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Chapter 171: I am the Greatest in Both Heaven and Earth; I have Always Been Kind and do not Enjoy Killing Innocents!

Even their ancestors in the Quasi-Supreme Realm had no means of contending against Gu Changge.

This scene pushed the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan to the brink of despair.

No one wanted to be a slave-like existence. After becoming so used to their high status, to allow someone to trample over them was unacceptable.

So when the Ye Ling appeared as the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation's heir, they did not greet him. Instead, they hunted him down to avoid the troublesome future he represented.

But in Gu Changge's hands, they suffered far more than a mere slave seal.

It would be difficult for them to attack Ye Ling while their cultivations were being suppressed by the slave seal.

However, that was nothing compared to Gu Changge's methods where he controlled their very lives, including their ancestors in the Quasi-Supreme Realm, with no solution in sight.

He came out of nowhere and suppressed them with a mere thought.

Such bizarre methods horrified them.

'No, that's not possible. He's not the Supreme Being, and yet his aura...'

Hei Ming was shocked at the scene he found himself in.

He didn't know who Gu Changge was.

However, he could vaguely recall how it felt when he faced the mysterious Supreme Being back then.

Then, a sudden feeling of shock came over him.

'Perhaps... perhaps Gu Changge is also valued by the Supreme Being?'

It was at that moment when Gu Changge glanced at Hei Ming, an inexplicable smile at the corner of his mouth.

'Such a valuable chess piece must be put to good use.'

"Master Gu, please..."

Deep in the mountains, a brief moment of silence ensued, before an old man wearing a white robe appeared. His face was old and withered, but full of vitality.

His eye sockets were deeply sunken, his expression carrying a great degree of shock.

The terrifying aura of a Quasi-Supreme that surged through him quickly subsided.

He was one of the ancestors of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan. Meanwhile, the other ancestor who was also suppressed by Gu Changge's Immortal Binding Technique had yet to show themselves.

Gu Changge casually nodded, his hands behind his back in his natural posture.

As soon as he moved, the void in front of him blurred, as the ancestor led the way.

[Inside the Central Shrine, Black Heavenly Eagle Clan]

A few moments later...

While the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan were busy alternating between fear and awe at what they had just witnessed, Gu Changge arrived at the shrine.

The senior members of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan quickly arrived. It didn't matter whether they were cultivating or dealing with something important.

The moment they heard the news, they rushed here with fearful expressions, trembling as they did not even dare speak.

As for the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan's younger generation, most of them stayed outside.

Those in the younger generation had yet to be informed of what transpired, only knowing that Gu Changge had showed up for a "visit".

Moreover, their ancestors had personally invited him in fear of what he might do.

They were shocked.

'Gu Changge is the enemy of the Ancient Immortal Races! Why should we treat him with courtesy? Out of fear?!'

The situation was too complicated to explain, as those present have yet to recover from the shock themselves.

Out of the younger generation, only Hei Yanyu and Hei Ming were allowed to enter the hall thanks to their special status.

"Master Gu, please take your seat."

It was then that another, rather embarrassed, Quasi-Supreme elder arrived in the hall.

She was a gloomy old woman. Similar to the rest of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan, she had large feathered wings growing off her back that seemed to cover the sky.

Her gaze was locked on Gu Changge, filled with a deep sense of dread.

In her long years of cultivation, it was the first time she had ever encountered such strange methods.

'At that time, I felt it. I'm sure of it, he could have obliterated my mind and even my Quasi-Supreme Primordial Spirit with a mere thought.'

'Such a terrifying feeling...'

'Gu Changge is just a young man, so why does he have such terrible methods?'

Gu Changge casually sat at the top of the hall, playfully overlooking everyone below.

A deep silence ensued.

Even the elders in the Sacred Realm had cold sweat covering their foreheads, not daring to speak.

Who knew what scheme Gu Changge had come up with?

Angering him would not be so simple as a quick death.

Having your life and death at the mercy of the other party's thoughts is like walking at the edge of the abyss with your eyes closed and a sword hanging over your head.

One careless moment is all it takes for you to lose your life.

"Yanyu, serve some tea for Master Gu." The Quasi-Supreme ancestor opened his mouth, looked at Hei Yanyu on the side, and gave his order.

"Yes, Ancestor." Hei Yanyu's heart was full of fear for Gu Changge.

After having guessed his true identity, this feeling of hers only grew.

However, she did not dare disobey her ancestor's order.

Her jade hand trembled slightly as she smiled, carrying the tea to Gu Changge.

Although she was normally proud and elegant in front of her fellow clansmen, she was merely a woman in her twenties.

It was natural for her to fear death.

"Gu Cha- Master Gu, please have some tea."

Just as Hei Yanyu was about to open her mouth and address Gu Changge, she remembered his character.

Thus, she hastily corrected herself, addressing him as "Master."

It would be far too unfortunate if she died because she addressed him incorrectly.

The idea was very simple.

Even the ancestors in the Quasi-Supreme Realm were helpless.

Thus, the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan's submission to Gu Changge was ironclad, unchangeable.

She might as well show her willingness to surrender in front of Gu Changge himself.

Such a scene complicated the hearts of many senior members of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan, as they sighed in silence.

Hei Yanyu's thoughts were not the same as theirs, but they were powerless and could only accept their fate.

At this moment, Gu Changge examined Hei Yanyu.

She was 17 or 18, and she had delicate features.

Her black hair was like a cloud, held in place by a nine-phoenix hairpin. She wore a jade robe, embroidered with rivers and mountains. Her appearance was like a divine lotus, a peerless beauty indeed.

‘She looks good, thinks quickly, and is quite knowledgeable about current affairs.’

‘She had even guessed my true identity.’

“What’s your name?”

Gu Changge asked as he casually took the tea.

A casual remark, nothing more.

He’d already known of her name, her identity, and even her thoughts.

However, Gu Changge had no plans to let the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan understand that he could read their minds.

After all, that would break them, giving them a puppet-like mentality of a walking corpse.

What Gu Changge wanted was a faction that he could control.

Puppets would obey, yes, but only to the letter and nothing more.

If that happens, he might as well just devour them all.

Moreover, the Immortal Devouring Demonic Art needed more than the group assembled before him if he wanted to break through to the Sacred Realm.

At most, he would be at the Half-Step of the Sacred Realm.

To devour two Quasi-Supreme slaves like this would be, quite frankly, a waste.

“Greetings Master, my name is Hei Yanyu.” She smiled, a slight joy on her face when she heard his question.

When Long Teng had taken an interest in her, she resisted, unwilling to surrender as she schemed her way out of it.

She was a woman with strong ambitions, and now... she couldn’t even save herself.

Although Hei Yanyu didn’t want to see herself reduced to such a state, there was nothing she could do.

Gu Changge merely nodded, saying nothing in reply.

His eyes swept the crowd below.

“I greet Master!”

With Hei Yanyu taking the lead, many of the other high-level officials of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan changed their tune as well, attempting to demonstrate their loyalty to Gu Changge.

For a time, the hall was full of such voices.

“I know you guys hate me and want to kill me.” Gu Changge sipped his tea with a light smile on his face.

“So...”

He pointed.

“You, you, and you...”

In an instant, the faces of the people targeted had drastically changed, terrified.

With a bang, they exploded on the spot, as the mist of blood began to clear. Both their bodies and spirits were destroyed.

“If you possess even the slightest ounce of hate for me, I will know.” Gu Changge smiled.

“Just remember that though heaven and earth are great, I alone am the best. As for those who defy me, they tend to have quite the terrible ending.”

Gu Changge used simple words that were spoken in a light-hearted manner.

However, it held a tyrannical meaning. In other words, “if you dare to resist, I will kill you.”

Hiss!

When they saw this scene, everyone in the hall felt a deep chill, their hairs rising on end.

Suddenly and without warning, people had died.

Gu Changge’s methods were terrible and yet truly awe-inspiring to even allow him to sense their hatred.

When they thought of this, the people paled even further, completely intimidated by this turn of events.

The two ancestors in the Quasi-Supreme Realm also changed their tune, hurriedly changing their words, **“I pray that Master will be merciful! Our clan is more than willing to surrender!”**

These two ancestors have lived for so long that their eyelashes were empty. Naturally, they didn’t want to lose their lives over such a matter.

Even a gnat clung to life, let alone a human being.

Not only that, but their ancestors had submitted to the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation a long time ago.

To have their descendants become subservient to Gu Changge was well within the realm of possibility.

‘As long as we readily cooperate with Gu Changge, I’m sure he wouldn’t kill people for no reason.’

Gu Changge, still smiling, stood up with his arms folded behind him. He said, **“A bit of cooperation leads to fewer deaths, so why not?”**

Everyone shuddered at that smile of his.

“We understand, Master.”

At that moment, everyone in the hall spoke in unison, not daring to have second thoughts.

Gu Changge couldn't help but nod in satisfaction when he felt their hateful thoughts quickly vanish into nothing.

He enjoyed such a crisp and clean means of subjugation.

It saved a lot of time, and it didn't require much effort at all.

Naturally, Gu Changge had no intention of letting them know how he was controlling their life and death.

'The fear of the unknown is the greatest deterrent.'

'And the existence of the Immortal Binding Technique will be quite difficult to expose.'

"You can all rest assured that I, Gu Changge, have a gentle nature. The thing I dislike the most is killing innocents for no reason."

"If you all readily cooperate, then I'll let you annex the rest of the Ancient Immortal Races. After all, to dominate the entire Ancient Immortal Continent in one fell swoop is not impossible."

Gu Changge cheerily opened his mouth and spoke, gracefully and powerfully.

He didn't care about grace, but there was nothing to lose with a bit of verbal assurance.

"Many thanks, Master!"

At these words, the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan took on a more grateful look, excited at the opportunity to come.

They naturally didn't know how much of what he said was true, and Gu Changge didn't bother informing them of the specifics.

Gu Changge was the Young Master of the Immortal Gu Family, and he was also the Heir of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

To have someone with his background say such things was far more convincing than if someone like Ye Ling had done so.

And so, the people believed.

Later on, one of the Quasi-Supreme ancestors stepped forward, announcing the matter to all members of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan.

The Black Heavenly Eagle Clan had submitted to Gu Changge. They will serve him as their master, following him at his pleasure.

When the order was given, the entirety of the clan was shocked, shaken by this sudden turn of events.

Many of its members found such an order hard to believe, and others even raised their voices in rebellion.

'No matter who Gu Changge is, he is only a part of the younger generation!'

What kind of virtues and abilities does he possess to have the entire Black Heavenly Eagle Clan follow him?

Their ancestors were able to spread their wings and blacken the skies, standing at the top of humanity, invincible.

With how their ancestors' invincible blood flowed in their veins, how could they so easily surrender to the will of others?

In this regard, the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan used relatively simple means, using their great strength to suppress any and all resistance, expelling them from the clan.

Gu Changge is ruthless, he would never let go of those who resist. Thus, the ancestor behaved ruthlessly as well.

Soon, the rebellious voices all across the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan were resolved.

Gu Changge was satisfied at the speed of this resolution.

'I can see that the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan wants to live!'

"You're a smart woman. In the future, you will help me collect various young geniuses with various origins."

"Any clan is fine. After a short amount of time, the Ancient Immortal Continent will be opened..."

"And when that time comes, this place will be a most excellent location."

"If you do well, you will be greatly rewarded."

On his way to the depths of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan to retrieve the Reincarnation Platform, Gu Changge spoke with interest to Hei Yanyu, who respectfully accompanied him from behind.

Hei Yanyu was momentarily stunned when she heard his words. She then trembled and hurriedly replied, **"Master, please rest assured. I will definitely complete this task."**

She hadn't expected Gu Changge to suddenly speak to her in such a manner.

To even arrange such a task for her...

'Collect geniuses of various origins?' n0V&Lusb.c0m

She felt a chill crawl up her spine. Gu Changge's meaning was obvious.

He didn't elaborate, but she knew.

Did the two of them share a tacit understanding? No, Gu Changge was probably just too lazy to clarify the details of their relationship.

And it just so happens that Hei Yanyu was not stupid. She understands that some things were better left unspoken, locked away to rot in her stomach forever.

Gu Changge's hidden identity as the true Inheritor of the Demonic Arts was too terrifying.

Everyone in the world was deceived and was now merely dancing across the palm of his hand.

The mere thought numbed her scalp as her whole body shivered.

To say that he was a terrible man would be an understatement.

After passing through many mountains, pavilions, and palaces...

Gu Changge finally caught sight of the Reincarnation Platform that the Ancient Deity had forged with Reincarnation Stones.

According to the legend, the Reincarnation Platform was left behind by the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation when he taught all the beings of heaven and earth.

There were many imprints of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation on the platform itself.

“Master, we have arrived at the location of the Reincarnation Platform. Ordinarily, only our most profound clan elders can approach this place and experience the mystery behind the Rules of Reincarnation.” Hei Yanyu respectfully said.

When they arrived here, Gu Changge had dismissed the others, leaving only her to lead the way for him.

Although the Reincarnation Platform was precious, it was nothing compared to the lives of the entire clan.

However, Hei Yanyu felt that if Gu Changge were to utilise the platform, then the Ancient Snakes, Divine Crocodiles, and other clans were bound to be enraged.

The Reincarnation Platform was marked by the various clans for fear that someone would emerge and steal it.

“The Reincarnation Platform...”

Gu Changge stood on a cliff, squinting as he looked up.

Between the layers of cloud and mist, he could vaguely see a platform looming high above.

Buzz!

At that moment, his eyes burst with black and white divine lights, transforming into a supreme immortal sword that cut its way to the lofty platform above.

“The power of Reincarnation...”

Hei Yanyu was stunned to see how accurate her guess was.

The true heir of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation had already been killed by Gu Changge.

That’s why he possessed many of the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation’s methods.

Boom!

Accompanied by a loud boom, a sudden burst of light appeared in front of them, immortal energies spreading in all directions.

The vague image of the Reincarnation Platform began to grow clearer. It was as majestic as a divine mountain, an incomparably large structure.

Ancient characters began to appear in the void. With silver hooks and iron strokes, the pen moved like a dragon and a snake.

Within the characters laid the great mysteries of evolution, shining as brilliantly as a miniature sun.

Gu Changge took a step forward, standing on top of the great Reincarnation Platform.

Its main body was composed of dazzling immortal stones[2] as multicoloured bursts of auspicious light spewed forth and intertwined, creating an atmosphere perfect for cultivation.

[2. It was forged from a Reincarnation Stone, but the entire thing isn't made of the material.]

Black and white divine lights fell, containing the great mysteries of Reincarnation within.

Gu Changge sat cross-legged.

Time slowly passed.

None dared to disturb him.

Hei Yanyu watched this scene from afar, shocked to the core.

The Rules of Reincarnation that they painstakingly used their senses to absorb and comprehend... were the very same that Gu Change now directly consumed and refined!

Such boldness made her heart tremble.

Buzz!

Gu Changge's body was as motionless as a bell.

A pitch-black Dao Rune floated in the void, coalescing and transforming into a Black Dao Bottle that devoured the black and white divine lights!

Rumble!

In an instant, the place was flooded with vast amounts of divine light.

It was like a river of stars were falling, containing a terrifying amount of power.

Gu Changge refined these lights, increasing his control over the Samsara Talent by leaps and bounds.

And finally, the Reincarnation Mark, composed of countless black and white runes, began to quickly materialise.

Then, it was merged with his Innate God's Spirit Temple (Talent).

'The Reincarnation Mark is a life-saving method. Even if my Primordial Spirit is broken, this mark will allow me to safely return to my Inner World...'

'And now, I have yet another life-saving method.'

At that moment, Gu Changge opened his eyes, black and white divine light flashing in his pupils.

During this time, he felt that he had even managed to vaguely touch upon the threshold of the time aspect.

The Samsara Talent encompassed many aspects, but the main parts were life, death, and time.

Gu Changge then took a step forward, returning to where he was before.

Without the Profound Truth of Reincarnation, the Reincarnation Platform was now useless to him.

Even if it could be refined, its material wasn't on par with Immortal Gold.

“Congratulations, Master.”

Having seen Gu Changge finish refining the Rules of Reincarnation, Hei Yanyu's eyes could not help but reveal her shock.

That said, she stepped forward and congratulated him.

“Show me your clan's heritage...”

Gu Changge issued this command and left.

With the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan having been around for so long, there was bound to be plenty of good treasures. He adhered to his good habit of not taking on a needle and thread[1]. Naturally, he wanted a tour of the place.

[1. He wants to rob them of every single treasure, not leaving even a needle or thread.]

While Gu Changge was busy refining the many Rules of Reincarnation on the Reincarnation Platform...

Several of the other major clans, including the Ancient Snake and Divine Crocodile, began to experience huge changes.

“What is the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan doing? Someone touched our clan's mark on the Reincarnation Platform.” An old man with slender eyes, wielding a sneak-head crutch spoke grimly.

He briefly sensed that the mark on the Reincarnation Platform was touched, lightly but enough to trigger the mark nonetheless. It seems that the Reincarnation Platform was not moved.

This incident has made him wary of the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan.

Anyone could organise a theft if they had the ability to do so.

“With the Ancient Immortal Races in turmoil, the outside Daoist Sects plan to descend. My clan must find a way to survive in the shadows.”

As he spoke, he summoned a group of his clansmen, there was much to discuss.

At the same time, outside the Ancient Immortal Continent, the Ancient City, Immeasurable Heavens were also brimming with activity.

The Young Geniuses of their clans had sent a report of what had taken place, how the Ancient Immortal Races disregarded their former agreement and slaughtered with reckless abandon.

Such news immediately triggered the outrage of their various backers, as they sent the first wave of elites to come.

This incident led to a huge sensation.

Even the Great Elder who had personally spoken to several of the most ancient existences in the Ancient Immortal Continent couldn't help but shake his head at this troublesome issue.

This was something he couldn't do anything about.

Rumble!

The sky was clouded with terrifying divine light that seemed to engulf the skies!

Ancient warships, huge flying boats, floating divine mountains...

Even powerful cultivators with equally powerful auras to match.

Their divine senses swept the area as the many ancient cities of both cultivators and spirits began to tremble with horror.

The venture had gone sour, and something big was about to happen!

Chapter 172: She really is My Lucky Star; the Ancient Immortal Clans are pitiful!

In the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, the Great Elder's white robe fluttered as his eyes flashed with scenes of the Ancient Immortal Continent, like how an immortal observed the world.

At this moment, he was standing atop the Supreme Peak. His gaze pierced through the thick layers of gray fog, observing the entirety of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

He already knew the current situation of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

After understanding Gu Changge's plan, a shiver ran down his back.

"Gu Changge is digging graves for all of the Ancient Immortal Races, a double-edged sword. It seems this Old Man has underestimated him."

The Great Elder spoke with a complicated expression.

An old man of medium stature stood beside him.

He wore dirty clothes, his face quite plain, his skin dark, and his teeth yellow. He looked like an ordinary farmer.

Tied to his waist was a rusty kitchen knife with a few scratches.

He was an ordinary man in every respect.

The surprising part is that this old peasant stood beside the dignified Great Elder of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace, speaking as though they were well acquainted.

Upon hearing the Great Elder's words, the old man couldn't help but grin as he replied. **"He is the Scion of my Immortal Gu Family, after all. No surprises here."**

"This junior, Gu Changge... though I have not seen him personally, time and time again, I have heard many things about him in the family."

"For him to do such a thing is no surprise."

As he said this, it was clear from the look on his face that he was intrigued.

"Brother Daoist, have you made your decision?" After a moment, the Great Elder looked into the old peasant's eyes and asked.

"There is no point in being indecisive. Now that my Young Master had almost been killed. This old man will definitely go in... unless you wish to try and stop me?"

The Old Man grinned, showing his big yellow teeth, his arrogance in full display, 'Even if you try to stop me, I'll do it anyway.'

The strength of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family is known throughout the Upper Realm.

The Great Elder smiled bitterly and said, **"Brother Daoist can't you see it? Or perhaps you're doing it deliberately? Either way, this matter is obviously all part of Gu Changge's plans for the Ancient Immortal Races."**

"I don't care. During our Young Master's training in the Ancient Immortal Continent, he encountered a member of the Ancient Immortal Races who tried to kill him with a Divine Artifact. You can rest assured, however, that though it has incurred my clan's wrath, it hasn't gotten to the point where we would wipe out the entire Ancient Immortal Continent."

The old peasant smiled and asked, **"At any rate, the other forces are bringing in their powerhouses as well. Why stop me? Could it be that you have a problem with my Gu family?"**

The Great Elder remained silent, he could not answer these words carelessly.

Have a problem with the Ancient Immortal Gu family?

Who knows what types of ghosts and deities would emerge from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family if someone did?

"Are you still going to stop me?" The old peasant smiled and asked again.

The Great Elder frowned.

If he said yes, this old peasant, an ancestor of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family would definitely attack him. He was sure of it.

Although he was not afraid of him, many of the Daoist Sects wanted a piece of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

If he fights against this old peasant, the other factions would have a chance at getting just that.

Back then, he made a deal with the natives of the Ancient Immortal Continent. If the natives stayed within the continent, he would provide them with some degree of protection against the outside world.

The agreement stood until this day.

