders, they concluded that this was definitely an Ancient Technique that contained the mystery of the Truth of the Dao.

This shocked everyone in the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan and was regarded as a treasure for a while. Elders and many high-level officials were cultivating and found that their Cultivation Bases, which had been stuck for a long time, showed signs of faint loosening.

This surprised them even more.

Everyone believed that this was a good opportunity for the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan to rise up, annex the remaining four major clans in one fell swoop, and then dominate the Ancient Immortal Continent.

The Immortal Law!

This was the supreme law that can be passed down through the ages, as the Dao method of suppressing the foundation!

Hei Yanyu's status had also risen because of the Immortal Law, making it even more impressive than it was before.

Of course, she didn't forget to mention Hei Ming, saying that Hei Ming got it accidentally at a stall and then volunteered to provide it for the family to cultivate and become stronger.

All Elder sighed at his innocence, bluntly stating that Hei Ming was truly a good child.

Thanks to this, Hei Ming had naturally become the leader of the family's younger generation, and his status was second only to the being that was his Big Sis.

Moreover, an even greater shock came upon all the Elders. Hei Ming's Cultivation Base was also increasing, perhaps because of the cultivation of that Immortal Law.

And according to what he said, he felt that his own talent was getting stronger.

This statement shocked both the crowd and the Black Heavenly Eagle's Elder with great delight as they focused ever more on the cultivation of this Immortal Law.

Though Hei Ming held a face of respect, he sneered inwardly.

As long as more people cultivate this Ancient Technique... the stronger these people got, the greater the rewards he would receive.

At that time, he would even surpass the Elder and the others, becoming the true master of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan in one fell swoop.

In addition, Hei Ming also taught this Immortal Law to the rest of his family.

His ambition was vast, not limited to just one Black Heavenly Eagle Clan... no, all of the major races will become resources to fuel his growth!

'As of now, basically, all of the elders in the clan and several talented individuals have already practised this Immortal Law. Even two ancestors woke up and began to cultivate it!'

As he thought of this, Hei Ming became even more excited, trembling slightly.

After all, those two ancestors were the oldest and most terrifying existences of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan, and they hadn't awakened for nearly tens of millions of years.

It was precisely because of the Immortal Law that they were now awakened.

Once the two ancestors have practised this Immortal Law, his talent would become even greater by a significant margin.

'It would be great if I could see the Supreme Being again. Without him, I guess I still would've been nothing but waste wood, waiting for death!'

For that supreme being, Hei Ming had a reverent belief in his heart, and he couldn't wait to see him again and be given an even stronger Cultivation Technique and Talents.

"Little Brother, the two ancestors want to see you and ask you something."

At this moment, a voice suddenly came from outside the courtyard.

It was Hei Ming's Big Sis, Hei Yanyu.

She looked only about 17 or 18 years old. She was dressed in white with exquisite features as clouds and mist surged all over her body.

Her black hair was like a cloud, with nine phoenix hairpins inserted on it, wearing a splendid river and mountain jade dress, as holy as a divine lotus, with unparalleled beauty.

At this moment, she spoke gently with Hei Ming, wishing to discuss something with him.

"Big Sis..."

Hei Ming also reacted, got up and went over.

He knew that these two ancestors wanted to verify his story and ask him some questions.

To be honest, he still felt a bit nervous.

After all, the origin of this Cultivation Technique was a great mystery. Using 'picked from a stall' as an excuse may have been able to fool them for a while, but he can't hide it forever.

One way or another, it will blow up eventually.

Now the two ancestors were thinking about asking him about this matter.

Of course, it was likely to be a soul search.

After all, people are greedy, and after learning such a heaven-defying Immortal Law, they were afraid that he might be hiding other things.

So, Hei Ming also felt a little nervous at this time, his palms full of cold sweat.

At that time, if the two ancestors notice the existence of the Supreme Being, what would happen?

Truthfully, Hei Ming was incredibly worried.

At this moment, he prayed in his heart that the Supreme Being could hear him and help him through this situation.

At this moment, Hei Ming suddenly felt a slight shock in his mind, as if a mighty force suddenly came.

An ancient and terrifying deity appeared in it, with six heads and eight arms, staring at him indifferently.

At this moment, he felt like a hazy mist appear in his mind.

‘Has the Supreme Being heard my prayer?’

Hei Ming was shocked and then became extremely excited.

Hei Yanyu noticed his abnormality and couldn’t help but ask, “What’s wrong, Little Brother?”

Hei Ming hurriedly shook his head and said, “It’s okay. It’s just that... I’m very excited to see the ancestors.”

“When you see them, just calm down and don’t be too cautious. The ancestors are all very good.”

Hei Yanyu accepted his words without doubt when she heard them. After all, the two ancestors of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan were suspected to be either in the Quasi-Supreme Realm or even above it.

It could be said that there were none among the younger generation who did not share Hei Ming’s thrill and excitement.

After all, even Hei Yanyu herself was no exception.

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At the same time, in a ruin thousands of miles away...

Gu Changge had a faint smile as the brilliant-gold lines in his eyes disappeared.

The scene Hei Ming saw quickly disappeared from his vision.

During this period of time, Hei Ming did not disappoint him at all, infiltrating almost the entirety of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan.

‘His acting skills are quite impressive indeed.’

‘Of course, his skills are still incomparable to Yin Mei.’

‘The two ancestors of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan... I’m a little worried they’ll notice the abnormality present in the Immortal Binding Technique. That is, of course, assuming that they are in the Emperor Realm. If they are, it would be highly likely that this carriage will be overturned as my plans are revealed.’

‘If the plan fails, then the entire Black Heavenly Eagle Clan might end up a threat. I’m not sure whether these ancestors would willingly submit themselves to the technique.’

‘If they have yet to even reach the Supreme Realm, then they shouldn’t notice any problems, in which case I can rest assured.’

Gu Changge stood with his hands behind him, looking at the vast and majestic cities in the distance.

He was alone, with no followers around him.

After all, planning this kind of thing... the fewer people who know about it, the better it is for him.

Naturally, Gu Changge took great care to ensure that his Demonic Arts were not exposed.

It was simply too foolhardy to make an enemy of the entire world.

In any case, he was now in a most favourable situation. Even if their ancestors discovered Hei Ming's abnormality, no one could discover that all of this was secretly planned by him.

Just like the Immortal Devouring Demonic Arts, the Immortal Binding Technique was also lost in the river of time, not to say that it hadn't appeared before.

If one happens to meet a group of the older generation who have some understanding of this technique, it would be bad, to say the least.

'The probability of such an event should be exceptionally small. To understand the methods behind the Immortal Binding Technique, one needs to be at least at the Emperor Realm, but I'm probably thinking too much.' [3]

[3: For people thinking why are we fluctuating between Supreme and Emperor Realm: If they are Supreme Realm, they can see the abnormality, and if they are Emperor Realm, they can understand that it is related to the Forbidden Demonic Arts probably, because it was not clarified by the author which one of the Realms, Emperor and Supreme, is above the other.]

Gu Changge squinted his eyes. As much as possible, he should be in complete control, leaving no room for any leaks.

'Once these two ancestors are under my control, the entire Black Heavenly Eagle Clan will also fall effortlessly into my hands.'

As he thought of this, he chuckled.

But at the same time, Gu Changge intended to push his strength to new heights just before that happens..

And it just so happened that he recently got both Fortune Value and Destiny Points.

He also obtained much from the two Favoured Daughters of Heaven, from Gu Xian'er and Yue Mingkong.

He opened his attribute panel.

[Owner: Gu Changge.

Halo: Destined Heavenly Villain.

Weapon(s): Eight Desolate Demon Halberd.

Identity: True Disciple of Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace | Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu family.

Innate Bloodline: Demon Heart | Dao Bone.

Cultivation Base: Early Stage of False God Realm (True Cultivation Base: Late Stage of God King Realm)

Mystical Abilities:

Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex (9th Layer [30%])

Myriad Changes Demonic Physique (Talent)

Innate God's Spirit Temple (Talent)

Void Ability (Talent),

Transcendence (Talent)

Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art

Endless Immortal Judgement

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Destiny Points: 35,000.

Fortune Value: 12,000 points (Black).

System Shop: Open.

Warehouse:

Boundary Breaking Talisman*1, Seal Breaking Talisman*1, Fortune Plunder Card*2.]

'In the blink of an eye, there's already more than 10,000 Fortune Value and even more than 30,000 Destiny Points.'

Gu Changge couldn't help but express his satisfaction upon seeing his huge sum of money.

"System, exchange for four pieces of transcendent bones."

After Gu Changge ordered, 12,000 Fortune Value was consumed.

Soon, a familiar yet mysterious breath came.

This time, he exchanged for the spinal bones, palm bones, leg bones, and skull bones.

This way, every large area of his body now had a piece of transcendent bone...n0veLUsB.c0m

Chapter 153: Sowing Discord In Exchange For My Life; I Thought Master Didn't Want Me Anymore.

The bones above the Tanliang Gai[1] underwent a complex transformation at once, turning translucent as they became enshrouded with an aura similar to that of a True Immortal!

[1. A part of the skull.]

One could even feel the terrifying and radiant haze of light and blood, like a mighty dragon, a surging sun that could shatter the very heavens.

Gu Changge felt that his essence had been refined and improved many times over what it was before.

In terms of strength alone, it gave off a great impression. Even if the universe had collapsed, he alone would be left standing.

This was precisely the benefit that comes from the Transcendent Bones.

This kind of enhancement was comprehensive, but the position of the cranium is where the Sea of Consciousness is located, where the Primordial Spirit resides.

At this moment, he felt a vague metamorphosis take place in his Innate Spirit.

Transforming... from a deity to an immortal, the power of the Primordial Spirit took on a nine-coloured glazed hue.

Not only that, but his spine, his bones, his hands, and even his legs underwent similar mysterious transformations.

The spine resembled a magnificent Dragon, piercing through the four limbs as the drop of rainbow-coloured True Dragon Blood began to resonate with it, emitting a dragon roar that shook the sky!

“What a good way to spend money!”

Gu Changge opened his eyes and spoke with satisfaction.

He intuitively sensed his strength growing several times over what it was.

He was able to see all the various rules and mysteries of both Heaven and Earth with great clarity.

In the palm of his outstretched hand, hundreds of thousands of Dao laws congealed, linking into an endless chain. Seamless and perfect, to the point where it formed a blade made purely from the natural law and order of the world.

‘I could already slaughter Quasi-Sacred Realm cultivators within mere seconds before this. But now, it seems that most average Sacred Realm Cultivators will also easily perish by my hand.’

‘If I were to breakthrough from the God King Realm to the Quasi-sacred Realm, then I might even be able to compete with Great Sacred Realm cultivators.’

Gu Changge’s claims were not without reason. His ability to control the Dao Law and his ability to utilise the Rules were superb, possibly unmatched by most Sacred and Great Sacred Realm existences.

Among all the major clans and even the major sects, those in the Sage Realm were considered to be ancient monsters, demons of the oldest generations.

Peers? What even was that?

It was impossible for them to even grasp his shadow.

‘With such a variable as myself, I am afraid that the Heavenly Dao will ensure that future Favoured Sons of Heaven will become even more powerful. That’s fine with me though. After all, they are nothing but leeks waiting to be harvested.’

When he thought of this, Gu Changge remembered Ye Ling.

After giving him more than a month's time, he should have found the Immortal Cave reserved for him by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

Thus, Gu Changge followed the traces Yin Mei had left for him, heading towards Ye Ling and the others' current location.

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"Brother Kong, what do you think those Black Heavenly Eagle and Ancient Serpent clansmen have been doing all this time? They seem to be searching for something?"

"Do you think it could be related to Ye Lin and the others? It's been more than a month since Miss Chi Ling and the others left, and yet no news has come through."

In the middle of a mountain range...

A group of young cultivators were camped around a campfire, discussing various matters.

They were the followers of Chi Ling and Yin Mei.

Among them were both male and female, from the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family and the Vermilion Bird Clan, as well as various other places of the outside world.

They were all of different cultivation levels, with the weakest being at the Conferred Lord Realm, and the strong being at the Conferred King Realm.

The person who spoke was also one of Chi Ling's followers.

In front of him was a handsome man with a gloomy expression, it was Kong Yang of the Peacock Clan, an admirer of Chi Ling and her follower at the same time.

Upon hearing this, Kong Yang spoke with an unpleasant look on his face, "Ye Lin has no good intentions, he clearly knows what is hidden here, yet he did not tell us. Instead, he took only Chi Ling and Yin Mei with him!"

"It's obvious that the intention of a drunkard is no more than wine, don't you understand that? Now that a month has passed, apart from seeing some creatures searching around, does anyone have any news of them?"

The more he spoke, the angrier he became.

While he was more at ease with Chi Ling, it was a different story with Ye Lin by her side.

Given Ye Lin's background, considerable strength, and the fact he looked as though he knew every nook and cranny...

How could he not be suspicious of Ye Ling?

"As a matter of fact, I suspect that this Ye Lin is related to the Forbidden Demonic Arts inheritor who appeared some time ago..."

At this moment, Kong Yang suddenly opened his mouth, his voice holding a deep bitterness that immediately attracted the attention of all those present here as they looked over.

After all, the matter of the Demonic Arts Inheritor has recently caused a great deal of turmoil.

And even the Young Master of the White Tiger Clan, Bai Lie, had lost his life.

Even now, the White Tiger Clan was still in the midst of frantically searching for the Demonic Arts Inheritor.

“Brother Kong Yang, this is not something you can say casually, please think carefully.” Upon hearing this, a man from the Nine-Tailed Heavenly Fox Clan – Yin Mei’s clan – spoke with a grave expression.

The matter of the Inheritor of the Demonic Arts was a very serious one, and if Ye Lin really was the one, then their Young Lady would be in great danger.

When he heard this, Kong Yang’s face held an expression as deep as the ocean. “I think you’ve all seen what Ye Lin is capable of. He holds strange and mysterious methods, no weaker than some of the Young Supremes. And most importantly... doesn’t the name ‘Ye Lin’ sound familiar to you?”

“Ye Lin... Ye Lin...”

“The name is quite familiar, could it be... that Ye Ling?”

When they heard Kong Yang’s words, they felt uncertain. But after a bit more thought, his words rang true.

The entire group was frozen, their eyes wide as a chill ran down their backs.

It was true that Ye Lin did not look like much at first, but the way he showed off his skills, later on, had shocked the crowd. That strength was equal to that of an upper-level Young Supreme.

At the time, they didn’t think much of it, but now that they thought about it again, why would a man with the power of a Young Supreme become a follower of Chi Ling?

And what were his intentions?

Furthermore, combined with Kong Yang’s words now, it suddenly sent a chill through their bodies, from head to toe.

“The name Ye Lin... Ye Ling... it’s not a coincidence...”

Their voices trembled. All those gathered here naturally knew that Bai Lie’s “good brother” was called Ye Ling, the same name that was suspicious to be the Forbidden Demonic Arts Inheritor.

In the beginning, when Ye Lin introduced himself, they thought the name was familiar and somewhat resembled a common sound.

But now that Kong Yang had mentioned it, everyone was stunned.

This was probably deliberate on Ye Ling’s part, thinking he didn’t care one bit whether he was discovered or not.

After all, Ye Ling could easily change his appearance and identity and keep on fleeing.

‘How arrogant!’

They shuddered at the very thought.

“It was too dangerous for Miss Chi Ling and Lady Yin Mei to trust Ye Lin so much.”

“Make no mistake, they are now with Ye Ling, and I am afraid that they are in grave danger. There is no telling what evil plan Ye Ling has that he took both of them with him!” Kong Yang showed an expression filled with guilt, his fists clenched as self-hatred boiled within for his failure to recognize the truth earlier.

“It looks like we can only send out a message that Ye Ling is here so that the rest of the cultivators will come. If not, the consequences would simply be unimaginable!”

The group discussed this for a while and came up with such a solution.

They could only hope that this would make Ye Ling wary of attacking Chi Ling and Yin Mei so easily!

Kong Yang also slowly nodded his head and said, “There is no time to lose. If we let Ye Ling’s whereabouts be revealed, Chi Ling and Yin Mei will be safer!”

Afterwards, everyone started to take action, using various transmitting talismans to spread the news about the place, with the intention of attracting other cultivators to come and fight against Ye Ling.

Everyone who has inherited the Forbidden Demonic Arts will be killed.

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At the same time, while Kong Yang and others were spreading the news of Ye Ling’s location...

The three of them hurried towards an ancient city in front of them.

The trees on the mountain were tall and ancient. They had vines like clouds, allowing them to remain unnoticed as they hurried along the mountain.

Compared to a month ago, the three of them were now in a bit of a mess, their faces stained with blood, thanks to the pursuit of the Black Heavenly Eagle and other major clans along the way.

Eventually, their whereabouts were discovered.

Due to the slave mark, some Experts of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan were able to sense Ye Ling’s vague location and determine the direction he went in.

Moreover, among the three of them, there seemed to be a hidden wave coming from them, surprising and confusing them at the same time.

It was as if someone was transmitting Ye Ling’s exact location to everyone.

