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Chapter 21: The Shattered Relationship of the Protagonist and the Heroine; Impure Intentions To Gain Some Love!

Wasn't Ye Chen imprisoned in the dungeon? How did he suddenly appear here? Had he escaped?

Su Qingge couldn't help but wrinkle her brows as the various questions floated in her mind. Ye Chen, however, didn't notice the minor changes in her expression.

After his Master, Yan Ji, consumed the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill], the strength of her remnant spirit had increased and she helped him escape the dungeon. But the first thing Ye Chen did after escaping wasn't to leave the Taixuan Holy Land, instead, he rushed over to the Holy Maiden's Hall to look for Su Qingge.

It was easy for him to sneak inside unnoticed with Yan Ji's help.

What surprised Ye Chen after he sneaked in, though, was the fact that Su Qingge — who would normally spend all her time engrossed in cultivation in her palace — wasn't inside. Unease kept clawing at his heart as he imagined the reasons.

Was she forced by Gu Changge and now lived with him?

It broke Ye Chen's heart as that thought appeared in his mind, and he hid inside the Holy Maiden's Hall with a heavy heart.

Fortunately, he finally saw Su Qingge again.

"Qingge, you must have suffered over the last few days..."

Ye Chen said these words, but didn't know how to continue. Su Qingge didn't look haggard at all, instead, she was as bright as ever. Her thrilling beauty appeared even more ethereal now. He wanted to ask how she had been over the last few days, but didn't know how to speak.

No matter how he looked at her, it didn't seem that Su Qingge was having a hard time.

Su Qingge, on the other hand, couldn't help but frown after she listened to Ye Chen's words, and asked, **"Ye Chen, why are you here?"**

"Ask this later, we don't have any time right now for explanations. Qingge, I will bring you away from the Taixuan Holy Land right now. I will bring you out of this fiery pit of hell!"

Ye Chen walked towards Su Qingge as he spoke.

In his opinion, Su Qingge's father and Gu Changge had forced her against her will, and everyone in the entire Taixuan Holy Land were persecuting her, too!

She had no choice — Ye Chen could tell. She was caged in a fiery pit full of hellfire. She would not be happy in a place like this. Only when she left with him and cultivated together, would she be able to regain that flawless and innocent smile he had seen in the past.

Su Qingge immediately stepped back, preventing Ye Chen from touching even her sleeve. Her brows were still creased together, and she said in a cold and annoyed tone, **"Ye Chen, why can't you understand that I will never leave the Taixuan Holy Land?!"**

"If you don't leave with me, then I will forcefully bring you away! Unlike Gu Change, I will never force you to do something you don't like."

[VILFIC: bruh...recall your last line.]

Ye Chen couldn't care about such trivial matters right now. He spoke domineering words, and even prepared himself to use some force.

Time was running out!

If the Elders of the Taixuan Holy Land discovered them, they won't be able to get away easily.

"You won't force me to do something I don't like? Considering our previous friendship, I will act as if today's matter never happened! You aren't my opponent with your current strength."

Su Qingge replied, still wearing a calm expression.

She was a legitimate Transcendent Realm cultivator, even stronger than the newly-appointed Taixuan Holy Son. Ye Chen was only in the Spirit Palace Realm, so it would be almost impossible for him to defeat her.

And once they started fighting, the disturbance caused by them would most definitely attract the Elders and bring them here.

"Qingge, why are you so stubborn even at a time like this? Have you already submitted your fate to that oppressor, Gu Change?"

Ye Chen couldn't believe his own regret-laced words. Who knows what might have happened between Su Qingge and Gu Change over the days he was imprisoned?

Su Qingge's calm expression didn't change, and she said, **"Young Lord Gu has never oppressed me! Everything I did was out of my own volition. Ye Chen, don't be too biased — Young Lord Gu might not be the greatest person, but he's not as evil as you think."**

"My body is still pure, and Young Lord Gu hasn't touched me even once! This is the best proof of his character."

Su Qingge's voice held a hint of self-deprecation as she continued, **"Instead, it's me who has been having impure intentions and trying to win Young Lord Gu's love!"**

Su Qingge wanted to take this opportunity to make sure Ye Chen understood full well that there was nothing possible between them, and it would be better if he didn't associate with her again.

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'Am I really that good?'

Gu Changge couldn't help but show an inexplicable smile as he watched the show with great interest, hidden outside the palace.

His ability at getting himself a borrowed knife was truly marvelous and unfathomable.

Having said that, this Su Qingge had truly overestimated him. This was the terror of self-rationalizing ones own thoughts.

Gu Changge naturally kept an eye on Ye Chen's every move, and knew full well where he would go as soon as he escaped. He had been looking forward to this show between the heroine and the protagonist.

So far, Su Qingge hadn't let him down.

[Ding! Ye Chen's relationship with the heroine has been destroyed. Ye Chen lost 50 Points in Fortune Value. You received 250 Destiny Points!]

The sudden System prompt only deepened Gu Changge's smile.

'Ye Chen, ah, Ye Chen! You poor Son of Heaven, you will soon end up played to death by your own hands.'

Ye Chen was elated when Su Qingge confessed that Gu Changge had never touched her, so much so that all the depression and rage in his heart from the past few days had been wiped out.

But...her next words stunned him. Those words were like a bolt from the blue. He was stupefied!

"What?!"

Contrary to his expectations, it was Su Qingge who had been having impure intentions and tried to please Gu Changge to gain his love?

His head buzzed, and he couldn't believe the words he heard.

'Haiz! Little Chen's prejudice against Young Lord Gu runs too deep...'

Yan Ji thought to herself as she sat cross-legged in the void inside the ring, bored. Her spirit appeared more firm after she had consumed the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill]. She naturally saw the scene that happened outside, and she could understand Su Qingge's decision.

After all, who was Young Lord Gu? He was far too attractive for a woman!

He had an outstanding appearance, a mighty cultivation base, and a terrifying background...

Santa Qingge, the one whose sledge you wanna ride to the Heavens.

Chapter 22: The Cruel Beauty; Carrot and the Stick!

[VILFIC's Crib]

Carrot and Stick means reward and punishment. It's a method used to train pets. When they do well you give them the carrot (reward) that they like, and when they do bad you give them the stick (punishment) that they dislike. This way, you can condition someone to behave exactly as you like.

Su Qingge was a smart and rational woman, so now that she had decided to follow Gu Changge, there was no way she would have anymore to do with Ye Chen.

There was absolutely no doubt about this!

As a woman, Yan Ji could easily guess Su Qingge's thoughts. If she were in Su Qingge's shoes, she would do the same. And it was precisely because of this that she couldn't help but sigh.

Why did Little Chen have to be so hostile to Young Lord Gu?

"Qingge, you are lying to me, right? You are joking with me, right?!"

An elegant scent filled the hall, but Ye Chen couldn't enjoy it. His head buzzed and ached, and he couldn't help but clutch his forehead. He couldn't believe that Su Qingge, the cold and aloof maiden, would say such words with her own tongue.

"I have only said the truth, and it's up to you whether you believe my words or not. Also, please don't come to pester me in the future! If Young Lord Gu saw us together by chance, I am afraid I will have to provide him an explanation..."

Su Qingge's gorgeous face still had a calm expression, but the words she uttered held no mercy.

She had said what she had to say, so if Ye Chen didn't stop his obsession with her, then she would need to take some extreme measures.

"It must be Gu Changge...he must have used some sorcery to muddle your mind! He comes from the legendary Upper Realm, so he definitely knows such methods..."

Ye Chen suddenly growled in a loud voice. His eyes turned bloodshot and he glared at Su Qingge, looking like a beast that stared at its prey.

"Calm down, Little Chen! Or you will suffer from Qi deviation!"

Yan Ji saw Ye Chen's unstable state of mind from inside the ring, and immediately used her Qi to spread waves of coolness through his body to calm him down.

"I don't believe this..."

Ye Chen groaned. Why was the goddess he admired now acting like this?

Su Qingge's face turned cold, too. She unsheathed her long sword and prepared to attack.

[Thump! Thump! Thump!]

At this moment, someone suddenly knocked the door of the hall, and a chuckle sounded, **"Is Holy Maiden Qingge present here?"**

Gu Changge stood at the door with a peculiar smile, dressed in a black dress that accentuated his handsome features, and gave him a sinister-yet-charming attractiveness.

It was high time he joined in on the show. After all, he couldn't put all the burden on Su Qingge alone, right?