But now, Gu Changge's actions have given outsiders a chance to intervene in the situation, giving the Great Elder a great headache.

To allow Gu Changge's entry into the Ancient Immortal Continent was a complete and utter disaster.

"Brother Daoist, do you plan to wipe out the Ancient Immortal Continent's Clans with your strength?"

The Great Elder asked in a deep yet cautious voice. And after a while, he added...

"And if I remember correctly you are not the ancestor of Gu Changge's branch. You're the ancestor of Gu Xian'er's branch ancestor."

As he said this, a light flashed in his eyes.

Even he knew about the Gu Changge's bone digging incident, so it was only natural that he, as the Gu Family's ancestor, would know.

This ancestor had only woken up in recent years.

He must've noticed how his branch of the family lost their status in the Gu Family when he walked out of seclusion.

It was only natural that a matter like this would attract his attention.

And if he asked, there would be none who would dare conceal it from him.

Thus, it was reasonable to assume his arrival at the Ancient Immortal Continent was not to help Gu Changge by seeking justice for him.

In the Great Elder's opinion, it would make more sense if he were here to help Gu Xian'er, ensuring that she doesn't suffer from Gu Changge's poisonous hands.

However...

With Gu Changge now being the Heir of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, he also currently represents the face of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace within the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Even if he didn't care about Gu Changge, he still has to buy him some time.

"Gu Changge is the Young Master of the Gu Family, so how could this old man kill him? The Ancient Immortal Gu Family has rules that forbid us from killing members of the same family."

The old man laughed, as if he didn't care about the incident.

However, there was a faint glimmer in his eyes.

The Great Elder's expression remained unchanged, understanding the old peasant's meaning.

'Isn't that the same as what Gu Changge did?'

Although this ancestor of the Gu Family showed that he didn't pay much mind to the matter, it was clear that he was still quite upset.

Only after having his assurance did the Great Elder relax.

'Gu Changge shouldn't be in any danger.'

'However, he wouldn't get away without losing at least a layer of skin.'

At this point, the Great Elder's eyes seemed to narrow a bit as he resolved himself to make a small compromise.

"Then this old man shall accompany Brother Daoist to the Ancient Immortal Continent"

He wasn't surprised to hear the Great Elder's response, as he meaningfully smiled and said, **"It seems Brother Daoist cares more about Gu Changge than our Ancient Immortal Gu Family."**

The Great Elder let out a cold snort as he replied, **"No matter what, he is still the Heir of my Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, as well as the next Palace Master of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace."**

For an upright person such as himself, he had always followed through with his principles.

He disliked Gu Changge, for he was an annoying junior who enjoyed playing tricks on others.

But besides that, in truth, he held Gu Changge in high regard.

"Haha..."

The old peasant gave a smile that said he wouldn't make any promises as he shrugged, his tattered sleeves waving

The Great Elder's eyes narrowed slightly.

Behind the old peasant, a powerful pressure suddenly made itself known, as a vast portal appeared, joining the Upper Realm and the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Boom!

An incomparably brilliant light pierced through the passage.

Immediately after, came an outburst of divine chants, strong Immortal mists filled the air as though they had just entered an Immortal Realm.

A divine soldier in full immortal armor appeared, riding an ancient beast, its bloodlust shook the sky, filling it with a cold aura.

More and more soldiers covered in armor illuminated by divine lights, veterans who have fought countless battles with eyes like heavenly swords, all causing the void to stir.

This was without a doubt the Invincible Army of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.

It was as though thousands of smaller armies rushed here from all over the world, their marching filling the realm like a thunderstorm.

The rest of the Daoist Sects were startled by this.

“To send out such a force, it seems that the Gu Family is serious about this matter...” The Great Elder couldn't help but be stunned.

Everyone in the group was at the God King Realm.

It was clear that this group was made of veterans, indestructible and ready to kill everybody in sight.

“They are not here because of this old man, but because Gu Changge ordered them as the Young Master.”

“As of this moment, they are not under this old man's command.”

‘Gu Changge called them?’

‘What is he planning to do?’

At that moment the Great Elder was baffled, unable to comprehend Gu Changge's intentions.

“Brother Daoist, let's go.” The old peasant took the lead, and in one step, the fog enveloping the Ancient Immortal Continent was gone.

‘With such a terrifying and tyrannical team...’

With a sigh, the Great Elder followed suit.

‘I'm afraid it would be impossible for me to protect the natives of the Ancient Immortal Continent.’

Similar scenes could be seen all over the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

Boom!

Countless warships could be seen descending from the sky.

The many Daoist Sects of the Immeasurable Heavens had rushed here, descending in unison.

The piece of pie called the “Ancient Immortal Continent” had attracted the attention of many forces.

Earlier, they had relied on their younger generations to get a slice of this pie for them.

But now that they had good reason to do so, they had come bearing their full strength, tearing up the facade.

[Ancient Immortal Continent, Black Heavenly Eagle Clan]

After a complete search of this place, Gu Changge was left somewhat satisfied.

He did not let the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan spread word of him.

This matter was very important. Until his plan was complete, he must be publicly unrelated with the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan.

This small matter will soon have a fatal effect that will echo throughout the Ancient Immortal Continent.

After all, the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan was still among the top clans of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

‘Even then, they were effortlessly controlled by me...’

An unexpected counterattack at the just the right moment would deliver a great deal of harm to the Ancient Immortal Races.

‘Now that Ye Ling’s matter has been settled, the Fairy Spirit set to appear in a few days should take priority. I need to find out where Mingkong is hiding.’

Gu Changge returned to his palace, immediately ordering his followers to find Yue Mingkong’s whereabouts.

He didn’t know the exact time and place where the Fairy Spirit would be born.

But to him, finding Yue Mingkong was enough.

‘As a regressor, Yue Mingkong definitely knows my ultimate goal. And knowing her personality, she’ll definitely try to snatch it, keeping it from falling into my hands.’

During this period, Yue Mingkong vanished into thin air.

A smile appeared at the corner of his mouth, ‘Where could she go other than the location of the Fairy Spirit?’

Gu Changge didn’t feel the least bit guilty using his fiancée as a treasure hunting tool.

If Yue Mingkong knew of his intentions, she would probably be so angry that she wouldn’t be able to help but kill somebody.

She was already keeping a low profile in order to avoid Gu Changge’s attention.

Unfortunately, she didn’t know that this was all part of Gu Changge’s plans.

And soon, his followers returned with news of Yue Mingkong.

It probably didn’t even occur to Yue Mingkong that she was surrounded by Gu Changge’s people.

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Gu Changge was so adept at scheming that one step forward for him was ten steps for others.

Furthermore, Gu Changge already knew that Yue Mingkong was a regressor, so how could he leave her alone?

‘It would be idiotic to let go of such an opportunity.’

He had already made preparations when he knew that Yue Mingkong would come to the Ancient Immortal Continent.

“The Baiheng Mountain Range?”

In the middle of the palace, he was pacing back and forth with his hands behind his back, as information about the mountain flashed through his mind.

Since Yue Mingkong was there, then the Fairy Spirit was most likely to be there as well. And at last, he'd finally pinpointed the location of the Fairy Spirit.

'If it wasn't for Yue Mingkong, I am afraid I would've to wait for Fairy Spirit to appear before getting it. She truly is my lucky star to have saved me so much trouble...'

As he thought of this, Gu Changge couldn't help but let out a playful smile. To scheme against Mingkong had practically become second-nature to him, he didn't even need to go out of his way to do so.

Gu Changge then narrowed his eyes. To avoid suspicion, he needed to create a situation where he would "accidentally" meet up with Yue Mingkong at the Baiheng Mountain Range.

"Let's go!"

He ordered his followers.

The puppets he obtained from the Ancient Deity of Reincarnation were about to become useful.

Soon, several divine rainbows shot up to the sky from the ruins.

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[In a vast mountain range]

"Martial uncle!"

A group of Young Supremes, led by Ye Langtian and Ye Liuli, were waiting here with respectful expressions.

The void rumbled as carriages and warships pierced the heavens.

On it stood a middle-aged man with radiant eyes, his cultivation at the Half-Step Sacred Realm.

Behind him were the Immortal Ye Family's clansmen, all of whom had similarly powerful cultivation bases..

His name was Ye Miao, Ye Liangtian's martial uncle.

They were reinforcements sent by the Upper Realm to seek 'justice'.

Such support clearly showed the Ancient Immortal Families' stance on the matter.

"The clan already knows of the current situation. The Ancient Immortal Continent will soon become a playground for the Upper Realm. None will be spared..."

Ye Miao said this with a smile, as his glance swept through the Ye Family's Young Supremes.

"So the rest of the training is over, right?"

"Yes, you will now be directly protected by us. The clans of the Ancient Immortal Continent did not give us face, daring to push our people around. It is time we let them know the might of the Upper Realm."

Many Daoist factions of the Upper Realm showed similar attitudes, prioritizing the safety of the younger generation.

They didn't mind the death that came from the training experience, but to intentionally slaughter them with unfair means was simply unacceptable.

“Martial uncle, the clans of the Ancient Immortal Continent still target the Gu Family's Young Master. However, the rest of us are fine.”

Ye Liuli took this moment to speak up, her pretty white face steaming with anger.

Gu Changge fought with the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts for the sake of all living beings.

The Tiangou Clan's actions were so shameless that they sparked public outrage.

In her opinion, Gu Changge did this for the betterment of the world.

Even if Gu Changge had pushed her around in the past, she couldn't help but admire him.

She didn't have such sympathies for the Tiangou Clan.

When Ye Miao heard her, a strange light flashed in his eyes, as he shook his head and replied, **“Gu Changge planned out this entire scenario so that the Upper Realm would find an excuse to directly intervene in this matter. All of you have severely underestimated Gu Changge's ruthlessness.”**

“And don't you worry about his safety. The Immortal Gu Family was very quick to act on this matter. They're furious, and they've sent a powerful army to support Gu Changge. I'm afraid it will be the Tiangou Clan who suffers this time...”

Ye Miao words shocked Ye Langtian and others.

They thought of Gu Changge as helpless; they never imagined his schemes would run so deep.

“Brother Gu's methods are breathtaking.”

A strong sense of frustration arose in Ye Langtian after hearing Ye Miao words. Not only did Gu Changge exceed him in cultivation, but even his schemes were far beyond his own.

If his martial uncle didn't inform him, he probably wouldn't have noticed it.

“Thanks to Gu Changge, even our Ye family can take a piece of this pie.” Ye Miao said coldly.

He looked into the depths of the Ancient Immortal Continent, where all the powerful clans had gathered. A terrifying battle will erupt soon.

The waters of the Ancient Immortal Continent have been muddied.

The Golden-Winged Peng Clan, the Immortal Lake, the Ancient Immortal Families, and all the other Daoist Sects were discussing this matter.

Outside the Ancient Immortal Continent, an ancient warship of purple and bronze flew, accompanied by boats as a mountain of demonic pressure descended.

A dark figure stood, emitting demonic energy as his divine sense spread out like a vast ocean that spread across thousands of miles.

“The Primordial Demon Sect...”

“Why did such cruel and stubborn people come here...” Many cultivators paled as they fearfully and quickly retreated from the path.

Most cultivators and Daoist factions referred to them as the “Primordial Demon Sect.”

Though they refer to themselves as the “Primordial Divine Sect”, they have always acted ruthlessly and forcefully. More importantly, they were quite protective of their shortcomings.

They believed that if someone killed a member of their sect, it was justified to slaughter their whole family.

Such a reputation made it difficult for anyone to provoke the “Primordial Demon Sect”.

They were a stubborn group of powerful lunatics.

“The Gu Family’s Young Master... his mother is in the Primordial Demon Sect.”

A cultivator from outside the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace spoke with a trembling voice.

There were various means by which one could learn about the situation inside the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Naturally, the events that took place in the Ancient Immortal Continent became known to all. Everybody was quite vocal when it came to the “atrocities” committed by the Ancient Immortal Clans.

“When you think about it, the Ancient Immortal Races are pitiful.”

“They could’ve easily offended anyone else, so what were the odds that they offended Young Master Gu?”

The many cultivators shivered for a moment as they thought about the fates of the Ancient Immortal Races, suddenly gaining a bit of sympathy for them.

If the Primordial Demon Sect’s record was anything to go by, then the entire Ancient Immortal Continent is soon going to be turned upside down...

Chapter 173: Yue Mingkong Reflects on Herself; Pondering the Reason for Being Treated So Well!

[Baiheng Mountains]

Among the vines and ancient trees, the mountains formed a continuous chain of peaks, emitting a spiritual aura dense enough to create a wave.

At this moment, in the depths of a hidden ruin, in front of an ancient stone gate, a beautiful and noble figure sat.

Immortal rain fell, as the stone gate emitted a faint light.

The figure was dressed in a broad white-jade robe, adorned with an ancient sea of stars, giving a lofty and exquisite appearance. The figure had a calm, profound aura that appeared to transcend the mundane world.

Three thousand green threads fluttered[1]. A fairy-like face and crystalline eyes as runes of the Immortal Dao flickered and floated around.

[1. Metaphor for hair. This author really...]

It was none other than Yue Mingkong.

She had been cultivating here for almost a month.

With her current abilities, it was still difficult for her to unlock the Fairy Gate. n0VeLU**s**b.C**o**m

However, she was afraid that if she went to Gu Changge for help, he would not be kind to her and would ultimately deceive her.

So in the end, Yue Mingkong decided to make a breakthrough here.

Coincidentally, she'd also obtained a mysterious scripture on the Immortal Dao from the Fairy Gate.

“This Immortal Scripture can help me obtain a flawless Immortal Physique[2]...”

[2. Not the same as the flawless Immortal Foundation Base previously mentioned. They are probably something like a set... probably.]

As Yue Mingkong murmured to herself, a hazy rain of light containing immortal aura emerged from the gateway.

The immortal rain carried immortal runes that were being refined into her body.

Whether the subject in question were her bones or physique, they were all transformed.

Even her aura changed, becoming more unearthly, as the world before her began to dim.

But soon, Yue Mingkong sensed something, frowning.

She stood up, returning to her former demeanour of an emperor who sat on the throne. Powerful, confident, indifferent, and in complete control of everything...

“Someone triggered the formation that I had laid out...”

As she said that, she turned into a divine rainbow and rushed into the sky.

Many of her subordinates and followers who hid in various places simultaneously appeared as well.

Over this period of time, she had used her formidable strength to take control over the lives and deaths of many, making them submit to her.

[PR/N: Mommy Mingkong can make me submit to her-]

Her followers now even included many of the Ancient Immortal Races.

Yue Mingkong also possessed secret techniques she could use to control others. And to contend with Gu Changge's Immortal Devouring Demonic Technique, she had combed through various books.

It's from those books that she had obtained a divine controlling technique.

Currently, those who surrounded her were her subordinates, subordinates whose lives and deaths she could control with a single thought without fear of betrayal.

'I've set up a formation within a 3,000-mile radius of the Baiheng Mountain Range...'

'There's no mistaking the fluctuation just now, several powerful auras are coming this way.'

Yue Mingkong appeared atop a mountain with indifferent eyes as terrifying waves coalesced atop the palms of her hands.

She looked in the direction from which the disturbances came.

There was a vague sense of discomfort in her heart.

In fact, the person she was worried about the most was Gu Changge.

Apart from Gu Changge, there was no one else who knew about the Fairy Spirit that was about to appear.

She had no idea how Gu Changge could have figured out where the spirit was.

In her mind, Gu Changge was practically omnipotent with how many tricks he had up his sleeves.

Nothing she ever thought of seemed impossible for Gu Changge.

Even now, Gu Changge's schemes had dragged the Ancient Immortal Races into the mud. she could have never thought of such means.

Poor Ye Ling, who had to carry the blame for Gu Changge even in death...

These things needed no further explanation.

Therefore, Yue Mingkong was now worried that Gu Changge actually knew that there would be a Fairy Spirit that would emerge from the Baiheng Mountain Range.

When Gu Changge arrives, how would she explain herself?

She might even make Gu Changge suspect her again because of the Fairy Spirit.

The relationship between the two of them, which had been eased and brought closer, would probably be reduced to a cold stage again.

At that moment, all sorts of thoughts flashed through Yue Mingkong's mind.

Rumble!

Suddenly, in the distant sky, a multitude of divine rainbows appeared, heading in her direction.

The young man in the lead was dressed in feathered clothes with wide sleeves. His face is as handsome as jade, and his appearance was like that of a young immortal walking on the earth.

Who was it but Gu Changge, the man she wanted to see the least.

“He really is here...”

At that moment, the look of indifference on Yue Mingkong’s face grew stiff.

At that moment, what she had imagined as the worst possible scenario had become reality.

Not only had Gu Changge come, but he had also brought along a large number of followers, including even that fox-spirit, Yin Mei.

Such a scene brought even greater discomfort to Yue Mingkong.

Her cold eyes grew colder, her expression like an iceberg as she emitted a chilling and murderous aura.

However, her cold gaze was not directed at Gu Changge, but rather behind him, Yin Mei, who was dressed in a red dress, her nine fox tails waving in the air.

“Empress!”

“This...”

At that time, Yue Mingkong’s followers and servants looked at her with puzzled expressions.

After all, the person who came... was none other than Gu Changge.

Wasn’t this situation a big problem for Yue Mingkong?

After all, the two were an unmarried couple.

“Stop him for me.” Yue Mingkong ordered coldly.

A silver crescent moon seal, the size of a palm, floated around her body, exuding an awe-inspiring pressure.

Initially, she contemplated how she would face Gu Changge, but now... she wouldn’t stand for it any longer.

Yin Mei accompanied Gu Changge so that they could put on a big show together.

Such an act was enough to demonstrate the relationship between Yin Mei and Gu Changge.

“This...”

Upon hearing such an order, the group of followers all looked at each other, feeling somewhat helpless.

However, they couldn't disobey Yue Mingkong's orders.

At once, they rushed towards the approaching Gu Changge, attempting to intercept him.

“Oh? Mingkong is here too? What a coincidence.”

Gu Changge looked quite surprised, as though he’d just noticed Yue Mingkong.

With a gesture of his hand, all the people behind him halted.

“Young Master Changge, we were ordered by Empress Yue, we...”

The followers of Yue Mingkong bit the bullet as they helplessly blurted out what they were ordered to do.

How could they take action against Gu Changge?

Not unless they were trying to court death.

These days, there was hardly anyone who didn't know of Gu Changge's strength and how he was unrivalled among the younger generation.

Moreover, he was one of their own.

Yue Mingkong was probably making a fuss for some unknown reason.

They were caught in the middle of a private affair between two people, placing them in a difficult situation.

“It's nothing, I suppose I've made Mingkong upset again.” Gu Changge waved his hand carelessly and spoke with a knowing smile on his face.

Yue Mingkong threw a cold glance at Gu Changge but said nothing in response.

‘He knows he has made me upset?’

Gu Changge looked as if he didn't know why she was so angry and asked with a faint smile, **“What's wrong, Mingkong? Aren't you happy to see your husband?”**

Yue Mingkong glanced at Yin Mei and asked, **“Why are you here?”**

Yin Mei noticed Yue Mingkong's expression and was slightly startled.

She had always heard about this future empress, the daughter of heaven.

However, the power she displayed today was nothing short of astonishing.

Ordinary cultivators would probably bow in front of her subconsciously.

Yet Yin Mei didn't care.

She could sense Yue Mingkong's hostility and killing intent toward her.

‘The future empress wants to kill me, despite having only met me for the first time?’

‘It seems she is already aware of the relationship between me and Master.’

‘Moreover, it is likely that she knows of Master's possession of the Immortal Devouring Demonic Technique.’

The relationship between Yue Mingkong and Gu Changge seems to be quite complicated.

Yin Mei felt a bit envious.

She would never have dared to treat Gu Changge in such a manner as Yue Mingkong did.

From Gu Changge's words, she could even hear a hint of indulgence.

The usually cold and indifferent Gu Changge had shown such emotion for Yue Mingkong, making her wonder if she had misread the situation.

'Just how fortunate is this woman?'

However, she also suspected that Gu Changge was deliberately putting on a facade.

Either way, Yin Mei was confident that Gu Changge would never let Yue Mingkong kill her.

"I'm quite curious also. How come you're here too? It seems that not too long ago..."

After hearing Yue Mingkong's question, Gu Changge couldn't help but ask with a smile.

Just as he said this, his eyes suddenly narrowed, as if he became somewhat interested.

He looked like he was keen to find out more about this matter.

When she saw this, Yue Mingkong's heart fluttered. Before, she suspected that Gu Changge had already known of the Fairy Spirit that was about to appear.

Hence, the reason why he was surprised and curious about her presence here.

Given Gu Changge's character, her presence here would definitely arouse his suspicion.

Yue Mingkong also knew that this was not the time to be overly concerned about Yin Mei.

"My intention is the same as yours." She said coldly, shifting the focus to Gu Changge's intentions.

"Oh, is that so?"

"That's right."

Gu Changge smiled, seemingly unconcerned.

He didn't question Yue Mingkong's words either.

Then he took a step forward, and in a blur of the void, he arrived in front of Yue Mingkong in an instant.

"Gu Changge, you-"

Yue Mingkong was slightly startled.

She didn't believe Gu Changge would take action against her over this matter right this instant.