For this reason, the three of them had spent all this time avoiding the pursuit.

However, by chance, Ye Ling was able to make a breakthrough in his cultivation and find some good items along the way.

Such good fortune left Chi Ling at a loss for words.

On the contrary, she and Yin Mei had many dangerous encounters and were so physically and mentally exhausted along the way that they were almost severely injured several times.

They were not as lucky as Ye Ling, and on their journey with Ye Ling, they had only come across a few relatively good herbs.

Apart from that, they did not get anything.

Instead, they suffered many injuries.

Chi Ling was a righteous and trustworthy person. And since she had promised to accompany Ye Ling, she would not easily go back on her promise.

However, she couldn't understand why they were always found, no matter where Ye Ling was hiding with them.

She suspected that there was something on Ye Ling's body that allowed everyone to track the three of them.

Yet when she said this, Ye Ling didn't believe her at all.

And Chi Ling could do nothing about it... Ye Ling had let her down.

"Old Turtle, I have a feeling that the Immortal Cave is located in the Ancient City ahead."

At that moment, Ye Ling's face showed a faint sign of excitement as he communicated with the Old Turtle inside his pendant.

He had relied on this hunch to avoid many dangers, even managing to gain several benefits during his search.

Now, he was even more convinced.

"By the way, Old Turtle, what do you think this is about? Why is it that no matter where I hide, those creatures always find me?"

Ye Ling asked another question afterwards.

He was frustrated by the fact that Chi Ling had mentioned this to him.

At that time, Ye Ling simply ignored it because he had asked the Old Turtle and learned that the creatures could only vaguely sense where he was. That said, they shouldn't be able to pinpoint his actual location.

So why? Why had these creatures always found him?

Ye Ling even suspected that Chi Ling was deliberately leaking his whereabouts.

He had suspected Yin Mei as well, but she was the one who suffered the most on this journey. Currently, she looked so pale and exhausted that he couldn't even bring himself to be suspicious of her.

Besides, he truly trusted her.

He understood from her previous actions that, deep down, she was an incredibly strong woman.

Even in the face of Gu Changge's oppression within the Sect, she had the courage to resist.

Moreover, Ye Ling was convinced of Yin Mei's feelings for him.

However, suspecting Chi Ling wasn't easy either... after all, he considered Chi Ling to be an old friend, and she was someone who readily believed him after he was framed as the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts.

At that moment, the Old Turtle's voice had reached Ye Ling's ears as he felt a buzz in his mind.

"This situation can only mean that one of the two is definitely a suspect, so Ye Ling, you should be careful and decide based on your own judgement."

The Old Turtle's words plunged Ye Ling into a state of silence.

In truth, he had already guessed it himself, but he just didn't want to accept it.

Among the two, one of them had chosen to betray him.

"Old Turtle, I want to hear your opinion." It was then that Ye Ling asked with a very solemn expression.

"Ye Ling, I shall try to exclude my emotions, but know that this is just my opinion. You can listen to it, but in the end, the final decision is yours." In response, the Old Turtle inside the pendant pondered for a moment and spoke slowly.

Ye Ling gave a nod and said, "Go on, Old Turtle, I trust what you have to say."

"In my opinion, Chi Ling is the biggest suspect. If the person who betrayed you was Yin Mei, then what are her intentions? It's hard to say. You were the one who came to her rescue. If it weren't for that, your paths would've never crossed."

"If your paths never crossed, you wouldn't have been able to bring her here. Thus, her being here can be said to be nothing more than coincidence, an accident."

The Old Turtle spoke up, analysing the situation according to its point of view, without the slightest emotion.

Upon hearing these words, Ye Ling fell silent.

He was already well aware of this.

What could Yin Mei possibly have in mind for him? In all honesty, he was the one who desired Yin Mei's beauty.

If he had not saved her in the first place, she would not have come to this place with him now.

It was far too coincidental.

If Yin Mei had deliberately set it all up, then... it would be too terrible to imagine.

Most importantly, Ye Ling suspected that Gu Changge was the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, who Yin Mei had offended.

They were both in the same situation.

“Old Turtle, continue.” Ye Ling said with a serious expression on his face.

“On the other hand, Chi Ling is incredibly suspicious. Since the beginning, she has firmly believed in you and even said that she found someone who would be able to help you clear the suspicion of being the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts...”

“Because she had helped you voluntarily, I had nothing to say. However, at this very moment, someone is leaking your whereabouts. And what’s more, Chi Ling should be aware that you are the successor of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation. She has been following you all this time... and it’s quite obvious what she’s up to.”

The Old Turtle continued, stating the things it thought to be suspicious.

Naturally, Chi Ling was also likely to know the true identity of Gu Changge.

Ye Ling repeatedly warned her to be wary of Gu Changge, but in the end, Chi Ling was unconcerned.

Who knew what went on in her head?

Ye Ling nodded, his heart heavy from the words.

He could see the reason behind Old Turtle’s statements.

Ye Ling looked at Yin Mei, who was resting on a green stone with her eyes shut.

Her face was as white as pure jade, her eyebrows curved, her nose straight, her red lips dotted, her teeth crystal clear, and her hair smooth as silk.

However, at this moment, she appeared very pale, frail even.

Her dress was stained with blood.

On the other hand, Chi Ling’s delicate face and her eyes which shone like jewels, looked undisturbed as she appeared to have sustained minimal injuries.

By now, he had already made up his mind.

As he thought of this, Ye Ling stood up.

Both Chi Ling and Yin Mei were recuperating at the moment, and when they saw Ye Ling suddenly get up, they both looked at him with a bit of surprise.

“The rest of the journey will be very dangerous, so why don’t we split up? Since Yin Mei is very badly injured, I’ll go with her, it’ll be dangerous if she goes alone...”

“Since you’re not that injured, we should meet up at the Ancient City ahead.”

The fact of the matter was, he wasn’t prepared to tear face with Chi Ling just yet.

Thus, he tried to use natural and reasonable words.

When the time comes for them to meet up once more if he didn’t show up, what could Chi Ling possibly do?

In his opinion, if Chi Ling truly was after his opportunities, then she would simply accept his absence, even if she didn't want to.

When they heard this, both Yin Mei and Chi Ling were stunned, their eyes widened.

Especially Yin Mei, who could not help but speak with some measure of concern and anxiety, "What are you saying, Ye Ling? How can we split up now? It's better for us to stay together."

Chi Ling stared blankly at Ye Ling, her expression gradually turning colder and stranger by the moment.

'What does Ye Ling mean by suddenly proposing to split up at this point?'

'Could it be that he wants to take all the opportunities for himself because he saw that the place of opportunity is about to arrive?'

'Is that why he wants to split up?'

Chi Ling couldn't help but feel a bit cold for a moment.

She wasn't greedy for Ye Ling's opportunities.

If she hadn't promised Ye Ling that she would help him, she wouldn't have come to this place.

There were numerous opportunities in the Ancient Immortal Continent, and she had already wasted a lot of time coming here.

Now that Ye Ling had suddenly said that, she was too shocked.

She had been suspecting that there was an abnormal relationship between Ye Ling and Yin Mei for more than a day or two, and now that Ye Ling had suddenly made it clear, she could not help but want to laugh.

"All right, since Ye Ling has said so, let's split up."

Chi Ling casually spoke with a cold, arrogant, and indifferent face.

She did not explain anything, nor did she ask any questions.

From today onwards, the relationship between her and Ye Ling as friends should be concluded.

"I found you!"

And at that very moment, a terrifying pressure suddenly came from the sky.

There were several powerful figures from the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan and the Ancient Serpent Clan.

Even the weakest among them were in the Heavenly God Realm, and there was even an existence in the God King Realm.

For the sake of taking down Ye Ling and the others, all the major clans had mobilised an extremely powerful force.

"Not good!"

Ye Ling paled at this scene. Without any time to react, his body quickly morphed into a divine rainbow and disappeared into the distance.

At the same time, Yin Mei heard a voice from afar saying, "It's too late, let's each escape first and meet up at the ancient city."

Originally, he had intended to bring Yin Mei with him, but the situation was so sudden that he was unable to do so.

The target was him, so he might be able to draw his opponents away.

He thought it might also help to lessen the burden on Yin Mei.

Ye Ling suspected that these powerful men were, in fact, suddenly drawn in by Chi Ling; otherwise, how could the other side have discovered their whereabouts so quickly?

However, he could not settle the score with Chi Ling right now.

"Why are you just standing there? Run!"

Seeing how Yin Mei was frozen in place, Chi Ling frowned and then quickly fled, crushing a Divine Traversing Talisman at the same time, ready to leave the scene.

Ye Ling had disappointed her so much that she already planned to draw a line between her and him.

As for Ye Ling's opportunities, she didn't care about them at all.

Soon, both Ye Ling and Chi Ling disappeared, quickly escaping from the mountain range.

The worried look on Yin Mei's face as she sat on the greenstone disappeared, showing calm, even relief, though it was mixed with a bit of reluctance.

"Master, the task you gave me has finally been accomplished." Yin Mei whispered softly.

She had never forgotten the mission that Gu Changge had assigned to her, to sow discord between Chi Ling and Ye Ling.

And today, it finally came to pass.

However, along the way, she has drawn many powerful people, and she herself was indeed severely wounded. She wasn't as lucky as Ye Ling and Chi Ling.

After all, her opponents were all Heavenly Gods, and there were even many God Kings.

She had only broken through to the middle stage of the Conferred King Realm, so the gap between them was too great.

To have survived several times was already the result of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox's good fortune.

To put it bluntly, she had succeeded in fulfilling Gu Changge's orders to sow discord between Ye Ling and Chi Ling... in exchange for her own life.

She was now severely injured. Even if she escaped, she wouldn't get very far.

Yin Mei was at peace with the situation.

But somehow, the fact that she wouldn't see Gu Changge again before she died made her feel sadness and regret.

There was... something unspeakable in her feelings.

After all, she was just a pawn in Gu Changge's hands, the kind that he would throw away as soon as he was done with, the kind he wouldn't give a second glance.

"Oh, this fellow is not running away, are you waiting for death? After running away for so long, it seems that she has given up on her fate. But upon closer inspection, she appears to be a pure and beautiful girl..."

In the sky stood two mighty beings.

One was a Heavenly God and the other was a God King, their auras were terrifying, powerful... so powerful that their auras crushed the sky and caused tremendous fluctuations of Qi and vitality, causing the mountains in all directions to fall dead silent.

The one who spoke now was the God King creature with a snake's tail, most likely a member of the Ancient Serpent Clan.

He stared at Yin Mei with a lustful gaze, somewhat tempted.

"How about this? If you willingly submit to me, I will spare your life." He opened his mouth and spoke.

As she looked at the expressions of the two mighty beings before her, Yin Mei held a calm face as she indifferently replied, "Stop dreaming, I wouldn't let you have your way even if I have to blow up my own body."

Although she did not want to die, she would not live in such a disgraceful way either.

After all, it still depends on the individual.

She may have submitted to Gu Changge and recognized him as her master, but that didn't mean she'll submit to just about anyone else.

At this moment, Yin Mei would rather die.

"Hmph, talking tough even though you're on the verge of death!"

Yin Mei's words made the God King Realm being in the sky furious, not expecting this girl to be so ungrateful.

Boom!

Right then, he immediately struck out, and his powerful aura fell in the sky, turning into a big palm to grab Yin Mei.

Yin Mei's face remained cold and unafraid as she chose to self-destruct.

Buzz!

All of a sudden, an even more terrifying aura appeared in front of her, transforming into a radiant and unparalleled sword Qi, exploding and splitting the Heavenly God Realm being in front of her into two halves with a single slash.

“Who is it?”

The other being in the God King Realm reacted with immense anger and looked in the direction where the sword ray came from, his killing intent soaring.

“Master...”

Yin Mei was also frozen at this moment, her beautiful eyes wide open, unable to believe what had just happened... as she looked at the young man who suddenly stepped out of the void in front of her.

Then she suddenly jumped into Gu Changge’s arms, “You are so mean, Master, I thought you didn’t want me anymore...”

Chapter 154: Although His Heart Is A Million Shades Dark, It Is Not As Indifferent As I Once Thought.

Yin Mei could not believe it.

She thought she was going to die just now.

After all, she was going up against existences in both the Heavenly God Realm and the God King Realm all the while gravely injured, not to mention that she had already exhausted most of her life-saving treasures.

Yin Mei could choose to be humiliated, but her death was set in stone. So what was there to do?

She was merely Gu Changge’s sacrificial pawn in the first place.

Since her value was exhausted, there was naturally no need for such a pawn to exist anymore.

No one would take the time to care about her life and death.

However...

The moment she witnessed that familiar falling sword light, her mind blanked as an overwhelming buzzing threw her thoughts into disarray. She half-believed she was having a dream. A hallucination.

Yin Mei really didn’t expect the always indifferent Gu Changge to show up and save her.

The scene felt unbelievable to the point of impossibility.

Her first reaction upon seeing the sight in front of her was thinking that she had went insane.

But a hallucination from an addled mind could never be so vivid.

Gu Changge’s breath was all too familiar to her.

Yin Mei was so happy that she became unable to restrain herself, throwing herself into Gu Changge’s arms without even first considering the consequences.

Shiny tears dripped down her pale face.

She was truly touched. From despair to hope, and from life to death, one can only understand this kind of situation after experiencing it personally.

Furthermore, Gu Changge's strength is terrifying. Even if the opponent is a God King cultivator, she believed nothing bad would come to pass.

As long as Gu Changge showed up, it meant that all danger would simply cease to exist.

This made Yin Mei feel extremely at ease.

"What are you thinking about all day? How could I not want you?"

Gu Changge patted her fluffy head.

With a faint smile on his face, he let her throw herself into his arms.

At the same time, he raised a single hand and slashed out mountainous sword energy, mixed with the horrifying dark-gold Gengjin laws as a peerless edge rushed out!

Clack!

The dazzling sword intent made a sound as if it had broken free from its scabbard.

The void was suddenly ripped apart as the inconceivable slash flitted through the very fabric of the universe, falling right above the dazed God King Realm creature in an instant.

"How is this possible...?" His face suddenly paled.

Eyes widened in fright, he tried to avoid it but found the nearby space had been locked.

The sword intent only lightly moved forward, and yet... it seemed to split the whole universe in two!

"This..."

A ghastly expression of despair appeared on the God King's face.

'Just who the hell is this monster!?'

He was a dignified God King Realm cultivator, renowned among many nearby ethnic groups as one of the strongest, an insanely difficult opponent to face.

And yet!

The creature screamed wildly in his heart.

'Who is this young man that appeared from who knows where?'

'How can he be so strong? Using the power of rules so casually and without caring? Moreover, it seems that he even controls the void!'

The God King was cold all over.

'Too late!'

He only felt a chilly breeze blow on his neck, before the world around him suddenly turned dark.

Puff!

Blood splattered in all directions, as the screech of a blade rang across the heavens, smiting the body and soul of the being in God King Realm, extinguishing his primordial spirit, and erasing him from the world entirely!

Gu Changge did not even raise his eyes to take a second look.

The two pests died with open eyes.

Gu Changge glanced back at Yin Mei, who was still sobbing softly and shook his head. He took a step forward as the void shifted yet again, taking them away from this bloody place.

Nowadays, many powerhouses are chasing Ye Ling's tracks, so the movement here will inevitably attract others to pay a visit.

Finding them amidst the scene of a crime would not be conducive to his plans.

Moreover, he did not understand why Yin Mei thought that he would simply abandon her. She seemed to have a misconception that he treated her as merely a sacrificial pawn.

How could he let her die in this dingy spot?

Yin Mei, as the Holy Maiden of the Nine-tailed Celestial Fox Family, was in charge of the resources he needed for his cultivation. No matter whatever aspect you view it from, her being alive was a great benefit for him.

Even though Gu Changge has been using her and coercing her with her life, he was not a person who was extremely indifferent to the point of insanity like the previous 'Gu Changge'.

It was not possible to act so indifferently to the life and death of Yin Mei, who has been honestly working for him with all her heart to the point she almost died for it.

Yin Mei truly thought too badly of him.

'Though this Gu admits to having a blackened heart, it's not so black that I would do such a thing as discard my own pawns willy-nilly.'

Gu Changge oddly felt that he should be slightly nicer to Yin Mei in the future, lest a situation like this occurs again, causing her to look as if all hope was lost and her death was imminent.

Soon, Gu Changge took Yin Mei and left the mountain. On the way, he casually took down a few masters of the Ancient Serpent Clan who noticed the bloodstained battle.

At last, he and Yin Mei stopped at the mouth of a relatively remote and quiet underground cave, bristling with strong spiritual energy.

The sound of dripping water tickled the senses.

"Master..."

At this moment, Yin Mei had also calmed down as she left Gu Changge's embrace, still blushing.

She was a little embarrassed to look up at Gu Changge.

Her actions today were a little overboard, in all honesty.

She jumped directly on him without even obtaining his permission first.

Yet Gu Changge didn't even blame her for this.