Hearing the voice of his old acquaintance, Gu Change, Ye Chen's expression also changed drastically as deep hatred and a murderous intent replaced his previous face full of disbelief.

"Little Chen, leave immediately!"

Yan Ji's expression changed to, and she urged him to leave.

Although Gu Change had said he wouldn't make things difficult for her, they were now fugitives who had escaped from their imprisonment.

If he used this reason to deal with them, they would have nothing to refute him with!

The sudden knock from the outside stunned Su Qingge, and doubts surfaced in her mind. Why had Young Lord Gu come to find her right at this time?

No! With his unfathomable strength, he might have arrived long ago, but decided not to show up. Perhaps, this was a test from him!

[Puff...]

Attack!

That was Su Qingge's simple idea.

The immense might of the Transcendent Realm surged, and a cold, sharp sword light horribly pierced through the void in front of her. In the next moment, it drew blood! n0VEPUsB.c0M

"Urgh..."

Ye Chen screamed out and momentarily stopped in his tracks. He was about to escape when he was almost stabbed in the heart by Su Qingge's cruel sword.

Had it not been for his powerful combat instinct, he wouldn't have been able to shift himself by a step to prevent the sword from piercing his heart.

"Not good..."

"This little girl is a bit cruel!"

Yan Ji never expected Su Qingge to be so ruthless and determined, so much so that she directly aimed at Ye Chen's life. Fortunately, her remnant spirit was in a good state, so he hurriedly swept Ye Chen away using her powers, and directly fled through a window.

"What happened?"

Gu Change seemed to be a little confused and surprised when he heard the sudden disturbance, and immediately pushed open the hall's door to walk in.

"Young Lord Gu..."

Su Qingge looked back at Gu Change with a calm expression and said, **"Qingge has disappointed you."**

She naturally knew that Gu Change was merely pretending. From the beginning to the end, he must have hid in the secret to watch this farce.

A cold chill ran down her spine.

One mistake in your performance, and you would fall down a bottomless abyss of despair. What's more? She didn't even know that Gu Changge was hiding in the dark all this time. He saw everything she said and did.

He was a truly terrible man!

"No, you haven't disappointed me."

Gu Changge said with a smile that appeared full of happiness.

"Really?"

Su Qingge couldn't believe his words. She had tried to kill Ye Chen just now, but he somehow evaded her attack. She was worried that Gu Changge would blame her for being merciful to him.

"Naturally, what I said is the truth!"

Gu Changge replied with a smile, again. If killing Ye Chen was so easy, he wouldn't be having such a headache right now!

"The next time you meet, there will probably be a blood feud between you and Ye Chen. Do you regret it?"

Su Qingge shook her head and replied, **"I already expected this day to come when I chose to be with Young Lord Gu!"**

"Good."

Gu Changge nodded with his unabated smile.

[VILFIC: unabated → without any reduction in intensity or strength. If I see some new word, I will add their meaning in a note like this so you don't have to search. If you see some new word that's hard to understand on the first read, let me know in the comments.]

Su Qingge's relationship with Ye Chen was completely destroyed now, and they could even be said to be life and death enemies.

He doesn't have to be as harsh on her anymore.

The so-called 'carrot and stick' could truly make someone surrender.

What's more? Su Qingge was also blessed with great fortune that was far beyond ordinary people, so her future achievements wouldn't be low either.

Gu Changge naturally wanted Su Qingge on his side so he could use her well. After all, he no longer had to fear getting struck by a Fortune Backlash.

"Don't worry, I wasn't testing you this time — I already had complete trust in you from the beginning until the end. I merely wanted to watch a good scene!"

Gu Changge said with a chuckle, and with just the right amount of gentleness, he pulled her in his embrace.

The sudden change stunned Su Qingge, and she didn't know what to do as she stood rooted to her spot. Her delicate body trembled, and she blinked her flawless, gem-like eyes in confusion.

It was the first time she had been this close to a man. And to compound the effect, the man was none other than Gu Changge, the cold and intimidating monster she couldn't see through.

Su Qingge had never expected to hear such gentle words from Gu Changge, so the sudden tenderness immediately threw her heart into chaos.

Chapter 23: Familiarity Breeds Fondness; The One Who Conquers The Favored!

Su Qingge couldn't help but admit that she was confused. Just now, even her heart had skipped a beat. To hear such tender words from someone like Gu Changge momentarily moved her heart, and she even felt flattered.

But...she understood that nine out ten words that came out of Gu Changge's mouth weren't honest truths.

Accompanying a monarch was no different from accompanying a tiger (both could tear you apart at the slightest negligence).

She was still far away from truly winning Gu Changge's love.

"Qingge is touched to know that Young Lord trusts Qingge so much!"

Su Qingge replied. Her flawless, lovely face held a gentle smile as she let her supple figure lean against Gu Changge's body.

"Are you truly touched, or do you dare not be touched?"

Gu Changge casually asked with a smile.

A woman as clever as Su Qingge would never surrender just because he said a word or two with some gentleness. But that didn't matter, after all, wasn't there a saying that: *'familiarity breeds fondness'?*

[Ding! You have triggered a Fortuitous Event! Your Fortune Value has increased by 60 Points, and your Destiny Points have increased by 300!]

A sudden System prompt sounded at this time and surprised Gu Changge.

Unknowingly, his Fortune Value had broke through the 100 points mark. Still, the color hadn't changed, and it was still Dark.

Gu Changge couldn't help but wonder how much change it made when compared to his initial 30 Points of Fortune Value. At the same time, he felt that things had become more interesting.

To put it in simple terms, if he could quickly raise his Fortune Value, then even if he meets other Favored Children of Heaven, he wouldn't have as much trouble to deal with them as he did with Ye Chen.

After all, if not for his overpowered Fortune protecting him, Gu Changge would have long slapped Ye Chen to death. He wouldn't have to go through so many hoops to deal with an ant like him.

'It seems that I can increase my Fortune Value even without messing with those Favored Children of Heaven, as long as I come across other people who are also blessed with great Fortune.'

'Although it seems that my words had no effect on Su Qingge, that's only on the surface; deep down, she has already begun to surrender herself to me!'

'It's because of this that my Fortune Value increased out of nowhere...'

Gu Changge didn't even need to ask the System to guess this much, and he was correct in his conjectures. In addition to suppressing the Favored Children of Heaven, he now had another method of earning Fortune Value and Destiny Points: *'conquering those favored with great Fortune!'*

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The people of Taixuan Holy Land soon discovered Ye Chen's disappearance from the dungeon. His escape enraged many elders and disciples, but soon, unease and apprehensiveness filled their hearts.

After all, Ye Chen had offended Young Lord Gu!

But because of their poor supervision, Ye Chen had escaped.

If Young Lord Gu were to put the blame on their heads, then even cutting down 10,000 heads in their Taixuan Holy Land might not suffice.

The Taixuan Holy Lord, who was previously smug and arrogantly postured before the other forces, panicked after he learnt of this matter. The thoughts about their fate disturbed his heart and mind.

"Father, don't worry so much! Young Lord Gu won't blame you for this."

Different from him, Su Qingge sat there without any worry.

Taixuan Holy Lord relaxed after hearing her words. He remembered that his good daughter was getting more and more of Young Lord Gu's attention and love.

"Qingge, you must speak a few good words for your father if Young Lord Gu truly blames me!"

Taixuan Holy Lord said.

Su Qingge's expression didn't change, but she wanted to roll her eyes at her father's words. She felt helpless in her heart. How could she change Young Lord Gu's mind if he truly intended to do something?

"Father, don't worry."

Still, she assured the Taixuan Holy Lord.

Su Qingge could tell that Gu Changge had deliberately let Ye Chen go. As for the reason, that's what she couldn't guess.

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[In the Taixuan Holy Lord's Hall]

Many figures stood unmoving with a solemn and quiet atmosphere around them. At the helm of the crowd stood many of the bigshots like Zhao Tian, the Supreme Elder of the Void Yang Holy Land, Chu Wuji, the Emperor of the Great Sun Dynasty, and Xiao Huo, the Patriarch of the Ancient Xiao Family.

All the forces that had come to invade the Taixuan Holy Land were present in the grand hall. Among them were men and women, young and old, but at this moment, all of them stood on their spots with respectful attitudes without making a squeak.

Let alone squeak...they didn't even dare to breath out loud.

These forces together made the greatest might of the Eastern Wilderness, yet they were like this now.

Under the Taixuan Holy Lord's arrangements, everyone had come to the Holy Lord's Hall in hopes of meeting Gu Change. Only when they arrived did they get the news that this Young Lord Gu was someone from the legendary Upper Realm!