Her eyes shone like jewels and stared at him in silence, serene and moving.

"When your husband was injured, a while ago, you didn't come to pay a visit, you have made your husband quite sad."

Gu Changge spoke as he naturally took hold of her supple body.

She was as delicate and flawless as the finest of Immortal jades, exuding warmth and serenity.

However, he carried a slight tone of regret in his voice.

The scene caused the followers to retreat and leave the place to the two of them.

Yin Mei was envious of the sight, but she inevitably retreated to another place as well.

“You...” Yue Mingkong had not expected Gu Changge to suddenly do such a thing in front of everyone.

Her brain buzzed for a while, leaving her unable to react.

But soon, she remembered that he had done the same thing in front of the two families' heads when they were in the Gu family hall.

Yue Mingkong quickly composed herself.

This was Gu Changge's usual tactic, so how could she be rattled by it?

“With your strength, how could you possibly be injured?”

“You can fool everyone else, but you cannot fool me.” Yue Mingkong replied.

She wasn't lying, she truly believed in these words.

However, Gu Changge merely shook his head and sighed, **“To hear your praise is something to be happy about, yet why can't I feel happy?”**

Yue Mingkong was not about to be moved by his nonsense.

“Would you be happy if I told you something that was not in my conscience?” She asked in return, a sour feeling in her heart.

‘When exactly did Gu Changge become involved with Yin Mei?’

She didn't know about such a thing in her previous life.

However, she didn't know how to ask Gu Changge about it either.

“Why wouldn't I be happy? After all, you are my lucky star.”

Gu Changge smiled and spoke words laced with a deeper meaning.

Yue Mingkong's cold eyes revealed doubts as she glanced at him.

There was a feeling of something quite sinister in his smile.

“You killed Ye Ling already, didn't you?”

She suddenly asked.

“I helped you kill him. There shouldn't be any problem with that, no?”

Gu Changge didn't deny it, and his gaze fell to the hidden ruins below.

“What do you mean, you helped me kill him? Clearly, you are the one who wanted to kill Ye Ling for his inheritance.”

Yue Mingkong had long been familiar with Gu Changge's shamelessness, yet she couldn't help but be furious at this moment.

It sounded like she had to thank him for stealing her prey.

“You shouldn't say such things. If it wasn't for you, why would I have bothered with Ye Ling?”

“You're a culprit too, so I can't take all the credit.”

Gu Changge spoke as he casually patted her head.

[PR/N: I do love gaslighting.]

Though Yue Mingkong had always been a calm and gentle person, at this moment, she was extremely furious.

If it wasn't for the fact that she couldn't beat Gu Changge, she would have smashed her jade fist into his face.

“Alright, I won't tease you any more.”

“How could your husband forget your share of the benefits? This is a part of the Inheritance that Ye Ling received. The rest is gone.”

As Gu Changge smiled and spoke, the Enlightenment Platform woven with black and white vines appeared in his hand, intertwined with rich Dao energies.

Astonishing symbols of reincarnation flashed across it, faint and indistinct.

Its aura gave off a sense of enlightenment.

For Gu Changge, it was tasteless to eat, but a pity to throw it away, after all, he didn't need it in order to achieve enlightenment.

It was the perfect gift for Yue Mingkong.

‘She should be able to use it well.’

It was a small compensation for having bullied her for so long. After all, he had given Gu Xian'er 10 Divine Weapons.

“An Enlightenment Platform?”

Yue Mingkong naturally knew what she was looking at and recognised the Platform, her crystal eyes growing more puzzled.

Such a good treasure would make even beings in the Sacred Realm salivate.

It was even imbued with the Reincarnation aura, making it even more precious.

Was Gu Changge actually willing to give it to her?

However, when she thought about it, she had already refined the drop of five-coloured True Dragon Blood contained within Long Teng's corpse from last time.

At that time, Gu Changge had not only given her the drop of True Dragon Blood.

He was also concerned that she might be pursued by the Dragon Clan for revenge, so he took care of the witnesses and carried the blame for her.

Yue Mingkong was well aware of this.

And now he was going to give her a gift as precious as the Enlightenment Platform without hesitation?

‘What exactly is he thinking?’

Suddenly she felt as if... she had been wrong about Gu Changge all along.

The fact is that he was not as bad to her as she expected?

“Gu Changge, why are you treating me so well now?”

Yue Mingkong looked into Gu Changge's eyes and asked in a quiet voice.

Her voice trembled slightly, being considerably softer than it was before.

Then, in Gu Changge's head, the System Prompt sounded again.

[Ding! The Favoured Daughter of Heaven, Yue Mingkong, has reflected on the host's change in attitude. Awarding 2,000 Fortune Value and 10,000 Destiny Points.]

Chapter 174: You Can be Arrogant Now, But Youll Have to Butter Me Up in the Future; The Wife has Misunderstood The Husband!

Gu Changge did not even react to the system prompt.

From his point of view, this development was only logical.

If Yue Mingkong still suspected whether he would kill her at this point, that would be very weird.

She was usually a very perceptive and rational individual...

But not in front of Gu Changge.

“Why am I treating you so well?”

Gu Changge smiled lightly as he asked a question in return, **“What dastardly acts have I done in the past to make you think that I am only just now treating you well?”**

“After all... something must have happened for you to harbor such suspicions.”

Gu Changge spoke with interest.

Yue Mingkong was stunned for a moment, as it occurred to her that she had now accidentally leaked incriminating information.

With the meticulousness of Gu Changge's mind, there was a high possibility that he would be able to learn something from her words just now.

“You were so indifferent to me in the past. For you to give me so many treasures for seemingly no good reason is difficult to accept. However, I'd be happy if you just stopped being so indifferent to me.”

Before she came up with such an acceptable answer, Yue Mingkong grew silent for a brief moment.

Fortunately for her, the statement was quite reasonable.

In the past, Gu Changge had indeed been indifferent and reluctant to interact with her.

All of these changes to his attitude had only appeared after she regressed. After her direct conflict with Gu Changge, their originally amicable yet chilly relationship was torn apart.

Only then did the slightly more caring version of the Gu Changge today would come to be.

If nothing else, Yue Mingkong always believed in one thing:

If she was pure and kind like in her previous life, it would have never been possible to talk face-to-face with Gu Changge. There would be no chance of them ever standing together as equals.

She would have no chance of ever attaining even the slightest shred of his affection.

To have him hold her hand and smile at her so tenderly...

Yue Mingkong knew in her heart.

The reason for Gu Changge's transformation was not because of her alone. It was impossible for a man as cruel and as cold as him to change so much for a mere woman, after all.

The reason for his transformation was because of her actions, and the ripples they've caused, moving the world in ways it had never moved before. She was different from her past self, who was weak and humble in front of Gu Changge.

Unfortunately, not even she would know whether this was a turn for the better or the worse.

After all, Gu Changge has an elusive temperament.

However, at least for now, she was no longer an insignificant speck of dust in Gu Changge's eyes.

Gu Changge gave a smile that neither confirmed nor denied anything. He had already anticipated Yue Mingkong's response.

“I see. It seems even my beloved^[1] Mingkong suffers from small tantrums at times... if so, allow me to be a bit more forward. I did indeed not find my dear wife so charming before, but haven't you heard it's better late than never?”

[1. The direct translation is “house/household's Mingkong”, insinuating they're already married.]

Of course, he had long planned out a method of dealing with such a statement.

“Gu Changge...”

Yue Mingkong was shocked speechless, obviously not expecting him to be so frank.

'His beloved Mingkong?'

He even admitted to not caring about her in the past, and yet now he does? Even calling her charming? Clean and simple, without beating around the bush at all.

To say such things so naturally was undeniably Gu Changge's style.

This shameless remark sent her heart into chaos yet again.

Even if she understood that nine out of ten of Gu Changge's words were usually lies, she still loved to hear such sweet words come from his mouth.

She couldn't help herself.

Yue Mingkong's eyes sparkled.

The flustered lady inwardly scolded herself at this moment. 'I'm so stupid, so foolish, so... cheap!'

'Gu Changge is not a good person. He's a villain who eats and breathes evil.'

'If I pulled out his heart, it would probably be all black and shriveled up!'

'He is the furthest thing from a good person...'

As a regressor who had experienced two lives, she has lived and seen Gu Changge's true nature for herself, and yet here she was becoming all giddy after a few sweet words.

She was ashamed of herself.

"There's no need to suspect that I possess ulterior motives. The Enlightenment Platform is of little use to me, so it doesn't matter if I give it to you or not."

Gu Changge spoke frankly yet again. He had a feeling that using such a sentence at such a time would give a greater effect.

Unfortunately for her, Gu Changge has always possessed the initiative.

When she heard this, Yue Mingkong's beautifully cold eyes stared at him, as a light humph rang out.

[PR/N: Pouting Yandere... I can die in peace.]

An honest Gu Changge was truly a rare sight.

However, at the very least, she now knew of his true intentions.

Would he really give her something that was useful to him?

The answer was obvious.

Nonetheless, for Gu Changge to tell her the truth, it showed that Gu Changge did have her in his heart.

And that was what Yue Mingkong actually cared about.

After accepting the Enlightenment Platform, just as Yue Mingkong was on the cusp of speaking up and asking him about Yin Mei...

Hum!

Gu Changge's hand wrapped around her slender waist.

The two figures swiftly descended towards the ruins below.

Yue Mingkong bit back her words. It seemed her suspicions would remain unsolved for a while longer.

Gu Changge turned his head to the side to look at her flawless features, a light smile upon his face.

“My Mingkong is quite capable, these preparations must have taken some time to make.”

‘If I want to keep up this facade of surprise, I can’t act like I’ve already known about all this beforehand.’

“It wasn’t, only slightly over a month.” Yue Mingkong replied.

“More than a month, huh? It seems the time has almost come.” Gu Changge smiled.

“What time?”

Yue Mingkong felt that Gu Changge might be referring to the time of the Fairy Spirit's birth.

However, what she didn’t know was that Gu Changge was making stuff up as he went.

After all, no matter how powerful he was, to speculate when the Fairy Spirit would be born was... impossible.

He would not even know of the Fairy Spirit's location if it wasn't for spies he had planted near Yue Mingkong.

The sentence was a ploy meant to plant the misguided notion on Yue Mingkong that everything was under his control from the start.

A good method to ensure that Yue Mingkong would not disturb him at crucial moments.

As Gu Changge swept through the nearby void, he felt the vast and turbulent fluctuations hidden within the empty space. Powerful and ancient laws littered the lightless expanse.

He detected runes used for both concealment and attack.

When the Fairy Spirit is born, these runes would activate and delay the other cultivators, allowing for an easier capture of the prize.

Gu Changge was very satisfied with Yue Mingkong's methods.

It saved him a lot of time and effort from making the plans himself.

“Not bad. It seems you’re quite serious on this matter.” Gu Changge casually spoke with a smile.

Yue Mingkong pondered for a moment, her eyes moving slightly as she replied, **“The Fairy Spirit's birth is a matter of foremost importance. I can’t afford to be careless.”**

Speaking of which, she was worried that Gu Changge might forcefully intervene and snatch her prize for himself, rendering her preparations worthless.

The Fairy Spirit was far more important, incomparable to Long Teng's True Dragon Blood, or even the Enlightenment Platform.

And although Gu Changge was unlikely to lay such a heavy hand on her...

There was a high possibility of him charging in and eating the entire full course buffet alone.

The Gu Changge she knew would definitely do such a thing.

Moreover, her identity as a regressor did not give her the slightest advantage against Gu Changge.

"It seems that you're aiming for the Fairy Spirit as well, Mingkong. No wonder..." Gu Changge laughed as though he did not have a care in the world.

Yue Mingkong breathed a sigh of relief.

She was afraid that Gu Changge would try to investigate this matter. If that came to pass, she was not confident she would be able to give a foolproof answer then and there.

There was also the possibility where she slips up again, allowing Gu Changge to notice her secret of being a regressor.

'With Gu Changge's character, who knows what he'll do to me at that time?'

The aforementioned Gu Changge could easily guess what Yue Mingkong was thinking.

It was only natural for Yue Mingkong to be wary of him. He knew he had a long way to go before she completely trusts him.

Fortunately, Gu Changge was not in a hurry. The long-term plan was already laid out. Under these layers of foreshadowing and motives, all he needs to do is wait until Yue Mingkong and Gu Xian'er fall into his trap.

'Sigh. Such long-term plans are monotonous chores. With nothing of interest to relieve me of my fatigue, I'm afraid I'll be bored for quite some time.'

The smile at the corner of Gu Changge's mouth grew more playfully just now.

[A few moments later, in an abandoned set of ancient ruins]

Collapsed, ancient temples and decayed shrines populated the area, covered with an endless sea of moss and vines. A tranquil but decrepit sight.

Outside the ruins, their followers guarded the perimeter, strictly preventing the presence of both the outside cultivators and creatures from disturbing them.

Such a sight showed how cautious Gu Changge and Yue Mingkong were on this matter, going so far as to set up a multitude of terrible traps and obstacles.

Take for example the nearby space:

Filled with murderous intent, if one were to take a single half-step deviation across the safe path, they would attract a thunderous blow, capable of turning living breathing people into lifeless fluttering ash.

“Gu Changge, do you plan on leaving me by the side while you have an entire buffet for yourself?”

Yue Mingkong led the way, stopping in front of an illuminous wall filled with brilliant runes.

The chilling light in her eyes seemed to strike at Gu Changge’s face.

A direct question.

There was a kind of resentment in the words that mildly resembled an angry little daughter-in-law.

She wanted to try and negotiate with Gu Changge first, to gain his reassurance... and though the reassurance of a man like him was not very convincing, it was still better than nothing.

Gu Changge looked at her flawless Fairy-like face that neared so close to his own.

He couldn't help but laugh at the silence that ensued from her question, **“Have I always been such a character in your heart?”**

From his smile, Yue Mingkong saw a hint of self-deprecation.

“Are you not... ?”

Yue Mingkong muttered softly.

When he heard this, the smile on Gu Changge’s face disappeared, his expression mixed with apathy.

“Have I ever done anything to hurt you? What has caused you to become so wary of me?” He asked with a very calm expression.

Although he did have such plans, for Yue Mingkong to call him out on it...

‘Are you looking for a spanking?’

Gu Changge wanted to smack her.

But on second thought, perhaps he could have her understand a “truth” from all this.

The saying goes: “To go against the husband is easy, but to butter him up after would be a hellish task.”

Yue Mingkong almost flinched. It was rare for her to see Gu Changge make such an expression.

A calmness scarier than anger.

“Or maybe not...”

She abruptly took back her words.

Logically speaking, in regards to Gu Changge's interest-oriented character, it was completely reasonable to suspect that he might do exactly as she predicted.

However, combined with the recent series of events, some major doubts rose within Yue Mingkong's crystal clear perception of him... worries that he might have other goals in mind.

It was her preconceived notion that Gu Changge treated anyone, including herself, with the purpose of eventually taking advantage of them.

Yet ever since her regression, the villainous Gu Changge had never done anything to hurt her.

Even after it was revealed that she knew the secret of Gu Changge's status as the true Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts, he had never shown any killing intent.

This, in turn, made her deeply speculate on Gu Changge's current thoughts and goals.

In her last life, the Gu Changge who killed her was the enemy she hated the most.

But the Gu Changge in this life was very different compared to the one from her past.

She was still seeing Gu Changge from the lens of her previous life.

Yue Mingkong's mood grew more complicated as she thought of these things.

It was rather unfair to treat the Gu Changge – who had never hurt her in this life – like so, wasn't it?

Gu Changge is indeed a villain, but he is also human.

'Gu Changge probably felt very uncomfortable at what I said just now.'

'I sought to take revenge on him in this life, because I was worried for my future in this world. I wanted to change the past before history could repeat itself.'

'But will the future of the past truly come to be?'

Yue Mingkong didn't know the reason behind Gu Changge's transformation, but she was sure of one thing.

Gu Changge had changed because of her regression.

Yue Mingkong opened her mouth, as if she wished to speak, but stopped when Gu Changge let go of her waist and started trudging forward on his own.

That handsome and cool face bore a calm look, like a heavenly immortal high above the clouds, viewing the world as dirt and grass, without any trace of emotion.

Yue Mingkong stopped, her face tinged with regret.

Soon, she picked herself up and chased after him.

For this life's Gu Changge to turn so indifferent to her, it made her feel an inexplicable sense of discomfort.

[PR/N: That's because you're **courting death!**]

Yue Mingkong had always thought that Gu Changge's care towards her was all either faked or planned.

She disdained it.

But now...

The more she thought about it, the more she realized she might have let her past experiences cloud her judgement, and that he might not have been pretending at all.

Otherwise, how could the almighty Gu Changge of today show such an expression?

Her icy heart thawed just a little more.

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The stone wall was obviously an illusion.

Gu Changge saw through it the instant he laid his eyes upon it. The illusion rippled as he walked through it.

A small stone chamber came into view.

The surrounding four walls were engraved with many ancient carvings that have lasted since the Immortal Period, depicting the ancient rites of sacrifice that the Ancient Immortal Races once performed.

Accompanying it were archaic visions of vast and glorious scenes that permeated the empty space, as the Supreme Immortal Dynasty came into view.

Countless living beings, subjects, bowed in reverence and knocked their heads upon the ground as one, giving rise to a sound that would echo throughout the Upper Realm.

At the forefront of the central-most wall was the Immortal Road[1].

[1. Quick Recap: Immortal Road is a portal to reach other realms or minor worlds.]

Within the portal lay a gap in the door, reflecting a vast ancient world.

Immortal aura fell like rain as wisps of immortal mist escaped from the gap in the portal.

‘The Fairy Gate.’

‘It would seem that although Mingkong knew its location for quite some time, she had no way of entering it.’

Gu Changge looked at the portal, as a meaningful smile tugged at the corner of his mouth.

He soon noticed Yue Mingkong, who had followed him inside.

The smile on his face disappeared and returned to its usual calm.

“Since you don't believe me, you can go in first once the Fairy Gate opens.”

Gu Changge casually said as much when he glanced at Yue Mingkong.

“Of course, if you're worried that I'm plotting against you, you can also choose to stay outside.”

He didn't seem to have taken her prior comments to heart.

However, Yue Mingkong had already sensed several changes in Gu Changge's expression.

Before, Gu Changge would always speak to her with a smile on his face.

However, his eyes were now like ice.

Such an attitude brought greater discomfort to Yue Mingkong than his typical indifference.

“I believe in you.” Her voice subconsciously rose a pitch higher.

Gu Change glanced at her again, as he spoke with a smile, **“That would be best.”** It wasn't much of a response.

Yue Mingkong's clear and cold eyes were seemingly unchanged.

In truth, however, she felt a bitter taste in her mouth.

Obviously, Gu Change didn't believe that she believed.

Such an attitude was plain to see.

'Why did I say that?!'

Gu Change's usual temperament was cold, unfeeling, arrogant to the extreme. However, he was finally coming around.

But now, with one word, she had pulled them back to stage one, perhaps even worse than that.

Yue Mingkong felt a deep sense of regret, despondence even.

She must have misunderstood Gu Change; otherwise, he wouldn't have been so sensitive to her comments.

The Fairy Gate in front of her seemed to have lost its temptation to her.

Her preparations over the course of the month were now meaningless.

At that point, Yue Mingkong began to reflect.

Since her regression, she didn't want to take revenge on Gu Change... she wanted his heart.

It seemed as though Gu Change was clueless as to Yue Mingkong's current thoughts.

He tossed his hands in the air with a look of resignation[2].

[2. Gu Change threw his hands in the air, like “Duck this; I'm out.” It's all part of his keikaku to make Mingkong think he's given up.]

He paced back and forth around the Fairy Gate, recalling all of the information he knew.

'There are only two ways to open the Fairy Gate as of this moment. Either wait for it to open on its own, or urge it to do so through the Immortal Record[3]...'

[3. Language from the Immortal Period.]

'I don't know when it will open, but the Ancient Immortal Continent is bound to be in a state of chaos by then. Such an event would easily attract the attention of many powerhouses.'

As these thoughts flashed through Gu Change's mind, he came up with a plan.

The Immortal Record is the term used to describe the writing system used in the Immortal Period. It was used in sacrifices, specifically to pray to the immortals and enlighten the mundane mortals.

'As it happens, there's a rather expensive copy of this script in the system mall, selling for 18,000 Destiny Points.'

Without hesitation, Gu Changge quickly bought the item.

Hum!

One by one, characters of the ancient script shone brightly like miniature stars in his mind, emitting a dazzling golden colour.

Before long, the characters became clearer as his understanding grew. In his mind, the characters seemed to have evolved into a vague immortal shadow.

An additional piece of text appeared in Gu Changge's mind.

'I have the keys now.'

A smile laced with a deeper meaning found its way to his face.

Unfortunately, Yue Mingkong had yet to notice such a change.

She was still caught up in her thoughts, wondering how she should speak, wondering how she could apologize and make up for what just happened between her and Gu Changge.

She truly didn't want their relationship to reach a freezing point yet again because of something like this.

"I'm about to open the Fairy Gate. Do you want to go in first or should I? Once we're inside, we'll go our separate ways and deal with the Fairy Spirit within, on our own terms. Do you agree?"

Soon, Gu Changge gently made his offer.