"This period of time has caused you much suffering." Gu Changge smiled, before leading the way further into the cave, fully intending to find a place to stay and rest.

"For the Master's mission, this is nothing."

Yin Mei shook her head at the words. Her nose was a bit sour as she became emotional.

With this sentence, the grievances and injuries she suffered during this time suddenly became far less important.

In the beginning, she abided by Gu Changge because he held her life in the palm of his hand. But since then, she gradually accepted her fate and realized that there was nothing wrong with following him, slowly changing her mentality towards him.

And once it had arisen, this feeling quickly snowballed, becoming more and more difficult to reverse.

She found herself sinking deeper and deeper instead.

Gu Changge's mind is vicious, his methods cruel, and his character indifferent and unfeeling, having all sorts of bad qualities characteristic of a great villain.

But a Gu Changge like this also made her feel complicated inside, to a level where she was willing to do anything for him...

Now that 'that' same villainous Gu Changge was asking about her wellbeing with concern, Yin Mei trembled with joy at the unprecedented matter.

Even if this was probably just a random question from Gu Changge.

Even if it was a throwaway question not from the heart.

It still made Yin Mei very happy, feeling as if the injuries and suffering she had gone through for so many days were worth it in the end.

To be cared about, to be praised... it lets her know that she is still useful to Gu Changge.

Yin Mei's emotions spiralled fast as her heart filled with affection.

Gu Changge chuckled inwardly. Obviously, as meticulous and observant as he is, Gu Changge knew and understood Yin Mei's current mental state. Appeasing her and levelling up her affection towards him was a piece of cake when taking everything into consideration.

Roar!

At this moment, deep in the cave, ferocious scarlet eyes like burning lanterns appeared.

A beast shaped like a dragon-tortoise roared and rushed forward, ready to feast on the two uninvited guests who had broken into its territory.

Gu Changge glanced at it, before flicking a finger, distorting the void.

It eerily rippled in front of him like a murky mirror, as if it contained a maze with endless layers.

The fear of the beast stunned it. Its movement immediately halted, right until the moment it was smashed into ashes by the power of the void, dissipating into nothingness with a loud bang.

Yin Mei was stunned into silence but didn't think much about it.

After all, the breath of Gu Changge, his strength was indeed far from what she could comprehend.

She was afraid that, with the sole exception of Gu Changge himself, no one else can truly understand the depths of his unfathomable might.

"Let's rest here." Gu Changge stated, easily cleaning out the cave.

Yin Mei's injuries were grave.

She needed to take care of herself and rest for a while.

Then... she needs to suffer again. Unfortunately for her, for the purposes of Ye Ling's downfall, Yin Mei is irreplaceable.

Gu Changge soon took out a variety of magical medicinal pills.

The Supreme Amethyst Order of the Supreme Amethyst Pill Sect was in his hands.

Therefore, he was by no means short of medicinal pills and the like and can get as many as he wants.

Thus, he casually took out a few of each.

The dense pill fragrance wafted through the air, ever so enchanting, lingering here and there.

Pills of all functions were present. From nourishing the primordial spirit, restoring the body and limbs, and even those that specialize in stabilizing the Sea of Consciousness...

"Don't worry about anything. Let's take care of the injury first." Gu Changge said with a slight smile.

"Thank you, Master."

Yin Mei said no more than was necessary and simply took a few of the medicinal pills that worked best on her injuries.

At this moment, the various panaceas and medicines on her body had already run dry. Her injuries would not have dragged on for so long if not for this reason.

Yin Mei, who had swallowed the elixir, soon began to meditate in a lotus position. The Holy Maiden had lost most of the sexual allure she usually exuded, her charming and moving features instead smoothing into a pure and peaceful stillness.

Cold sweat beaded her clean and pale face.

Hum!

A hazy rune appeared on her body, while nine fluffy, snow-white foxtails shimmered with lustre.

Her injuries were gradually improving.

Gu Change took a peek and nodded in acknowledgement before his figure left the cave.

Simple words are meaningless. At times like these, actions speak louder than words.

The meditating Yin Mei almost instantly noticed the disappearance of Gu Change's familiar aura.

She opened her previously closed eyes, looking at the empty karst cave with hints of disappointment and reluctance, her drooping ears clearly displaying her saddened mood like an abandoned puppy.

However, she quickly shook herself out of it, discarding the strange emotion.

'What am I thinking?'

'I'm just a pawn, just a replaceable toy. It was enough that Master even came to my assistance.'

'What did I... still hope for?'

Of course, although Yin Mei comforted herself like this – deep down – she felt a bit lost.

It was inevitable that she would feel a bit of self-pity thanks to her current state.

In a blink of an eye, the sky outside turned dark.

Yin Mei withdrew from the state of recuperation, mostly healed. Naturally, the medicinal pills given by Gu Change were more than enough, and their healing effect was of excellent quality. n0Velus&.c0m

The lone fox girl glanced at the night outside that gradually grew darker.

Her expression showed a hint of regret as if she was expecting something. Unfortunately, it was only a wishful thought, an anticipation that would dissipate without ever achieving fruition.

Gu Change saved her, and then he left.

Simple as that.

As she thought of this, Yin Mei created a bonfire.

But the heat could not reach her, it was still cold.

Ruby-like eyes shone melancholically as they quietly stared at the bonfire, almost as if they could see a certain person's imposing figure within the bright and dancing flames.

If only...

At that moment, Yin Mei's ears moved slightly, hearing footsteps from outside the cave.

She turned to look.

Some clean fruits and melons in one hand, and a green lotus leaf to hold water in the other. The shadow of a figure walked in leisurely from the entrance of the cave.

The slight firelight fell upon a familiar face, as Yin Mei's heart pounded in her chest.

It turned out that Gu Changge did not leave.

"Master..."

Gu Changge had a slight smile on his face, "How is your injury?"

A bonfire danced freely between them.

Yin Mei propped her head up, tilting her pale and tiny face to stare at the bonfire. Her chin rested on her knees, as the embers of a raging fire were reflected within her beautiful, watery eyes.

She looked at him in amazement, surprise overflowing in her eyes.

Gu Changge walked over and handed her the fruits and water.

"Are you hungry?"

"I solved some troubles while I was gone." Gu Changge casually spoke once more.

It seemed as if he was explaining to Yin Mei why he left so suddenly.

Of course, it did not matter what trouble he solved or what people he had killed, the important thing was that he did not plan to leave her here.

That alone was enough for Yin Mei.

Gu Changge handled the situation very well, knowing how to comfort the injured Yin Mei, and he also knew the best way to soothe her resentment.

Upon hearing his gentle words, Yin Mei took the melons and fruits that Gu Changge specially washed for her as she felt even more touched.

Her previous speculations and assumptions vanished with the wind.

When she was injured, Gu Changge did not choose to leave but instead stayed to take care of her. Yin Mei felt as if she had imagined him as too uncaring before this. Gu Changge was not as cold or indifferent as she once thought.

Seeing that the desired effect had been achieved, Gu Changge couldn't help but smile in his heart, though the expression on his face did not change at all.

Yin Mei did actually help him a lot.

And he was in control of Yin Mei's life.

Yin Mei did things for him, so he lets Yin Mei live, making for an equivalent transaction.

Even if Gu Changge doesn't do anything, Yin Mei didn't have ill intentions toward him.

But this was much more interesting.

“Master, the gap between Chi Ling and Ye Ling has been created. If my guess is correct, Chi Ling should leave this place soon.”

While eating the spirit fruit, Yin Mei slowed her breathing and softly reported the situation.

Gu Changge nodded with an unrestrained smile, and even told her a bit about his plan, “That is good news, but Ye Ling can’t die yet.”

With the relationship between Ye Ling and Chi Ling broken...

[Ding!]

He took note of a familiar prompt.

In any case, Chi Ling had the Vermillion Bird Clan, and she could be regarded as Ye Ling’s backbone and primary source of support in the Immortal Ancient Continent.

To rupture this relationship, Gu Changge needed to put in only the most insignificant of effort, and yet the rewards were quite sizable.

“Indeed, I believe that Master still needs Ye Ling to continue helping you by carrying the black pot.” Yin Mei also nodded in agreement.

That was true. No matter what, Ye Ling was still the successor of an Ancient Deity, so the force he hides and conceals behind his back will not be small.

An Ancient Deity was an existence that was infinitely close to True Immortals—perhaps even surpassing True Immortals—since ancient times.

One that did not leave any lineages or clans, but instead left all his inheritance to the future successor.

How profound was this opportunity? It can be said that even those supreme Daoists and great immortal sects will be moved to action.

Yin Mei’s careful observation of Ye Ling during this time was not wasted, and she recognized the abnormality of his actions and situation.

The successor of the Ancient Deity didn’t dare to reveal the Inheritance he had, so he had to swallow his anger and bite the bullet for Gu Changge, even if he was unwilling.

Hence, Gu Changge’s plan could be described as vicious and seamless. It will be difficult for any individual to find flaws in it for at least a good while.

Moreover, Ye Ling himself would cooperate and hide his origins, even if cultivators all over the world insulted and chased him like a mouse crossing the street.

‘In the end, this pot-bearing leek escapes unharmed anyway.’

In fact, in terms of taking the blame for Gu Changge, there was none quite like Ye Ling.

“Ye Ling’s worth in being alive is greater than his worth in being dead. I’m still waiting for him to help me find the Immortal Cave of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.” Gu Changge smiled lightly.

The words did not take Ye Ling's life and death to heart.

With his current strength, killing Ye Ling was actually an incredibly simple matter.

But what's the use of a so-called Favored Son of Heaven if you didn't squeeze out every single drop of value step-by-step?

"Don't worry, master. As long as you still need it, Yin Mei will definitely try her best to help you."

Yin Mei spoke with a serious face, looking at Gu Changge with eyes like glazed, blood-coloured gems.

"That's a relief."

Gu Changge smiled, reached out, and took her into his arms as he patted her fluffy head, "Unfortunately, I would have you suffer yet again. Can you accept that?"

He was still thinking about how to let Yin Mei continue hiding beside Ye Ling for a while.

Now that she herself spoke first, it spared Gu Changge the effort to come up with a line for her.

"If Master commands it, there is nothing that I can't accept." Yin Mei said so with a serious tone.

This was a statement that came straight from her heart, without the slightest hint of falsehood.

"What a pitiful girl..." Gu Changge looked at her and sighed softly.

When she heard this, Yin Mei looked at him with anticipation and a little shyness, her watery eyes shining with unspoken emotions.

A great villain like Gu Changge naturally knew what to do.

The nine, snow-white tails of the Heavenly Fox Clan curled around them, forming a sealed cocoon.

And soon, a deluge of heart-tugging noises rang out from the fluffy cell, filling the tiny cave with a sense of aromatic desire.

...

A sleepless night for both.

Chapter 155: This Kind Of Heartless Thing, I'm Responsible For This...

The next day, after Yin Mei's injuries had almost fully recovered...

Gu Changge moved separately from her.

Yin Mei went to the Ancient City alone, where Ye Ling agreed to meet. She was currently preparing to follow Ye Ling to find the Immortal Cave that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation left for him.

The value of such a thing need not be said.

It was no exaggeration to call it an Immortal Cave since it was probably a Minor World that one could carry on themselves.

Ye Ling searched so hard for so long, so it was only natural that he was unwilling to give it up.

To help Gu Changge, Yin Mei had to find Ye Ling first so that she may determine the actual location of the Immortal Cave.

As he watched Yin Mei's figure gradually disappear into the mountains...

Gu Changge's expression could not help but reveal a playful look.

'Currently, Ye Ling should be feeling quite guilty that he didn't come for Yin Mei right away.'

'If he sees Yin Mei rushing to his side at this moment, he'll be even less suspicious.'

*'There is a knife on the head of the word "s*x" [1].'*

'What an accurate phrase.'

*[1. The Chinese character for s*x has some strokes that resemble a knife on the top.]*

All Gu Changge needed to do now was to enjoy the show. And when the time comes, he can collect a bountiful harvest.

'Ye Ling still needs to live a few more days.'

'Otherwise, how can he carry the black pot waiting for him in the Ancient Immortal Continent?[2]'

[2. Changge is talking about the corpses he left in the ruins after devouring the Origin Essence.]

'My assumptions shouldn't be that far off. Once Chi Ling and Ye Ling formally cut ties, she should leave this place first. By now, the followers of both Chi Ling and Yin Mei should already be quite suspicious of who "Ye Lin" is...'

'Even if they were to consider Chi Ling's previous explanation, I'm afraid no one will believe it.'

'The news of Ye Ling's presence on the Ancient Immortal Continent will attract a large number of cultivators who want to fight against the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts.'

'Since Ye Ling is already being hunted by the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan, the events that took place in their Ancestral Tomb should be "crystal clear" to them. What a wonderful show this is looking to be.'

'When people notice the overlap of these events, even if they are by mere coincidence... Ye Ling, I'm afraid that you will not be able to defend yourself even if you jump into the Yellow River.'

Gu Changge stood on the mountaintop with his hands behind his back, looking at the outline of the distant city ruins as he couldn't help but laugh.

He then left the place, planning to call on his followers and participate in the battle against the Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor as a "righteous man".

At the same time, a petite figure with a delicate face quickly walked across many mountains among the ancient trees in the hills, avoiding the chase of a Heavenly God Realm existence behind her.

It was Chi Ling, who was just recently separated from Ye Ling.

She looked a little tired, pale even, but these things pale in comparison to the icy cold she felt in her heart.

She met Ye Ling again on the path to her escape, but Ye Ling didn't even bother. He simply turned and ran as the being in the Heavenly God Realm chased her instead.

'Indifferent, running away with his back turned...'

'He even dumped this being in the Heavenly God Realm on me?'

Ye Ling's actions left Chi Ling speechless, she was foolish to allow her kindness to be eaten by a dog.

Fortunately, she was by no means weak, and she belonged to the upper-middle level among the Young Supremes and had many Secret Treasures and Medicine Pills.

Although the situation looked dangerous, in the end, it was not a major issue.

This made her feel that the gravely injured Yin Mei from before, must also be in a dangerous situation.

'Ye Ling cared about her from the bottom of his heart, but he ran away as soon as we were ambushed. He didn't care about whether Yin Mei lived or died.'

'This alone is enough to see through this character.'

'It seems that Brother Changge is the only one I can rely on now. I must inform him.'

At this moment, Chi Ling was heavily considering this issue.

'Brother Changge said that he wished to foster the world's justice, considering all the souls and beings, and eradicating the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts. It is only natural that he would pay attention to Ye Ling.'

'After all, Brother Changge said that he also suspected Ye Ling.'

Once she formally cuts ties with Ye Ling, Chi Ling was considering whether or not she should tell Gu Changge about all this.

At that moment, it would be up to him. Gu Changge can either choose to help Ye Ling clear his name or simply choose not to intervene in Ye Ling's affairs.

Chi Ling soon crushed yet another Divine Talisman as she felt a slight pain in the depths of her heart.

Even if only one talisman was used, the count would still be lessened.

She didn't plan on using them unless it was necessary.

Buzz!

After crushing the Divine Talisman, a hazy brilliance rose from Chi Ling's body as her figure seemed to grow a pair of Vermillion Bird Wings, gorgeous and colourful as she quickly escaped.

"Damn it. She escaped again!"

The Heavenly God Realm creature behind her screamed fiercely but thought nothing of it.

She was a Young Supreme, why wouldn't she have something to save her life?

Soon enough, Chi Ling found her followers in a valley through her connection with them.

Many Young Supremes were gathered here, and to her surprise, there was also Wang Wushuang, an extremely mysterious young man from the Immortal Wang Family.

In addition, the Young Supremes of the Immortal Lake were also here.

There was also Ye Langtian of the Primordial Immortal Clan...the person she thought was the most suspicious, the one closest to being the true Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts.

Chi Ling didn't expect so many people to have gathered here to attack Ye Ling.

"Miss, are you okay?"

The many Young Supremes in the valley were the first to notice Chi Ling's figure stained with both blood and fatigue as she descended.

A group of her followers also rushed in, especially Kong Yang of the Peacock clan, who was the most excited.

It can be said that it was all to his credit that the news of Ye Ling had spread so far to attract so many Young Supremes.

The rest of Chi Ling's followers were also incredibly relieved. They were most afraid of what had happened to Chi Ling after her disappearance in the past month or so.

But at this moment, Chi Ling seemed relatively fine.

"Miss Chi Ling...our Young Lady, have you seen her?" Currently, however, the people of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family were beginning to get worried.

Along with Chi Ling, their Young Lady, Yin Mei also went with Ye Ling.

Chi Ling was now safe and sound from the clutches of that demon.

However... Yin Mei was nowhere to be seen.

'Where is Miss Yin Mei?'

Upon hearing this question, Chi Ling's expression also changed slightly. She carefully considered her words before speaking, **"At this moment, Yin Mei might still be with Ye Ling..."**

"But she might not be with him either."

She didn't even get to finish her words as a sudden uproar emerged.

"What?!"

A group of people from the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family instantly exploded.

It was a known fact to all that Ye Ling, the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, was here.