The news shocked them to their cores!.

Like a meteorite crashing into the deep sea, stormy waves set off in everyone's hearts and they couldn't calm down at all.

Upper Realm!

It was an extremely mysterious and unreachable place for the people of the Eastern Wilderness, but it also represented unmatched might and terrifying sovereignty.

They hadn't heard of anyone breaking the barrier and ascending to the Upper Realm in the last 50,000 years. To them, the existences from the Upper Realm were nothing more than illusory legends.

But now, they were told that a Young Lord from the Upper Realm had descended upon their Lower Realm to gain experience!

It was as if they got to witness the birth of a legend, so how could it not cause a massive surge in their hearts?

It was an evident result.

'No wonder the Taixuan Holy Lord is so calm and arrogant even in the face of so many forces! If our Sect was lucky enough to meet this Young Lord, we would probably be even more arrogant than him...'

Zhao Tian, Chu Wuji, Xiao Huo, and the others had the exact same thought running through their minds.

They held envy, jealousy, and hatred for the Taixuan Holy Land in their hearts. But at the same time, they rejoiced over the fact that they hadn't barged in and attacked right away.

Ascension was easy, the true herculean task was descent from the Upper Realm!

Everyone could tell that the origins of this Young Lord couldn't be ordinary. He was an absolutely terrifying existence they mustn't provoke, no matter what!

Right now, everyone was extremely curious about the Young Lord, and wanted to get a glimpse of his divine visage.

Chapter 24: The Treasure Hunting Tool; Compelling Temperament!

Soon, everyone in the hall received a shock. Be it the mighty Elders or the prodigious youth, they couldn't help but open their eyes wide as they saw a young man suddenly appear above them.

He had appeared out of thin air, without causing a single fluctuation! They felt as if he didn't even exist, and they were hallucinating.

The young man had a calm and indifferent expression. He wore a black dress without any adornments, but his natural born charm gave him an incomprehensible lofty nobleness.

Behind the man stood a respectful Taixuan Holy Lord, and a woman in white with a veil obscuring half of her face. The woman's ethereal figure immediately attracted the attention of many young men.

"Holy Lord Taixuan..."

"The Taixuan Holy Maiden...she's the one known as the number one beauty of our Eastern Wilderness..."

"No wonder!"

"We pay our respects to the Young Lord!"

Immediately, everyone in the hall bowed in greeting. They couldn't help but show extreme courtesy towards the mighty figure that had appeared before them.

Zhao Tian, Chu Wuji, Xiao Huo, and the others from the older generations were the most shocked. The strength of the Young Lord in front of them was truly unfathomable, so much so that they couldn't even estimate his Realm.

It gave them a sense of horror as if they were staring into a bottomless abyss!

"No need to be so polite, everyone!"

Gu Changge responded unenthusiastically.

He would certainly not refuse if someone asked him show his face and posture before others. After all, it allowed him to bring the major forces of the Eastern Wilderness down a peg since many of them were getting quite chummy with that Ye Chen.

To someone like him, it was trivial to deal with Ye Chen. As long as he said a word, no one among these forces would have the guts to associate themselves with Ye Chen anymore.

Those who have achieved the Dao can help more than those who haven't, after all!

[VILFIC: might is right. The mighty are better than the weak that got slapped.]

Gu Changge wanted to see how long this Ye Chen's Fortune would last.

Afterwards, everyone introduced the forces behind them, as eloquently as they could, to give Gu Changge a good impression. Gu Changge, however, lacked interest in these pleasantries and kept on his

calm and indifferent expression. His mind, on the other hand, was lost in thought about his own Attributes Panel.

As for Ye Chen, it won't be long before he got crushed now that he had cut him so much. That [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill] wasn't so easy to use — Gu Changge had left a mark on it with a secret technique recorded in the [Immortal Devouring Demon Art].

Yan Ji might have discovered the abnormality if she were still at her peak, but in her current condition, it would be impossible for her to see through his trick.

As far as the [Immortal Devouring Demon Art] was concerned, Gu Changge didn't doubt the effectiveness of the secret techniques listed inside it.

Where could Ye Chen go?

He was nothing more than a treasure hunting tool for Gu Changge.

No one noticed anything strange with Gu Changge. At this moment, he had his eyelids drooped as he sipped his tea.

Fortunately, his temperament was like so. As long as he didn't smile, he would give others a deep sense of detachment.

It was what they called a compelling temperament!

Upon seeing this, everyone in the hall felt even more frightened and treaded even more cautiously, so as to not offend this mysterious and mighty Young Lord.

Almost all the major forces were cautiously trying to please Gu Changge by asking him for his purpose in coming down to the Lower Realm, or what kind of hobbies he dabbled into.

Gu Changge enjoyed this treatment with relish. Being a villain was awesome, indeed!

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Everyone in the hall could see that Su Qingge's relationship with Gu Changge was the reason the Taixual Holy Land so easily latched onto Gu Changge's thigh. Her title of the number one beauty of the Eastern Wilderness wasn't an empty one. Su Qingge was indeed a fairy in the hearts of countless young prodigies!

Many old guys couldn't help but churn their minds to think if they had any such outstanding descendants in their family? Unfortunately, they had no one with an appearance as outstanding as Su Qingge's, so they soon gave up on the idea, lest they humiliate themselves.

At this moment, Gu Changge's gaze fell upon a beautiful lady in the crowd, and he stood up and asked, "**What's your name?**"

"Ah! Is Your Excellency talking to me?"

The beautiful lady responded with a trembling voice laced with excitement. Admiration filled her starry eyes as she stared at him — she had never expected that Gu Changge would notice her.

"I am Wang Xue, a disciple of the Ten Thousand Flower Palace!"

Everyone stared at the beauty with shock. Many couldn't help but envy her as she was questioned by Gu Changge himself. It was a great honor to be questioned by this Young Lord, after all!

Why did he find her somewhat familiar?

"Have you met me before? What's the relationship between you and Ye Chen?"

Gu Changge asked with a flat tone.

"Ah... Ye Chen..."

The disciple named Wang Xue found herself at a loss for words when she heard his question.

"Xue'er, the Young Lord is asking you something!"

Her master next to her was more anxious than her, wishing she could say a good word or two about them before Gu Changge.

"Your Excellency, Ye Chen is my ex-fiancé. I annulled my engagement with him three years ago..."

"When you were at the edge of the Forbidden Region of Ten Thousand Beasts some time ago, and slayed a terrifying beast of the Conferred Lord Realm with a single slash of your sword, I happened to be watching from the distance. I was saved by Your Excellency's grace, so..."

Wang Xue forced herself to calm down and explained in a hurry.

Ye Chen's former fiancée who annulled her engagement with him three years ago?

She happened to be saved by him?

Gu Changge looked through his memories, and soon found the answer. Some time ago, his Original had gone to the Forbidden Region of Ten Thousand Beasts to see if he could get some fortuitous opportunity there.

Naturally, he found nothing there.

No wonder this woman had such deep admiration for him in her eyes. This admiration and karma was formed before he transmigrated over.

[Hiss]

'He killed a terrifying beast of the Conferred Lord Realm with a single slash...'

The people in the hall couldn't help but take in a cold breath as they heard Wang Xue's words. Zhao Tian, Chu Wuji, and the other old monsters were even more terrified, and their scalps turned numb.

They wondered if their hearing had gone bad?

Just what kind of terrifying might did this Young Lord hold?

Elders of the Great-Transcendent Realm could travel thousands of miles, while Saints could already be lords of a Holy Land with territory spanning over millions of miles in the Eastern Wilderness. As for Conferred Lords...they didn't even exist, and could be considered as invincible.

To find a legitimate Conferred Lord, or even their traces, one would have to venture into some forbidden region like the Forbidden Region of Ten Thousand Beasts.

Didn't this mean that their so-called behemoths of the Eastern Wilderness wouldn't even be able to take a single sword slash from this Young Lord?

No one doubted Wang Xue's words!

It shocked even Su Qingge, and she knew for the first time how fearful Gu Changge's true strength was. Truly, in front of him, the younger generation of the Eastern Wilderness were nothing more than a bunch of ants.

Horror gripped everyone's heart, and their awe and reverence towards Gu Changge deepened.

'Heavens have mercy! It's good that I didn't ask anything about that Ye Chen before; I mustn't let my granddaughter have any contact with him in the future...'

'That Ye Chen is a dead man now! How could he offend such a monstrous existence?'