His words seemed to snap Yue Mingkong out of her thoughts. She was a bit surprised, for it seemed that Gu Changge really could open the Fairy Gate ahead of time.

She had waited in vain for over a month.

But after hearing Gu Changge's words, she became torn for a short while.

It didn't make any difference whether she went in first or second.

How long did she prepare for the Fairy's arrival?

Over a month.

She even borrowed the Immortal Qi of this place to cultivate, her cultivation base had increased by leaps and bounds.

In truth, she would find it difficult to accept, if she just gave up.

However, when Yue Mingkong looked at Gu Changge, who stood right in front of her. She had decided.

She opened her mouth and said, **"I won't go in."**

“I'll stay outside to protect this place. Don't misunderstand, I'm just doing this to apologise for what I said. I've misunderstood you, and I won't compete with you for the Fairy Spirit.”

“If this doesn't prove my sincerity, then you can also kill me.”

“I can guarantee that I won't fight back. After all, even if I fight back, I wouldn't be your match.”

Yue Mingkong calmly declared.

She had actively chosen to give up.

As she said, this was the only way she could think of to prove her sincerity to Gu Changge.

If Gu Changge didn't believe it, he could kill her.

When that comes to pass, she would have no choice but to accept her fate.

After all, she knew too many of his secrets.

However, Yue Mingkong was actually not as calm as she seemed on the surface.

The more she thought about it, the more fearful she became... she was afraid that Gu Changge would truly leave her, never to return.

She would rather Gu Changge harbour murderous intent for her, to kill her like he did in her previous life, rather than live a life where they were strangers to one another.

For her, the latter was simply a torment worse than death.

“How decisive of you...”

Even Gu Changge was slightly taken aback.

As a matter of fact, he'd never expected Yue Mingkong to make such a choice.

For her to allow a blatant strike loaded with killing intent?

He'd considered many possibilities. At most, he thought Yue Mingkong would grit her teeth and weep, tearfully apologizing as she admits her wrongdoing.

But this... the thought never occurred to him.

If he didn't believe her, she would rather die.

'Is she stupid?'

Naturally, Gu Changge didn't take Yue Mingkong's doubt to heart in the slightest.

After all, she wasn't wrong. In fact, she was absolutely right!

It's true that he'd always schemed against Yue Mingkong. For a person like him who valued personal gain and rationalism, it was difficult for him to be attracted to someone.

The so-called heart is nothing more than a gluttonous body.

There was no door to his heart, for him to truly be in love would be nothing short of a miracle[4].

[4. Direct Translation: "To a woman, it is even more difficult to walk to his heart, there is no possibility."]

'Why must you be so stupid?'

Gu Changge sighed slightly, "**How can I kill you?**"

She was so stupid that he felt a bit bored.

At this rate, he wouldn't be able to tease her anymore.

Today's incident may be a trivial joke to him, but to Yue Mingkong, it is a matter of life and death.

This woman loved him more than her own life.

This was the kind of plot Gu Changge only ever expected to take place in romance novels in his previous life. He never thought that it would one day happen to him.

Should he step forward and take her into his arms? Should he speak warm and gentle words to her?

Gu Changge did none of that.

To behave in such a manner would simply be pushing the bounds between reality and fiction. Even if Yue Mingkong was stupid, she easily would be able to see through such a facade.

To do so would disrupt the game of chess he enjoyed playing.

"Gu Changge, why can't you kill me?"

Yue Mingkong was stunned, unable to comprehend Gu Changge's words.

Did he accept her apology or not?

She was bewildered.

"What would I kill you for? You're far more useful alive than dead." Gu Changge gave a gentle smile.

"Then you are really cruel." Yue Mingkong replied, her heart in tatters.

The only thing she wants to do now is to determine Gu Changge's true feelings for her.

Nothing else mattered.

Yue Mingkong believes that everything has a reason.

She wanted to find out why Gu Changge was so distant, why he didn't seem to care anymore.

Gu Changge raised his hand...

Hundreds of millions of brilliant lights bloomed in the palm of his hand. They blurred into one as a gorgeous immortal flower emitted rays of black light, its roots spreading across the four directions.

Hum!

One after another, ancient and mysterious characters emerged from the void as Gu Changge began to recite words from the Immortal Period.

Blurry figures appeared all around. Figures of renown and ancestors, all kneeling on the ground, as they prayed and bowed to the immortals.

“Will the Fairy Gate truly open?” Yue Mingkong stared, looking over as well.

These ancient and mysterious characters seemed to be attracted by a strange force, all headed for the stone gate ahead.

Click!

In the midst of her shock, a splendid rain of light burst forth!

The stone gate opened!

A path opened up.

An immortal light rushed to the skies as hundreds of millions of Immortal Qi were released all at once, containing an unbelievably rich essence as thick as the mountain range they were in. novelUsb.com

They felt as though they'd become immortals themselves.

If it weren't for the runes and arrays Yue Mingkong had prepared in advance, which blocked every inch of the void, the aura from here would have reached into the sky and sent great waves in all directions. Such a sight would have guaranteed the arrival of countless people.

And yet, in spite of the preparations, the place still became flooded with rich Immortal Qi in an instant.

The Fairy Gate opened, and with it, the Immortal Road.

From Gu Changge's point of view, a vague and hazy road seemed to run through the Fairy Gate, as if connecting to a vast and unfathomable world.

Immortal trees stood tall, immortal flowers bloomed brightly, and the winds carried the scent of divine medicines.

'For the Fairy Gate to be opened by Gu Changge in such a manner... how? What did he recite? Had he done this in the previous life?'

Yue Mingkong's dress fluttered, her eyes profound, as her entire body was enveloped by the immortal rain.

She could feel her body being flooded by the dazzling immortal light, her skin turning almost crystal clear from the Immortal Qi it received.

Just standing there was a great blessing.

However, deep within lay a terrifying aura, enough to crush all living beings and break them.

The Immortal Road is not a journey ordinary cultivators can take.

If Yue Mingkong wanted to try it, she would have to pay dearly.

However, since she said she would protect Gu Changge from the outside, she did not need to do so.

In the event that other cultivators arrive, she would be able to buy time for Gu Changge.

As she thought of all this, Gu Changge had already entered the Fairy Gate, one step at a time.

Above his head floated a Black Dao Bottle, floating up and down. It manifested into a divine light, seemingly drawn to the terrible pressure within the Fairy Road.

'Based on the memories of my previous life, the Immortal Road will open for only half a month, after which it will automatically close. Only those who stood at the top of humanity could walk this road and explore the secrets of immortality...'

Yue Mingkong frowned.

It was fortunate that the aura here was concealed for thousands of miles by the formations she'd prepared beforehand.

Unless the cream of the crop were to approach this area, it would be impossible to detect them.

'Gu Changge shouldn't have any problems for a while. With his meticulous mind, I can rest assured.'

Yue Mingkong understood that the two of them were working in the area of darkness under the lamp.

If they are detected by these elites, the Ancient Immortal Continent will be engulfed in a storm.

Even the ancestors themselves would be alarmed.

And soon, the entirety of the Immortal Road showed itself to Gu Changge.

Yue Mingkong turned to look, but only saw a fraction of the scene.

[Within the Fairy Gate, in a vast world]

Below the sky, a large lake brimming with Immortal Qi appeared out of thin air, spanning tens of thousands of miles in radius.

The lake was covered in mist, as thousands of auspicious rainbows burst forth to give it an incomparably divine appearance.

The waves seemed to sparkle, as though time had stopped. Above the waters grew ancient heavenly lotuses.

It was around this area that Gu Changge's figure appeared.

He stared at a few lights at the bottom of the lake.

His eyes held a peculiar look to them.

Deep underneath the lake laid a blue glow, like a dense ancient star residing at the bottom of the lake.

Sometimes, this strange and mysterious haze of blue would sink into the lake, and other times it would soar high into the sky.

Despite its inherent mystery, both Gu Changge and Yue Mingkong could tell, this was none other than the so-called Fairy Spirit!

Even among Quasi-Supreme Realm cultivators, such a thing was an extremely rare sight.

So rare, in fact, that a small piece of it is enough to cause a desperate battle between them!

It was at this moment that Gu Changge sat cross-legged.

Above his head floated the terrifying Black Dao Bottle, like a waterfall of black light, allowing him to withstand the majestic yet tyrannical pressure within this world.

At the same time, an aura with the pressure of a black hole appeared.

At this moment, Gu Changge's cultivation that lay at the pinnacle of the God King Realm unveiled itself!

The blue rays of light, as if imbued with a spiritual nature, were birthed from the Immortal Lake.

And now, Gu Changge devoured it in a mad frenzy as the Black Dao Bottle absorbed everything.

Even the Inner World his body contained was revealed, as the Immortal Qi began to wildly rush toward it.

A vast and ancient divine aura emerged from within his Inner World, as a heavenly palace-like building appeared.

It looked like a scene straight out of the myths and legends of the Southern Heavenly Gate.

It would seem that Gu Changge's cultivation base had found a suitable source, as it cathartically began to improve.

Not only were these strands of Immortal Qi incredibly rare, each strand was unique, unusual. And these weren't just strands of Immortal Qi, these were strands of True Immortal Qi.

A breakthrough to the pinnacle of the God King Realm!

[Half-Step of the Sacred Realm!]

[Early stage of the Sacred Realm!]

[Mid-stage of the Sacred Realm!]

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[At the same time, underneath a tall ancient tree]

“You're my ancestor? And you say your name is Gu Nanshan?”

Gu Xian'er, who was dealing with several natives, stared with suspicion at the old man who suddenly appeared in front of her.

To be precise, he's more of an old peasant than an old man...

He was hunched, unkempt, had a gloomy look on his face, and his yellow teeth were stained with vegetable leaves. Even the rusty kitchen knife he bore had a hole in it.

He looked like he was thrown on the streets to sell vegetables. Who would buy such a claim?

'Dirty.'

So when he suddenly appeared out of thin air and claimed to be her ancestor, Gu Xian'er was almost frightened.

Either fortunately or unfortunately, Gu Xian'er was blessed with great ability... in accepting strange "eccentric" powerhouses like this. After all, her old masters had similar traits, and she was with them since childhood.

However, it was still a bit difficult for her to connect her ancestors with the old peasant in front of her.

"Xian'er, he is the ancestor of your family's branch." At this moment, the figure of the Great Elder walked out from the void and gently smiled.

"Master." Gu Xian'er hurriedly paid her respects, ensuring proper treatment of one who'd taught her well.

"Now do you believe me, girl?" Gu Nanshan scratched behind his ears, his face a little red with embarrassment.

The two have never met before, so she didn't believe him. Instead, she quietly held onto one of her trump cards.

He was pleased with her vigilance, but he was a bit distressed as well.

Over the years, this girl had been wronged. She must've suffered plenty of grievances from the outside world without the protection of her family.

'She was born to an Ancient Immortal Family, destined to be a little princess.'

'However, that guy, Gu Changge dug out her Dao Bones and exiled her, causing her much suffering..'

'It wouldn't have been easy for her to get this far.'

Gu Nanshan's heart grew complicated, as he felt a bit of regret for not being there when she needed it.

'This old ancestor is unqualified!'

'I was buried for too long, and I'd only recently come out for a breath of fresh air. If not for my recent awakening, I wouldn't have even known that a wolf cub like Gu Changge was among the descendents of our family, much less the acts he committed to those in the same generation.'

The mere thought of the incident enraged him.

Fortunately, it was found that Gu Changge hadn't gone that far, giving him a bit of relief.

However, he still felt guilty for his junior, Gu Xian'er.

"Xian'er greets her ancestor."

Thanks to the appearance of the Great Elder, Gu Xian'er believed the old peasant's claims, behaving herself well.

“What a smart and sensible little girl.”

Gu Nanshan nodded, smiling.

The more he saw, the more pleased he became.

She was smart, clever, and charming.

[TL/N: SUS?!]

[Zain: SUSSY BAKA!!]

Although she was no Young Supreme, her cultivation was no weaker than her peers.

Her body was marked with many scars left by strong opponents.

‘Truly, this girl is blessed with great fortune.’

“Xian'er, don't worry, now that you have the backing of this ancestor, there are none who can harm you. And that Gu Change is no exception. Although he is the Young Master, he wouldn't be able to cause any trouble with this old ancestor around.”

Gu Nanshan spoke, feeling that as her ancestor, he should help Gu Xian'er by solving some of her worries.

The reason why he came to the Immortal Ancient Continent was entirely because he wanted to support Gu Xian'er, fearing that she would suffer from Gu Change's poisonous hands.

“Um, ancestor...”

“Is what you said true?”

Gu Xian'er was stunned when she heard of this. Her bright eyes blinked with anticipation as she asked, **“What did you say regarding Gu Change?”**

“Don't worry. With this ancestor here, Gu Change wouldn't dare kill you,” Gu Nanshan assured.

“That's it?”

Gu Xian'er felt like this ancestor was quite... unreliable.

The cute look on her face disappeared, replaced with a look of disappointment.

“Yes?”

Gu Nanshan was surprised, **“Xian'er, could it be that you plan to have this ancestor of yours kill Gu Change for you? This is...”**

Having said that, he felt a bit troubled.

In truth, he found it difficult to kill a member of the younger generation. He was an ancestor, after all.

“Who asked you to kill him?”

Gu Xian'er was a bit anxious at what he said, as with a small look of anticipation, said, **“Ancestor, how about this? Help me by suppressing Gu Change's cultivation base for me...”**

“If he could just be suppressed to the same level as me, no... below me...”

She thought about it carefully.

Even if they were to be at the same level, she still wouldn't be able to beat Gu Changge.

‘That guy is outrageously strong...’

However, Gu Nashan was even more surprised when he heard her words, his eyes narrowing slightly.

‘What?’

‘Shouldn't Gu Xian'er hate Gu Changge to the core?’

‘Did I get it all wrong?’

Upon seeing this scene, the Great Elder on the side merely laughed. He'd obviously expected this turn of events.

After all, he has always paid close attention to the events unfolding within the Ancient Immortal Continent.

Gu Nashan's understanding of the grievances between Gu Xian'er and Gu Changge was incomplete.

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The mountain breeze blew as clouds and mist swirled, creating a remote and serene atmosphere.

As the gentle wind swayed beneath Gu Xian'er's skirt, her eyes shone with a crystal-clear light, giving her a bright and charming appearance.

“If you wish to help me, please suppress his Cultivation Base! Suppressing him to the Conferred Lord Realm will be enough!”

“I want to defeat Gu Changge fair and square.”

She repeated her words to that old peasant of an ancestor.

As she did so, she had a rather cold and solitary look on her delicate face.

From the sides, the Great Elder showed a look of confusion.

Ordinarily, she was a very well-behaved young girl. However, there were times when she displayed a hint of Gu Changge's dark and cheeky nature.

‘She wishes to suppress Gu Changge's cultivation base to a realm lower than hers, and she has the audacity to say that such a match would be “fair and square”?’

‘I'm afraid she's been taking notes from Gu Changge. Where else could she have learnt to say such shameless words so naturally?’

‘If Gu Changge were to hear this, she would be in big trouble, for sure.’

Certainly, if Gu Changge were here right this moment, seeing this same scene, he wouldn't be able to resist the urge to give Gu Xian'er a good spanking.

"Why can't she just cultivate and improve her realm? Why does she always provoke me when there is nothing else to do?" is what he'd probably think in this scenario.

From the looks of it, it would seem Gu Xian'er was itching for a spanking again.

"Suppress his cultivation... why not just kill him and take your revenge in full?"

"If that b***d Gu Changge is threatening you with something, just tell your ancestor. Even he wouldn't dare to be rampant in front of me."**

When he heard Gu Xian'er speak her request so casually...

Gu Nanshan fell silent for a brief moment before he replied, smacking his lips together.

'Is Gu Xian'er afraid of him because Gu Changge threatened her during her training at the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace?'

'That must be why. That was why Gu Xian'er said what she said.'

'After all... this situation is all too wrong!'

'How could such a well-behaved and clever little girl be so frightened by Gu Changge?'

'What's more, it seems like she has no desire to take revenge on him for digging out her bones.'

'Did I hear it wrong?'

"Ancestor, you're overthinking the situation. I presume you weren't properly informed of recent events before coming here, correct?"

Gu Xian'er rolled her eyes a bit when she heard his words.

In her eyes, this ancestor was becoming more and more unreliable.

Deep down, even the Great Elder shook his head.

Although this ancestor of the Gu family was quite formidable, he wouldn't be able to win against Gu Changge so easily.

After all, despite the Great Elder's state of mind, Gu Changge almost got him jumping to his feet in anger.

'This old, yellow-toothed peasant of an ancestor would probably have to try very hard to resist the urge of slapping Gu Changge to death.'

"Oh? Is there something I'm unaware of?" Gu Nanshan asked.

He was puzzled.

'Judging by what I'd seen from Xian'er's behavior so far, she isn't stupid. So why would she say such a thing?'

'Could it be that those unworthy descendants of the Family are really concealing something from me?'

"Ancestor, did you truly not notice anything suspicious regarding what happened?" Gu Xian'er asked, in a rather helpless tone.

"Huh?" At this moment, Gu Nanshan was dumbfounded.

"Something about it is off..."

The way Gu Xian'er looked so sure of herself made him sceptical.

However, one thing for sure is that it wasn't the Gu Family's style to dig up bones and hurt others in the same family to such a degree.

This was precisely the reason why he was so furious when he discovered these events.

In his mind, he began to recall the scenes he'd observed since coming out of the ancestral grounds.

Apart from a number of "strange" clan members, the rest were quite normal.

The current head of the Gu family, Gu Changge's father, looked quite ashamed of the incident, guilty even.

Unfortunately, in Gu Nanshan's fury, he left without asking for further details.

Thanks to Gu Xian'er's urging, he began to understand the situation a bit better.

Obviously, Gu Changge had a reason for digging out Gu Xian'er's Dao Bones.

Over the years, Gu Changge had been acclaimed as a True Immortal, but not on the grounds of Gu Xian'er's Dao Bones.

'So far, Gu Changge's hidden talent seems to be the Void Talent...'

'However, when comparing the power of the Dao Bones and the Void Talent, there is simply no reason to dig up the bones.'

Gu Nanshan's eyes narrowed. With Gu Xian'er's words, he too had begun to find the matter suspicious.

However, how could he – an ancestor – act as if he knew nothing in front of Gu Xian'er?

He coughed and spoke solemnly, **"I didn't expect you to have noticed it too. Originally, I was unsure of how to explain this matter to you, but it seems you've figured it out on your own..."**

That said, he was still very confused regarding this matter.

However, it did not prevent him from maintaining the dignified appearance of a wise and respectable ancestor in front of Gu Xian'er.

When Gu Xian'er heard his words, she couldn't help but nod.

It was exactly as she had thought.

She didn't doubt Gu Nanshan's words.

“Then why did you say such words just now?” She asked with a frown.

Even if no one had told her the truth, she would have investigated it herself.

On top of that, she had other things to do. She wanted to find her parents and grandfather who were missing in some other dimension.

“Ahem, I thought you might find this difficult to accept, which is why I said as much. I take it that you’ve already understood Gu Changge’s good intentions by now, correct?”

Upon hearing her words, Gu Nanshan’s face took on a serious expression as he cleared his throat once more.

In truth, he had no idea what Gu Changge’s true intentions were.

Though these were merely casual remarks, he believed it was a good idea for Gu Changge to resolve the issues he and Gu Xian’er had with one another.

He didn't intend to cause a split in the family, much less a fight between members of the same family.

By saying this, he had come up with a fine excuse for Gu Changge.

Since Gu Xian'er was fine and didn't hate Gu Changge as much as he expected, it would be best if the problems between the two could be resolved.

However, he felt this would be a bit of a disservice to Gu Xian'er.

“Gu Changge had good intentions?” Gu Xian'er asked, stunned.

Her expression showed just how complicated her thoughts had now become.

Over the past period of time, she had come to realize that many things were simple to understand once she thought about them.

It seems that Gu Changge’s intention was to make her hate him all along, using himself as bait to encourage her. But why would he strengthen her to the point of being able to beat, or even kill him?

What was his purpose in sharpening her?

It couldn't be explained by just guilt anymore.

Gu Xian'er felt that she was coming closer and closer to Gu Changge’s biggest secret.

If Gu Changge was here, he would have laughed at the conversation between Gu Nanshan and Gu Xian'er.

The old ancestor was a friendly force!

By mistake, his remarks had done a great service for Gu Changge.

Gu Changge hadn't even sent him his regards yet, and yet Gu Nanshan already did him quite the favour.

“Yes, Gu Changge had good intentions.”

At that moment, Gu Nanshan couldn't help but reveal a knowing smile.

On the side, the Great Elder was dumbfounded, wondering if he'd previously misjudged Gu Changge. 'Was he truly such a good man?'

However, he couldn't figure out how the word "good man" could have the slightest association with Gu Changge.

To have the word "good" be related to him is simply impossible.

'On the other hand, Gu Changge's demonic nature is inherent. Only on certain occasions does he behave normally.'

'It would seem he's not completely evil...'

The Great Elder couldn't help but doubt his prior opinions.

Thus, the two of them led Gu Xian'er out of there, as they all turned into divine rainbows.