Therefore, it was unnecessary to say how dangerous Yin Mei's situation was.

At this moment, the Young Supremes – Wang Wushuang of the Immortal Wang Family and descendant of the Immortal Lake – Ye Langtian, and the others who also heard Chi Ling had solemn expressions.

“Chi Ling, are you sure about this?” Wang Wushuang asked with golden eyes that burned with divine-gold fire.

“Ye Ling not only dared show himself here, but he also dared kidnap the Holy Maiden, Yin Mei. This matter has just become far more complicated.” Ye Langtian frowned.

As a descendant of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, failure to properly handle this scenario would mean that he must face the wrath of – not only the White Tiger Clan – but also the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family.

The consequences would be dire.

So when he heard that Ye Ling was here, he hurried over.

Chi Ling frowned as she put together the words to properly explain the details of the matter.

Even she didn’t know what had happened to Yin Mei, so she merely explained what she might have encountered.

Chi Ling knew that Yin Mei believed Ye Ling was not the true Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts... but it wasn’t like anyone would believe it now.

So she excluded such unnecessary details.

Instead, she spoke of how the three of them were chased by the Ancient Immortal Races, clans such as the Black Heavenly Eagle, the Ancient Serpent, and the Divine Crocodile[3].

[3. The author noted that there were 5 major clans, we are unsure if this is a major clan or one of the minor subsidiaries.]

When they heard these words, they instantly became angry as they held icy looks in their eyes.

‘Those who inherit the Forbidden Demonic Arts must be punished!’

They didn’t expect Ye Ling to be so arrogant that he actually targeted Yin Mei right after killing Bai Lie.

“Damn it! What the hell did Ye Ling do to offend all of these clans?”

“Did he capture some of them to cultivate the Forbidden Demonic Arts?”

Many of the Young Supremes were full of murderous aura as they asked aloud.

These Young Supremes came from a myriad of great sects, so it was only natural that they knew more about the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts than the rest of their peers. However... the news of Yin Mei missing had only reached them now.

They knew how terrifying the Forbidden Demonic Arts were, and given time, it would spell disaster for the world.

“Chi Ling, do you know why Ye Ling is here...?”

“His entry into the Ancient Immortal Continent is bad news, but it also presents an opportunity to us.”

Wang Wushuang, Ye Langtian, and others asked one after another with a solemn tone.

In their view, this battle against the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts was bound to affect the rest of the younger generation on the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Perhaps even some experts of the older generation would appear.

When she heard this, Chi Ling merely shook her head and replied, **“He told us to meet up in a small town[4]. After that, we were separated, and I’m left unaware of his current status.”**

[4. Recap: Ye Ling told them to meet up at the Ancient City.]

She didn’t want to intervene in Ye Ling’s affairs any longer.

As she said this, however, she stared at Ye Langtian, observing the changes in his expression.

Alas, there was no such abnormality on his face.

Before, Chi Ling had been very suspicious of Ye Langtian, but after cutting ties with Ye Ling, even she believed that Ye Ling was highly suspect.

After all, she knew that he could easily hide his very Origin.

Chi Ling firmly believed that Ye Ling was not the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts since Ye Ling’s power involved the mystery of time.

‘However, the Forbidden Demonic Arts is a strange and mysterious power. Maybe Ye Ling’s ability to hide his Origin...’

When she considered this line of thought, Chi Ling felt that the possibility wasn’t by any means negligible.

At this moment, Ye Langtian shook his head slightly after hearing the words before saying,

“It seems that this matter needs to be discussed. I have just heard that Brother Gu has received word and is also coming here.”

If Gu Changge took the lead, their chances of winning against the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts would skyrocket.

Needless to say, Gu Changge’s strength was recognized as the best in the younger generation.

When these words came out, a slight shock came over many people.

“Really? That’s great!”

Even Wang Wushuang agreed, **“Indeed, I heard that Brother Gu is coming for this matter. If he is here, we will have more certainty in dealing with the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts.”**

“It’s great that Young Master Changge is also coming. If he comes forward, even the young and powerful creatures of the Ancient Immortal Races will be shocked!”

“Those who inherit the Forbidden Demonic Arts must be punished. The Young Master Changge will definitely be on our side.” *n0veℓusB.c0m*

Many young people breathed a sigh of relief at the thought.

Those who inherit the Forbidden Demonic Arts would naturally be strong; otherwise, they would not survive being constantly chased by so many groups without any problems.

In their hearts, they didn't dare face Ye Ling.

But if Gu Changge came, it would be a different story altogether.

Nowadays, there were rumours of him in all parts of the Ancient Immortal Continent, causing a great disaster for the Ancient Immortal Races as he slaughtered all the natives' younger generation.

Most natives of the younger generation immediately fled when they heard his name.

In this regard, they also admired him.

Although there were also some nasty rumours, such as robbing peers of opportunities or *something*.

But such things didn't matter here.

Inside the Immortal Road, The Weak are Prey for the Strong. It was a dreadfully normal occurrence.

"Really? That's great. If Brother Changge comes, things should go much smoother." Chi Ling's cold and arrogant face also showed joy at this time.

She happened to have a lot of things she wanted to discuss with Gu Changge.

Throughout this period, she naturally heard the news about Gu Changge, and she greatly admired Gu Changge.

At this moment, an incredibly vast wave suddenly came from the east as a group of divine rainbows rushed at them.

The young man in the lead was none other than Gu Changge.

Just in the nick of time. Once he and Yin Mei went their separate ways, he gathered all of his followers with the intent of being a *"righteous man."*

He was dressed in a moon-white feather robe with wide sleeves embroidered with the sun, the moon, mountains, and rivers. The universe and the stars intertwined as they gave him an incredibly exquisite and gorgeous appearance.

The person himself descended from on high as he revealed an unspeakably noble aura.

"Greetings, Young Master Changge!"

"Greetings, Daoist Brother Changge!"

At that moment, all the people in the valley who beheld this scene had bowed in courtesy.

Even the Young Supremes such as Wang Wushuang, Chi Ling, and Ye Langtian were no exception.

The arrival of Gu Changge made all the people's morale soar as the expedition's courage grew to an uplifting degree.

"Brother Wang, Brother Ye..."

“Sister Chi Ling.”

Gu Changge landed on the ground as he greeted them with a warm and natural smile.

Frankly, he was not surprised to see Chi Ling here.

Afterwards, everyone exchanged greetings.

Ye Langtian took the lead, cutting straight to the heart of the topic and asking, **“Brother Gu, what are your plans for this crusade?”**

Gu Changge pondered and said, **“Truthfully, I still have a few doubts regarding this matter, which I shall ask Miss Chi Ling of later. Aside from that, Ye Ling has shown himself and even took away Sister Yin Mei. As both her senior brother and the Heir of Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace, I can’t just sit back and do nothing.”**

As he spoke such righteous words, his face didn’t change in the slightest.

The Young Supremes couldn’t help but express their admiration, **“As expected of Young Master Changge! Such a profound sense of righteousness!”**

They knew that the Holy Maiden, Yin Mei of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family had angered Gu Changge in public.

But at this moment, he set aside his grievances and resolved to simply deal with the current situation!

“Young Master Changge is truly noble!”

Many young clansmen of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family spoke with gratitude.

They were also worried that because Yin Mei had previously offended Gu Changge, he would stumble and refuse to intervene.

But now it seemed that they were all thinking too much!

“There are some things I also want to talk about, which I shall discuss in detail with Brother Changge later.” Chi Ling also nodded, impressed by Gu Changge’s words.

‘Sure enough, Brother Changge is the same as he’s always been, not like that Ye Ling.’

When she was with Ye Ling and Yin Mei, she asked about Gu Changge from Yin Mei.

She answered that Gu Changge bullied others and covered the sky with his one palm in the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace, leaving none who dared to provoke him.

For this reason, she felt that Gu Changge would not intervene in the matter because of his relationship with Yin Mei.

When she thought of this, Chi Ling admired Gu Changge even more

When compared with Ye Ling’s behaviour, she only became more and more suspicious of him.

Although Gu Changge has a bad reputation, his character was far from Ye Ling’s.

Soon, a group of Young Supremes, including Ye Langtian and Wang Wushuang, discussed for a while.

“That’s right...how about Daoist Brother Changge lead this crusade? We will eradicate the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, restore peace to the world, and regain the stability of the world for people to practise in peace.”

Many people looked at Gu Changge feverishly as they spoke, hoping that he would preside over this act.

When he heard these words, though his face remained unchanging, he was laughing up a storm in his heart.

‘Lead the people to attack me? Perhaps it is more accurate to say that we will attack Ye Ling who took the fall for me?’

‘Such a heartless thing and they want to be responsible... oh no, how could I ever do such a thing?’

“Everyone trusts me so much that it’s difficult to keep my composure. That said, it sounds like quite a difficult job to take.”

After a bit of careful consideration, Gu Changge showed a look of righteousness as he slowly opened his mouth and declared, **“But since the vote is unanimous, how could this Gu refuse? None of you needs to worry, for I will definitely help bring the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts to justice so that we may all find a more peaceful world to cultivate in.”**

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“As expected of you, Brother Changge! If I were faced with such a matter, I would have hesitated, but your compassion for the people of the world is truly admirable!”

Chi Ling couldn’t help but stand in solemn admiration. NOVELUSb.cOm

She said so from the bottom of her heart, without the slightest hint of anything else.

Ye Langtian also spoke in admiration, **“Brother Gu’s actions are no different to personally taking Ye Ling’s wrath on his own head. Alas, I – the Young Master of the Ye Family – dare not come forward myself. In this regard, I am still far from Brother Changge.”**

“Brother Gu is indeed a Young Asura for a reason.” The Young Master of the Immortal Lake, hidden in a dizzying black mist, also sighed deeply at this time.

“Yes, the Young Lady is saved! With Young Master Changge’s help, she will definitely turn this situation around.”

The people of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family were also excited.

Their strength was indeed too weak.

What Gu Changge said made all the Young Supremes breathe a sigh of relief, and they could not help but look both happy and excited.

Whoever took on such an important task would probably face retaliation from the Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor!

Even a Young Supreme such as Bai Lie, the Young Master of the White Tiger Clan had been killed.

Although they shouted loudly in the present, when faced with the real matter of the Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor, they may run away faster than anyone else.

However, Gu Changge had now stepped forward to take charge of this crusade.

His courage put them all to shame.

"If I may, I have a few suspicions on why Ye Ling is currently being hunted by the Ancient Immortal Clans." At this moment, Ye Langtian suddenly opened his mouth and decided to speak his mind.

"Oh? Brother Ye, please elaborate." Gu Changge said with a faint smile.

At his words, everyone looked over.

"It may be that Ye Ling attempted to... "touch" something that belonged to these clans. If we think about it, why would he, the Inheritor of the Demonic Arts, go near the gathering places of these clans

Ye Langtian asked with carefully thought words.

With these words, the expressions of Kong Yang, Wang Wushuang, the Heir of the Immortal Lake and the rest of the group changed slightly.

Even Gu Changge appeared to be deep in thought.

Afterwards, he frowned slightly and said, **"What does Brother Ye mean?"**

Ye Langtian glanced at him and said with a nod, **"Ye Ling's goal is probably to find these clans' Young Supremes, or perhaps even find their ancestral tombs..."**

Gasp!

The sounds of gasping could be heard.

In fact, when Ye Langtian reminded them, most of them had already guessed beforehand.

Some people were just a bit slow to react.

Gu Changge glanced at Ye Langtian and secretly praised him in the back of his mind.

'It is worth calling him "Brother" Ye.'

'He is especially useful during times like this.'

By doing this, Ye Langtian had saved Gu Changge the trouble of having to *"guide"* them himself.

'I'm afraid Ye Ling will have to firmly carry this black pot until he dies.'

"Searching for the tombs... this..."

The words of Ye Langtian fell on the ears of the rest of the people like a thunderstorm, immediately followed by a shiver.

The entire group was shocked as a chill ran through their whole bodies.

If Ye Ling really did such a thing, his powers would now be greater than they've ever been.

Going by the horrific and unpredictable nature of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, it could be said that Ye Ling's current Cultivation Base would be simply unfathomable.

"While he was with us, Ye Ling usually stayed with the group, but that may very well be his next plan."

Chi Ling was a bit sceptical of Ye Langtian's words.

After all, she had been with Ye Ling before and knew what he was up to.

"Brother Ye has a point, but let's leave this matter as it is for now."

"Tomorrow, we will start searching for Ye Ling's location in the surrounding area, paying close attention to all the ancient cities. If you come across any of the Immortal Ancient Clan members, try to reason with them, for this is a grave matter." It was at this moment that Gu Changge took the opportunity to speak up, rubbing his forehead as though he had a headache.

He seemed to be troubled by the possible increase in Ye Ling's cultivation.

At this moment, everyone understood that the matter has become far more complicated.

Ye Ling had snuck into the Ancient Immortal Continent.

The ancient tombs here were the perfect place for Ye Ling to increase his cultivation.

After further discussion, the group dispersed, preparing to gather their energy for tomorrow's move.

But Chi Ling stayed behind to discuss a few matters with Gu Changge.

Chi Ling mainly informed Gu Changge of their split, raising her doubts about Ye Ling.

In this regard, Gu Changge merely nodded in understanding.

Gu Changge took this moment to express his false concern and deep regret over the matter.

"In any case, even if you and I were to believe him, it would be useless. Ye Ling has gone past the point of no return and, in the eyes of the public, is now confirmed to be the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts." Gu Changge said with a sigh.

"Ye Ling is indeed highly suspicious, but it doesn't necessarily mean that he has anything to do with the Demonic Arts inheritor." Chi Ling remarked.

Gu Changge nodded in agreement.

Chi Ling relaxed after their exchange.

In a rare moment, she joked with him and said, **“In this period of time, I’ve heard lots of news regarding Brother Gu! Overpowering the Ancient Immortal Races and stealing opportunities, your follower’s need to work harder to keep up your public image.”**

Naturally, she didn’t mean to blame Gu Changge when she said this.

It was just small talk, a bit of banter, since she had no other topic to talk about.

She believed that Gu Changge must’ve had a reason for his actions.

Moreover, in a world where the strong prey on the weak, snatching opportunities was no big deal.

Gu Changge understood her intentions and laughed along, **“Can anybody really blame me for doing so? They wouldn’t be able to keep the opportunities in their hands anyway, then those opportunities would’ve been snatched by the Ancient Immortal Clans, and they might even lose their lives in the process.”**

“It’s better if I snatch them instead, so that they may continue to live.”

Of course, he was just talking nonsense.

He didn’t care about such things while he was snatching opportunities.

If anyone dared to stop him, he would just slap them to death.

However, when these words fell on Chi Ling’s ears, her eyes widened with shock, **“Brother Gu has even thought of such a thing...”**

Gu Changge said nothing as he merely glanced at her.

Her brain’s ability to comprehend things was so inadequate that she actually believed his words.

At this point, he suspected that Chi Ling had a few brain cells missing.

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News of the crusade against the Forbidden Demonic Arts’ Inheritor, led by Gu Changge and attended by the Young Supremes of the various Supreme Daoist Sects, the Immortal Great Sects, and other such geniuses of the younger generation, caused a huge stir across the Ancient Immortal Continent.

It was already shocking enough that the Inheritor of the Demonic Arts had returned once more to the realm of the living.

However, no one expected that Gu Changge would willingly come forward and lead the people to fight against the Forbidden Demonic Arts’ Inheritor until now.

This act holds great significance to the cultivation world, and if successful, it could be considered a tremendous achievement.

In no time at all, Young Supremes from all over the place rushed to join the confrontation, so that they too may help cleanse the cultivation world of the scourge known as the Inheritors of the Forbidden Demonic Arts.

This event even attracted the attention of the various Ancient Immortal Clans.

In particular, the True Dragon Clan, who had previously threatened Gu Changge to return Long Teng's corpse, were the first to find the truth of the matter.

In the end, all the Ancient Immortal Races came to the conclusion that Gu Changge was serious about this incident.

This gave them an opportunity to take advantage of the situation.

Many of the Ancient Immortal Continent's native younger generations had rallied themselves to attack Gu Changge.

[Inside the clan of the Ancient Immortal Dragons.]

One of the elders used the True Dragon Order to direct the rest of the clan to send the greatest of their younger generation on a quest against Gu Changge.

During this period of time, the slaughter and struggle between the natives and the outside cultivators would only increase as chaos ensued in the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Many of the younger generations of the outside world had died.

As a result, many people had the feeling that a great war would break out in the Ancient Immortal Continent.

This was especially true since Gu Changge had stirred up the waters, causing heavy casualties on both sides.

A number of Daoist disciples perished as a result.

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[The Baiheng Mountain Range.]

A large area of ancient and dilapidated ruins, hidden by ancient trees that were so wide and vast their vines resembled clouds.

It was here that one could spot the figure of Yue Mingkong.

She led her group to set up camp here, carving many formations. Additionally, Divine Artifacts could be seen everywhere.

The spiritual Qi was dense, the essence stones were scattered, and mysterious scriptures were engraved in every corner.