Cold sweat ran down the Void Yang Supreme Elder's back and he thanked thanked the Heavens in his heart. He had almost asked a death-courting question before.

Chapter 25: Time To Move To Another Map; A Leeks Ambition!

What happened in the Taixuan Holy Land caused a sensation throughout the Eastern Wilderness. The various Holy Lands, Dynasties, and other major forces that went to besiege the Taixuan Holy Land did nothing, and instead, went into their Holy Lord's Hall to pay respects to a Young Lord.

The unbelievable news stunned many cultivators, and they couldn't believe what they heard!

At the same time, many [Imaging Stones] spread throughout the Eastern Wilderness containing the scenes of the entire debacle. Among the scenes was the scene of all the major forces banding together and gathering outside the Taixuan Holy Land.

By now, almost every force of the Eastern Wilderness knew that a Young Lord had descended from the Upper Realm. The realization shocked many as the Upper Realm was no longer just a land of myths for them — it truly existed! n0VellUsb.c0m

Such a news couldn't be suppressed and it soon suppressed to other regions from the Eastern Wilderness, setting off a massive surge.

"The Easter Wilderness is going to see unforeseeable changes."

"That's right! To think a Young Lord from the Upper Realm would descend..."

"From ancient times, it's been said that Ascension is hard, but descending is impossible! After all, Gods coming down to the world of mortals is completely against the way of Heaven..."

"Hoh! No wonder all these massive forces turned into meek kittens so suddenly — I had thought the Taixuan Holy Land wouldn't survive their combined attack!"

"It's truly unexpected! However, the Taixuan Holy Land sure has some divine luck on their side, for them to hug the thigh of such a Young Lord!"

"That's not all! I got some insider news about an Inner Sect Disciple named Ye Chen challenging the Young Lord and getting stomped to the ground!"

Many people talked through laughter in a restaurant.

"Hahaha, I also heard about this," the person next to the speaker interjected with a roaring laughter.

"I heard it was because he was jealous over the Young Lord easily winning the heart of our Eastern Wilderness' number one beauty! He then overestimated himself and challenged the Young Lord in front of everyone; unfortunately for him, that Inner Disciple surnamed Ye got his face planted on the ground and was forced to kneel on all fours like a mutt, unable to move..."

"Tsk, ts, ts, every toad wants to eat swan meat these days! What makes him think that he think he deserves the number one beauty of the Eastern Wilderness?"

The cultivators talked about this matter while drinking, or even as after-dinner leisure talk. You could hear them talk about this matter with relish in every ancient city, wine shop, and pavilion.

There were hundreds of millions of cultivators in the Eastern Wilderness. A single ancient city alone accommodated more than ten million residents. In just one day, this matter spread everywhere and caused an unimaginable sensation.

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[In an ancient city.]

A man with an unhealthy complexion hurried through the streets. His fists creaked, and his face turned ugly as he overheard the conversations of the people around him.

He couldn't help but grip his chest; he felt as if someone was trying to rip his heart out. A deep hatred flashed through his cold eyes, and he muttered to himself, **"Su Qingge, you bitch! How dare you betray me..."**

"Gu Change, I will return this shame a hundred times over in the future!"

This person was Ye Chen who had disguised himself for escape. The Eastern Wilderness naturally had no more place for him to stay. Just one word from Gu Changge would be enough to send the entire Eastern Wilderness on a witch-hunt against him.

Ye Chen didn't dare to roam around with his original appearance! He planned to use the ancient city's large [Teleportation Array] to head towards the lands of the Middle State.

Compare to the Eastern Desolate, the Middle State was far more mysterious and massive. Spiritual Veins were a dime a dozen, with great Sects, Holy Lands, and Sacred Mountains scattered everywhere in there. There was no shortage of inheritances, either!

Gu Changge could cover the Eastern Wilderness with one hand, but could he do the same with the Middle State?

What's more? There were many a Ancient Clans and Families in Middle State that had connections to the Upper Realm, as many of their ancestors had Ascended in the past.

Ye Chen had planned well.

With his powerful talent, he will naturally soar to the skies when he joins one of those powers.

Wasn't Gu Changge so arrogant just because he had some backing in the Upper Realm? Then wouldn't Gu Changge be able to do nothing to him if he also got a big backer?

He will most certainly make Su Qingge and Gu Changge regret their actions!

Ye Chen calmed down and sneered as he thought about the future.

"Master..."

The only matter that worried and puzzled Ye Chen was the fact his gorgeous Master hadn't spoken much after the incident in the Taixuan Holy Land. Only when he encountered some dangerous situation would his Master move to rescue him.

Unease gripped Ye Chen's heart, and he clenched his fists. Could it be that Yan Ji also wanted to betray him and leave?

He couldn't accept that!

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Half a month passed in the blink of an eye.

"An invitation letter sent by the Third Prince of the Great Xia Dynasty from the Middle State? He's inviting young geniuses from every region to discuss the Dao?"

Gu Changge took the invitation handed to him by Su Qingge, and looked through it. He lost interest after a single glance at the invitation's contents.

The so-called young geniuses of the Lower Realm were nothing more than ants that he could crush with a single finger. Messing with Su Qingge and taking her advantage every day was far more interesting than this gathering of *'geniuses'*.

"I have heard that a former emperor of the Great Xia Dynasty ascended to the Upper Realm, and they have an unfathomable background. What's more? The third prince himself is quite talented! When he was born, the sound of a Heavenly phenomenon was heard as far as three thousand miles away..."

Su Qingge explained to Gu Changge.

At the same time, her scallion-like fair and tender hands peeled open a [Spiritual Crystal Grape], and brought it before his mouth.

'Great Xia Dynasty, right?'

'Middle State, isn't it?'

'Good! It's high time I moved to another map, too!'

Gu Changge ate the grapes fed to him thought about the matter.

He stood up — life nowadays was getting too stale with nothing but leisure. He felt uncomfortable now that he didn't have that leek, Ye Chen, to cut.

If he guessed correctly, then Ye Chen must be on his way to Middle State right now!

"All the Holy Lands, Dynasties, and Ancient Families of the Eastern Wilderness will be setting off to partake in this event in three days. Would you like to go along with them, Young Lord?"

Su Qingge asked.

Gu Changge thought for a bit and nodded. At the same time, he recalled that Old Ming's family seemed to be in the Middle State of the Lower Realm. Old Ming had broken through the barrier to Ascend to the Upper Realm from the Middle State around thirty thousand years.

Chapter 26: Ancestor-cum-Miner; Going to Middle State!

Old Ming ascended to the Upper Realm from the Azure Realm, the Lower Realm that Gu Changge was in right now. n0velu5b.c0M

Naturally, Old Ming had never mentioned this matter to him.

It was the Original who dug around and found that Old Ming was from this Lower Realm, and it was because of this reason that he allowed Old Ming to accompany him on his trip.

Gu Changge only remembered this after Su Qingge mentioned the Middle State to him. With Old Ming's identity, it would be much easier for them to roam around in the Middle State.

"Qingge will go and arrange everything then!"

Gu Changge nodded to her in response. He had nothing to fret over when Su Qingge did the work herself.

After Su Qingge left, Gu Changge pondered for a while and then said to thin air, **"Old Ming, you Ascended from the Middle State around thirty thousand years ago, right?"**

A wave of fluctuations appeared in the air, and Old Ming's figure appeared from the void. With a tone full of respect, he answered, **"My Lord, this slave indeed ascended from this Azure Realm's Middle State some thirty thousand years ago. When I had just arrived in the Upper Realm, I wasn't familiar with anything, and ended up getting captured by a powerful cultivator of the Upper Realm who turned me into a miner!"**

"Thankfully, I met an Elder of the family (Gu Changge's) who rescued this old slave. It was all thanks to that Elder that this old slave could escape from that sea of suffering, or this old slave would have died in those mines!"

Old Ming felt emotional as he spoke of this past. The cultivators in the Lower Realm believed that Ascension was some grand matter, but in reality, it was something completely opposite.

When the cultivators who have no background Ascend to the Upper Realm, their only fate is to be caught by some powerful existences of the Upper Realm to be miners and manual laborers. They lose any and all dignity, and spend the rest of their lives doing menial tasks!

In Old Ming's eyes, those forces of the Middle State that had connections in the Upper Realm were merely putting on appearances. Their ancestors, on the other hand, were probably mining Spiritual Ore in some corner of the Upper Realm.

Because of this, Old Ming felt immense gratitude towards the Gu family. He was fortunate to have come across that noble person from the Gu Family.

"I will head to the Middle State in three days, so you can check up on your family when we are there."