The Ancient Immortal Continent would soon be in chaos. With all the Daoist Sects headed there, it would be very dangerous for Gu Xian'er to be left alone and unprotected.

There was no need to continue with the adventure, as it was already over.

No matter what, Gu Xian'er still carried the blood of the Immortal Gu Family, and she was also the Direct Disciple of the Great Elder of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

How could they possibly ignore her at such a time?

The Ancient Immortal Continent was anything but peaceful during this period.

All of the great lineages and major sects had sent their strongest men to suppress the Ancient Immortal Races in order to let their authority be known.

Naturally, the Ancient Immortal Races were furious, and they hated the Tiangou Clan more than anything else for being the culprits behind all this.

If it wasn't for the Tiangou Clan crossing the line, how else could such a thing have happened?

Naturally, many groups also hated Gu Changge to the core, believing him to be the root cause of all this.

In their minds, Gu Changge was the embodiment of evil, using all sorts of despicable means to exploit their interests.

First, he killed Long Teng, the leader of the younger generation of the Ancient Immortal Races. Then, he provoked them and turned the outside world against them, causing a slaughter.

All the while he reaped the benefits.

At the end of the day, he even schemed against the whole of the Ancient Immortal Races, leading to the arrival of the outside Daoist Sects to settle the score.

The cause and effect of what happened were clear as day.

These things would not be possible without Gu Changge.

Many creatures were terrified to the core of their being of this frightening young man.

Yet many of them also hated Gu Changge to the bone, so much so that they wanted to cut him into a thousand cubes and tear him to pieces.

However, for most of the Ancient Immortal Races' older generation, they knew that this was less so about the agreement than it is their desire. The outside world merely wanted an excuse...

And it just so happens that Gu Changge was happy to provide such an excuse for them.

[In the skies above the Ancient Immortal Continent]

Boom!

At the same time, an ancient purple-bronze warship appeared and pressed through, like a floating island that cast a ghastly demonic shadow below.

A group of the Primordial Demon Sect's elites had already arrived.

A middle-aged man shrouded in golden armour stood with his hands behind his back, his radiance dazzling.

"Young Master Changge was attacked with the Tiangou Clan's Sacred Artifact."

"How can this enmity be resolved?"

He indifferently asked as he overlooked the city from afar.

The ancient city ahead resembled a giant feathered man crouching on the ground, giving off a lofty and majestic look.

From afar, it would appear as though the walls weren't that tall.

However, it occupied a large area, and there were strong auras emanating from the city.

'It seems the Tiangou Clan's strongest men have begun to gather.'

Having heard the words of the middle-aged man in golden armour, a bloodcurdling voice rang out from one of the similarly styled warships behind them.

"Until the day we die, we will hunt down their clan!"

"No matter what happens, the whole clan shall be exterminated!"

These mighty voices seemed to drown out the sky with their cries for blood.

As it echoed and was heard from below, the mass of nearby outside cultivators and natives began to drastically change, terrified.

This went especially for the many cultivators of the outside world, their very souls trembling.

The Primordial Demon Sects' powerful and domineering ways were not something that one could hope to face for only a day or two.

And now... this same group had come from the outside world, stopping right outside the Tiangou Clan's territory.

Their purpose was obvious to everyone!

“The Tiangou Clan truly is unfortunate to be targeted by the Primordial Demon Sect. Even if they don't perish, I'm afraid they will have to lose a layer of skin!”

“What a bunch of demonic madmen!”

“After beating the young ones comes a group of the older ones...”

As they watched the scene, many cultivators turned pale and attempted to steer clear.

Even if the Tiangou Clan were in a position to negotiate, it would be useless in front of the Primordial Demon Sect.

No one in the entire Upper Realm would dare mess with Gu Changge and his background.

One had to be extremely careful not to be overheard, if they said even a single unflattering word behind his back.

“We have always been the ones to oppress others; no one has ever dared to oppress us!”

“The Tiangou Clan shall be punished!”

As he said these words, the middle-aged man in golden armor gave a cold smile as he kicked a pale, handsome man of the Tiangou Clan – whose cultivation had been restricted – beside him.

That man was the current heir of the Tiangou Clan, Yu Xuan.

He was also Yu Jing's childhood friend, and the two had grown up together, sharing a close relationship.

However, Yu Jing's death at the hands of Gu Changge made him furious and resentful.

And unfortunately, he couldn't do anything about it.

But now, after he'd heard the words of the middle-aged man in the golden armour, that pent up rage and frustration exploded.

“How dare you all; do you have any idea who I am? Are you trying to start a war with my Tiangou Clan?!”

Yu Xuan shouted. Currently, he was humiliated beyond measure.

He had been out on an expedition, seeking an opportunity for a breakthrough so that he may take revenge on Gu Changge.

But on his way back to the clan, the elites of the Primordial Demon Sect ambushed him. One of his guardians, a being in the Half-Step Sacred Realm, died as soon as the “battle” had begun.

He was then suppressed and thrown onto the ancient purple-bronze warship, as he was made to forcefully accompany the powerful members of the Primordial Demon Sect to the outskirts of his clan.

“There’s no need to be in such a hurry. The show won’t begin until the Young Master arrives.”

“Soon, the Young Master shall send you to accompany your childhood friend, alongside the rest of your clansmen.” The middle-aged man in golden armour sneered.

“You bastards won’t get away with this!” Yu Xuan shouted, his face pale with anger and fear.

The middle-aged man had already predicted what would happen to the Tiangou Clan next.

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[Baiheng Mountain Range]

Rich, immortal light filled the area.

If a cultivator were to arrive at this very moment, they would be shocked to see the land be converted into an immortal paradise.

The aura of the Immortal Dao wafted through both heaven and earth, pure and dazzling enough to give people the impression that they themselves were about to ascend.

[Within the stone chamber]

Yue Mingkong’s body was pure and radiant, her eyes carrying a profound calm and depth, serving only to make her more extraordinary.

Currently, she was busy refining the Immortal Dao runes that flowed from within the chamber.

Her physique had undergone large changes.

Prior to the opening of the gate, she’d only obtained minor benefits by remaining within close proximity.

But now that Gu Changge had opened it, the Immortal Dao Runes began to fall like rain.

Although she was merely guarding it from the outside, she had benefited immensely.

Rumble!

At that moment, in the midst of that stone gate, the rain of light grew hazier, denser.

Within the vast and mysterious realm, a turbulent sound rang out, resembling the sound of a chaotic thunderstorm crackling and descending upon the world.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

When Yue Mingkong took a glance, she saw a figure with a Black Dao Bottle atop his head. He was charred black and in a state of distress, rushing outside.

Behind him closely followed a vast sea of thunder.

A sea of thunder covered the area, as all sorts of strange and terrifying creatures began to emerge, striking out multi-colored thunderbolts with the raise of their hands.

These thunderbolts held might as great and frightening as the mountains, even mixed with a hint of divine power!

Yue Mingkong's heart skipped a beat.

Gu Changge had just broken through to the Sacred Realm. To say she was shocked is an understatement.

'Is this his true cultivation base?'

'Let alone his peers, even the older generation has few who could stand to be his opponent...'

Chapter 177: The Relationship is Not Complicated at All, Adulthood Beauty and Bitter Couples Go Well Together!

Though Mingkong had lived two lifetimes, the sight still managed to shock her.

She'd finally seen a portion of Gu Changge's strength that was always hidden by him .

In secret, his cultivation base had already broken through to the Sacred Realm. Such terrifying speeds defied all common sense. If news of this were to spread, it would undoubtedly cause panic.

It was at this moment she understood the true horrors of the Immortal Devouring Demonic Arts.

This was the reason why chaos erupted in the world every time inheritors of the Immortal Devouring Demonic Arts were born. Countless Daoist sects and lineages will chase them, hunting them down until they are eventually slaughtered.

Such cultivating speed was simply too shocking.

Gu Changge was only in his early twenties, and yet he'd already reached a height that most ordinary cultivators would never achieve.

'To be targeted by Gu Changge must be a nightmare...'

Yue Mingkong suddenly remembered her hopes of taking revenge against him. But now, it was crystal clear that such thoughts were stupid, ridiculous even.

Boom!

The Immortal Road suddenly trembled, as if a terrible earthquake had occurred.

The mountain shook as a multitude of densely packed divine lights began to rush outwards.

"Gu Changge..."

Yue Mingkong's cold eyes narrowed slightly.

In the next instant, she saw a figure in the middle, scorched black with a Black Dao Bottle above his head, rushing towards the exit.

Billions of lightning bolts covered the sky, letting out a ferocious roar as it rumbled and fell behind him.

Boom!

The road shook again, as cracks began to form!

However, the moment the sea of lightning attempted to rush to the outside world, it was blocked by a layer of runes that seemingly rippled at the touch.

The lightning vanished into the void, like snow melting under the sun.

Fortunately, this mighty calamity of thunder and lightning had yet to split Gu Changge in two.

It was his good fortune to devour the Fairy Spirit and have a breakthrough in his cultivation base. However, as a result...

The skies immediately darkened, as a volatile thunderstorm fell. Each strand of lightning was enough to strike down any ordinary Sacred Realm cultivator. If they dared to act carelessly, let alone their bodies, their very souls would be destroyed.

Gu Changge knew that this was caused by the Divine Rules within the Immortal Road, which led to Heavenly Tribulation.

In the present-day Upper Realm, having such breakthroughs would not cause the descent of a Heavenly Tribulation.

Only in the Immortal Period did talented and powerful demons encounter the baptism of the Heavenly Tribulation when having a breakthrough.

That being said, it seems as though this tribulation wanted him dead.

Gu Changge faced a few waves, but he felt that the situation was steadily growing out of hand, so he left. He knew that the subsequent waves would only get stronger, with its power reaching the Great Sacred Realm, perhaps even spiking to the Quasi-Supreme Realm.

Gu Changge knew his strength well, but there was no need to end up half-dead in a place like this.

To get his Cultivation Base to the late stage of the Sacred Realm – a very comfortable stage to be in – in one fell swoop, Gu Changge had to gather up the entirety of the Fairy Spirit.

However, for now, he'd have to hold off on finishing the refinement process.

Currently, his main goal has been fulfilled.

And Gu Changge was very satisfied with the outcome.

But now he had other things to do.

“Pfft...”

Yue Mingkong could not help but let out a pleasant laugh at Gu Changge, who was now scorched black.

This was the first time she'd ever seen the wretched Gu Changge be chased by something.

He looked at her, and he looked at himself, his face as calm as always.

His body began to gently shake as the layer of skin that was scorched black began to break inch by inch!

A layer of clear fragrance surfaced.

His newborn skin was crystal clear, possessing the lustre of immortal jade. 'Even if the world is destroyed and the universe collapses, I shall remain.[1]'

[1.Long Teng's skill description (vitality power)]

Yue Mingkong stared.

Her snow-white face, her pair of eyes that emitted a fire of divine glory, stared unblinkingly at Gu Changge.

"For you to look at me for so long, it's only fair if I look at you as well, no?"

Gu Changge casually spoke, as a smile tugged at the corners of his mouth.

"Fairness?"

Yue Mingkong froze, hurriedly turning her head as she faintly said, **"Th-then, shouldn't you hurry up and put on your clothes?"**

Gu Changge laughed as he asked, **"If you're so fascinated, why not take advantage of it?"**

Yue Mingkong bit down, forcing herself to swallow her words, as she desperately wanted to hide the places her mind had wandered to.

[PR/N: UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAGH!!! SEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEGS!]

Gu Changge soon found a robe and casually dressed himself.

He went outside, muttering to himself...

"The Fairy Gate will close soon. But since I opened it in advance, it'll be harder to open in the future."

He knew that the next time the Fairy Gate opens, those old geezers will come running, engulfing the area in a terrible and bloody storm.

Fortunately, Gu Changge has picked the peaches ahead of time. Even if they did come running, they wouldn't get much.

Other than Yue Mingkong, there was no one else who knew.

"Irrelevant. Additionally, it's not like anyone will know that you opened it," Yue Mingkong replied.

Although her harvest was far inferior to Gu Changge's, she still managed a huge breakthrough in her cultivation, managing to faintly touch upon the peak of the False God Realm.

"Mhm, no one other than you."

Gu Changge said with a smile.

Yue Mingkong was momentarily stunned, 'What does he mean?'

'Is he trying to warn me that, if word gets out, he'll come to find me first?'

"Don't worry, I won't leak any information." Yue Mingkong said.

"Not you, what are you so nervous about?" Gu Changge shook his head as he bluntly replied.

He had quite a headache.

'Mingkong really does a good job at illustrating the saying "Once bitten, twice shy".'

Yue Mingkong has let down her guard, but she still didn't trust him in full.

Fortunately, Gu Changge didn't have any current need to harvest any more Fortune Value and Destiny Points.

Despite having exchanged for more transcendent bones and expanding his Inner World, he still had tens of thousands of remaining Fortune Value and Destiny Points.

'I'm afraid that the next phase of the plan is still needed if I want to complete the system's task.'

His intentions were quite simple.

Generally, women tend to place more weight on emotion than reason.

He had already paved the way; all that's left to do was wait for the next heart-wrenching scene.

On the other hand, Ye Ling was dead. Unfortunately for Ye Ling, he still carried the black pot as the "Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts."

It was time for Gu Changge to consider finding yet another scapegoat.

'I wonder where the next Favored Son is...'

"Oh, and consider this your payment for standing guard. There's no need for doubt, just take it." Gu Changge added, speaking with a natural tone of voice that was neither close nor distant.

As he raised his hand, vague signs of immortal intent emerged. Wisps of immortal aura seemed to fill the area in a brilliant haze, like the rays of the sun.

Yue Mingkong could hardly believe it when she saw it.

"The Fairy Spirit, for you."

[PR/N: Take notes, guys. Don't give flowers, give fairy spirits.]

With those words, Gu Changge sealed the jade jar. Though these were merely leftovers, it wasn't a small amount.

For the current Yue Mingkong, these were obviously more than enough. Even after using them, she would still have plenty left.

Thus, the jade jar fell lightly onto Yue Mingkong's hand.

And with a single step, Gu Changge's robe fluttered as he appeared high in the sky.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, many of his nearby followers – including Yin Mei – appeared in unison.

Gu Changge turned into a divine rainbow as he led them elsewhere.

“Gu Changge...”

Yue Mingkong stood, frozen in place, as she stared at the jade jar in her hands.

She was at a loss for words.

She didn’t expect Gu Changge to give her the Fairy Spirit.

After all, he risked his life to obtain this prize in the Immortal Road.

Each strand was incomparably rare, holding an incalculable value that even a Supreme Realm existence would be moved by.

She couldn’t help but feel frustrated.

Previously, Gu Changge would tease her, referring to himself as her husband. But now, there was a clear distance between the two.

‘This arrangement where we merely remained on good terms with one another...’ Yue Mingkong was in a daze.

It was difficult to get to where they were before, where she pretended to be confused as Gu Changge happily teased her.

‘How good would it have been if I didn’t say those words?’ Yue Mingkong shook her head, as she let out a bitter sigh.

She quickly restrained herself, before packing up the many formations she’d placed.

Then, she left with her group of followers.

After leaving the Baiheng Mountains, Gu Changge rushed to the place where he was before.

He’d already sent a message back to his family. Their people should be already running around the Ancient Immortal Continent at this very moment.

The Gu family was more than happy to annex the Ancient Immortal Races under the guise of righteousness.

Gu Changge has stirred up the water so much that, in his eyes, it would be impossible for the other Daoist Sects to stand idle.

The resources within the Ancient Immortal Continent, alongside the many events that have taken place, were more than enough to alarm the Daoist Sects.

“Greetings, Young Master!”

In the middle of the ruins was a mighty soldier in immortal armour, riding atop an ancient pure-blooded beast whose murderous intent shook the very heavens and cast a chilling aura on the surrounding area.

The soldiers had been waiting here, their horrifying and incomparable killing aura permeating the surroundings. novelusb.com

Each of them was covered in bright immortal armour. These were veterans who have experienced countless battles, their eyes like heavenly swords that seemed to disturb the very air in front of them.

The Invincible Army of the Immortal Gu Family!

Whenever a big conflict or war involving the Immortal Gu Family came about, this team was sent to swiftly resolve the situation.

Their hands were stained with countless blood, as one would expect from one of the sharpest weapons in the Gu Family's arsenal.

For most, it would be impossible for them to use so many of this elite group. However, the situation in the Ancient Immortal Continent proved to be quite exceptional.

They received his orders, and they were merely waiting for his return.

'With this much power in addition to a few of my puppets, I'll be able to clear some of the clans with ease.'

Gu Changge's gaze swept over them, nodding a bit.

Naturally, he knew that an ancestor was among them.

He was from Gu Xian'er's lineage, but that was all he knew.

That said, this figure was an ancestor of the Gu Family, so it would be no problem at all even if they encountered some of the Ancient Immortal Races' powerhouses.

And if the ancestor didn't agree to lend his aid?

Then it matters not. After all, Gu Changge has his ways...

'The Great Elder still owes me a favour as well. I don't think even he would be able to resist coming to the Ancient Immortal Continent...'

'When the time comes and it really doesn't work out, there's still plan B.'

Gu Changge's eyes narrowed. He'd long since planned everything.

He'll start with the Tiangou Clan, a group that was a constant thorn at his side.

In the meantime, he'll knock on the mountain and shake the tiger up a bit by killing the chicken to make an example for the monkeys.

If the other races were smart, they wouldn't want to make the same mistake, and they'll know what to do.

At the same time, the ensuing chaos will create the perfect opportunity for the Black Heavenly Eagle Clan to strike from the shadows.

“Go to the Tiangou Clan.”

Gu Changge gave the order as he indifferently landed on the ancient warship. The vast collection of soldiers flew across the skies with huge and shocking momentum.

At the same time, three figures stood in the sky, observing all of this.

Gu Xian'er, the Great Elder, and Gu Nashan – still dressed like an old yellow-toothed farmer.

“Gu Changge should be headed to the Tiangou Clan.” Gu Xian'er speculated upon noticing the route Gu Changge took.

“Such a heavy heart filled with vengeance and murderous intent. How did he become the Young Master...”

Gu Nashan shook his head, but his face said otherwise.

“Ancestor, the Tiangou Clan was here since the Immortal Period. The agreement was set in stone, and yet they broke it. Do you not care about what happens to Gu Changge?”

Gu Xian'er felt that Gu Changge wanted to crush the Tiangou Clan, despite only having the Invincible Army with him.

‘Wouldn't it be too much?’

“Don't worry, when the time comes, this old ancestor will make his move.”

Upon hearing her concerns, Gu Nashan couldn't help but twitch a bit as he quickly recovered, forcing himself to smile as he replied.

In truth, he wanted Gu Changge to suffer a big loss.

Though he sung his praises in front of Xian'er, he had to consider the long-term for the sake of the family, not to mention resolving the grudge between the two.

Personally, he had no good feelings for Gu Changge.

In fact, he wanted to teach him a lesson for bullying Gu Xian'er.

But Gu Xian'er has spoken, so what could he do?

When the time comes, it would be impossible for him to just watch as the Tiangou Clan's ancestors show up to push around the Gu Family's juniors while he – an ancestor – hides in the dark.

At that moment, Gu Nashan felt like he had encountered a giant pain in the a*s.

‘It feels like I've been scammed...’

The void blurred in front of the three, as they quickly followed.

At this moment, it wasn't just them. The other Daoists who were currently in the Ancient Immortal Continent, and even the Ancient Immortal Races themselves were on high alert.

These days, the outside area of the Tiangou Clan was being swept by multiple instances of divine sense, as many experts inquired about the various goings-on.

Rumble!

However, the number of warships parked in the sky made countless natives and outside cultivators tremble, as their hearts couldn't help but shudder.

The Primordial Divine Sect had been camping here for quite some time.

The Tiangou Clan resolved themselves, doing everything they could to prevent the invasion of the Primordial Divine Sect.

However, the fact was that these people came to their land with the intent of not just killing them, but blackmailing them. This came as a great shock and horror for all onlookers.

Such bold attitude showed that they were worthy of their namesake.

They openly paraded their weapons, boiling with murderous intent as they allowed the other side to wash their necks right after they'd run them through.

The people trembled at their monstrous, demonic nature.

"It is said that the sect is merely waiting for Young Master Change to arrive. Some time ago, the Tiangou Clan used a Sacred-grade Artifact to attack the Young Master with the intent to kill. This matter has incurred the wrath of the Primordial Demon Sect, as they personally sent a large number of elites to join in the slaughter..."

"I believe that the Immortal Gu Family is also furious. There's a group of soldiers clad in immortal armour, who used a void passage to descend to this location. They're here to suppress the clan too!"

"The Tiangou Clan must be scared out of its wits. I doubt anyone would've expected the Primordial Demon Sect to run so rampantly as to blockade them."

"I would be scared too! Even the thought of resistance is futile... the Ancient Immortal Gu Family is one of the most mysterious lineages in the Upper Realm. It's said that they've stood at the top since the Immortal Period, far beyond any other power."

"Their heritage is unfathomable. Even if the battle unfolds and it isn't as deadly as a war between immortals, the aftermath wouldn't be something that people can easily scoff at..."

Among the many peaks and ridges in the distance, a group of cultivators discussed amongst themselves, as they stared at the sky.