Each ancient character radiated a misty golden brilliance as it floated in the void of space.

In time, when the immortal radiance rises to the sky above, it will help obscure the heavenly opportunity this place held, giving her some time to act.

Otherwise, it would be bad if a large number of cultivators and creatures were alerted and attracted to the area.

By now, she had also heard the news of how Gu Changge was leading a crusade against Ye Ling.

'This Ye Ling must've spent eight lifetimes' worth of bad luck to have offended Gu Changge. Not only did he carry the black pot, but there's now even a crusade against him... led by none other than Gu Changge. Ye Ling must be spitting blood in anger by now.'

'Currently, everyone is being kept in the dark by Gu Changge, left clueless about the fact that the true Inheritor of the Demonic Arts is him. Making the whole world simply dance in the palm of his hand...'

Yue Mingkong naturally had no sympathy for Ye Ling.

On the contrary, she was currently speculating what Gu Changge's objectives were.

One of them was to seize Ye Ling's opportunities.

As for the other objective, she honestly couldn't guess.

'I've located the Immortal Road[1]. Before anyone else can even react, "it" will be mine...'

[1. Quick Recap: The Immortal Road is a series of portals or 'cracks in space' that leads to different locations in the Ancient Immortal Continent. The one at the beginning of this arc was one such portal.]

Indeed, Yue Mingkong had already found a rather plain-looking stone gate situated deep in the mountains.

On the stone gate were several carvings.

The mountains were vast, the sky was high, divine vines and immortal trees grew, filled with Immortal Aura.

She tried to see through the gap in the Fairy Gate to the path beyond it, but there was a thick shroud of mist that obscured her view.

In that instant, a huge rain of light blossomed from behind the Fairy Gate as runes fell from the sky.

The Immortal Runes submerged in her body as if trying to temper her physique.

Such power was so sacred that it far exceeded the quality of ordinary Dao Runes, carrying immense energy.

With this, Yue Mingkong confirmed that this was, in fact, the Immortal Road.

Unfortunately, her current powers were not enough to open it on her own.

She was left with two choices. Either wait for the Immortal Road to open on its own, revealing a fortuitous opportunity ripe for attaining divinity...

Or she could tell Gu Changge about it, since he might have a method that allows them to bypass the door entirely, significantly cutting their waiting time short.

The two solutions swirled around in Yue Mingkong's head, trapping in her quite the dilemma.

The feeling of the opportunity being so tormentingly close but being unable to taste even a drop of "it" made her feel the urge to slash it open with her sword.

However, she was worried that if Gu Changge brushed her aside and found a way to get in himself, she would have worked for nothing.

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[In the middle of a courtyard in a remote ancient city.]

'It's clear as day that he's the real Inheritor of the Demonic Arts, yet he has the audacity to frame me and even bring people to attack me!'

Ye Ling was now in a frenzy of hatred, wanting to tear Gu Changge into a thousand pieces.

Next to him was Yin Mei, who had met up with him in the Ancient City.

By Gu Changge's instructions, Yin Mei ensured that she did not arouse any suspicion in Ye Ling.

Rather, Ye Ling even felt a bit of remorse due to his earlier actions. He had abandoned Yin Mei and fled the scene first; he feared that she would be upset.

Contrary to his expectations, Yin Mei showed up and merely stated that she still had plenty of life-saving means, allowing her to escape her fate. What's more, she seemingly understood his actions.

Ye Ling felt even more moved.

Currently, however, he grimaced as he recalled catching a Young Supreme looking for him, asking him about these things.

What had happened outside made him furious, his hatred filling every pore of his body.

Gu Changge's actions were even more outrageous than a thief calling out for a robbery.

'She must have exposed my trail. How else could Gu Changge have known that I was hiding in this Ancient City?'

'Dammit, I should've known that Chi Ling and Gu Changge were in cahoots, how could I have trusted her this much?'

A deep shadow fell on Ye Ling's face.

These days, he could see cultivators flying through the sky, searching for him in various areas.

This was even more annoying than that group dispatched by the Ancient Immortal Races.

'Fortunately, they're unaware that the cave left for me by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation is hidden in this Ancient City.'

As he thought of this, Ye Ling could not help but reveal a sneer of disdain.

Then, he struck out to silence the Young Supreme in front of him.

"Old Turtle, are you sure the entrance is in this Ancient City?" Ye Ling once again asked the Old Turtle inside the pendant, he had a hunch that it would be here.

But without the Old Turtle's directions, he didn't know exactly where it would be.

“It’s here. The entrance is a dry well. That said, the Ancient Deity left many patterns back in the day, so even if a being in the Sacred Realm were to enter by mistake, that being would perish.”

The Old Turtle’s words rang out from within the pendant, causing Ye Ling’s expression to turn solemn.

Afterwards, he spoke to Yin Mei behind him, **“Yin Mei, remember to stay close to me and walk directly behind me, don’t make any wrong moves.”**

Upon hearing Ye Ling’s cautious words, Yin Mei took on a worried look on her face as she nodded her head and replied, **“I know, don’t worry.”**

Ye Ling was relieved to hear this without noticing the passing mockery in Yin Mei’s eyes.

Soon, Ye Ling wandered around the nearby courtyard. The Ancient City looked old, very old, old enough to have weathered countless ages.

And yet, there was not a sign of any living beings residing within.

“This should be the way to reach the well.”

Ye Ling led the way for Yin Mei, stopping at the ancient temple, which had long since been devoid of any trace of the living.

In front of them, in a dry well covered by withered leaves, came an aura that Ye Ling was familiar with.

‘This indeed has the Reincarnation Aura!’

“This is it, there’s no mistake.”

He couldn’t help but show how happy and excited he was.

At that moment, the sound of a divine rainbow was heard from all over the sky, as several cultivators descended on the Ancient City, searching for him.

Sensing their aura, Ye Ling’s face turned pale as he spoke to Yin Mei behind him, **“Follow me.”**

If they didn’t escape this very moment, they would be caught.

Thus, Ye Ling took the lead and rushed towards the Ancient Well in front of him, stepping into it first.

With a loud noise, the withered leaves drifted away.

The space below began to fracture and blur as if he was being sent to another world.

It was just as Ye Ling had predicted.

Underneath the dry well was an imaginary junction that joined different spaces together.

Upon seeing this, Yin Mei showed no hesitation as she followed him.

However, as she descended, she left behind traces of her aura.

“Just now, I felt someone’s aura here...”

“How come it disappeared in the blink of an eye?”

The cultivators searching in the ancient city were also confused. Their divine senses covered thousands of miles, but they could not find any trace of Ye Ling no matter where they looked.

“Forget it, let’s go back and report to Young Master Change first, Ye Ling is nowhere to be found here.”

With that, they left the ancient city.

Meanwhile, in another direction, at the top of a mountain, Gu Change was sitting with one leg on top of the other, as his robes flowed elegantly in the wind. He sensed something.

A strange aura emerged from his body, forcing the void in front of him to become a blur.

“Come here, someone!” Gu Change commanded indifferently.

“Master!”

One of Gu Change’s followers appeared as soon as he called.

On all sides of the mountain, a large group of cultivators and creatures were sitting waiting patiently.

“I’ve gotten word that the Demonic Arts Inheritor has shown himself...”

“He is now in a ruin 40,000 miles to the east, pass on this news.”

Gu Change showed a smile that carried deep meaning.

Naturally, there was nothing in the ruins at the moment, and if there was, it would be a tomb that he had dug.

“Yes, Master.”

After that, Gu Change ordered the follower behind him to leave.

“Ye Ling, oh Ye Ling, how much worth can a person really have...”

The void in front of him blurred as he stepped into it, disappearing in an instant.

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Hum!

Gu Change left, stepping into the void as he went to the Ancient City where Ye Ling now resided in.

He had just received the information that Yin Mei sent him in secret.

Apparently, Ye Ling had now found the Immortal Cave.

Gu Change smirked, *‘What a great piece of news.’*

At this moment, the leek called Ye Ling had finally ripened and reached its fullest potential.

It may sound a bit distasteful, but without Ye Ling, it would have been very difficult for Gu Change to ever find the long-forgotten remains of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

'At this moment, they should all be headed to that patch of ruins to hunt down Ye Ling... though I'm afraid they won't find him there.'

'However, with the many desecrated graves there, my previous claims will only grow stronger.'

Naturally, Gu Changge made sure to tighten the black pot of the Demonic Arts on Ye Ling's head.

With most cultivators unable to let go of even the slightest bit of news regarding Ye Ling, rumours of his appearance alone were enough to move the masses right where Gu Changge needed them to be.

If those tombs were exposed to the public at that time...

The ancient corpses whose essences have been devoured would become the greatest evidence against Ye Ling, cementing his demonic title and pushing him into the abyss.

Insidious and flawless, this was precisely the kind of arrangement a villain such as Gu Changge would make.

When it reaches such a state, Ye Ling would find it impossible to wash clean of the blame, reaching the point of no return.

Furthermore, Ye Ling was completely oblivious to the whole matter, having already gone to the cave of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

And Gu Changge didn't plan to let him come back alive either.

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As Gu Changge "received" news of Ye Ling's appearance...

Many of the younger generations also heard bits and pieces of interesting information.

"Ye Ling's figure appeared in the ruins to the east..."

Chi Ling, who was leading people to search for Ye Ling in an ancient town, frowned slightly.

When she and Ye Ling travelled together before, Ye Ling did not reveal anything outside the norm.

He had never approached those ruins either.

However, Ye Langtian's words made her suspicious. It was possible Ye Ling actually had the idea of entering those ruins but found it difficult to leave because she was by his side.

'He must've felt it was troublesome to slip away.'

When she heard the news, the seeds of doubt planted in her heart only grew stronger.

'I only hope that they don't find anything implicating Ye Ling in the tombs; otherwise... that means he was hiding his true identity all this time, a terrifying thought'

Chi Ling's eyes went cold as a murderous aura filled with bloodlust coursed through her body. She hated those who tried to deceive her the most, even more so when it came from a friend!

The suspicions she had for Ye Ling had now outgrown even those she had for Ye Langtian.

“Chi Ling, when you meet Ye Ling, I hope that kindness and sentimentality do not get in your way! There is no need to discuss the dangers of having the Forbidden Demonic Arts’ Inheritor kept alive.”

Dressed in colourful, feathered clothing with a handsome face, Kong Yang and the others persuaded her on the matter.

After all, their hatred for Ye Ling was deeper than anyone else.

It was especially so when they remembered the time when they had paired up with Ye Ling. It sent chills down their spines, giving birth to a terrible sense of fear and horror.

Such an insidious person... it was their good fortune that they had safety in numbers and never acted alone. If they did, they may have suffered from Ye Ling’s poisonous methods and already be six feet under, buried heartlessly beneath the soil of the Immortal Ancient Continent.

They only prayed that Yin Mei of the Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family could also escape the devil’s claws.
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Chi Ling’s cold and proud face darkened further after hearing their pleas.

“This time, I shall tear all face with him!” she spoke icily.

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[Within the mountainous regions]

Wang Wushuang, Ye Langtian, and the descendants of the Immortal Lake received this news as well.

“The Demonic Arts Inheritor has appeared in a ruin in the East. Be careful, don’t let him escape!”

A Young Supreme relayed this information to his brothers and sisters behind him with a very stern look.

“Ye Ling dared show himself, but I fear he may yet escape once more.” Ye Langtian frowned, golden rings covered his body as his hair shone brighter than the morning star.

He knew Ye Ling well. The man looked honest enough, but in truth, he is a sinister and cunning individual.

If he dares show himself with so many people hunting him, it meant he was confident he could either escape or fight back with minimal issues.

“Nevermind, this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity must not be missed.”

Ye Langtian immediately summoned a group of his followers as they went to the rumoured ruins with the intent to kill.

The White Tiger Clan was getting impatient, pressuring them to hand over Ye Ling. In addition, the other Dao Sects have also come to play as they too sent out their forces. Needless to say, Ye Langtian was under a great deal of unwanted pressure as the Heir of the Ye Family.

At this moment, Ye Langtian wanted nothing more than to kill Ye Ling with his own hands, to pacify both the public as well as his own boiling hatred.

Wang Wushuang and the other Young Supremes did not stand idle either, venturing forth to slay the rumoured Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor. An amazing fluctuation emerged from the nearby mountains as the almighty forces moved to attack.

Divine chariots soared through the sky as divine rainbows shook the four fields as these forces moved to the ruins.

Many natives of the Ancient Immortal Continent were startled as they looked up.

Especially the nearby Black Heavenly Eagles, Ancient Serpents, and Divine Crocodile clan members.

“What happened? Why did so many people rush to that place all of a sudden?”

“Could it be that some Immortal Treasure was born?”

As for the natives, the light in their eyes was cold, sinister. After all, their original plan was to join forces and besiege Gu Changege...

But now, they have merely turned into divine rainbows and fled.

Within the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan, a young girl stood on a cloud-shrouded cliff.

She looked only seventeen or eighteen years old and possessed delicate facial features. She was dressed in white as clouds and mist covered her body.

Her black hair flowed like a cloud, held by nine phoenix hairpins. She wore a splendid jade robe depicting endless rivers and mountains, her appearance as holy as an immortal lotus with an unrivalled demeanour.

“By the command of the True Dragon Order, The True Dragon Clan has decreed that all younger generations of the Immortal Ancient Races will participate in the crusade against the Villain Gu Changege.”

The girl whispered to herself, a gleaming light passed through her black, gem-like eyes.

‘Since Long Teng is dead, the younger generation of the Ancient Immortal Races are running around like a headless chicken. This is a perfect opportunity for me.’

She was none other than Hei Ming's older sister, Hei Yanyu.

On the bright side of things, she could be regarded as one of the best talents among the younger generation from the various Immortal Ancient Races.

A rare, *“once-in-a-hundred-thousand-years”* genius of the Black Heavenly Eagle Tribe

Some time ago, when Long Teng was still looking for the Heavenly Daughters of each race, he took a fancy to her outstanding appearance, wanting to include her in his harem.

However, Hei Yanyu refused the offer.

She kept a low profile and had no reputation, but that didn't mean she was weak enough to just surrender to Long Teng and walk in his shadow for the rest of her life.

In truth, Hei Yanyu was a very ambitious woman, and she intended to lead the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan past their ancient glories, dominating the other Ancient Immortal Races.

She had originally planned to find an opportunity to challenge Long Teng and cement her position.

Unfortunately, Long Teng fell prey to Gu Changge before that thought could bear fruit.

Hei Yanyu had heard wind of Gu Changge and knew of his tyrannical strength. Unfortunately, most rumours that circulated among the various native groups of the Ancient Immortal Continent were faulty, to say the least. After all, they were far too focused on slander.

'In truth, Gu Changge's strength should at least be on the level of Godhood[1].'

[1. False God, True God, Heavenly God, God King.]

Hei Yanyu had personally investigated the outcome of that battle.

"Young Asura!"

Such a heavy title was not filled with mere words.

Nonetheless, all the clans were now united. And together, they were preparing their own crusade against Gu Changge.

Hei Yanyu thought that this might be an opportunity for herself.

No matter how powerful one is, how was it possible for them to face the entirety of the Ancient Immortal Continent's forces on their own?

"The time has come, my followers! Come with me, and together, we shall put down Gu Changge!"

With Hei Yanyu's words came several blasts of Qi, as numerous tyrannical figures rushed out of the mountains behind her.

Swoosh!

The sound of the sound barrier being broken rushed out from the depths of the cliffs as mysterious figures appeared beside Hei Yanyu with an earth-rending stomp.

A blond girl with glowing wings, an ancient and archaic dragon, a sturdy man with multi-coloured scales on his arms, and a giant of a man with bristling horns...

These creatures emitted immensely powerful auras, the weakest among them having a cultivation base in the False God Realm, they were personally conquered by Hei Yanyu.

After Hei Yanyu and the others disappeared, a pale and mysterious boy walked out from the edge of the cliff.

The boy had a pair of obsidian-black wings on his back. It was Hei Ming.

As he stared at the direction Hei Yanyu left in, a strange gleam coalesced within his piercing eyes.

"Now that the two ancestors have practised the Immortal Binding Technique... as soon as my sister fully leaves family grounds, it will be my time to ascend and take all the power for myself."

Hei Ming muttered to himself, a flame called ambition burning violently in his eyes.

Yet, even he himself did not notice the silken, silver-white patterns that webbed across his irises, appearing one moment, and then vanishing the next.

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[Inside the dry well, Ancient City.]

As Ye Ling took Yin Mei inside...

The world spun in front of them. Space itself began to mix and overlap, shattering and reforming as if stuck in an endless loop.

In the end, the two seemed to pass through a ripple in the void before landing firmly on the ground.

There was an odd flash in Yin Mei's eyes, seeming rather surprised, **"Where is this place? Did we come to another world?"**

"Yes, we are in another world. This place can be regarded as a Minor World left to me by my Master."

Ye Ling tried to suppress the excitement blooming in his heart as he replied.

Normally, he addressed the one who left this inheritance to him as the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

However, inside the Immortal Cave left by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation, he must now address him as Master.