Gu Changge said with a light smile.

After finally descending to the Lower Realm, Old Ming must also be looking forward to see how his descendants were doing after he left back then. It's just that he couldn't leave without Gu Changge's permission due to his identity and mission.

Gu Changge's sudden permission moved Old Ming, and he thanked him, **"Thank you for showing such consideration towards this old slave, My Lord!"**

Gu Changge waved his hand in response and said, **"Old Ming, there's no need for such courtesy; it's the least you deserve."**

Gu Changge might be a villain who was born to trample the Favored Children of Heaven, but he wasn't an unkind fool.

Old Ming was no outsider.

This minor gesture from him could not only strengthen Old Ming's loyalty, but it could also show his magnanimity.

How could Gu Changge not take such an advantage?

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Three days passed in the blink of an eye.

An extremely gorgeous flying boat hovered high above in the sky outside the Taixuan Holy Land. Brilliant rays of light and mystical runes moved around the boat.

If one looked closely, they would see pillars of light with majestic paintings, imperial pavilions shrouded in immortal mist, springs full of crystal-clear water, and fragrant flowers that could steal one's soul. The boat looked extremely luxurious as it floated among the clouds.

It was an exclusive flying boat built for Gu Changge by all the major forces of the Eastern Wilderness, and it hadn't come at a small price.

To put it bluntly, every inch of the flying boat was synonymous to luxury and wealth. Even the disciples of the various Holy Land widened their eyes in awe when they saw it, let alone the ordinary cultivators.

None of them had seen such a majestic flying boat in their life.

"Everyone sure went all out..."

Gu Changge chuckled when he saw the high profile display. Still, he liked it.

"It's just a little toy — nothing is overboard if it makes the Young Lord happy!"

The Supreme Elders, Sect Masters, and Patriarchs of the major forces laughed. Young Lord Gu seemed satisfied with their hospitality, and that was enough for them to rejoice.

After all, it was apparent to them that this Young Lord wasn't someone who liked to keep a low profile. Spending so much on this gorgeous flying boat wasn't a loss as long as they could get his appreciation. They had their priorities in order!

"Young Lord, please."

The Taixuan Holy Lord requested Gu Changge to board the flying boat first, with a reverent expression. He was considered as Gu Changge's number one lapdog. And even though lapdogs were frowned upon, everyone around him held envy towards him.

Gu Changge gave him a slight nod and boarded the boat first. The others followed a few steps behind him, not daring to walk ahead of him.

This time, the young generation from all over the Realm were heading to the Middle State. There was the Void Yang Holy Son, the Void Yang Holy Maiden, the Young Emperor of the Great Sun Dynasty, the Ancient Xiao Family's Young Master, and many more...

All of them were the at the top among the younger generation in the Eastern Wilderness. But the pressure they felt from Gu Changge was a thousand times more terrifying than what they felt from their elders. Some of them had wanted to go forward for a chat, but they couldn't help but tremble in awe and swallow their words.

In comparison to them, Gu Changge's first lapdog, Chu Xuan, was in an advantageous position.

"Ye Chen will soon be squeezed dry, so who will be the next Favored Son of Heaven?"

Gu Changge couldn't help but mutter to himself.

"What do you mean, Young Lord?"

His words surprised Su Qingge, who was busy massaging his shoulders, as she couldn't understand why he said such words out of nowhere.

"Qingge, do you want to follow me back to the Upper Realm?"

Gu Changge suddenly asked with a smile.

On normal days, Su Qingge would be very interested when he talked about the Upper Realm, but now, her expression didn't show any change, and she said, **"Young Lord, haven't you used this same question to take advantage of me several times already?"**

"How boring."

Gu Changge shook his head, and then gently brought her into his embrace. He loved to see Su Qingge's insincere display when she was actually annoyed.

Sure enough, no matter who and where they were, bullying women was what men loved to do most.

[VILFIC: frick you, I have never committed such honorable heinous act, nor thought about it, EVER! Hmph! Misandrist bastard author. ('tis a joke)]

[Boom!]

Soon, the void outside turned turbulent and set off a hurricane. Bright rays of light and mystical runes burst around the luxurious flying boat as it crushed the space around it and began to gallop through the void at a high speed, heading towards the lands of the Middle State.

Chapter 27: Old Monster Taking Over; Surnamed Lin!

The Middle State was a land of outstanding people rich in Spiritual Qi, hidden dragons, and crouching tigers. In addition to the many Holy Lands and Great Dynasties that had existed for millenniums, there were also many great Clans and Ancient Families.

Ancient creatures with mighty cultivation bases dwelled inside endless spans of sacred mountains. With their might alone, they could lord over a region of the world without issue.

In addition to the humans, the Middle State had other races, too, that came into being in times immemorial.

[Extreme Dao Academy, Central Heavenly City, Middle State]

A group of youths — male and female — quietly listened to their teacher's explanation regarding cultivation. The teacher in question was a young beauty dressed in colorful robes.

The thin layer of make up on her face compounded her charm. Her skin was like a milky jade, and her hair fell behind her like clouds. Her loose robes did nothing to hide her tall and plump figure that was fat where it should be and lean where it should be.

Calling her a stunning enchantress wouldn't be an overstatement!

At this moment, her eyes turned frosty, and she threw the jade slip in her hands towards the table of a dozing youth.

"Lin Tian, how dare you sleep in my class again?!"

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The land of the Middle State was divided into eight domains, and among them, the Central Heavenly City was the most prosperous. Many supreme Sects and ancient Orthodoxies had their roots in this place.

The Extreme Dao Academy was also known as the Academy of Heavenly Geniuses. Many prodigious talents and young heroes gathered in this academy from various forces.

It wouldn't be an understatement to call all the youths — male and female — who joined the Extreme Dao Academy the cream of the crop. They would have illustrious future achievements.

Many Holy Lords, Emperors, and Patriarchs in the Middle State were once students of the Extreme Dao Academy when they were young.

There was an exception in this room of the academy, however.

The gorgeous teacher's eyes spewed frost as her rage surged and her body trembled. One could clearly see her hatred for the negligent student who snored in her presence.

The other students in the class couldn't help but show disdain and ridicule him when they saw he was still snoring like a bear near them.

"Who allowed this trash to enter the Extreme Dao Academy? He's a shame to all that live under this sky!"

"That's right! If not for the fact that he's from the Ancient Lin Family, and his sister's an Elder in the Academy, he would never have had the chance to sit in the same class as us!"

"Elder Lin Qiuhan's must be plagued with misfortune to have such a useless brother."

The students looked at the sleeping boy with eyes full of despise, and murmured among themselves.

Of course, the one they were talking about was none other than Lin Tian!

He was a well-known celebrity in the Extreme Dao Academy as he was the half-brother of the loose-robed beauty standing in front of them.

Not only did he have abysmal talent for cultivation, but he was also a useless waste of Spiritual Qi who refused to put in any hard work on his cultivation, and often slept in the class.

Calling him a waste of Spiritual Qi and burden on the Middle State didn't do justice to his uselessness.

His sister Lin Qiuhan, however, was the Extreme Dao Academy's youngest and most beautiful Elder, with suitors that one couldn't count on a dozen hands. Even the Holy Sons of the various Holy Lands, and Young Emperors of the Great Dynasties pursued her.

Lin Qiuhan's future was limitless!

Still, this Lin Tian was more famous in the Extreme Dao Academy if the popularity of the two was to be compared.

"Lin Tian..."

Seeing that Lin Tian refused to wake up, the beauty's rage grew, and she raised her voice while walking towards him. It seemed that her loud shout had some effect, and the boy jumped to his feet.

"Ah! This King refuses to accept this..."

Lin Tian screamed and looked around with a confused expression, still in a daze as if he hadn't truly woken up.

"Where's this?" *n0v3l.usB.com*

"Who are you?"

"This King? Hahaha, what a clown!"

"Just what the hell did this scum dream about now?"

Words full of mockery reverberated in the quiet room.

Even more displeasure covered Lin Qiuhan's face as her rage brought her close to the point of bursting! Not only did this bastard sleep in her class, he even had the guts to ask her who she was?!

Although he was her brother, there was no way she would let him off for his recklessness this time. She must teach him a lesson!

"Azure Realm, Middle State, Central Heavenly..."

"So that's how it is..."

Lin Tian appeared as if he hadn't seen the lioness in front of him as he muttered to himself. His emotions were in a turmoil, but soon, he returned from his daze.