Many Young Supremes were among them, such as the Immortal Lake's heir, who watched from a nearby mountain peak with his forces behind him.

In another direction was the heir of the Ancient Immortal Wang Family, Wang Wushuang, who frowned as he pondered the situation.

In another place, the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, with Ye Langtian, Ye Luili, and others.

Everyone was shocked.

The battle held a huge significance.

The Tiangou Clan was, among the Ancient Immortal Races, a large clan that was ranked in the top 15.

Although their clan did not have the privilege of being called “Immortal”, their ancestors once stood at the top of every other race.

They were emperors!

Boom!

At that moment, to the shock of all cultivators and native beings, a radiant spatial channel emerged from the void.

Immortal chants followed, immortal light filling the area.

The sharpness of a heavenly sword, the killing aura of veteran soldiers in full immortal armour as they rode atop fierce and hideous beasts that seemed to flood the world with murderous intent.

“Slaughter them!”

Their bloodlust echoed throughout heaven and earth.

“Young Master!”

The strong figures atop the warships in front of them respectfully shouted in their direction.

Amidst the blurred passage, Gu Changge’s figure appeared.

He stood on a warship with his hands behind his back, his robes fluttering as his indifferent eyes overlooked the Tiangou Clan below.

Behind him were a large group of followers whose murderous auras threatened to overturn the sky itself.

“No need to be so polite.” Gu Changge said, nodding at the group of powerhouses from the Primordial Demon Sect.

This was the sect from his mother’s side.

And the current sect leader was none other than his uncle.

The previous head was, of course, his maternal grandfather.

Compared to his grandfather, his uncle was so dedicated to cultivation he never married and was childless.

That said, he was practically the Young Master of the Primordial Divine Sect as well.

Nothing complicated about this relationship at all.

Why else would the rest of the Young Supremes be so afraid to provoke him? Not only in strength but also in background, they were far inferior to Gu Changge.

When Gu Changge appeared, the heavy aura extended to what seemed like thousands of miles all around.

“Gu Changge!”

“Let go of our young master!”

From within the Tiangou Clan, several figures rushed out, soaring through the sky.

Their wings unfolded, as their fury was made known.

Going by their appearance, they were about the same age as Gu Changge, members of the ever-impulsive younger generation.

They rushed out at once, defying their elders’ orders.

“Let go of their young master?” Gu Changge asked with a sinister smile.

The middle-aged man in golden armour at the side respectfully replied.

“Young Master, that person over there is none other than the heir of the Tiangou Clan, Yu Xuan.”

As he said that, he grabbed Yu Xuan – whose cultivation was sealed – with one hand.

“Gu Changge! I’ll kill you! You’ll pay for what you did to Yu Jing!” Yu Xuan’s angry, unyielding face filled with killing intent stared daggers at Gu Changge, his scarlet eyes practically hissing.

‘If not for my cultivation being sealed, I would’ve killed him hundreds of times by now!’

“And what’s his relationship with Yu Jing?” Gu Changge asked.

“Young Master, they are childhood friends, and they were quite close with one another.” The golden-armoured middle-aged man replied with a bit of a playful smile.

“Oh, I see. In that case, allow this saintly Young Master to help fulfil this poor man’s wishes. I’ll be sure to send the other lovebird to its partner.”

Gu Changge said, his smile never once having left his lips.

“Gu Changge, let go of our heir this instant!”

At that moment, the young natives in front of him roared with anger and killing intent as they rushed toward Gu Changge.

In their hands glowed a Divine Artifact, shining brightly as its terrifying aura surged all around.

“And you plan to stop me with just a few of you and an Artifact?”

Gu Changge chuckled, as he stepped forward, his face unchanged. He raised his hand... and brought it down.

Buzz!

Divine symbols intertwined, as Black and White Qi shone. The symbols stabilized and faded, like a divine disc spinning and crashing through the heavenly sky, as his palm pressed down.

Puff!

Their precious artifact was shattered, blood splattering everywhere.

The Young Geniuses in the False God Realm, along with their weapon, were obliterated on the spot, both their body and spirit destroyed.

“Stupid.”

Gu Change never expected such brainless idiots would show themselves yet again.

The Tiangou Clan was so cowardly that none of the older generations dared to show up themselves.

He was a bit disappointed.

He then raised his palm yet again, as he sent Yu Xuan to accompany his beloved childhood sweetheart.

When all was said and done, one could only pray that this pair of lovebirds would meet once more on the other side.

Chapter 178: Even the Ancestors Take Caution; Let's Test the Waters First!

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Puff!

In the void, blood splashed, its strong scent permeating the surroundings.

No matter how angrily Yu Xuan roared, his appearance and spirit were destroyed on the spot.

Gu Change had personally sent him on his way to accompany his childhood sweetheart.

“Don't worry, your clansmen will come to accompany you in a while.” Despite his light smile, the words he uttered gave everyone a shiver.

By his appearance alone, one could easily judge that he was an extraordinary person. However, his methods were tyrannical and ruthless.

“To cut the grass and remove its roots, not bad.”

Naturally, Gu Nanshan, the Great Elder, and Gu Xian'er – who came from high in the sky – bore witness to this scene.

Gu Nanshan couldn't help but show a pleased smile on his face, as he said, **“This is precisely what I'd hoped to see from the Young Master of my Gu Family. Whoever dares to offend the Gu family shall have their whole family obliterated.”**

Though he said these words, in truth, his heart was disturbed.

The Immortal Gu Family has always done their best to steer clear of such bloody affairs.

However, if someone dared to stroke the tiger's whiskers, they would find themselves struck by lightning.

In his opinion, there was nothing wrong with Gu Changge's methods.

'His indifference and decisiveness is one thing. It's fine for him to be so ruthless, but for him to take the reins of power and rule the Gu family is inadvisable.'

'But in front of Xian'er, do I truly dare say more?'

'I can only pretend to praise Gu Changge and say these things, despite my true feelings lying elsewhere.'

Gu Nanshan was in quite an awkward situation.

"Ancestor is right. These people are responsible for themselves. If it weren't for their extremist actions, how else would things have led to the way they are today?"

"Unfortunately, they fell for Gu Changge's plot. If not for their stupidity, he wouldn't have been able to find an excuse to attack them."

As she heard his reply, Gu Xian'er nodded as she offered her own insights. From her eyes, it was clear that she believed every word of what she said.

After all, she was also attacked by the powerhouse of the Tiangou Clan earlier.

Gu Changge was the one who involved her in this matter, causing her misfortune.

She will be sure to remember this.

Between the sky and earth was an area of dead silence. Even the vast and magnificent city in front of them was in complete silence. No one dared to make a sound.

Gu Changge stood, his hands still raised in the striking gesture from earlier. At this moment, he was like a young immortal emperor, observing the world and overlooking all with indifference.

His powerful methods not only suppressed the entire Tiangou Clan, even those nearby who merely waited and watched felt a chill on their backs.

In front of the whole Tiangou Clan, he slaughtered their descendants.

Among the people surnamed Yu, no one dared to show up.

Such great power made many of the Daoist cultivators tremble, their astonishment growing deeper.

'This is the most powerful person in the younger generation!'

'The one who can overlook an entire clan!'

"Young Master, since they won't come out, should we blast them away?"

The middle-aged man named Lu Yu, from the Primordial Divine Sect, with the Cultivation Base of the Half-Step Sacred Realm respectfully asked.

Today is the day that the Tiangou Clans shall pay. They must either surrender or have their entire clan be wiped.

And resistance? That will only serve to make them die faster.

“A tortoise with a shrunken head is undesirable.”

Gu Changge nodded and chuckled lightly, he was in full control of whether this troublesome clan lived or died.

First, he needed to give the monkey an example. If he kills the chicken in too simple a manner, it would only serve to make things harder for him.

‘At this moment, the Tiangou Clan should be trying to contact the True Dragon Clan, hoping for support.’

‘However, the True Dragon Clan is a terrible choice. They wouldn’t tear face with the outside world so easily. In other words, the True Dragon Clan is testing the waters.’

‘As such, the True Dragon Clan can only delay it, rather than standing up and supporting the Tiangou Clan in the name of justice.’

‘As for the Tiangou Clan, they are caught in the middle. They have no choice.’

‘Either surrender or be reduced to rubble by my family and the Primordial Divine Sect.’

“You have two options: surrender or die. Choose.”

Gu Changge took a step in the void with his hands behind his back, pressuring those below.

He spoke slowly, unflinchingly, as everyone’s soul trembled.

It was at this moment that the rest of the Young Supremes realised it. The gap between Gu Changge and them had widened infinitely.

They were from the same generation, but there could be no comparison in terms of power.

Ye Langtian, Wang Wushuang, and all the others fell into silence.

“Gu Changge, you tyrant! I swear that I won’t let you have your way even if I have to burn my own flesh and blood.”

The Tiangou clansmen burst out with angry voices. Among them, there were several hate-filled figures, all staring at Gu Changge. They wished nothing more than to cut him into pieces!

In the palace gathered several of their elites. Among them was a middle-aged man, in a golden robe. He wore a majestic yet gloomy face, as a purple-gold crown adorned his head.

He was none other than the current patriarch, the reason why the Yu Family was considered to be invincible.

His title alone speaks volumes on his character; his Cultivation Base was in the Great Sacred Realm.

In his eyes, strands of cold light flashed.

“This Gu family’s kid thinks too highly of himself. Does he think nothing of our Tiangou Clan? With such little manpower, he dares? Such foolishness!” As he said this, Yu Wudi's face grew darker.

[PR/N: Why does this sound familiar...]

“If he thinks my clan’s foundation can be uprooted by such a small force, then he underestimates us!”

“Little Xuan!”

Next to him was a devastated old man, the clan elder of the Yu Xuan’s line.

They were left to watch, powerless, as Yu Xuan died in Gu Changge’s hands. They didn’t even dare to show up...

To say they were humiliated was an understatement, their anger boiling as it turned to hate.

Unfortunately, the True Dragon Clan had yet to give them an answer.

Before, they didn't dare to face Gu Changge head-on, even saying they were against the prospect of war.

It simply showed how unfathomable, how unimaginably terrifying the Ancient Immortal Gu Family and the Primordial Divine Sect were.

Unfortunately, this was but the tip of the iceberg, considering how long-lived an ancient behemoth like the Ancient Immortal Gu Family was.

And that wasn’t the end of their problems. The other Daoist Sects and Immortal Families were filled with incomparable hate for them.

“The True Dragon Clan has yet to send a reply. Do they wish to use our clan to test Gu Changge’s methods?! This is nothing more than a blatant conspiracy!” A clan elder spoke up, his expression was chilling, his face full of anger.

The Primordial Divine Sect blockaded their territory for more than two days now, and yet the True Dragon Clan didn’t even lift a finger.

It was clear what the True Dragon Clan’s intentions were.

“Go and ask the ancestor to come out! Without our ancestor, this may very well be our end.” With a heavy face, someone gave a suggestion.

His words were met with unanimous approval.

Soon, one figure with a grave face rushed to the deepest part of the clan. If it were not such a major event, who would dare to invite over their ancestors so casually?

For each clan, their ancestors were their foundation. The moment they are invited outside of their areas, no matter how powerful they are, they are guaranteed to consume their life essence and possibly die of old age.

The Tiangou clansmen bore heavy hearts. They did not expect that there would be such a day when they would face a crisis so great that it would dictate their clan’s life and death.

And all this was brought by a single young man.

“Until flesh and blood are burned? Hahaha! Such determination, I hope that you’ll hold on to it.”

In the high sky outside, Gu Changge had the same light smile on his face as he heard the natives’ words.

As soon as he replied... Gu Changge pointed with his finger!

At the same time, his figure traversed the void, walking forward.

Buzz!

Ripples appeared in the void, followed by a strong crisp sound, as the space shook, and a terrible force appeared.

His fingers were like a supreme sword!

It fell...

The vast amounts of Sword Qi fell, like a star crashing down from the heavens.

The Sword Intent swept across the sky, as the ancient mountains and cities in front of them began to tremble.

“Damn it!”

When they saw this, the Tiangou Clansmen paled.

No one had ever expected that Gu Changge would suddenly make a move. He was too strong. The terrible power of this sword might even be enough for a True God or even a Heavenly God to vanish in an instant.

Such might shocked them.

Although Gu Changge was injured for a while, it was now evidently clear that he had made a full recovery.

Moreover, his Cultivation Base was even greater than before. Perhaps his injured origin was a blessing in disguise, helping him in his breakthrough.

[ED/N: Gu Changge’s protagonist aura, except it was all planned.]

The many Young Supremes were conflicted.

They had already lost heart to compete with Gu Changge.

‘He’s a monster. Only the son of a True Emperor or those dusty Ancient Freaks would be able to stand against him.’

“Die!!”

With Gu Changge taking the lead, the immortal-armoured soldiers of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, and the many powerful men of the Primordial Divine Sect shouted as one. One after the other, their bloodlust shook the sky, directed at the city in front of them.

In an instant, a shocking battle broke out!

Boom!

Many ancient warships descended, runes flickering on top, as a terrifying aura swept the area. Instantly, a few mountains and buildings were reduced to ashes.

Even people from afar could feel the turbulence.

“The war is on! Young Master Changge is simply too strong for him to have the confidence to order a direct attack. Is he really planning to slaughter the entire Tiangou Clan?”

“Such arrogance... he doesn't put the Tiangou Clan in his eyes at all!”

“Where does Gu Changge's confidence come from? For him to destroy the Tiangou Clan, they would have to contend with many of their Supreme-grade Artifacts!”

People in all directions were shocked, as they trembled.

Many people believed that Gu Changge has a strong card he had yet to play.

In other words, there was another considerably strong individual behind him that has yet to appear.

The Sword Qi in the sky was vast, like the starry sky. Only a wisp of Sword Qi was formed from the Sword Intent. However, the Intent it carried was more than enough to split the sun and moon in half.

Such a sharp edge was made possible thanks to Changge's ultimate offensive power, the Gengjin Origin .

Many Tiangou clansmen were suppressed by this vast Sword Qi.

From the ancient warship he stood in, terrifying rays of Qi intertwined into one, like a river of stars had come crashing down all around them.

Boom!

The many ancient formations and runes filled with killing intent erupted all at once, as an audible crack could be heard!

It was as if the universe itself had collapsed.

Across the sacred mountain, the sky shook, the ground broke, and countless ancient trees collapsed.

The other nearby mountains quaked violently as they were reduced to ashes!

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Gu Changge led a group of immortal-armoured soldiers with cold eyes as they entered.

At that moment, he was comparable to a Demon Lord, with a strong temper and many demonic methods to boot. A hazy rain of light appeared as he raised his hand, striking out. The large swathes of people in its path were simply disintegrated.

‘Now might be a good time to drag that guy down here...’

Although Gu Changge was focused on killing the Tiangou Clan, he paid close attention to the sky.

Gu Xian'er's aura!

'Since she's hiding here, the Great Elder and the Ancestor are bound to be there as well.'

Gu Changge had no doubt this was the case.

He wasn't very interested in the Tiangou Clan, anyway. For him, all of this was just so he could send a message to the 'tiger'.

Currently, he was pondering how he could potentially involve the Gu Family's ancestor in this battle.

This was his true goal. For an ancestor to be here, it would imply that the Ancient Immortal Gu Family was serious in this matter.

When that happens, he'll be able to subdue the rest of the clans with intimidation tactics.

Gu Changge also knew that this ancestor was here, not to support him, but to ensure that he would be held accountable for what he did to Gu Xian'er.

Everything was going according to the plan.

The moment that ancestor came to the Ancient Immortal Continent, Gu Changge had already made his plans.

This ancestor certainly wouldn't help Gu Changge without a good reason. In fact, he might very well teach him a lesson.

Naturally, Gu Changge was prepared for such an event.

For those who didn't know of such things, Gu Changge's actions would appear even bolder than they truly were.

With a rumble, the void behind him began to bloom with brilliance.

A vast space opened up.

Golden light surged, as Divine Weapons appeared.

Axes, hooks, and forks, all filled with terrifying murderous intent rushed out.

Divine Armoury!

When Gu Changge unleashed this power, the Divine Weapons rushed out one by one, surging with light as they pierced through everything, slaughtering the many elites of the Tiangou Clan.

His destination? The Tiangou Hall. It was there that he would face the greatest of their leaders.

'This guy, is he planning to break in alone?' Gu Nanshan frowned, as he flew high in the sky.

He noticed that when Gu Changge had a smile at the corners of his mouth when he looked at the sky...

'Why?'

'Does he know I'm here?'

Gu Nanshan understood this junior less and less. But one thing was for certain: Gu Changge's smile carried ill intent.

'Perhaps I'm overthinking it again?' Gu Nanshan was even more puzzled than he was before.

His Cultivation Base was far too higher than Gu Changge's for him to be noticed.

Naturally, Gu Changge didn't notice.

It was only thanks to Gu Xian'er's Dao Bones that Gu Changge could vaguely get a feel for her location.

Gu Changge had finally arrived at the depths of the Tiangou Clan.

The void was filled with dozens of dazzling Divine Weapons. They contained such sharpness that even those in the Heavenly God Realm would be killed in an instant.

Everyone's eyes widened. So many divine weapons, all of which were imbued with Dao Marks, all of them containing tremendous value. And yet, Gu Changge merely threw them away.

To say they were shocked at such a blatant display of wealth is an understatement.

As for the young creatures who stood in his way, they were all crushed.

Puff! Puff!

[In the depths of the Tiangou Clan]

A magnificent city shone, built with large shining pieces of azure stone.

Currently, it was in the midst of collapse, being torn apart by the surging divine lights of the ancient warships. Its walls were unable to hold for even the briefest of moments!

"By the immortals, that damned Gu Changge..."

"Hurry, the ancestor must awaken!"

The two Tiangou clansmen screamed in both horror and despair.

One by one, they instantly burst into pieces, unable to put up any meaningful resistance in front of Gu Changge.

The magnificent city wall resembled a mountain, and the tall tower resembled a heavenly palace.

From the skies descended both the Primordial Divine Sect and the Gu Family's Invincible Army like a torrent!

The city walls continued to shatter, crack, and collapse, as it was reduced to ashes!

[In the depths of the clan palace]

The many leaders of the clan were now in a state of panic.

The city was covered with an endless number of ancient runes that do not belong in this area. Unfortunately, because of the conflict, they were agitated and began to explode.

“There’s still some ways left to go before you hit the Yellow Springs and are left unable to enter the cycle of reincarnation once more. Would you like me to help you along?”

Gu Changge casually spoke. He had come here, alone, with no one behind him.

The war broke out elsewhere, in a very violent and alarming manner.

However, the Tiangou clansmen in front of him paled, staring in horror as they dared not to make a move.

Even the elders at the Half-Step Sacred Realm were the same.

It was too strange!

Obviously, Gu Changge was only at the False God Realm, yet he dared to get in all the way inside?

Was he stupid? No, he had the wit of a demon. He toyed with the Ancient Immortal Races, stringing everyone along.

So why would that same Gu Changge come here alone?

Sweat covered their backs as they became vigilant. After all, Gu Changge may have some sort of powerful means or a trump card.

“You have two options: surrender or die.”

Gu Changge smiled, as he casually repeated his earlier declaration.

He knew that many forces were paying close attention to this area.

“Gu Changge, if you have the means, then just use them! Today-”

A powerhouse of the Tiangou Clan glared at Gu Changge, but before he could finish his words, he was pierced by a wisp of Sword Qi, and his soul was instantly destroyed.

“There’s no need to be shy. In my mercy, I’ve decided to give you a chance. And who knows? I might not be so kind the next time.” Gu Changge's expression remained unchanged.

Slowly, he swept across the frightened Tiangou clansmen in front of him.

From his fingerbones came a terrible Sword Qi, manifesting into a sword that could seemingly destroy the universe itself.

Behind them was the Tiangou Clan hall.

Many of their clans’ leaders were gathered there, including the elders and Patriarch Yu Wudi, alongside others. All of them looked at Gu Changge with gloomy and angry faces, yet no one dared to do anything.

Gu Changge sighed a bit. **“You’ve hunted me down for so long, and now you don’t want to do anything? Such hopeless cowards you are.”**

“Gu Changge, you have done many wicked things, and you are the mastermind behind this mess. With such a villainous heart, there is only one end waiting for you!”

An Elder spoke with incomparable rage, as a terrible glow protected his body, afraid of any sudden moves Gu Changge might make.

“Wicked things? That can’t be right. Your family is the one who wanted me dead so that you could claim credit from the True Dragon Clan. It just so happens that I broke this little game. So how can you blame me?”

Gu Changge calmly spoke in front of them, beings in the Half-Step Sacred Realm and the Sacred Realm.

It seemed as if he didn’t care for the terrifying aura they emitted like it was nothing more than a gentle breeze from the calm seaside.

“What use is there in speaking of matters everyone knows of all too well?”

“You are shameless!”

The elders were immediately angered, irritated by Gu Changge’s attitude. They were almost mad with hatred. Never before had there been a day like today where they wanted to kill a junior so badly.

“Stop! There’s something off about him...” Yu Wudi's expression was as deep as water, as he grabbed the clan elder next to him.

When facing a group of powerful elders in the Sacred Realm, the average cultivator would already be limp on the ground. To talk and laugh as Gu Changge had was simply unthinkable.