This was just in case the Ancient Deity had placed a remnant of his soul here. It would be a great loss if he heard Ye Ling's disrespectful words and decided to promptly expel him from this Minor World.

Ye Ling's usually had a deceptively simple appearance, but in truth, his heart harbours unfathomable secrets.

"The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation... could it be?"

At this moment, Yin Mei held an expression of shock, matching the gravity of Ye Ling's words.

She was wowed, awed even.

In truth, Gu Changge had already said as much to her, so she wasn't surprised in the slightest.

"Yep, you guessed it." Ye Ling felt a little proud, even boastful. Him being the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's rightful heir had made his ego swell to maximum capacity.

Unfortunately, he didn't dare expose such a secret for fear of being hunted down.

Confessing this fact in front of Yin Mei made him smile as he enjoyed Yin Mei's *'shock and awe'*.

"The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation is an existence infinitely close to True Immortals. You have such a background, it is really unexpected... it's simply too much." Yin Mei blushed as she said these words, *'admiring'* him.

Ye Ling shook his head and continued, **“So you need to know that the rumours from the outside that I am the Forbidden Demonic Arts’ Inheritor are completely false. The real Forbidden Demonic Arts’ Inheritor is actually Gu Changge, the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace’s successor...”**

“He framed it all on me!”

“Gu Changge, this despicable and shameless villain. Sooner or later, I will tear off his self-righteous face and let the world know who the real villain is so that they can feed his flesh to the dogs...”

While speaking of Gu Changge, deep hatred and murderous intent bloomed in his eyes.

There has never been anyone in the world who he hated as deeply as Gu Changge.

Even Ye Langtian was far behind in this regard.

It was apparent that the two of them had never really met before, or even said a word to each other.

And yet... Gu Changge still framed him like this, making him carry such a big black pot of blame, becoming a rat crossing the street that everyone shouted and beat!

The whole world was practically his enemy!

“You need not say anymore... I’ve always believed in you, Ye Ling.”

Yin Mei had a slight frown as she interrupted, ending Ye Ling’s tirade against her beloved Gu Changge. She grit her teeth, because at this moment, she could barely hold back from slapping that mouth of his.

“Sister Yin, only you would treat me with such kindness!” Ye Ling exclaimed, a little moved.

However, this wasn’t the time to get emotional.

He immediately paved the way forward, guiding Yin Mei through his master’s abode.

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‘The trail left by Yin Mei ends here.’

Gu Changge’s figure walked out of the void and arrived at the same abandoned ancient temple.

He stared at the dry well in front of him, his eyes thoughtful.

‘Ye Ling should have already entered by now. In any case, it seems that this spatial passage is quite similar to my inner world...’ Gu Changge’s spiritual sense penetrated the empty well.

As one who wields the Void Talent, it was no surprise that he noticed the faint spatial fluctuations.

Obviously, this well led to another world with hidden secrets.

‘Somebody should have rushed over to the ruins by now. However, other than me, no one else knows where Ye Ling truly is.’

Gu Changge smiled lightly as he stepped into the passage.

It wasn’t his first time plucking up such a nicely fattened leek.

As such, he was already quite familiar with the flow of events.

Ye Ling would stand in the frontlines, charging forth to eliminate all kinds of dangers for him. He would then come from the back, happy and relaxed, following the easy road laid out for him.

Unfortunately for Ye Ling, his reward could be summed up into a single word...

Death!

Gu Changge did not plan for Ye Ling to leave this Immortal Cave alive.

That said, on the surface, a massive and heaven-shaking battle with the 'Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor' would break out after he followed him into his devilish lair.

And in the end, Ye Ling bursts out with all his strength, escaping from Gu Changge's hands.

The word will spread that Gu Changge and Yin Mei joined hands to gravely wound the evil Ye Ling who fled. Meanwhile, he himself would take on the appearance of being seriously injured by the battle, all to convince the masses.

In Gu Changge's view, this strategy seemed to be flawless.

After all, no one knows where Ye Ling will show up next. The Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor possessed the means to hide in plain sight, after all. He could be lurking anywhere in the world.

All the forces of Daoism will look for Ye Ling, but how does one find a dead man?

Ye Ling's various methods to change his face and hide his origin would then bite him in the a*s.

The cultivating masses will not know that Ye Ling is dead, instead, they would think that he has escaped from view and is merely hiding in the dark.

Hence, any future misdeeds that Gu Changge commits will be attributed to the dead Ye Ling. That was, of course, unless someone catches him in the act – the chances of which were slim.

Once these events have taken place, how could anyone suspect Gu Changge?

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Ye Ling and Yin Mei walked a long way.

The scenery had changed. An underground cavern, directly connected to the depths, sprawled out in front of them. A scorching breath tickled their faces as a certain unseen pressure enveloped them.

Engraved in the space surrounding them were intricate arrays, if one didn't possess the power of reincarnation, they would severely hinder the movement of even those in the Sacred Realm.

"Ye Ling, you must pay close attention. This is the final test set by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation. Be wary of the array structures in the void..." The Old Turtle's voice spoke to him from within the pendant.

Ye Ling's heart shuddered as he didn't dare to relax his vigilance.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

He soon saw a bright light ahead of him as hot magma coiled under his feet.

A single-plank bridge across the lava connected to the opposite side.

“There will naturally be creatures with the fire attribute thanks to the magma, so be careful” The Old Turtle reminded.

Ye Ling nodded.

A fiery wave of magma oozed from below, continuously striking him.

Fortunately, the debris was effortlessly broken apart by the power of reincarnation hidden within his body, unable to hurt Ye Ling in the slightest.

It carried an impossible amount of heat. Not only that, but the crushing gravity that followed would make even the sturdiest of body cultivators crumple and die.

The average False God Realm cultivator would probably explode in an instant, and even True God Realm cultivators would find it difficult to pass.

In short, the test set by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation was gruelling. Fortunately, such a test was well-suited for the Ye Ling of the present.

Such a test wasn't enough to turn this into a life-and-death crisis, but it wouldn't be a walk in the park either.

If Gu Changge were here, he'd remark on how highly unnecessary everything was.

“Roar!”

A swarm of creatures wrapped in flickering flames jumped out of the magma and moved towards Ye Ling, momentarily embroiling him in an intense fight.

All while Yin Mei stood at the back, watching the events unfold as she quietly left yet another invisible trail.

Unfortunately for him, Ye Ling did not notice Yin Mei's actions.

In his eyes, boundless opportunities lay at the end of the road ahead.

Nothing was more important than this!

After the last magma creature died, Ye Ling took Yin Mei to overcome the other difficulties barring his path forward.

He solved the multitude of tests left by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation, destroying a series of formations and dispelling traps filled with killing intent along the way as they finally reached the depths of the abode.

It was there that he would find a cave emitting an illustrious divine light.

Three bronze columns supported a bronze white-jade palace that lay suspended in the void.

The Laws of Reincarnation take on strands of black and white that surged throughout the entire structure, creating an incomparably dazzling view, a stark contrast to the surrounding darkness.

Inside the palace, a lake rose and fell like a boundless galaxy, emitting a peculiar silver mist.

A small, silver-bark tree with white and black stripes containing the profound rules of reincarnation stood tall and proud in the centre of the hall as its leaves swayed.!

When he saw all this, Ye Ling who stood outside the cave, was incredibly surprised and excited.

Even Yin Mei was surprised, such a scene was simply too shocking.

“The Ancient Deity left behind this lake for you to attain the Reincarnation Physique...”

“The great root with the power of reincarnation! The immortal essence located in the Lake of Reincarnation will allow you to condense the Origin of Reincarnation, which may even be used as an almighty weapon to slash through all things!”

“What’s more, this portable cave was refined with a World Core containing the remains of the Ancient Deity alongside a few terrifying puppets that were refined alongside it.”

The Old Turtle’s excited voice resounded in Ye Ling’s ears.

“Haha! It seems my efforts weren’t in vain!”

Ye Ling jumped in excitement upon seeing all the opportunities, his whole body trembling slightly.

“All of this is mine! Destiny is with me, Ye Ling! Just you wait, Gu Change! I’ll kill you myself!”

Chapter 158: Final Confrontation With Ye Ling; Who Will Carry The Black Pot If I Die?

“Sure enough, destiny is at my side!” n0Velusb.c0M

Ye Ling couldn’t help but laugh as he hurriedly stepped towards the Immortal Cave ahead.

After having gone through so many obstacles, he had finally arrived as he shook with excitement.

At this moment, he could see the light of many divine treasures, powerful and mysterious weapons that emitted a dazzling light that gushed out of the Immortal Cave.

“All this hard work didn’t go to waste!”

Even the Old Turtle couldn’t help but exclaim as much.

‘The road was difficult and unpredictable, but now I need only enter the Immortal Cave and refine its core.’

‘After that, everything here will belong to me.’

‘If I have the Immortal Cave with me, I can easily take shelter within if someone dares chase me in the future. When that happens, no one will be able to find me.’

Ye Ling felt extremely excited at the mere thought.

He could now finally expose his true identity, openly and honestly.

The Heir of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

Not some Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor.

With this Immortal Cave, even if someone coveted his inheritance, he would be able to safely escape.

Ye Ling was not afraid.

'After today, it will be my opportunity to turn the tables on Gu Changge. Once my identity is known to the public, everyone will understand who the real Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts is.'

Ye Ling silently swore in his heart. He was the kind of guy who always believed that he could rise against the fate dictated by the very heavens.

Even if the current situation was bad to the point where everyone shouted and beat him, even if there was no hope in this life...

He still firmly believed that he would turn the crisis into an opportunity.

After all, situations like this had happened before, and they were all too common.

Even if the situation was more dangerous than that, he would still be able to turn the tables in his favour.

From Ye Ling's point of view, Gu Changge was nothing more than a stepping stone. He was a whetstone with which Ye Ling will hone his strength on the path to greatness.

And now, this stepping stone, this whetstone shall now be crushed by him!

When Ye Ling thought of this...

He almost trembled with excitement. He could barely control the hand opening the door into the Immortal Cave.

It was like hiding the methods of a True Immortal, something so discreet yet so powerful that he could soar in an instant to achieve immortality!

"Yin Mei, wait for me outside."

At the same time, Ye Ling tried to calm himself down as he spoke to Yin Mei behind him.

"Ye Ling, won't you let me go in and have a look?"

However, it was at this moment that Yin Mei suddenly spoke up as her usual tender, flirtatious face disappeared.

She looked calm and cold.

Ye Ling was slightly taken aback by what she said.

'Yin Mei also wants to go in and have a look?'

He suddenly hesitated.

After all, this was an opportunity exclusively for him, and it was reserved for him by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

He would give something to Yin Mei, but he wanted her to wait 'til he completed the refining.

Unfortunately for him, he had yet to notice the change in Yin Mei's expression.

"Ye Ling, something is not right..." The Old Turtle in the pendant spoke with a slight yet sudden change in tone.

"Forget it. Just forget it if you don't want to."

Yin Mei interrupted Ye Ling's silence and shook her head, her expression as flat as though Ye Ling was but a stranger.

"Yin Mei, what do you mean?"

It was then that Ye Ling's eyes widened at this unbelievable scene.

His head suddenly buzzed as it went blank.

In Yin Mei's eyes, he saw a faint mockery.

This was completely different from the Yin Mei he was familiar with.

There was a sudden thump in Ye Ling's heart!

He wasn't stupid, and he could easily tell something was wrong.

"You don't even want to share the opportunity with me... Ye Ling, do I mean nothing to you?" Yin Mei asked lightly.

Ye Ling looked at this strange woman.

The familiar jade-white face...

A pair of curved dark eyebrows, a pointed nose, a delicate pair of small red lips, shining crystal teeth, and hair smooth as silk.

[PR/N: For those wondering, she has thus far been revealed to have black hair and white tails.]

Such a beautiful woman.

How did she suddenly turn cold as ice?

"Yin Mei, how..." Ye Ling's eyes had a trace of regret and disbelief. He didn't expect that Yin Mei would actually be the one to have deceived him.

But now, her true intentions were revealed as the bitter truth surfaced.

As it turns out, Yin Mei was also aiming for his opportunities.

Only now did she tear all face with him.

Ye Ling felt his heart ache, the same heart that told him to trust and care for Yin Mei.

However, it was unavoidable. Yin Mei had done away with her facade, likely because she believed she would be able to snatch the Immortal Cave and the other opportunities within.

“Then Chi Ling...” Suddenly, Ye Ling thought of something. Before, he and Old Turtle both suspected that Chi Ling had leaked his whereabouts.

“You wronged her; I did it.” Yin Mei’s answer was calm and natural.

“Hahahaha... ha- You b*h! How dare you plot against me like this?!”**

Ye Ling’s face suddenly turned pale as he began to deeply regret his actions. At this moment, his heart recalled Chi Ling’s cold eyes.

Yin Mei orchestrated everything from the shadows!

“Then the gap between me and Brother Bai Lie...and me coming to save you, everything was part of your plan, wasn’t it? Your heart must be rotten to have come up with such a plan.” Ye Ling stared at Yin Mei coldly, with a bit of chill on his back.

Such a stunningly beautiful woman... with a stunningly poisonous heart.

He was furious, hate bubbling within.

‘I was blind! I trusted her... no, I was obsessed.’

‘But in the end, I couldn’t take advantage of her and was even caught in her trap.’

“I couldn’t have done this if it weren’t for your stupidity.”

“You didn’t trust her enough. Can you really blame me for that?”

Yin Mei spoke mockingly.

She had long wanted to confront Ye Ling.

It was not easy to find such opportunities, especially in the future. It was only natural she wouldn’t waste the opportunity.

Ye Ling was the type to think it was fine to hurt others but not the other way around.

He thinks it’s natural for others to treat him well. And if someone didn’t treat him well, he’d kill their whole family without a second thought.

A person with such double standards made Yin Mei feel sick.

If it weren’t for Gu Changge’s mission, she wouldn’t have been able to put up with it ‘til now.

“Shut up, you b*h! It’s all because of you!”** Ye Ling was furious as Yin Mei’s words poke and prodded at his heart. He would never allow anyone to say such things to him.

‘If it wasn’t for her...’

‘If it wasn’t for her, how else could I have been separated with Brother Bai Lie, how else could I have parted ways with Chi Ling?!’

“And so what? In a world where strength speaks, do you think your little conspiracies and tricks will have any effect on the absolute?”

“Even if you fight me, just what do you think you’ll achieve? Yin Mei, you overestimate yourself. Today is the day you’ll die.”

Ye Ling couldn’t help but laugh at this moment, then stared at Yin Mei coldly with a gaze saying, *“You’re dead!”*.

He was confident that his trump cards were enough to kill Yin Mei.

Even if someone in the Great Sacred Realm fought him, he still had ways to either kill or subdue them with these cards!

What could a mere Yin Mei achieve?

“You think too highly of yourself!” Yin Mei looked at him coldly, with no fear in her ruby eyes.

“Someone like you is merely *COURTING DEATH!!*”

Yin Mei said with a calm, frosty voice.

“If both of us are seeking death, then I’ll make sure you meet it first!” Ye Ling shouted as coldly as his eyes as he wanted nothing more than to kill Yin Mei.

Victory was at hand.

At this moment, his strength that lay at the early stage of the Conferred King Realm exploded with full force.

After his recent breakthrough, he had caught up with many Young Supremes.

If the people had the chance to see the speed at which he broke through the cultivation realms, there would be a huge wave and massive sensations that follow.

Boom!

A magnificent golden figure appeared behind him, like a young deity with a burning body and radiant hair.

It was as if the vast seas surged and flooded the sky as the great palm moved towards Yin Mei.

This was Ye Ling’s Dharma body.

“Even now, you still don’t understand?”

Yin Mei still had that calm mocking look, uncaring of Ye Ling’s sudden move.

Since she dared to confess to Ye Ling, she naturally had confidence.

Just then...

Every inch of the void in the space before them suddenly fell silent, and a terrifying divine force fell from the sky.

“What?!”

“Not good!”

Even the Old Turtle in the pendant looked up in surprise.

Buzz!

A golden palm covering the sun and sky fell from the void in front of Yin Mei, its outline surrounded in a hazy mist.

Chaotic strands of energy rose and fell, resembling the great hand of an Immortal Emperor, silencing the very heavens!

“Who...?”

Ye Ling’s heart suddenly jumped, his complexion changing drastically.

He never expected that someone more powerful would be behind Yin Mei.

This was something he didn’t expect.

Boom!

The palm fell, so strong, so heavy, and so terrifying that it felt like the void itself came crashing down on him.

Puff!

“So strong...”

Ye Ling couldn’t believe it as he suddenly coughed up a big mouthful of blood. It was like being struck by lightning!

The sheer weight of the blow was enough to shatter the magnificent golden Dharma Body.

To avoid being swatted to death, he hurriedly used an Ancient Talisman, as a layer of black and white light appeared all over his body.

Then, he immediately yet awkwardly rolled to the side to avoid it... but half his body still took the hit, and his arm was broken.

He vomited blood as his entire body shook from the pain. At least five internal organs were injured with several bones broken.