Unexpectedly, he, the dignified Heaven Slaughter God King, reincarnated. The old and rubbish Lin Tian was no more, as he, the supreme God King, had replaced him and returned to life.

He was the strongest God King of his generation, titled the Heaven Slaughter God King, who was known to be so strong that people believed he could even rival the Heavens!

It's just that when he underwent his Ascension Tribulation, he encountered a terrible Spatial Crack, and fell before he could step into the mythical Upper Realm.

But the Heavens had mercy on him, and an immortal ray of his remnant soul escaped and took over the body of this youth in lands foreign to him.

Still, Lin Tian had some doubts.

In his original world, one could only ascend to the mythical Upper Realm after they reached the God King Realm, but here, people could ascend as soon as they reached the False God Realm!

In that case, wouldn't it be easy for him to stand at the top of this world with his past life memories?

Lin Tian couldn't help but show a smug and confident expression as he thought about this. As for those who despised, ridiculed, and oppressed him? He, the dignified Heaven Slaughter God King, will slap their faces and stomp them under his feet sooner or later!

And with his might and knowledge, even the Predecessor's obsession with his half-sister was no problem. Sooner or later, he will steal her heart and push her under him to fulfill his Predecessor's crush and desire, since the Predecessor himself didn't have the guts required to do that!

As for morality regarding blood relations and whatnot? For an existence of his level, that nonsense wasn't worth fretting over.

"Lin Tian, what are you smirking like an idiot for? If you can't break through to the Spirit Sea Realm by the end of this month, you will be expelled from the Extreme Dao Academy! By then, even the Family will not bother about you..."

Lin Qiuhan couldn't help but wrinkle her brows as she watched Lin Tian ignore her, and her tone turned harsher.

Lin Tian wasn't a legitimate heir, and instead, he was the son of a maid and had abysmal talent for cultivation. His situation in the Ancient Lin Family wasn't quite good, and no one in the family welcomed him.

Lin Qiuhan had a naturally kind heart, so she would look after him on normal days. But Lin Tian's continuous lack of interest in improving himself gave her great disappointment.

"Is the Spirit Sea Realm all that powerful? Let alone a month, I can break through into the Spirit Sea Realm within half a day!"

Lin Tian proclaimed with arrogance in his tone, and watched the surrounding disciples with eyes full of disdain and contempt.

Lin Qiuhan felt that he was truly hopeless now, so she shook her head in utter disappointment.

At the same time, a burst of laughter broke out in the otherwise-quiet classroom. Everyone felt that Lin Tian was still lost in a dream, and couldn't tell that he had woken up.

Lin Tian, on the other hand, ignored their ridicule.

He was someone who had once stood at the peak of the God King Realm, so how could these brats who were still wet behind the ears encompass the vastness of his great knowledge?

He will slap them in their faces soon!

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[Boom!]

A spatial turbulence caused an explosion in the sky, sending the surrounding winds into a great turbulence. An extravagant flying boat appeared in the sky out of nowhere. Covered in sacred rays of light with divine runes flowing around its body, the flying boat had arrived inside the territory of the Middle State at breakneck speed.

Gu Changge's robes fluttered in the wind, and his inky black hair danced around as he looked down.

[Ding! A new Favored Child of Heaven has been detected!]

A sudden System Prompt sounded in his mind, and he was stunned.

Could it be that Ye Chen's Fortune Value had decayed too quickly, so he was going to face a new Favored Son of Heaven?

It seems he will have another leek to cut very soon!

"This old slave never expected to set foot on the land of the Middle State again in my life! I wonder what became of the family that I left behind 30,000 years ago?"

Old Ming respectfully stood behind Gu Changge and muttered to himself while looking at the scenery below. His emotions fluctuated as he watched the unfamiliar mountains, rivers, and plains in a daze.

30,000 years were enough to turn seas into mulberry fields, and the ancient city he remembered might have long turned into ruins.

[VILFIC: seas turning into mulberry fields → occurrence of great changes after a long span of time.]

He felt nostalgia, but more than that, he felt a certain fear in his heart. What became of his descendants? Were they still around?

"Senior Ming, did you ascend to the Upper Realm from the Middle State?"

Su Qingge asked in surprise.

This was the first time she heard of such a matter. She had thought that Old Ming was just like Gu Changge, someone who was born and bred in the Upper Realm.

"Indeed. Before my Ascension, this old slave had once created a Lin Family..."

Old Ming replied with a smile. Only a few people knew that he was surnamed Lin.

Chapter 28: Comforted at Once; Benefits of Increased Fortune Value!

Old Ming was named Lin Ming, but after ascending to the Upper Realm and becoming the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Gu Family, he came to be known as Old Ming over time.

Thirty thousand years ago, he was a mere False God Realm cultivator, but today, he was a mighty God King! He was considered a strong person even in the Upper Realm's Gu Family.

It's just that he couldn't exert his true strength in the Lower Realm due to the World's Will, or he will be rejected by the World's Will of this Lower Realm, and expelled or attacked.

He might be a God King, but that didn't mean he could ignore the laws of the world and tread wherever he desired to.

"I created the Lin Family all by myself!"

Gu Changge nodded after listening to Old Ming's sound transmission. At the same time, he communicated with the System in his heart, *'What's Ye Chen's current Fortune Value?'*

He had clearly heard the System's Prompt just now. Since he changed the original trajectory of the world's advancement, the world itself intervened to correct the disparity, and a new Favored Child of Heaven had appeared.

It seemed that Ye Chen's Heavenly Daddy was about to abandon him!

Gu Changge guessed that the Favored Children of Heaven didn't follow the same template. There must be different cliches and plots, and that wouldn't be surprising to him. He was already guessing what template this new Favored Child of Heaven will have since the last one had the '*annulled engagement*' plot.

The System replied, [*Host, Ye Chen has 230 Points of Fortune Value!*]

'The reason I will suffer from a Fortune Backlash is because of my low Fortune Value when compared to these so-called Favored Children of Heaven, right? If my Fortune Value is high enough, I shouldn't suffer from it, right?'

The System's mechanical and flat voice sounded again, [*Yes! The Fortune Backlash will disappear over time as the Host's Fortune Value increases.*]

Gu Changge nodded with a thoughtful expression.

Although Ye Chen was weak as a mosquito, it took Gu Changge a lot of effort to deal with him. After all, Gu Changge can easily crush someone like Ye Chen with his strength.

It's just that the Heavenly Dao provided special protection to Ye Chen, and that made it impossible for him to directly obliterate Ye Chen in soul and body.

One must keep in mind that Gu Changge started out with 30 Points in his Fortune Value, while Ye Chen had an overpowered 500 Points in his Fortune Value...he had almost 20 times more Fortune Value than him.

If one just compared strengths, then his Original could obliterate Ye Chen with his pinky alone.

What Gu Changge found hard to believe was the fact that the Original, a True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, only had 30 Points in Fortune Value.

Gu Changge had thought about this matter for a long time, and realized that the reason was probably due to his Original's temperament — apart from his Villainous role in the story.

The Original was a haughty and indifferent man who only cared about cultivation. He was completely dumb when it came to matters beside cultivation...he was truly fit to be a cannon fodder whose only job was giving experience to the Protagonist.

He even disdained to stomp an ant like Ye Chen!

According to his character and actions, the world would probably follow this route: *'Fortune Value is illusory and imperceptible. No matter how Ye Chen offended the Original, and no matter how many hard situations he found himself in, he would ultimately survive and the world would make it completely reasonable through coincidences!'*

Since he had crossed over and knew all these cliches by heart, he would naturally not allow Ye Chen to make a comeback and step on him after stomping him under his feet.

Gu Changge had become one of the so-called anomalies, and the Heavenly Dao was already finding it hard to shelter the Favored Children of Heaven using inexplicable 'coincidences.'

Hence, the world brought forth Fortune Backlash to deal with the anomaly.

It was just like how the human race had been established as the dominant race in Gu Changge's previous world's myths. Whoever tried to go against this law would be stuck by Heaven's punishment. Even the Sages didn't dare think about changing this reality.

Of course, the world in front of him couldn't be compared to the mythical stories from his previous life, but the trend wasn't much different.

The Favored Children of Heaven were meant to stand at the peak and achieve the Dao, that was the will of Heaven. The position of the Favored Children of Heaven wasn't for nothing.

Although it brought joy to him to slowly reap Fortune Value from the Favored Children of Heaven, but it also gave him a feeling of restraint, and Gu Changge didn't like that.

Fortunately, Gu Changge no longer felt a threat to his life when he thought about taking Ye Chen's life.