The many cultivators outside were practically screaming, as they bore witness to this scene.

It seems that Gu Changge was bolder than they thought!

“Look at you, to have lived and cultivated for hundreds of thousands of years... only to have the courage of a dog. Do you truly not dare to strike at me?”

“At this rate, you may as well just commit suicide. You’d be doing me a huge favour...”

Gu Changge smiled faintly, his eyes falling towards the battlefield in the other direction.

Regardless of whether it was the Primordial Divine Sect or the immortal-armoured soldiers, they were veterans with incredibly high Cultivation Bases.

This “battle” was incredibly one-sided. www.ELUSB.com

The Tiangou Clan has no hope of resistance at all.

“Don't fall for his tricks. Have you forgotten what happened to Yu Jing?”

Gu Changge's words made the clan elders iron-blue from the sheer rage and humiliation that they had to endure. Fortunately, their patriarch was a very sensible individual, stepping in to stop them.

These words were like a basin of cold water pouring on their heads.

They instantly snapped out of it. Their anger dissipated, replaced with a cold feeling that crept up to their spines.

This strategy was familiar.

Gu Changge was baiting them, giving him more excuses to slaughter them.

'His methods are too vicious!'

They felt a cold hand on their backs.

"Cowardice to this point is something I didn't expect." Gu Changge wore a peculiar smile on his mouth.

However, no matter how he ridiculed them, the leaders of the Tiangou Clan were stubborn individuals. Though they were angry, they dared not strike at him.

In truth, Gu Changge himself was surprised. He did all of this to drag his Gu Family's ancestor into the waters, forcing him to take action.

However, Gu Changge never expected the Tiangou Clan to be so fearful that they wouldn't dare do anything to him.

Gu Changge rubbed his brows, as he felt a headache starting to surface.

He showed a helpless look as he simply looked at the sky and directly asked.

In a natural tone of voice, he then said, **"Ancestor, this matter has become dull. Handle it yourself; I will leave it to you."**

As he spoke, his eyes carried a meaningful smile before swiftly returning to normal.

'What?!'

Gu Changge's words weren't imposing, but at this moment, they echoed through the area.

All the outside cultivators and natives were startled, unable to help but stare.

The shock continued for a while.

'What did Gu Changge mean?'

'An ancestor?'

'Could there really be an ancestor of the Gu Family hiding in secret?'

'Is that why Gu Changge was so confident?'

Many cultivators followed Gu Changge's gaze, but there was nothing to be seen.

However, this was an ancestor of the Gu Family, after all. To see nothing was natural.

"Daoist Brother... "

"Ancestor... "

Both the Great Elder and Gu Xian'er, who also hid in the sky, were stunned.

Neither of them expected Gu Changge to have prior arrangements with Gu Nanshan.

No wonder Gu Nanshan had such a cordial and optimistic attitude towards Gu Changge.

Gu Xian'er was a bit startled, as she seriously began to consider the situation. It would seem that this ancestor of her line has a good relationship with Gu Changge.

Otherwise, Gu Changge would not say such a thing.

If they were on opposite sides, Gu Changge shouldn't have said those words.

It would appear that the two were actually in cahoots, something that the ancestor had neglected to tell her.

This only served to strengthen Gu Xian'er's suspicions.

'Gu Changge is definitely hiding something!'

'This abominable junior..'

The dry smoke in Gu Nanshan's mouth fell out. He was stunned.

He didn't expect Gu Changge to know of his exact location, let alone say something so easily misunderstood.

He had never met Gu Changge before, having barely encountered him, let alone spoken to him.

He was completely taken aback by Gu Changge's words.

Who knew that Gu Changge would suddenly say something like that?

'I've been had!'

[PR/N: He got gotten!]

Gu Nanshan's expression was as black as coal, as thoughts of giving Gu Changge a good beating rose in his mind.

Unfortunately, it just so happens that he had no choice but to show up!

Chapter 179: My Ancient Immortal Gu Family is Retribution Itself; Plotted Until One Can no Longer Differentiate North from South!

Demonic Translation

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The instant Gu Changge's words fell, Gu Nanshan's figure emerged.

The nearby cultivators were all filled with shocked and disbelieving expressions.

Buzz!

With a single step, he vanished from the sky and appeared beside Gu Changge in an instant.

Similar to before, he was hunched over, dressed in tattered clothes, had a dark face, yellow teeth, and carried a cracked cleaver on his wrist.

The old peasant's appearance made everyone's eyes drop to the ground. Was this truly the mysterious ancestor of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family?

Numerous powerful figures from the various Daoist Sects and Families were staring at Gu Nanshan, unable to believe this was real.

This was a far cry from the image they had in their minds of a great man. It wasn't even close.

"I greet the ancestor." Even Gu Changge himself was a bit surprised. Regardless, he quickly put on a warm smile and said.

Judging from his aura, he was indeed the Gu Family's ancestor, making him able to put his mind at ease.

Even if the ancestor was mad with rage at such a blatant trick, he wouldn't dare act out right now.

After all, the Gu Family's personal affairs and secrets were at stake.

The older the existence, the greater the importance they attach to such matters. Thus, in favour of the bigger picture, this ancestor would tolerate him.

And that's precisely what Gu Changge was betting on.

Initially, he wanted to draw the Tiangou Clan's hatred, goading them to attack him and forcing this ancestor to show himself.

Not only that, but Gu Xian'er was still confused. At this point, revenge for having her bones dug out should be the farthest thing in her mind.

Back then, the driving force behind her cultivation was because of her hatred for Gu Changge. She wanted to defeat him and take back everything that was taken from her.

However, now, the driving force behind her cultivation has become her search for the "hidden truth" regarding Gu Changge.

Gu Changge knows this. Furthermore, there's hardly a "life-and-death crisis" she found herself in where Gu Changge didn't save her.

Either way, the old ancestor would be taken out of the picture and forced to step in, becoming Gu Changge's tool to deter all the Major Clans.

However, the Tiangou Clan had disappointed him too much.

None of them dared to strike at him.

Gu Changge had no choice but to come up with an alternative plan to force the ancestor out of hiding.

In this way, Gu Changge's methods could be considered ruthless and precise, firmly grasping the entirety of the Gu Family's ancestor.

As for offending the ancestor?

Gu Changge didn't even bother.

He didn't expect the ancestor to be a benevolent figure in the first place.

“Impressive.”

Gu Nashan put on a warm smile, as he nodded his head in reply.

However, in reality, he couldn't wait to slap this unworthy descendant to death.

Gu Changge had skillfully dealt with his ancestor.

Gu Nashan had no intentions of making a move, even if he did, it would only be at the most critical moment

How else could he save face as an ancestor?

Going by this alone, Gu Nashan had personally confirmed Gu Changge's bold and decisive character.

'To dare scheme against his own ancestor... is there anything in this world he wouldn't dare do?'

“Ancestor is too kind. In the end, this Changge only did as he was told.”

Gu Changge naturally caught on. That phrase alone was enough to reveal the ancestor's strong dissatisfaction.

But.... does he really care?

Moreover, Gu Changge put the blame for everything on Gu Nanshan's head. n0velU**sb**.c0m

He didn't bat an eye as he said this, a sign of his skill and familiarity with such tactics, causing Gu Nashan's smile to freeze.

He was an ancestor who, at the very least, had lived for countless years.

“As the Young Master of my Ancient Immortal Gu Family, you must naturally behave like one. The Tiangou Clan has courted death! And from today onwards, their existence will no longer be required.”

Gu Nanshan spoke slowly, his voice carrying a cold murderous intent.

“Indeed. Without the backing of my ancestor, how could I have ever dared to do such a thing?” Gu Changge smiled a bit, with a look that said 'And what are you gonna do about it?'

From an outsider's point of view, it appeared as if the Gu Family's ancestor was praising a junior he admired, and the two of them were talking freely, appearing to be in a harmonious relationship.

It even made many people envious!

This was what they imagined the Ancient Immortal Gu Family to be, clever yet respectful descendants, accompanied by kind and strong ancestors.

“How strange...” high in the sky, Gu Xian'er couldn't help but mumble, as she averted her eyes from Gu Changge's face.

He was smiling so warmly, and yet one look was enough to inform her that he had no good intentions.

“I knew this was a trick! Gu Changge is cunning. There really is a stronger figure behind him!” At the front of the Tiangou Clan Hall, Yu Wudi spoke with a sigh of relief, yet his eyes still carried their vigilance.

By just the sudden appearance of the Gu Family's ancestor, he felt the profound vastness of the universe.

His heart palpitated at the power his opponent held, not even daring to look him in the eye.

"Patriarch, unless the ancestor awakens, our clan will surely perish today! The Gu Family even sent out their ancestor..." As they said this, some of the clan elders' voices started trembling.

They all felt a frightening aura emanating from Gu Nanshan.

They knew it would be impossible to face even a wisp of Gu Nashan's Qi, let alone Gu Nashan himself.

"I shall leave it to you then, ancestor. If Changge stays here, it will only cause you trouble."

"I will take my leave first."

With a light smile, Gu Changge left without even waiting for Gu Nashan's reply.

As he took a step backwards, the void blurred as he instantly disappeared.

His purpose had already been achieved, so he naturally had to find a place to watch the show and wait to reap the benefits of the battle.

'Teach me a lesson?' Gu Changge couldn't help but sneer in his heart, as he pitted this ancestor of his against the others.

"You..." Having heard his words, Gu Nashan's beard nearly stood in anger.

However, in front of everyone, he had no choice but to suppress it. Silently, he vowed to settle the score with Gu Changge after this was done.

'What a b*****d!'

Nobody had ever dared to scheme against him in such a manner before. And for it to be done so blatantly!

"Where is your ancestor? Tell him to come out and accept his death."

As soon as Gu Nanshan stepped out, a terrifying aura rose up, one that could cause the heavens and earth to change as the universe crumbled

"So strong!"

"This aura, I'm afraid it has already surpassed the Supreme Realm..."

At this moment, no matter whether it was the mighty beings of the Tiangou Clan or the many cultivators and creatures watching nearby, all of them turned pale.

The vast turbulent ocean seemed to drown out the very world, as they suffocated.

To think this was only a hint of the Gu Family's ancestor's might!

'Just how strong is he?'

"Go and ask our ancestor for help!" Yu Wudi instantly fell to the ground, his body and soul trembling.

He himself was also an incredibly powerful Saint[1]. However, at this moment, he was no different than a puny ant.

[1. Sacred-Realm existence.]

The rest of the clan elders were even worse. They were now so pale that they weren't even able to speak.

“Hmm? Finally showed up?”

Gu Nanshan had an unpleasant look on his face. It looked like he was about to take his anger for Gu Changge out on the Tiangou Clan.

At that moment, deep in their land, a golden sun rose, as a terrifying being awakened. The light was so dazzling that people couldn't open their eyes.

From it emerged a gigantic being with two wings on its back.

It emitted the pressure of the Quasi-Supreme Realm, before transforming into a seemingly young being.

The light was glowing ominously as it shone brightly in front of him.

“We greet our ancestor!”

All the creatures of the Tiangou Clan shouted, thrilled and exhilarated.

Their ancestor, too, had awakened!

‘A Quasi-Supreme being, at the third stage at least.’

‘However, can such a being truly be a match for the ancestor who came from my family?’

After having left the area, Gu Changge was now in a collapsed hall, casually observing the situation with his hands behind his back.

He couldn't help but nod, having already foreseen the outcome of the “battle”.

If nothing else, each of the Gu Family's ancestors was formidable, carrying ludicrous amounts of strength.

Even the various Daoist Sects and Families acknowledge this to be a universal truth.

“Hmph, for the Ancient Immortal Gu Family to be so overbearing, are they not afraid of retribution?”

The ancestor of the Tiangou Clan stood in the sky, his face hazy as the wisps of mist floated around.

He knew how difficult an opponent Gu Nanshan would be since he couldn't see through his cultivation. However, that didn't stop him from speaking in a deep voice.

As soon as he had awakened, he had already understood the circumstances surrounding the incident.

He was furious at Gu Changge's actions.

However, the immediate task at hand was to drive away the Gu Family ancestor in front of him.

“Retribution? My Ancient Immortal Gu Family is your retribution!” Gu Nanshan revealed his yellow teeth as he spat out words that sent a chill down everyone's spine, making them feel an imposing sense of dread.

“Despicable!”

The ancestor of the Tiangou Clan struck out. He carried an extremely powerful aura, his cultivation base being at the third stage of the Quasi-Supreme Realm.

He charged forward with the intent to kill, turning the heavens and the earth upside down.

At the same time, he opened his mouth and spat out a golden sword, no more than a foot long. It had an overflowing brilliance that manifested into a stream of light.

The sword was crafted from the teeth of an unknown being, its surface appearing to be golden and indestructible.

Since its creation in the Immortal Period, it has been used to this day, and its invincibility is such that it can easily cut through entire minor worlds.

The terrifying sight caused everyone's expressions to go through a sudden, dramatic change as even their very souls trembled.

In today's day and age, who could say that they had caught sight of a Quasi-Supreme engaging in a fight?

“Ugh...” the Great Elder shook his head as if he didn't want to watch.

Gu Xian'er was confused, **“What's wrong, Master? Isn't the ancestor strong?”**

“No, not strong.” He shook his head again, as he added. **“He is exceptionally strong.”**

“Oh, I see!”

As the Great Elder spoke, one could see Gu Nanshan's indifferent expression, as he swung his fist, striking the sword without any concern.

Boom!

The divine golden sword trembled, and runes flashed as a horrific wave echoed before it cracked, bursting into pieces!

“The Ancient Immortal Gu Family is retribution! What don't you understand?”

Gu Nanshan spoke with indifference as he slammed down his fist, a fist so terrible it looked as though it could break through the river of time itself!

From all directions, one could see immortal corpses littering the ground as a sea of blood began to rise!

The fist of light shone brightly on all, causing the entirety of heaven and earth to stir.

“How...”

The Tiangou Clan's ancestor face changed drastically. Shock, horror, disbelief, and perhaps even despair was written on his face.

“No!”

He shouted. He knew that his cultivation base was inferior, but he'd never expected this unimpressive-looking ancestor of the Gu Family had surpassed him by so much.

There was no contest here!

Puff!

Blood spurted, vapourized clean under his fist, as even his spirit was reduced to ash.

Hiss!

As they watched the scene, all the cultivators in the area were horrified beyond measure, as they took in deep breaths of the cold mountain air.

‘A single fist had slain the Tiangou Clan’s ancestor? Did I see it correctly?’

‘How could this be?’

‘Just how powerful is this ancestor of the Gu Family?’

The Tiangou clansmen couldn’t help but feel their scalps go numb, as their bodies trembled.

At that moment, they froze, completely and utterly dumbfounded.

“Humph!” [PR/N: Gu Nanshan a tsundere? You are welcome for this cursed mental image.]

Gu Nanshan, somewhat satisfied with the situation he had created, snorted coldly. His anger had faded just a little.

It was then that he glanced at Gu Changge. Unexpectedly, he found the youngster completely unsurprised. Instead, he looked at him with a smirk.

‘This b****d, is he trying to provoke me?’

When he saw this, the anger in Gu Nanshan's heart rose up once more.

Then, amidst everyone's shock and horror, he disappeared in an instant and charged towards the depths of the Tiangou Clan.

He needed to vent his anger. [TL/N: AMOGUS?!]

The terrifying aura that awakened there rapidly dissipated, like a wave crashing against the shore. It was yet another ancestor of the Tiangou Clan.

He had never expected to see such a terrifying sight as soon as he awakened. His whole body went cold, and his mind was bursting at the seams, as he considered playing dead.

“These descendants, they're taking advantage of their ancestors!”

When he saw Gu Nanshan approaching, he didn't hesitate at all. His soul trembled so much that it threatened to collapse. He quickly morphed into a black shadow and tried to flee.

A Quasi-Supreme being trying to escape?

Who could possibly catch up to him?

Gu Nanshan was already in a state of anger, but when he saw that the ungrateful b*****d had the audacity to escape instead of waiting for his death...

He became even more furious.

He stepped forward, his movement had reduced the distance to mere inches, as he quickly gave chase. He emitted a domineering pressure that seemed to cover the heavens and earth.

All the cultivators and creatures looked like they had been dragged out of the water, their bodies covered in cold sweat, and their faces completely pale with fear.

All around the mountain peak, the Young Supremes of the various Daoist Sects and Families felt a shiver in their souls.

A Quasi-Supreme being was considered invincible in their eyes. Such a being was capable of sweeping the entire Ancient Immortal Continent, only to be killed with a single blow from the Gu Family's ancestor.

The shock of the scene was simply too great to handle.

Even now, their heads were still buzzing with fear as they felt rooted in place.

"How terrifying is the Ancient Immortal Gu Family..."

"Their heritage truly is unimaginable for them to have produced an ancestor of this level."

"Rumour has it that the Ancient Immortal Gu Family is full of nothing but formidable ancestors. Even they themselves don't know how many of their ancestors are buried in their ancestral grounds."

Previously, many cultivators believed this to be nothing more than a joke.

But now, they were forced to contemplate the truth of the matter.

A powerful clan such as the Tiangou Clan, which had been around since the Immortal Period, and had survived to this day, had ancestors who were in the Quasi-Supreme Realm.

And yet, in front of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, there was not even the slightest hope of resistance.

"I knew I shouldn't have let him in, the Ancient Immortal Races here aren't the same as the one that flourished back then. How could they possibly stand up to..." the Grand Elder watched the scene with a headache, having already seen the outcome.

"The ancestor is that strong?" Gu Xian'er's mouth had a slight opening, as she was dumbfounded by the idea.

She had never considered her unimpressive ancestor to be such a formidable figure!

To kill a Quasi-Supreme being with a single blow meant he could be compared to her masters.

"If you knew, then why did you do it anyway?"

At that moment, Gu Changge reappeared, followed by the sound of his remarks.

He stood in front of the desperate, horrified, and devastated Tiangou Clan. Naturally, he spoke with a smile.

Gu Nanshan had so “kindly” helped him solve the main issue and, with this battle, had shaken up the rest of the clan.

Naturally, it was time for him to show up and reap his share of the benefits.

“Gu Changge, you...” Yu Wudi tried to speak, his face pale with fear, no longer having the calm and collected demeanour befitting of his previous role as a clan leader.

The rest of the clan elders were also pale, trembling even. Not one of them dared to open their mouths.

In that moment, in their eyes, Gu Changge was no different from the old peasant-like Supreme Realm powerhouse from earlier.

He could determine their life and death at will.

Today, even their ancestors were so easily killed that they couldn't even resist.

So what could they, the descendants, do? Besides, the True Dragon Clan had already abandoned them!

“Do you remember what I said before?” Gu Changge smiled, his robe fluttering, appearing as elegant as a jade, transcending the mundane.

“I remember.” As if catching a glimmer of light in the darkness, Yu Wudi quickly nodded his head and said.

The rest of the Tiangou Clansmen now also carried hope in their eyes.

Thanks to Gu Changge’s words, their hope for survival was reignited.

They didn't want to die.

Even ants want to live, let alone living beings and cultivators.

“Remember, I said I would give you two choices, either submit or die.” Gu Changge still smiled, yet at this moment, everyone could see a frightening chill in his eyes.

“We choose to submit, to be slaves and servants, and to be commanded by Young Master Changge, without hesitation!”

Hearing these words, the group of Tiangou Clan elders rejoiced in their hearts. They immediately answered, having already been scared out of their wits by what they had just seen. They knew nothing good would come from defying Gu Changge.

“Yes, however, before that, you must do one thing.”

Gu Changge casually spoke, his expression unchanged as though this were a trivial matter.

“You must submit a letter of submission to me.”

“It's not too much of a task, right?”

His smile grew deeper, carrying a sense of amusement.

“What!?”

All of the Tiangou clansmen froze in shock, feeling a frightening chill behind Gu Changge's deep malice.

Naturally, this declaration of submission was meant to make them kill each other!

What a vicious ploy. If they did such a thing, the shame would be deeply engraved in their bloodline, never to be lifted.

Not only them, even the other cultivators nearby shuddered, silently vowing to never provoke Gu Changge in the future.

On the surface, he was a transcendent immortal. However, his methods were so ruthless and cruel that it frightened them!

‘Gu Changge's methods are as ruthless as ever, showing no mercy to his enemies.’

Secretly, Gu Xian'er rejoiced. Compared to his enemies, Gu Changge had actually treated her very well. Otherwise, she would have continued treating him with the same murderous and hateful attitude she had at the beginning.

The thought of his offer sent shivers down their spines.

The Tiangou Clan thought well of themselves, but now they had to admit defeat? What did they do to deserve this?

Gu Changge never considered himself to be a soft-hearted person.

He took advantage of this incident to deter the entire Ancient Immortal Races and let everyone know that from today onwards, he was in charge of the Ancient Immortal Continent!

Immediately after Gu Changge's words, the Tiangou Clan was plunged into chaos.

Some of them had red eyes and fierce faces, cursing at Gu Changge and wanting to kill him, preferring to die rather than give in.

But in the end, Gu Changge slapped them to death with one hand.

However, many of the Tiangou Clan members chose to live, not wishing to die in such a miserable and humiliating manner.