Boom!

However, the palm didn’t intend to stop there as it merely continued to fall.

“Break for me!”

Ye Ling gritted his teeth as his entire body exhumed a bright light. A black sun imbued with divine energies emerged behind him, its very radiance containing the power of time – shining with murderous and terrifying intent.

It made for a powerful scene as the black sun rose to burn the very skies!

Strands of black divine brilliance erupted and covered the sky with might so great that it would seriously injure even those in the True God Realm.

Boom!

It was as if several stars exploded as terrifying energies were released at this very moment.

If it weren't for the bronze pillars and the many formations that supported this place alongside the strange powers that shielded it, it would have surely been reduced to ruin.

Bang!

The Black Sacred Sun bursted into ashes.

In spite of the gravity of this attack, Ye Ling merely spurted blood, flying upside down like a torn sack as he hit a rock wall in an instant.

Boom!

Then, the palm disappeared, leaving a large terrifying crack in space that caused the entire Immortal Cave to tremble.

"Who is it?" Ye Ling stared in Yin Mei's direction. His body was torn in several places, he was covered in blood, and his earlier confidence had simply vanished.

"Master." It was at this moment that Yin Mei loudly greeted her master with respect and obedience..

"As expected of the Heir of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation, to receive a strike from me and not die is an achievement to be proud of. With such a feat, you might even leave a name for yourself in the world."

With a faint chuckle, Gu Changge stepped forth from the void.

As he said these words, he stood with his hands behind his back and had a faint smile on his face. He looked at the abode and then at Ye Ling, the shocked, pale, and incredulous Ye Ling.

Naturally, the palm from earlier was but a random strike.

If he used his true strength, Ye Ling wouldn't have gotten away with just mere injuries.

If he didn't have any life-saving treasures, he would've been slapped to death, both body and soul destroyed.

Naturally, Gu Changge found his way here thanks to the trail left by Yin Mei.

And of course, it was thanks to Ye Ling that he had such a smooth journey.

"Gu Changge...!"

Ye Ling was about to breathe fire.

He stared at Gu Changge as he gritted his teeth in hatred, somehow managing to speak his name.

And it was at that moment he realised it as his body went cold.

It was like someone poured ice water directly on his head.

Gu Changge stood behind Yin Mei.

This was something he failed to even consider, but it was the truth, the horrifying truth that sent chills down his spine.

'If I didn't see it with my one eyes, I wouldn't have believed Yin Mei is one of Gu Changge's people..'

'Their hand is too deeply entrenched in darkness.'

'Gu Changge must've been in control from the start, which means that Brother Bai Lie was probably killed in similar fashion.'

'After that, he put the black pot of Brother Bai Lie's death on my head.'

As Ye Ling thought of these things, he made eye contact with the calm Yin Mei.

His heart beat like a drum as the blood on his face steadily disappeared.

Things have gone beyond his expectations.

This was his first head-to-head confrontation with Gu Changge.

The result? He used all of his strength only to be crushed with a random palm from Gu Changge.

'Gu Changge's strength is precisely as the rumours entail, simply unfathomable.'

Ye Ling even felt that the earlier strike from Gu Changge was just him playing around.

And yet, he could barely put up any resistance.

At this moment, Ye Ling's heart sank to the bottom.

"I'm afraid today's an unfortunate day. The mind of this Gu Changge is simply so terrifying that it would make people from all walks of life shudder in fear. How could there be such a terrible person in this world...?"

The Old Turtle in the pendant had a grave yet solemn expression.

He had seen far too many Young Supremes, and they had either suppressed the people of their era with either their talent or their knowledge.

But he had never seen a young man such as Gu Changge. No, he'd simply never seen someone so casually toy with the entire world.

Devil!

'This is a person more terrifying than a demon.'

"Old Turtle, what should I do now?" Cold sweat ran down Ye Ling's back. His former excitement and self-confidence had completely turned into an icy feeling of regret.

Gu Changge was definitely brought here by Yin Mei.

And he just broke all the obstacles for Gu Changge, allowing him to easily enter.

Compared to Yin Mei, Gu Changge was vastly more terrifying. He never appeared in front of him but planned everything and plotted against the whole world without anyone knowing.

And it wasn't just that, his own strength was exceptional too.

"I can only pray that Gu Changge doesn't know about the cards you hold, or it might very well be that the Ancient Deity had a premonition that this day will come which would explain why he left you with so many cards to play." The Old Turtle spoke with a serious tone, not daring to relax.

'Today's battle will be a battle of life and death.'

"Gu Changge, what is your purpose?"

Ye Ling was busy forcing himself to calm down as he wiped off the bloodstains and asked, staring at Gu Changge.

Gu Changge looked at the Immortal Cave behind him and the Lake of Reincarnation within as he casually replied, **"No purpose, I'm just here to kill you."**

Ye Ling did not disappoint him.

These were indeed the treasures left behind by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

The surging power of Reincarnation had already thickened into a mist.

But now, Ye Ling had nothing more to offer.

"Gu Changge, if you kill me, who will carry your black pot of being the Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor?"

After hearing Gu Changge's words, Ye Ling's breathing was stagnant, but he calmed himself and planned to negotiate with Gu Changge.

He did have his trump card on hand, but since Gu Changge dared to show up... Ye Ling was worried that Gu Changge was confident in his ability to deal with him.

Even if he was reluctant to do so, Ye Ling had to give his all. He must survive.

Gu Changge stared at the numbers displaying the Fortune Value over Ye Ling's head as he couldn't help but let out a faint smile, and said, **"It's okay, you don't have to worry about it. You'll carry the black pot even after your death."**

Chapter 159: Not A Human; Dare To Calculate The Ancient Deity.

Gu Changge was intrigued.

'Even after cutting ties with Chi Ling, Ye Ling still has more than 5,000 Fortune Value?'

Truth be told, he hadn't expected this.

However, back when he killed Long Teng, he had already experimented with the Fortune Plundering Card, which turned out to be quite the success.

Naturally, he was planning to replicate this success.

Although Gu Changge still had many methods to attack Ye Ling and decrease his Fortune Value, it was no longer necessary.

Such methods were far too complicated than they needed to be.

[Kill the Favoured Son of Heaven, Ye Ling. Rewards: 3,000 Fortune Value and 15,000 Destiny Points. Additional rewards will be settled separately.]

Gu Changge looked at the system prompt message.

'In addition to the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's Inheritance, it seems I'll also get a large amount of Fortune Value.'

Gu Changge was already counting the money he'd make off killing Ye Ling.

The thought of Ye Ling's escape didn't even occur to him.

"Gu Changge, you liar!"

"I won't go down without a fight!"

As he heard Gu Changge's words, Ye Ling was taken aback. He didn't expect Gu Changge to say such words as he furiously responded.

'I'll carry the black pot even in death?'

Ye Ling felt a chill on his back.

But then... anger, boundless anger and hatred overcame the chill right after.

'Damn it all! Gu Changge is too vicious. Even if I tore him apart with a thousand swords and broke his body into pieces, it wouldn't be enough to resolve this grievance.'

'Can't he just let me off if I die?'

At that moment, Ye Ling's body was filled with a monstrous black-divine light, rising out of thin air and taking the form of a dragon.

It radiated a great might that took on the form of dense iron scales and intertwining divine runes that held a profound meaning.

At the same time, a brilliant white light intertwined, taking the form of a divine phoenix about to take flight as it opened its mouth to let out a scream!

Roar!

The black dragon also stood with its head high, letting out an earth-shattering roar that shook the four directions!

This was the true face of Reincarnation. Black and white, life and death alternating with one another... this was the cycle, and it contained immense power.

Even those in the Heavenly God Realm would not dare face it so casually.

“Why do you people like that line so much? What about me makes me a liar?”

Gu Changge’s expression remained unchanged as he indifferently smiled, **“But perhaps the only way to make you believe is to convince you with force?”**

With a wave of his sleeves, he stood in the air.

Buzz!

He lifted his palm and pressed downward!

A giant palm suddenly covered the sky.

In the middle of the fog were runes rising and falling with the weight of millions. Like a palm that came from the very heavens, the void began to distort as if threatening to break at any moment.

Such terrible power made Ye Ling’s heart throb, his complexion changing drastically.

It was simply an absurd number of runes.

Its wielder would’ve required a deep and profound understanding of various methods and techniques, among which were the great powers of heaven and earth as they gathered in the blink of an eye.

But most importantly, the very laws of the world seemed to have been embedded within!

Puff!

Regardless of the might possessed by the Power of Reincarnation, it was instantly shattered by these laws.

The divine phoenix and the black dragon let out a sudden scream as they were instantly crushed by Gu Changge’s palm!

“We’ve never even met before, so why?”

Ye Ling’s face turned pale as he desperately tried to escape the range of this palm... only to find that the void had long since stagnated. It was like sinking into a puddle of mud.

The chill on his back intensified.

Boom!

At such a crucial moment, Ye Ling crushed a rune as the power of the Sacred Realm suddenly appeared. The natural laws and order of the world[1] intertwined as an explosion swept Gu Changge.

[1. Power of Rules and Power of Order respectively.]

“Boring.”

At this moment, Gu Changge’s smile began to dim as his eyes grew colder.

Buzz!

Accompanied by a vast and terrifying demonic energy, the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd appeared in his palm like a wicked demon beyond compare that had just broken through the gates of hell.

It conveyed joy... even excitement.

Gu Changge indifferently gazed at Ye Ling.

Whoosh!

With a sweep of his halberd, a horrifying demonic light surged, entangled with the strands of jet-black chains of law.

"This is...."

The Old Turtle in the pendant became horrified as he even trembled a bit. He knew what this peerless weapon was.

He did not expect it to fall into the hands of Gu Changge.

Puff!

In an instant, the void in front of Ye Ling exploded. He let out a miserable scream as the rune he used was completely annihilated.

The terrifying Qi released by this weapon had crushed his bones as they burst into nothing but bloody ashes.

"This power exceeds that of an ordinary being in the Sacred Realm." The Old Turtle's voice trembled.

"Ye Ling, use that! If you hesitate, you will die here today!"

Ye Ling had never heard the Old Turtle so scared out of its wits.

Gu Changge wasn't surprised that the halberd wasn't enough to kill Ye Ling.

For a Favoured Son of Heaven, it was only natural for him to have so many life-saving treasures.

However, today... Ye Ling won't be able to escape his death *nOvelusB.COM*

Gu Changge giggled maniacally.

"Let's see how much you can take..."

Gu Changge radiated devilish energy as his eyes darkened.

His power surged like a great demonic sun as the stars trembled.

He swept down again as the space in front of him tore apart as easily as paper.

"How?!" Ye Ling felt desperate as he panicked, covered in his own blood.

His entire body was engulfed by the halberd's light as the Seven-Colored Divine Armor was smashed to bits in an instant.

That armour could withstand the strikes of most beings in the Sacred Realm!

In other words, the strike that Gu Changge had just demonstrated was at the level of the Great Sacred Realm.

When he thought of this, Ye Ling's soul had nearly left his body as the very idea of resistance seemed futile.

Gu Changge was part of the younger generation, just like he was, and yet... he held such unfathomable power.

'Could this be the true terror of the Forbidden Demonic Arts?'

'It is far too unbelievable... and far too sinister.'

Ye Ling paled, unable to believe what he was witnessing.

But he heard the Old Turtle's words.

Ye Ling didn't want to die.

"Master, save me!"

He roared and tried his best to spur an ancient golden rune, even going as far as to burn up Blood Essence!

Near his Sea of Consciousness, there was an apparent bright light coming from his soul.

This was the strongest life-saving method that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had left for him.

But at this moment, Ye Ling couldn't care less.

If he doesn't use it, his death at the hands of Gu Changge would be set in stone.

Buzz!

The golden rune ignited by Ye Ling spewed out a terrifying brilliance... as if something within had been brought back to life.

At this moment, the Immortal Cave and the abode within shook as a strange noise was heard.

As the golden rune ignited, there was a twist in the void.

A monstrous black-divine light spread as though a black sun had begun to rise.

A tall hazy figure appeared as if walking across the ages.

His eyes were terrifying, taking forms similar to a black sun and white moon... as if an ancient being had descended.

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation appeared.

Though it was but a mere phantom who did not know how many years had passed, his eyes had a profound depth.

His breath rose and fell, enough to blur the void to make it seem like it was about to collapse.

A monstrous pressure descended.

Gu Changge estimates that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation was an ancient existence that was on a whole different level!

How wonderful!

Though it was but a mere phantom, it was tyrannical to the point of being able to sweep away even those in the Great Sacred Realm!

“Master, save me!”

The moment he saw this tall figure, Ye Ling couldn't help but smile as he shouted excitedly.

Hope had been restored.

“My Lord!”

The Old Turtle in the pendant shouted excitedly as well.

“The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation...” Yin Mei's expression changed slightly, glancing at Gu Changge with a bit of worry.

After all, this was a being that had existed since the Immortal Period. His name was part of history. It was even said that the one who controls Reincarnation, the one who understands it, will become immortal.

However, Gu Changge showed not even the slightest change of expression, making her breathe a sigh of relief.

“Fool...”

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation snorted with disgust.

Ye Ling was the first to see the immeasurable disappointment that this figure had the moment he appeared.

Even if it was but a shadow of his former self, he quickly understood the current situation.

The current heir of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had used this last resort against a young man of the same generation.

To be honest, he was very disappointed.

“Little turtle, you disappoint me too much.”

He looked at the Old Turtle in the pendant and spoke, without paying attention to Gu Changge on the other side.

He was a shadow of his former self, and though he was not the real body, to kill a junior was... humiliating.

“My Lord...” Old Turtle guiltily replied, knowing why it was that he was so disappointed.

However, this was a complicated matter, and Gu Changge’s strength was not what it seemed.

The most important thing was that the Ancient Deity had yet to notice the true identity of the Gu Changge in front of him.

“Master...” Ye Ling’s teeth were chattering.

However, he was confident.

No matter how powerful Gu Changge was, can he fight against the legendary figures of the Immortal Period?

Even he didn’t know that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had left such a phantom in that golden rune.

If he knew, he would’ve never been so humiliated.

‘But the tables have turned, now...’

‘It’s Gu Changge’s turn to taste despair.’

However, Ye Ling couldn’t believe it... Gu Changge didn’t even blink.

‘Does he not care?’

‘Is he just pretending, or is he truly as confident as he appears?’

“The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation... a pity that it’s just an illusion.”

At this moment, Gu Changge spoke up and inspected the phantom in front of him with a bit of regret.

“Huh? Junior, you dare test me?”

When he heard this, the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation’s deeply profound eyes turned indifferent as he stared at Gu Changge. His majestic and terrifying breath threatened to break free of its restraints and crush all living beings.

In the outside world, there were hardly anyone with the ability to put up any form of meaningful resistance.

And in this space, he was the absolute master.

And yet, Gu Changge continued to have such an indifferent attitude. He smiled and replied, **“Test you? No, I’m afraid you overestimate yourself.”**

It was only natural that he had already considered every possibility beforehand.

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation keeping such a hand for Ye Ling was well within his expectation.

Gu Changge was in no hurry.

After all, everything was well under control.

“Junior...”

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation showed a gloomy face. Never before had he ever been looked down upon.

Moreover, the person was a mere junior. Although he was meant to be nothing more than an aloof phantom, he too contained emotions.

As he raised his hand to destroy Gu Changge... he saw the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd in Gu Changge's hand. His pupils suddenly shrank.

The more powerful one was, the more they learned about this ominous object.

Such origins were too shocking!

He hadn't noticed until now, but he couldn't help it.

Buzz!

At that moment, the void in front of him blurred as the very space began to fill with the power of the rules.

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation was taken aback, surprised at the realisation that – at this moment... he was imprisoned.

“You're quite the optimistic one, aren't you?”

Gu Changge asked with a faint smile as he vanished.

The next moment, his figure reappeared in front of Ye Ling.

The Eight Desolate Demon Halberd fell, its peerless edge and surging demonic energy enough to drown out every inch of the void.

“What-”

Ye Ling's relieved face suddenly went pale as his eyes widened. He was frightened.

At this moment, his soul had practically frozen over.

Ye Ling shouted, his face grim and desperate.

“MASTER, PLEASE SAVE ME! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!”

“I'M NOT READY, THERE'S STILL SO MUCH FOR ME TO DO, I-”

But Gu Changge didn't even give him a chance to react.

In the next moment, the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd fell, shattering the void.

With a chuckle, the despairing and unwilling Ye Ling was reduced to a mere mist of blood, body and soul obliterated!

“Your heir is vulnerable.” Gu Changge looked at the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation with a faint smile.

“You dare, Junior?! You must be *COURTING DEATH!*”

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation finally reacted, and he was furious.

To kill his heir right in front of him, such courage was simply unmatched.

*‘This junior is **COURTING DEATH!**’*

‘Even though he is the master of such an ominous weapon, such a thing is unacceptable!’

A vast and ferocious Qi, like the blue sky, fell as he attacked Gu Changge with murderous intent.