He guessed that his Fortune Value had increased to a reasonable high. It comforted him at once!

As the System said: *'When his Fortune Value increased to a certain amount, even the Heavenly Dao would need to submit and wouldn't be able to be so partial anymore. It would need to use the so-called coincidences to deal with him if it wanted to protect those Favored Children of Heaven — it wouldn't be able to strike him down with a Heavenly Bolt from the blue.'*

Gu Changge looked through his Attribute Panel's current state.

Host:

Gu Changge

Identity: True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace

Bloodline: Devil Heart, Dao Bone

Cultivation: Conferred Lord (Middle Stage)

Mystical Abilities:

Destiny Points: 100

Fortune Value: 120 (Dark)

System Shop: Open

Warehouse: n0velsB.c0m

[VILFIC: I have cleaned this panel somewhat. I presume the dots under the Mystical Abilities section is there to show that he has more Abilities but they aren't worth mentioning.]

Gu Changge had earned some Fortune Value and Destiny Points over the last few days, and he had also raised his cultivation by a minor realm.

[Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex] was still at the 7th layer, but Gu Changge had still increased his cultivation to the Middle Stage of the Conferred Lord Realm. His speed of advancement was ridiculous when compared to the other Saint-Children of the Upper Realm.

He was a supreme villain with a Golden Finger who could increase his cultivation by adding points, so it would be a disgrace if he wasn't improving this fast.

This method of using Destiny Points was nothing short of using a cheat in an online game to rig up your specs!

At the same time, Gu Changge had been wondering about the repercussions of having a Dark Fortune. But even after racking his brain, he couldn't come up with anything.

He received no Heavenly opportunity, nor did a Divine disaster strike him down.

He concluded that it was only a sign of him being an anomaly, since it didn't exist among the seven levels of luck: *'Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, and Purple.'*

In simple terms, Dark Fortune represented an unpredictable variable.

Chapter 29: More than Wonderful; Ancestor Returns!

Gu Changge decided not to think too much into these matters for now. Either way, he was still going strong and wasn't a stupid person. No matter what kind of Favored Child of Heaven he encountered, he would be able to deal with them.

Just like Ye Chen. Even though the Heavenly Dao protected him, he was still almost played to death by him. Even Su Qingge, the goddess he loved and admired, broke her relationship with him (Ye Chen) and became his (Gu Changge) woman.

Worse still? Ye Chen's final reliance, his master named Yan Ji, would also belong to him sooner or later.

This feeling of having everything under control was more than wonderful!

Gu Changge couldn't help but smile as he thought about this, and descended to the lower floor of the flying boat.

It was far more livelier here than above.

Many young talents of the Eastern Wilderness gathered together and conversed among themselves — some discussed the Dao, while others sparred on the spot to see who was better.

"Young Lord, what has brightened your mood today?"

Su Qingge naturally followed after Gu Changge when he moved around. Her flawless, gem-like eyes blinked in surprise as she watched Gu Changge's refreshing smile.

Gu Changge rarely showed such a natural smile. On ordinary days, not only were his thoughts deep and elusive, but he also liked to evilly mess with her. It had become the norm for her to be teased and harassed by Gu Changge.

He was no honorable man!

"Something good, naturally!"

Gu Changge casually replied, and then asked, **"Tell me about the Middle State's forces that are worthy of attention."**

Over the last few days, Gu Changge discovered that Su Qingge's Fortune Value had increased by a lot, and she was close to crossing the 400 Points mark. As a result, his Fortune Value had also increased.

Was there really something as good as gaining Fortune Value without doing anything?

This discovery made Gu Changge ponder for a long time. In the end, he concluded that Su Qingge was still hiding some secret from him, and that's what led to the increase in her Fortune Value.

After all, could people really increase their Fortune Value without doing anything?

Still, Gu Changge didn't bother asking for the reason as it had nothing to do with him. Who didn't have some secret of their own?

Su Qingge nodded when she heard his question. She had deliberately collected a lot of information about the Middle State, and was waiting for Gu Changge to ask her about it.

"The Middle State is divided into eight domains, and the Central Heavenly City is the most prosperous among them all. The event that the Great Xia Dynasty's third prince is holding will also take place in the Central Heavenly City..."

"This level of Dao Assembly can't match up to Your Excellency's identity, so Your Excellency can simply watch it as a show of entertainment!"

Chu Xuan added from the side. He had rushed over after he saw Gu Changge coming to the lower floor of the flying boat.

Many young prodigies in the distance laughed with some bitterness when they heard his words. They had waited a long time for such a gathering, desiring to become famous all over the world by showing their talents at once.

"I am not interested in this Dao Assembly."

Gu Changge didn't hide his lack of interest. He had come to the Middle State for his own matter...to cut another leek, the newly appointed Favored Child of Heaven.

As for watching a bunch of brats from the Lower Realm discuss the Dao? He couldn't be bothered about that. He would be making a fool out of himself if he deigned to show interest in such a low-level farce.

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[Middle State, Central Heavenly City, Ancient Lin Family.]

As one of the Ancient Families of the Middle State, the Ancient Lin Family had stood tall in the Central Heavenly City for more than tens of thousands of years.

The Ancient Lin Family came into being some thirty thousand years ago, at the hands of their ancestor who broke through the Void and successfully ascended to the Upper Realm to become a mythical existence.

It was precisely because of this background that the Lin Family could become one of the strongest Ancient Families of the Middle States. So much so that even some Great Dynasties and Holy Lands had envy towards their deep heritage.

At this moment, in a deeply hidden Ancestral Hall of the Lin Family, a candlelight flickered and the light in the surroundings dimmed. At the same time, a certain disturbance could be heard.

"What happened?"

"Why did the Great Elder suddenly summon us to the Ancestral Hall?"

A group of old people gathered together with serious and doubtful expressions. The current head of the Lin Family was no exception.

All of them were the highest-level figures of the Lin Family. They had strong cultivation bases and supreme authority. A single stomp from them could cause the world outside to tremble.

But now, all of them stood dumbfounded in the Ancestral Hall. They were shocked by the sudden summon from the Great Elder who had long entered seclusion.

The Great Elder hadn't showed himself for nearly ten thousand years, and he had an unfathomable cultivation base from what they knew. Many had even thought that he had perished amidst his seclusion.

They couldn't help but rack their brains to think about what matter had taken place for the Great Elder to summon them all so suddenly?

The situation puzzled everyone, and they all watched the spirited and childlike old man in front of them.

That old man was none other than the Lin Family's Great Elder! n0VEluSB.c0m

"We pay our respects to the Great Elder!"

"We wonder why the Great Elder has summoned us and asked to wait here?"

Everyone showed their puzzlement.

Generally, unless some earth-shattering event took place, they would never gather together all at once. Could it be that the Great Elder's cultivation base had another breakthrough, and he wanted to try his hands at Ascension?

Seeing that everyone had arrived, the Great Elder finally opened his mouth with a strange expression on his face.

He looked extremely excited, to the point that his body couldn't stop trembling. But soon, he forced himself to calm down, and spoke with a quivering voice, **"Today...I felt our Ancestor's aura..."**

"It's possible that the Ancestor is returning!"

The entire Ancestral Hall quietened down as soon as those words fell.

[WHAT?!]

Everyone was stupefied for a moment, but then shock covered their faces immediately afterwards. They were in a state of disbelief.

They wondered if they had heard wrong?

Their Ancestor, who Ascended to the Upper Realm some thirty thousand years ago, was actually returning?

How could that be?

One had to know that Ascension was difficult, but Descending was almost impossible! It was almost ten thousand times difficult to Descend, then to Ascend, and that made the process nearly impossible.

Or had their Ancestor reached an even more incredible cultivation realm over in the Upper Realm? To the point that he could trave through the Void at will, and had come down to bring them all to the Upper Realm?

As this thought crossed their minds, their excitement soared and their complexion turned bright red.

There Ancestor was a legend from thirty thousand years ago!

All of the Lin Family's glory and power today could be attributed to that Ancestor's contributions!

They had no doubt in what they heard — after all, the Great Elder had said so himself. None of the gathered people could suppress their joy and excitement.

"Good! Great! Awesome! With the Ancestor's return, our Lin Family is bound soar higher and higher..."

"Hahah! I must let all the forces of the Middle State know that our Lin Family's Ancestor has returned!"

"At that time, the Great Xia Dynasty, the Buddhist Holy Land, and all the other forces will have come here and pay their respects! Our Lin Family's momentum is bound to shake the entire Middle State, and no one will be able to contend with us!"