Under the oppression of the Primordial Divine Sect and the immortal-armoured soldiers, all the Tiangou Clan who surrendered had survived, while those who chose to resist were executed.

The humiliation of this day would be enough to make the remaining Tiangou Clansmen unable to hold their heads up for the rest of their lives. They will never be able to face the people again.

Soon, the news of what had transpired on this day spread to the outside world, to all parts of the Ancient Immortal Continent. It caused a massive wave that left no clan undisturbed.

Many of the Ancient Immortal Races froze when they heard the news.

The Tiangou Clan, with their vast and ancient heritage, would inevitably disintegrate and fall apart after today's events.

They were reduced to mere slaves of Gu Changge, serving him for eternity, to forever be at his disposal.

Amidst this war, the mysterious ancestor from the Gu Family had become the centre of discussion for many cultivators. His strength and the strength of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family had shocked countless cultivators.

The strength and overwhelming dominance of the Primordial Divine Sect and the fearsome strength of the Gu Family's immortal-armoured soldiers sparked great debate during this battle.

The passage between the Ancient Immortal Continent and the outside world was opened by the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace under great pressure.

At last, the curtain came down on the younger generation's adventure. However, the Ancient Immortal Continent was still in a state of turmoil.

Various Daoist Sects and Families continued to descend on the land to compete for its resources.

The Dragon Island, where the True Dragon Clan is located, was closed off. There, one could see a divine light shining, as a defensive array was activated. The sound of a dragon's roar shook the world and drew the attention of many cultivators.

No one knew what the True Dragon Clan was up to.

And soon, several days passed.

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[Deep within the Baiheng Mountain Range]

On that day, a bright immortal light suddenly appeared, reflecting on the dome of the sky. Immortal melodies spread, as if to announce the arrival of an immortal.

At once, many powerful figures were startled by the phenomenon.

In the midst of the phenomenon, an Ancient Immortal emerged, sitting in a lotus position, chanting scriptures that contained boundless mysteries.

Numerous older figures rushed to the place, and after examining it for a while, they discovered something astonishing.

“A Fairy Gate has appeared! It may carry a path to immortality within!”

When this news spread, it instantly shocked the entire Ancient Immortal Continent, even the Immeasurable Heavens outside. A horrifying frenzy came upon them.

Immortal!

The word “Immortal” had an extraordinary meaning throughout the entire Upper Realm, and anything that could be associated with an Immortal was not simple, let alone becoming immortal yourself.

In a flash, the Ancient Immortal Continent was once again flooded with many terrifying powerhouses.

This didn't have the slightest effect on Gu Changge, who had already finished his plans for the Tiangou Clan. Now, he was making plans for the entirety of the Ancient Immortal Continent.

He couldn't help but sneer, 'I've already taken everything of value there. Even if it's now wide open, what else can they possibly find?'

At that moment, Gu Changge was already leading his followers to leave the Ancient Immortal Continent and return to the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

After all, the passage between the two places had been completely opened, and the Ancient Immortal Continent was now basically his backyard that he could enter at any time.

He had to start preparing for his next move, and he had to find a way to make the most out of Gu Nanshan's deterrence.

At the same time, Gu Changge had to consider how to deal with Gu Nanshan's anger.

It's great to be able to rely on an ancestor.

However, said ancestor was itching to teach him a lesson.

Soon, Gu Changge came up with a solution, targeting Gu Xian'er.

Chapter 180: Uselessly Declining the Emotions Sent in Goodwill; Beginning My Plans for Gu Xianer Once More!

Demonic Translations

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After all, Gu Xian'er was a Favoured Daughter of Heaven, backed by – not one – but two overpowered protagonist tropes. Whether it was the Peach Tree in the Peach Village or her other masters, they were nothing to scoff at.

From the beginning, Gu Changge never intended to kill Gu Xian'er but to control her. To achieve this, he would have to arrange quite a few things

And, thanks to a bit of "good guidance", this naive girl had now fallen into his clutches... it won't be long before he would be rewarded for his hard work.

Thus, Gu Changge was quite sure that the current Gu Xian'er does not have any intention to kill him.

At best, she would vent her anger by retaliating at every opportunity she gets to recover the losses she suffered at his hands.

Gu Changge was not interested in petty revenge stories, so he suppressed her.

And besides, going by the ancestor's attitude towards Gu Xian'er, Gu Changge knew that he could use the ancestor's guilt for what happened to Gu Xian'er to make him cooperate.

In truth, Gu Changge had a very simple plan.

Gu Nashan, as the ancestor of Gu Xian'er's line, would definitely not want to see his branch family decline.

And Gu Changge's current actions were in the interests of the whole family, so he shouldn't encounter any issues on that front. In fact, he's sure to win the praise of several elders.

And the reason?

The Ancient Immortal Continent was a large, delicious pie. And thanks to Gu Changge's actions, the Gu Family attained the largest piece of it.

When compared with the rest of the younger generation, Gu Changge's schemes alone were quite impressive. So they will come to understand that, in his hands, the Gu Family would not only go downhill as they originally thought. On the contrary, it will flourish and reach even greater heights.

And with the current situation, the first thing that Gu Nashan would need to do, to teach Gu Changge a lesson, was to find a secluded area.

Currently, Gu Xian'er possesses a very awkward identity. She was the young princess of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family. However, no one dared to acknowledge her for the fear of offending Gu Changge and the main family branch.

Gu Changge's status covered the Gu Family like the sky. Those who wanted to seek justice for Gu Xian'er's branch family did not dare to speak for fear of him.

Additionally, in the end, it was Gu Xian'er who dealt the final killing blow to the Sea King Palace's Seventh Princess. So they can't even blame him for this incident.

As of this moment, however, Gu Changge had other matters to deal with.

'The True Dragon Clan is the most difficult bone to chew; they're quite the nuisance...'

'What a wonderful opportunity!'

Gu Changge's eyes narrowed.

Rumble!

Soon, multiple majestic auras descended into the Ancient Immortal Continent, soaring across the skies as they shook the heavens. This attracted the attention of many elders and disciples of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

The ancient, gigantic purple-copper warship emitted an ancient and powerful aura as it rested on the Supreme Peak.

"We greet the Young Master!"

Several of the Primordial Divine Sects' elites gathered, with respect written on their faces.

Gu Changge gave a slight nod, telling them to settle down and rest at the Supreme Peak.

The rest of the great sects' elites were stationed at the Mountain Gate of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace.

Such an act could be called a provocation.

However, no one in the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace dared to say a word against it.

Gu Changge's power had reached an unprecedented peak.

"How are things going?" Gu Changge asked.

"Young Master, the issue regarding the remnants of the Tiangou Clan that were scattered across the continent has been resolved." The group of elites from the Primordial Divine Sect replied respectfully.

They were ordered to head to the Immeasurable Heavens as quickly as they could. From there, they would follow Gu Changge's orders and help him resolve the issues within the Ancient Immortal Continent.

The Tiangou Clan was the first to bear the brunt of this assault. However, there were still many clansmen scattered throughout the continent, even after the clan itself had fallen.

"Very good."

Gu Changge nodded his head, satisfied. He adhered to his principle of cutting off the grass at its roots. Naturally, he never had any intentions of letting them go.

And now that he had deterred the entire Ancient Immortal Continent, he no longer needed to use this group of elites from the Primordial Divine Sect.

They'll be stationed here, at the Supreme Peak, where they could be readily dispatched at any time. Otherwise, they might cause unnecessary trouble.

Just as these people returned, in the distance, a large number of sounds could be heard from the sky. Like the gallop of a thousand armies that rushed through heaven and earth with the intent to kill.

The Gu Family's immortal-armoured soldiers had also returned to the Supreme Peak.

"Good work." When he looked at them, Gu Changge couldn't help but smile when he spoke.

"We follow the young master wherever he leads."

"And when the day comes that the Young Master truly takes the charge of the family, we will tread through the sea and fire for the future prosperity of the Gu Family."

[TL/N: "Great job!" "Thanks, I'll be there when you get promoted." Bro, what?]

The sky was filled with immortal light as one of the soldier's great voices echoed.

Their collective murderous aura shook the sky, before quickly receding.

This killing intent was so strong that it lingered in the air even after they had left. Many disciples situated at the other peaks were stunned by this.

Gu Changge stood at his Supreme Peak, watching them leave with a puzzled expression on his face.

'An incredible force...'

Unfortunately, the day when he could fully control and command these soldiers had not yet come.

Usually, they were scattered across the realms, killing and cultivating.

The only time they would use the spatial channels and rush here was when they were summoned by the Gu Family.

Currently, they were dispatched to follow Gu Changge's orders and conquer the Tiangou Clan, and purge the forces who dared to offend the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.

Once this mission is completed, they will leave.

Unless Gu Changge were to officially become the family head, he would not be qualified to control this powerful and horrifying force.

It could be said that this was a one-time exception.

After all, the rest of the Daoist Sects and Families were also eyeing the Ancient Immortal Continent. The Ancient Immortal Gu Family's crusade against the Tiangou Clan was a hot topic amongst them. Was there really any need to say anymore?

As for the rest?

They have no excuse to send their elites to the Ancient Immortal Continent since they had announced that they only wanted to protect their descendants.

Otherwise, those descendants would get crippled or even perish.

However, the Ancient Immortal Races were not stupid.

After watching the Tiangou Clan getting suppressed and subdued by Gu Changge, it was very unlikely that they would return to their old ways.

Like a turtle retreating into its shell, they dared not leave their clans for the fear that they might provoke "someone".

They reacted very quickly regarding this matter, leaving the Daoist forces helpless, as they were now unable to find any excuses to attack them.

Even in this world, there was a silver lining: everyone likes rationality.

Otherwise, one of those powerful clans would have likely tried a counterattack. Such an event would not be conducive to their long-term stability.

That was, of course, unless they were strong enough to take on the entirety of the Daoist Sects by themselves.

But if that were the case, then why stop there? Why not dominate the entire Upper Realm?

"Young Master, how did things go?" The Supreme Peak was quiet until a clear and cold voice rang out from within the void.

Yan Ji's figure appeared, her clear and picturesque features were cold yet charming.

[TL/N: Mommy? Sor-]

She was cultivating at the Supreme Peak all this time, awaiting Gu Changge's return.

Gu Changge did not take her with him during the trip to the Ancient Immortal Continent, and she was instructed to seclude herself, concealing her whereabouts.

"They went well." Gu Changge smiled, before remembering something. He then gave her new instructions, **"I happen to have a matter here that requires your attention."**

"Please give the order, Young Master." Yan Ji replied with doubt in her gaze.

She hadn't seen him for a while, and she began to see through him less and less. Back then, she could feel a slight sense of danger from him.

But now, she couldn't sense anything anymore. It was like facing a vast sea in a state of deep calm.

This didn't necessarily mean that she grew stronger, nor did it mean that Gu Changge grew weaker.

Rather, it means that Gu Changge has attained even more power, becoming far more terrifying.

Yan Ji's heart could only sigh. Such talent was a rarity no matter when one looked, he truly was worthy of being called her master.

"It's nothing major. I just need someone to help me find a few people who have vanished on a world in a different realm for more than 10 years." Gu Changge said with a slight smile.

At the same time, a flash of light swept across the palm of his hand. He bought a few Boundary Breaking Talismans from the system mall, handing them to Yan Ji.

"You're looking for someone?" Yan Ji was confused but did not ask much. As a mere follower, it would be improper for her to know too much.

"Yes, a few people. I'll have someone gather their information and hand it to you later. If you encounter any danger in that realm, it's best that you escape first. I would be greatly saddened if you were to lose your life."

Gu Changge smiled, his words revealing his sincerity as well as his worry for Yan Ji.

"Don't worry; I'll be careful." A warm current flowed through Yan Ji's heart, obviously touched by Gu Changge's worry.

The Boundary Breaking Talisman was something that was many times more precious than the Domain Traversing Talisman.

In the lower realms, the Boundary Breaking Talismans can be considered a divine object that can forcefully destroy space barriers and escape critical situations.

It was these same talismans that Gu Changge brought out for her to use, leaving her with a method by which she could save her life.

Of course, Yan Ji was very confident in her own strength, considering that she was in the Great Sacred Realm.

In her opinion, Gu Changge did this because he was worried about her safety and wanted to give her a little more protection.

With this observation alone, Yan Ji could feel his sincerity.

Of course, unknown to Yan Ji, Gu Changge gave her these talismans because he believed that this trip would be an extremely dangerous one.

Although Yan Ji was strong, even she was not unassailable.

After all, the person he was looking for was none other than Gu Xian'er's parents and grandfather.

From the beginning, Gu Xian'er's grandfather was trapped in a realm and had difficulty breaking free.

Gu Xian'er's parents rushed to support him with several of their clan members in tow, but they too disappeared, leaving Gu Xian'er with a few family members.

And so, the former Gu Changge took this opportunity to mercilessly attack Gu Xian'er and dig up her Dao Bones.

However, from the current Gu Changge's point of view, there should be no problems.

Taking into account Gu Xian'er's terrible luck[1], it's highly likely that her parents and grandparents were fine all this time. In fact, her parents likely encountered a blessing in disguise, growing stronger from this incident.

[1. He's referring to how protags have good luck even when they or someone close to them are in critical situations.]

'So cliché,' he thought.

'It's highly likely that Gu Xian'er simply doesn't know and is simply worrying for nothing.'

And so, Gu Changge plotted against Gu Xian'er once more.

'Naturally, I'm not playing favourites for no reason. Why would I do such a thing?'

First, everything must be done in secret. Neither Gu Xian'er nor the people backing Gu Changge should know about it.

'One should take credit for doing good things.'

'However, there is a proper time and place for taking credit and now is not the time.'

In Gu Changge's eyes, there was currently no better candidate than Yan Ji to assist him.

Soon, Gu Changge will send someone to find information regarding Gu Xian'er's parents and grandfather. Then, he'll hand it over to Yan Ji.

Upon receiving her task, Yan Ji left immediately.

Over the years, Gu Changge not only had Yin Mei help him collect cultivation resources in secret, but she was also responsible for training and cultivating his very own Death Corps[2].

[2. It literally translates to “dead soldiers” and is implied to be a group of warriors who do not fear death.]

Occasionally, Gu Changge would show up in various places, looking for adolescents with good talent. Then Yin Mei would train them so that they may serve him.

He had sent Yin Mei a message, asking her to send over some of the soldiers to wait in a secluded area. There, they will await Yan Ji's orders.

Gu Changge is incredibly meticulous and does not reveal his cards easily.

For now, the fewer people who know of Yan Ji's existence, the better.

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Time flew, and a few days passed by in a flash.

It wasn't just Gu Changge who led his people away from the Ancient Immortal Continent, other Young Supremes also did the same thing.

The training venture was over, as they were all led away by their elders.

Since the word of the Fairy Gate has spread, many Ancient Freaks checked out the area.

The Ancient Immortal Continent was in a state of chaos. To continue training would be next to impossible. As such, it was best that everyone simply head home.

Speaking of, the many events that had transpired within the Ancient Immortal Continent were finally reaching the ears of those in the outside world, causing an uproar.

The Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor, Ye Ling had appeared. Gu Changge fought him and he disappeared after being dealt a serious injury. And what's more, the True Dragon Clan's Young Master, Long Teng, had died in Gu Changge's hands...

Gu Changge's reputation among the younger generation had reached unprecedented heights. Whether it was by his deeds or his strength that stood at the level of a Young Asura, he was someone to be admired.

For a while, many fervent admirers of Gu Changge appeared all around.

Naturally, people felt wary of Ye Ling. This powerful inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts had the ability to escape from Gu Changge's clutches.

It went without saying that Ye Ling's strength was beyond that of any ordinary Young Supreme.

The White Tiger Clan grew to hate Ye Ling even more, as they continued to attempt to track his whereabouts.

The Nine-Tailed Celestial Fox Family was also involved in this matter, considering that Yin Mei, their Holy Maiden was also “almost killed by Ye Ling.”

She naturally acted with the flow, coming forward and vowing that she would kill Ye Ling so that she may avenge her long-dead fiancé, Bai Lie.

Yin Mei's stance left everyone in awe.

She dared to stand against the Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts. Such courage and boldness were beyond any ordinary person.

To the outside eye, it would seem that Ye Ling's deception of Yin Mei has planted a deep hatred in her heart.

Many people thought back to the time when Yin Mei's life was on the line. They remembered that it was Gu Changge who stood up and saved her.

The people became even more impressed.

Outside the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace, many young cultivators came to visit Gu Changge, as several Young Supremes offered to become his followers.

In this regard, Gu Changge did not refuse.

In the younger generation, a follower was a symbol of status and power.

To be a Young Supreme meant that they were the best in their generation, possessing an indomitable heart.

To submit to him without even exchanging blows meant that their awe and admiration for Gu Changge were deeply rooted.

As for Gu Changge being the true Inheritor of the Forbidden Demonic Arts? That thought never crossed anyone's mind, nor will it, in the near foreseeable future. *n0Velusb.Com*

On the contrary, they began to become wary of the rest of the Young Supremes. Doubts like, "Perhaps Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritor is hiding somewhere among us?" plagued the hearts of many cultivators.

On the other hand...

When Bai Lie died, the White Tiger Clan took the initiative to annul the marriage contract between Bai Lie and Yin Mei, as they began to spiral further down the road of revenge. Their hatred for the Forbidden Demonic Arts' Inheritors had reached a new peak.

Unfortunately, no one knew that Ye Ling's bones had long been turned into ashes and buried in a dry well within the Ancient Immortal Continent.

No one will be able to find Ye Ling.

And because of this, the Forbidden Demonic Arts Inheritor grew to be more mysterious and powerful in the eyes of the people, giving way to panic.

It was also at this moment that the many feuds which accumulated within the Ancient Immortal Continent had erupted for the first time.

A prime example would be how the Seventh Princess of the Sea King Palace was suppressed by Gu Changge in the Immortal Ancient Continent before the final blow was dealt by a little girl named Gu Xian'er.

This incident triggered the fury of the Sea King Palace.

As the overlord of the Endless Sea Clan, the Seventh Princess' position in the Sea King Palace needed no further explanation. After all, she was even trained to be the next palace master.

They did not dare offend Gu Changge.

However, Gu Xian'er was different.

When Sea King Palace investigated Gu Xian'er's identity, they found out something was off. Although she was a member of the Gu Family, there was no one who was ready to acknowledge her.

On the contrary, it seems that there was a grudge between her and Gu Changge.

This girl with her strange origins was said to have powerful talent comparable to Gu Changge.

She came from the Land of Abandoned Immortals, an outer world. She had survived in the barbaric land since she was a child.

This incident cheered up a group of beings from the Sea King Palace, feeling that they had stumbled upon a scandal of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.

[TL/N: Courting death?]

Since they did not recognize her identity, there was nothing stopping them from taking their revenge. Who would dare to deny them of this?

After all, Gu Xian'er struck first! She had killed the Seventh Princess' brother!

She must answer for her crimes with her life!

The only time it wouldn't come to pass is if the Ancient Immortal Gu Family were to risk a scandal and formally recognize her. Such a topic is sure to become a sensation across the Upper Realm, becoming an object of shame for the Daoist Sects and Families.

If not, who would dare stand up for her?

The Great Elder of the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace? That won't work either!

In a flash, many of the Sea Clan's elites poured forth from the Infinite Sea, intending to bring Gu Xian'er to justice.

Within the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace, Gu Changge received this news, and he couldn't help but smile a bit.

'How unexpected. For the Sea King Palace to come at such a time...'

After receiving the news, he went up the mountain to where the Great Elder was, who was waiting for Gu Xian'er's return.

At the same time...

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[In the Ancient Immortal Continent]

In the middle of a vast mountain range, a terrifying heavenly might unfolded, threatening to extinguish the world.

This Quasi-Supreme ancestor of the Tiangou Clan was determined to escape and was headed for the Dragon Island where the True Dragon Clan was located. Unfortunately for him, he was intercepted by Gu Nanshan.

His tyrannical strength quickly extinguished the Tiangou Clan's old geezer.

Behind him followed Gu Xian'er, led by the Great Elder.

Gu Xian'er's eyebrows jumped with joy, as she "appropriated" the Tiangou Clan's ancestor's belongings.

"A family with Quasi-Supremes truly is rich..." Gu Xian'er's clear and stunning little face was overflowing with smiles, unable to put up the slightest bit of resistance in the face of treasure.

Unfortunately, she was left completely unaware that Gu Changge was setting up a trap for her at this very moment.

Although Gu Nanshan was also enthusiastic to grab some loot, he was too embarrassed to do so in front of his own descendant!

An ancestor must maintain his dignity!

"Thank you, ancestor!" Naturally, Gu Xian'er noticed her ancestor's reluctance. Her eyes curved into little crescents as she thanked him like a good girl would.

She didn't believe the ancestor was doing it just because she was a good girl. 'He's probably just shy.'

Gu Xian'er had a smug look on her face.

Gu Nanshan couldn't believe that such a sweet girl had the guts to rob her ancestor blind.

That being said, he couldn't help but smile. **"Hoho, this little lass. Why so formal? Do you not see this old ancestor as a family?"**

"Hehe, ancestor is so nice to me."

Gu Xian'er sweet smile could even melt a glacier, her words were like dripping honey, as she played the part of a cute and obedient descendant.