“Please do not worry, Ancient Deity. I will make sure you accompany your beloved heir.” Gu Changge still faintly smiled.

From within his sleeves emerged a black bottle the size of his palm.

Buzz!

At the same time, he thought something in his mind.

In the void, a lacquer black rune suddenly flickered as if it were branded with hot iron, firmly sealing the void where the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation was located.

These black runes contained a strange power, shackles that permeated every inch of the void.

A black mist gradually rose.

“The Immortal Devouring Demonic Arts...”

“You are...”

At that moment, the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation looked like he had been hit.

He couldn’t believe it, especially when he saw the black bottle emerge from Gu Changge’s sleeves.

He didn’t dare look down on Gu Changge anymore.

‘He is the Inheritor of the Immortal-Devouring Demonic Arts!’

“Is this guy still human? He even considered Ancient Deity’s phantom in his plan... how horrible.”

The Old Turtle in the pendant was not dead. It couldn’t help but shake uncontrollably as it watched this scene.

Buzz!

Soon, in the void ahead, dense black runes spread.

The black haze rose and turned pitch black, covering all directions!

Gu Changge held the Black Dao Bottle as his figure was engulfed by it!

Strange emotions came forth... anger, regret, and disbelief as the Old Turtle’s heart trembled!

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation, his once invincible master!

Even the slightest wisp of a phantom was so powerful and terrifying that it could destroy entire galaxies with a thought!

And yet, such a horrifying being that went beyond heaven and earth was being toyed with by a member of the younger generation as it screamed with desperation.

So shocking and so terrifying... if this matter were to spread, it was bound to cause disastrous waves!

And soon, the fluctuations disappeared as the black fog and frost covering the square disappeared.

The large Dao Rune disappeared.

Gu Changge calmly walked out. From underneath his sleeves, the Black Dao Bottle disappeared with a flash, revealing no signs of abnormality.

As for the phantom of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation... it too disappeared.

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Bang!

The Eight Desolate Demon Halberd swept through the void with dust that fell and trailed behind it.

When the dust settled and the surroundings cleared...

Gu Changge stepped forward and unhurriedly collected the abundance of Dao Runes sparkling in the nearby void.

His robes looked as good as new as if he had not just been through a heaven-shaking battle.

"The Ancient Deity's phantom was only worth this much...." Gu Changge shook his head and looked up at the glowing silver abode in front of him, radiating endless light.

A peerless palace supported by three white jade columns.

"These treasures are all mine now." *nOvels*B.Com

A faint smile appeared on his face.

After all, everything had gone according to plan.

Buzz!

Gu Changge then mercilessly stored the Eight Desolate Devil Halberd back into the system's storage space, not caring a single bit about its whining and reluctance.

The time to expose it will come, but not today.

[Ding! The Fortune Plundering Card succeeded in plundering. The host has gained 5,000 Fortune Value and 25,000 Destiny Points.]

[Ding! The task 'Kill the Favoured Son of Heaven, Ye Ling' was completed. Rewarding 3,000 Fortune Value and 15,000 Destiny Points.]

[Ding! The host has triggered the Kill-Drop Rule for the Favoured Son of Heaven. A bonus reward of Heavenly Dao Treasure Chest*1 has been awarded.]

[Finalizing rewards...]

At the same time, a burst of system prompts sounded in his mind.

'40,000 Destiny Points and 8,000 points of Fortune Value, Ye Ling sure knows how to impress me.' Gu Changge showed a satisfied look.

He had used the Fortune Plundering Card the moment he suppressed the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's phantom with his Void Talent, and thanks to the desperation Ye Ling felt, the effects of the card were triggered successfully.

In an instant, he'd obtained 5,000 Fortune Value.

As such, it also triggered the Kill-Drop Rule for clearing Ye Ling's Fortune Value.

Thus, the bonus reward was dropped, a Heavenly Dao Treasure chest related to Ye Ling.

'Open.'

Gu Changge immediately opened this box of wonders.

A familiar light flashed before his eyes.

Soon, a set of brilliant black and white lights flashed representing the Yin and Yang. As they materialised in his palm, they glimmered like a mass of immortal light that shone as brightly as the galaxies above.

Hidden within it were many profound mysteries.

The cycle of life and death, the rise and fall of the great realms, and the rumbling of the heavens above....

In a trance, Gu Changge witnessed several miraculous sights.

The secrets of the universe revealed themselves to him. The World Tree that stretched outwards past the heavens and all the ages, the many eons and light-years. And at the bottom of the tree, a luminous and vast ocean of stars where souls from across the realms joined together.

'How wonderful, a treasure to reveal the true meaning behind the cycle of life and death, one of the supreme laws that keep the universe running.'

Gu Changge grew even more satisfied.

After having plotted against Ye Ling for so long, he now got to enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Furthermore, Gu Changge now had the opportunity to refine the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's phantom, something that could be put to very good use.

Originally, he'd planned for the worst.

Since fortune is such an illusory and fickle little thing, even in a situation where one could've easily died 10,000x over, Ye Ling still managed to retain his incredibly high Fortune Value.

It was obvious that the cards he held were not weak.

As such, Gu Changge guessed that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had left Ye Ling a powerful life-saving talisman, speculating that it might've very well been a piece of his own Dao Law Dharma Body.

Unfortunately, in the end, it turned out to be just a phantom.

Gu Changge felt a bit of regret. With his prior arrangements and calculations, he was prepared to take on such an opponent. However, he ended up facing a mere phantom, barely 1% of what he'd expected.

In other words, he'd severely overestimated Ye Ling's pitiful 'Trump Card.'

Gu Changge felt that he thought a bit too far ahead this time.

It was obviously a foolproof plan, but because he was so worried about any potential accidents that may happen along the way, he ended up wasting his time on pointless preparations and countermeasures.

He believed that Ye Ling was a Level 10 Boss, but it turns out he was merely Level 1.

It must also be noted that the Black Dao Treasure Bottle Gu Changge had previously used was not a mere fabrication constructed from condensed runes.

It was the authentic Black Dao Treasure Bottle.

The refinement of this bottle was said to have brought down a calamity...

A terrifying fog of blood permeated across the worlds, enveloping even the fiery stars.

The endless Blood Essence that rushed out of the strongest corpses of ancestors and giants, one by one they turned the sky red with thick crimson, before submerging into the depths of the infinite universe.

This was how the Black Dao Treasure Bottle came into existence.

One of Gu Changge's trump cards.

If he hadn't been so worried about the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's tyrannical means and methods, he would've never used this trump card of his so willingly.

Its breath alone could easily attract the unwanted attention of monstrous beings.

It was precisely because of this that Gu Changge created a barrier using the Void Talent.

For the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation to believe that Gu Changge created the barrier to deal with him was naive.

[Name: Samsara Talent.

Description: The Immortal Light contains the profound meaning behind the mystery of the cycle of life and death. It contains the Time attribute, both its essence and the path to its mastery..."]

Gu Changge checked its description.

The info was similar to the Rainbow-Coloured True Dragon Blood of Long Teng and the Void Talent he encountered before, meaning it, too, was some sort of Innate Heavenly Gift, a Talent.

Additionally, the Samsara Talent was something comparable to the Void Talent, meaning the two were at the same level of profundity.

The Samsara Talent contains the Supreme Law of Time.

On the other hand, the Void Talent contains the Supreme Law of Space.

Gu Changge began to fuse with the Samsara Talent.

A warm feeling enveloped his entire body, like wading in an ocean of mysterious laws.

In the end, Gu Changge chose to fuse it into his two eyes.

One on the left, the other one on the right. Life and Death; intertwined, yet separate.

'Merge.'

A familiar feeling soon swept across his eyes.

Inside his pupils, an endless miasma of profundity gathered, as the sky filled with everlasting radiance and never-ending darkness.

The Immortal Light receded as the Runes of Reincarnation emerged from within, a force capable of wielding the terrifying Power of Time.

One thought to create life, and one thought to grant death.

If someone were to look directly into Gu Changge's eyes at this moment, they would not be able to hold back the thumping of their hearts as their very souls would threaten to collapse.

A sight that allowed people to witness the evolution of the whole universe, the birth of the infinite cycle and all kinds of scenes across the ages with just a snap of a finger.

Profound. Mysterious. Vast. Unknown...

Gu Changge blinked as the Immortal Light flashed within his eyes.

The void in front of him suddenly blurred as black and white switched places, the Power of Time swept the area.

A strange power emerged.

It was a power that could deprive everything of life and lead them to the embrace of death.

"The Power of Time is worthy of being a Supreme Law."

"With this power, it will be much easier to face Great Sacred Realm Cultivators."

Gu Changge spoke with great satisfaction, casually shutting off the visions that appeared from deep within his eyes as the shocking sights disappeared, reverting back to normal.

Even Yin Mei, who was not far away, did not notice Gu Changge's abnormality just now.

'Did he just...' The Old Turtle's spirit still resided within the pendant, witnessing everything. And as it did so, it couldn't help but tremble.

It saw the power that Gu Changge displayed.

Black and white colours signalled the abilities of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.

The Power of Time.

'How terrifying...'

Ye Ling was dead, perishing together with his final and greatest trump card, both of whom were crushed by Gu Changge like ants.

The young man in front of him was so powerful that it horrified him. Since the Immortal Period and to this day, it had seen far too many young talents.

Yet this was the first time he felt something like this.

'Hiding, scheming, and plotting...'

'Calculating benefits and extracting them flawlessly, so perfectly executed that he had even outplayed the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation.'

'Even his strength is unfathomable.'

'This generation's Demonic Arts Inheritor is so strong that it seems almost hopeless to go against him. In the near future, it looks like the world will be met with the most terrifying and merciless existence!'

The Old Turtle shuddered in its tiny boots. It also knew that there was absolutely no chance Gu Changge would let it leave alive. Its desperation peaked.

"Congratulations, master."

Seeing that Gu Changge had finished dealing with Ye Ling and the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's phantom, Yin Mei finally breathed a sigh of relief as she congratulated him with a smile.

"You've worked hard." Gu Changge surprisingly smiled back, a colourful medicinal pill soon appearing on his palm.

"This is the antidote to the Heart Demon. Starting today, you will no longer take the antidote you usually take twice a year."

"It was nothing. Thank you, master."

Yin Mei spoke gratefully before taking the pill, swallowing it right in front of Gu Changge without even stopping to inspect the authenticity of the pill.

Gu Changge nodded.

The existence of the Heart Demon was only to limit and restrict Yin Mei, since he feared that she might not give her all to fulfill his commands unless it directly involved her life and death.

But now, this trick is no longer necessary.

Not only could he use the Dao Bottle, but it was a fact that Yin Mei had now sincerely surrendered to him now. She was almost completely trustworthy.

Hence, Gu Changge felt that he should solve the issue of this Heart Demon for her, a reward of sorts.

Yin Mei understood his meaning, relieving her of the Heart Demon is Gu Changge's way of showing that he was beginning to truly trust in her.

Obviously, no one would expect a person like Gu Changge to ever trust anyone completely.

This unexpected development was more than enough for her.

"If you see anything you like in this cave, just pick it up." Gu Changge casually spoke and, with a wave of his sleeves, he wrapped his arm around Yin Mei's waist as he led her to the abode ahead.

"Thank you, master." Yin Mei giggled sweetly when she heard his words.

'That Ye Ling kept spouting repeatedly how much he loved me, yet he hesitated to let me inside the abode at the mere thought of the boundless number of treasures that lay within. He even asked me to wait outside!'

The thought made Yin Mei sneer.

'And he wanted to earn my love like this? Such dreams...'

Although Gu Changge used her as a pawn, he still let her choose what she wanted at will.

If one didn't have a sudden lapse in judgment, there was no doubt which of the two she should follow.

Yin Mei couldn't help but wonder.

'How did someone like Ye Ling get to where he was with just his meagre skills?'

Gu Changge put away Ye Ling's pendant, tucking away the remnants of the Old Turtle for now. He planned to wait a while before solving this issue.

Afterwards, the two arrived at the abode. Although separated by a certain distance, all kinds of divine treasure lights were seen emitting out from the entrance of the cave.

The inside of the cave was simple. Many weapons with flickering runes hung on stonewalls like divine treasures. Divine light beamed out from the various axes, tomahawks, knives, forks, seals, tripods, furnaces, swords, and many others...

Every weapon here possessed spiritual Dao marks and could exert tremendous power.

In the centre was a platform woven from black and white branches and leaves. The atmosphere surged with the power of the rules as a figure seemed to calmly sit on the mattress.

At the same time, one could hear grand chants being sung near this unseen person.

Like the great bell of Yin and Yang, the contrasting colours roared in defiance. The profound meaning of life and death permeated the surroundings as endless runes flickered, causing the world to flicker and change around them.

An enlightening scene.

The Enlightenment Platform.

Gu Changge immediately recognized this platform, the most precious item for any cultivator seeking the Dao.

But to him, it was just a normal mat, nowhere as good as the nearby weapons.

“Master, I want this.” Yin Mei suddenly revealed a hint of surprise in her eyes, pointing to a crystalline-looking, ancient picture scroll hidden in the corner of the room.

Strands of divine light intertwined within the words and drawings as runes flashed, showing an extraordinary heavenly might.

“Choose whatever you want, you deserve it.” Gu Changge smiled slightly and walked to the middle of the cave where shrunken stars dangled and twinkled.

This was the core of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation’s abode.

Only by refining this place can he truly be in charge of this cave.

Buzz!

Gu Changge sank his subconscious into it.

He started the refining process, utilizing his primordial spirit.

Refining the core of the cave wasn’t too difficult of a task.

When she heard Gu Changge’s words, Yin Mei smiled even more happily, her nine fluffy and snow-white fox tails waving behind her as she searched for tiny trinkets everywhere.

The Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had a terrifying background.

In addition to the circle of magic weapons, there are many ancient elixirs and pills in the cave, sealed inside jade pots. Various rare elixirs and pills were unearthed as Gu Changge smashed these pots open one by one.

That being said, from Gu Changge’s perspective, the most important items were the five puppets shelved deep within the cave.

Creatures of the living dead, varying in appearance and structure.

Three puppets of the Sacred Realm and two puppets of the Great Sacred Realm.

‘For one of Ye Ling’s cultivation to be equipped with such a puppet... it seems that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation is quite the protective person. This should have been a big deal for Ye Ling, but it seems I’ll be the one to benefit since he’s dead.’

‘No matter how well you prepare for your descendants, in the end, you are doing nothing more than making wedding suits for dead men.’

When Gu Changge finished refining the abode’s core, he then refined the five puppets as well.

The breath of these puppets intrigued him.

Obviously, they're dead. Even if a person stood directly in front of them, they wouldn't notice any abnormalities, proving that they are indeed dead.

Yet it wielded terrifying power, enough to crush those in the Sacred Realm.

However, the most crucial point is that these puppets are not afraid of life and death, and they are most definitely not afraid of pain. As long as they are not completely destroyed, they could be slowly repaired within the abode.

This treasure could be described as a timely rain for someone like Gu Changge, who was currently a bit short of manpower.

'Now that a part of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's Inheritance is in my hands, I can take advantage of Ye Ling's former status...'

Gu Changge narrowed his eyes.

Unlike Ye Ling who did not dare to expose the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's Inheritance, he was neither powerless nor lacked a good background. He didn't need to fear the covetous eyes of others.

As such, if he were to publicize this matter right this instant, telling the cultivators of the world that he was Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's heir, there would be none to raise their hand in protest.

After all, who would dare attack him?

Everyone has to acknowledge that Gu Changge was not only the irrefutable Heir of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace but he is also the unshakable Young Master of the Immortal Gu Family.

As far as the entire Upper Realm is concerned, unless one were the reincarnation of an Ancient Deity or the child of a True Immortal, there were none whose status could compare to him.

However, Gu Changge also realized that Ye Ling's death could not be hidden indefinitely.

He needed another scapegoat to take the black pot, so that his title as the successor of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation could finally and fully erase all suspicions that the eyes and ears of the masses may have for him.

'As expected, the records here state that the Ancient Immortal Continent's clans such as the Black Heavenly Eagle, the Ancient Serpent, the Divine Crocodile Clans all had slave imprints planted on them by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation, a pity that these were reserved for Ye Ling.'

Gu Changge then casually flipped through a messaging jade slip.

Recorded on the slip were the final words that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had left behind for Ye Ling, alongside the slave seal.

It was evident that the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation took great care to ensure his descendant's prosperity to the point of establishing an entire faction just for Ye Ling.

'The slave seal needs to be triggered by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's Inheritance. The part of the inheritance was acquired by Ye Ling, unfortunately, it would've disappeared immediately after his death.'

Gu Changge felt it was a pity.

However, that feeling vanished after a quick minute. After all, he had already taken care of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan in advance.

Even if he can't enslave those ethnic groups through the slave seal, the result would still be the same as he possessed the Immortal Binding Technique.

Furthermore, unlike the slave seal that can only suppress those under its influence, the Immortal Binding Technique could directly decide the life and death of those afflicted with it.

The terror of the Immortal Binding Technique was incomparable to that of the slave seal.