Their words of praise satisfied the Great Elder, and he nodded while stroking his beard. With a laugh, he said, **"Good, good, good! Inform the others in the family to prepare a welcome celebration for the return of our Ancestor!"**

"Our Lin Family will surely see an even more glorious time!"

Chapter 30: Tremors in the Middle State; God King's Misfortune!

Without a shred of surprise, the news regarding the return of the Ancient Lin Family's Ancestor from the Upper Realm spread throughout the Central Heavenly City like wildfire. Even with the people of the Lin Family doing their best to suppress the news, it still spread to every corner of the Realm.

The entire Central Heavenly City was like a cauldron about to explode!

Countless forces and cultivators were shocked. Just what kind of existence was the Ancestor of the Ancient Lin Family? He was a powerhouse of the False God Realm who shattered the Void and Ascended to the Upper Realm some thirty thousand years ago!

Yet now, he had returned?

One could hardly imagine the terrifying sensation caused by this news. Countless people couldn't sit still, especially the various hegemonic forces of the Middle State who immediately dispatched uncountable spies to investigate the truth of the matter.

This matter was originally suppressed as the region was soon going to hold the Dao Conference of the Heavenly Geniuses of the Realm. Innumerable forces were paying attention to this Conference, so they decided not to dwell too much on this matter. But the subsequent actions of the Ancient Lin Family's members confirmed the authenticity of this news to the world.

The Lin Family members that were dispatched outside the Family rushed back, as if waiting to welcome their Ancestor on his return. Many people had a keen mind and observation, and they soon recalled the rumors that spread from the Eastern Wilderness regarding the descent of a Young Lord who had come from the Upper Realm.

Many had considered that to be nothing more than a rumor...but now? It shook the people to their cores. Could the return of the Lin Family's Ancestor be related to that matter?

Even the overlords such as the Great Xia Dynasty, the Buddhist Holy Land, and the Yin-Yang Holy Land also sent their people to the Ancient Lin Family to request an audience with their Ancestor when he appeared. They were also forces who had their Ancestors Ascend to the Upper Realm, so they were very keen on knowing the whereabouts of their Ancestors.

For a while, all of the Middle State surged with dark undercurrents.

At the same time, an extremely magnificent flying boat galloped through the sky and soon landed in the Central Heavenly City's vicinity. There were already people from the Middle State who had arrived to pick up the geniuses of the Eastern Wilderness for the Dao Conference.

Gu Changge and Su Qingge, on the other hand, went to the family that Old Ming had created years ago.

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"An ancestor who returned from the Upper Realm?"

"Ancient Lin Family?"

"This could be a good place for me."

"What a pity, though..."

[In an ancient city of the Middle State.]

A youth with a cold face and a bronze ring on his hand stopped in his tracks when he heard the sudden news, but soon, his eyes flashed with hatred when he thought deeply about the matter.

The youth was none other than Ye Chen who had traveled to the Middle State after leaving the Eastern Wilderness.

Along the way, not only had he not suffered much, but he had instead received a lot of opportunities and benefits. His cultivation base even made a breakthrough and he reached the Transcendent Realm in one fell swoop.

In addition to that, he even got acquainted with the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land, and the two of them became sworn brothers at first sight.

It could be said that he had already washed away the humiliation he suffered back in the Eastern Wilderness.

“The Ancient Lin Family has a deep heritage, but you have a lot of secrets that need to be protected, or someone will discover an abnormality with you and you will be targeted!”

A cold voice sounded from the ring and warned Ye Chen.

Yan Ji, still dressed in red as always, sat cross-legged in the void, and advised Ye Chen against what he was thinking.

Although a rift had appeared between her and Ye Chen due to the previous events and happenings, she couldn't help but turn a little soft-hearted and forgive Ye Chen after he constantly apologized for his behavior.

Still, no matter how she persuaded Ye Chen to let go of his hatred towards Gu Changge, he wouldn't listen and thought that she had some impure motives behind her constant nagging.

Yan Ji felt helpless at this result.

“Master, please don't worry! I still have more important matters to deal with, so I will most certainly not go to the Ancient Lin Family!”

Ye Chen replied while looking down at a broken ancient relic in his hands. It was an ancient fragment he accidentally obtained from a small stall, and it seemed to record a route to an ancient ruin.

After many days of deciphering, he found that the ancient ruins weren't too far away from the city he was currently in.

"No one has discovered these ancient ruins before, so there must be a lot of opportunities in there. When I break through to the Great-Transcendent Realm, I will be able to fight even existences of the Saint Realm! At that time, Gu Changge and Su Qingge, you sons of bitches... Heh-heh!"

Ye Chen's lips showed a sneer as he thought about the future. In his opinion, Gu Changge could only be in the Saint Realm, no matter how overpowered he might be.

Once he broke through to the Great-Transcendent Realm, he would be able to easily suppress Gu Changge's so-called prodigious talent with his own ultimate talent. After all, Gu Changge was nothing more than a spoiled bastard who attained his cultivation base through consuming pills and Heavenly treasures from a young age.

A spoiled 'genius' like Gu Changge could never compare to someone like him, who had gone through countless life and death experiences and battles.

With those thoughts in his mind, Ye Chen strode out of the ancient city and headed towards the ancient ruins.

[VILFIC: such delusions...someone tell him.]

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[At this time in a Lin Family courtyard.]

An ordinary-looking boy with a stone-cold face busied himself in concocting some sort of medicine. He held a cattail fan in his hand and gently fanned the flame under the medicinal pot to control the flame's size and intensity.

"I am still short of three herbs that are required to refine this [Origin Tempering Spirit Pill]! To think that I, the strongest God King of my generation, would see such desperate times where I don't even have enough medicinal ingredients to temper my weak body..."

The youth coldly muttering to himself was none other than Lin Tian.

Immediately, he shook his head and said, **"Whatever! Since Heavens have given me another chance at life, I won't let such minor matters dissuade me from reaching greatness."**

"First of all, I must build up this body's foundation that's down in the dumpster and can't even reach the Spirit Sea Realm."

His face burned as he recalled how he had boasted he would break through the Spirit Sea Realm within half a day, yet now, he didn't even have enough medicinal materials.

Lin Tian couldn't help but sneer in his heart. It wasn't his fault!

'What use is me being a Direct Disciple of the Ancient Lin Family if I can't even get enough medicinal materials? It seems that this kid's position in the family isn't all that great...'

'Not only was this kid bullied, ridiculed, and looked down upon...he didn't even have the right to ask for medicinal ingredients like the others. What a pitiful life...'

Lin Tian felt upset when he recalled his clansmen's eyes full of shock and disbelief when he went to ask for some medicinal ingredients a while ago.

He, a once-mighty God King, was questioned and thoroughly looked down upon no matter where he went or what he did! And that made him extremely unhappy.

If he had his original strength, he would have long slapped all those bastards to death.

It was merely performing alchemy, yet they said that he wouldn't be able to do it? They also mocked him by saying that giving him any ingredients was nothing more than a waste of materials.

Lin Tian's face turned ugly as he recalled the abusive looks and words thrown at him. When had he, the dignified Heaven Slaughter God King, ever suffered such humiliation?

At this moment, the sound of footsteps came from the courtyard's entrance. Two people, a boy and a girl around fourteen or fifteen years old walked in.

The boy frowned as he saw Lin Tian busy himself with refining some concoction and said, **"Lin Tian, what are you doing here?! The Patriarch has summoned all the family members to pay their respects to the Ancestor!"**

"Even a waste like you wants to refine pills now? Have you taken a look at your reflection in a puddle of piss? Shouldn't you first learn the basics of Alchemy before jumping into the act?"

The girl next to the boy couldn't help but mock with a sneer.

Someone who couldn't even be bothered with cultivation had suddenly changed his mind and started refining pills...they thought that Lin Tian had finally lost his sanity!

Although he was the Patriarch's most unwanted son, the unfortunate fact that he was a direct descendent of the clan couldn't be washed away. He couldn't be absent when the Ancestor himself was coming back to the Family!

Lin Tian's expression soured as soon as he heard their taunts. He was a God King, for fucks sake! He was a mighty existence worshipped by countless mortals!

Pay respects to the Ancestor?

What kind of dog-shit was that? Was he even worthy?

"I heard there's a Young Lord who came along with the Ancestor! That Young Lord seems to have some terrifying background, and even the Ancestor has to be respectful before him..."

"I heard that too! The origin of that Young Lord is something we can't even imagine..."

The two didn't pay any attention to Lin Tian's expression, and kept talking to themselves.