

Villain 31

Chapter 31: Respect Without a Show of Might; The Ancestor Calling Himself an Old Slave!

[VILFIC's Crib]

Thank you, everyone, for your well wishes. I am doing very well health-wise, though the weather is not as partial. We were in a 14-16 hours long blackout yesterday due to heavy downpour that messed up some energy supply lines, so I couldn't come online at all. *PC problems.*

The weather has gotten better, though it's still drizzling outside. Hopefully, the sky clears up soon and the cold gets a bit better as well.

Everyone, stay safe and take care of your health! ?

Lin Tian's face turned ugly as he listened to the conversation of the two who completely disregarded his existence.

The Ancient Lin Family's Ancestor?

An unfathomable Young Lord?

What crap were these toys?

Before him, all the existences of the Azure Realm were nothing more than wooden toys he could move around at whim. The strongest in the Realm was nothing more than a False God Realm, too! Before him, a mighty God King, False God Realms were nothing more than ants that could be squashed under his pinky.

Lin Tian simply dismissed their existence and decided to go back to his own matters.

"I am not interested in meeting any Ancestor or whatever. You two should get the heck out of my place!"

Lin Tian had not good feelings for the two who arrived and mocked him, so he immediately put on a harsh expression and dismissed his guests with a cold command.

"You... You!"

His sudden arrogance stunned and enraged the two. Lin Tian wasn't like this on normal days. Had he gone crazy or what? His behavior was kind of weird and more withdrawn than before.

The youth was ready to teach Lin Tian a lesson for his insolence, but the girl next to him held him back and said, **"The Ancestor has returned from the Upper Realm, yet this fool isn't even going to participate in such a major — event he must have a wish to be kicked out of the Family!"**

"Let's not ruin our chances by causing a ruckus here. We should inform the Patriarch...the Patriarch will surely punish him for his actions!"

The girl said her piece and pulled the boy to leave. Lin Tian, on the other hand, was shocked out of his mind.

"Returned from the Upper Realm?!"

Those words caught Lin Tian's attention and gave him a great jolt. He really didn't want to go, but matters related to the Upper Realm concerned him very much.

'Whatever! I will just go and join them. I have to see who is the Ancestor of this Ancient Lin Family...'

Lin Tian's expression changed and he silently followed after the two as soon as he reasoned about the matter in his mind. Upon seeing him walking behind them, the two couldn't help but laugh out. What happened to the guts he showed just a moment ago? Sure enough, the Patriarch's threat could tone him down!

"Hahaha..."

"Didn't he say he wasn't interested?"

"It seems he still knows his place and understands that he's nothing without the Lin Family's background backing him up!"

The two in the front ridiculed in soft voices, but Lin Tian heard every word that rolled off their tongues. His complexion turned even more unsightly, and a murderous intent rose from the depths of his eyes. Still, he held back! He did, indeed, need his identity as a Lin Family's descendant.

He couldn't reveal his origin!

The two youths in front of him didn't know that they had walked down the path to Hell, and a Yama was watching them with great intent.

Although Lin Tian's cultivation base wasn't all that high right now, he could still easily make minced meat out of the two using methods from his previous life.

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[In the Ancient Lin Family's Great Hall]

Many powerful figures stood around inside the Hall. Their mighty spirit energy surged around, and Divine lights loomed around their figures. Sacred Ruins intertwined around them, showing the profound heritage of the Ancient Lin Family at its best.

Many more members of the Ancient Lin Family also stood outside the Hall. Most of them were youths — male and female — who were shrouded in holy halos. They were the elite geniuses of the Ancient Lin Family, and they were quite famous in the lands of the Middle State.

All of them watched on with great curiosity and excitement, but none dared to make a sound. After all, the people inside the Hall were the highest-ranking Elders of their Family!

Even the Great Elder who had gone into seclusion thousands of years ago, and was considered to have died amidst his seclusion, had come out to personally receive the newcomers!

Just who was the young man in black sitting at the head seat and drinking tea with an indifferent expression?

The maid next to him was a breathtaking beauty, too! Just like a Fairy who had descended from the Ninth Heaven!

Even their legendary Ancestor, who had Ascended to the Upper Realm, was behaving like a respectful underling!

Just who was the youth?

It was all an unimaginable matter for them — something they had never imagined to see in all of their life.

“Old Ming, you should deal with your matters without worrying about my presence.”

Gu Changge said with a casual smile. He was very interested in the progression of the current situation, as everything had happened without him even needing to put on a false show of might.

When their flying boat had arrived above the Lin Family’s estate, a large group of Elders respectfully greeted them from below and introduced themselves as the descendants of the Ancient Lin Family.

Afterwards, Gu Changge and his group were invited to the Lin Family’s estate by that group.

Since he had nothing better to do at the moment, Gu Changge decided to take it as a stroll outside and agreed.

It was Old Ming who explained to him that it was because of bloodline resonance he invoked that the Ancient Lin Family had found out about their arrival when they neared the Middle State, It was because of that matter that all of the Elders had personally come out to fetch them.

Although he didn’t speak much, the grand welcome from his descendants put a bright smile on Old Ming’s smile. Especially when it was all done in Gu Changge’s presence!

He didn’t want his Young Lord to see ruins when he brought him to his Family in the Middle State. This trip to the Lower Realm was an opportunity for him, after all.

If they were still in the Upper Realm, then, with his status in the Gu Family, it would be impossible for him to get close to Gu Changge, let alone do something for him that would be worth remembering.

“My Lord, I can’t fulfill your command this time. No matter how happy this old slave is, this old slave dares not leave your side!”

Old Ming said with a wry smile.

Of course, he knew that Gu Changge wouldn’t blame him for his current half-joking tone.

Today, Old Ming’s heart was bursting with joy after he saw that his descendants were not only having a great life, but they had also become one of the greatest Ancient Family of the Middle State.

He wasn’t this courageous on normal days, and would never use a joking tone in front of Gu Changge.

‘Old slave?’

Their Ancestor actually referred to himself as an old slave?!

Everyone who heard those words took in a deep, cold breath. Their pupils shrunk, and their hearts shuddered. The youngsters outside couldn’t help but open their eyes wide.

“It’s alright.”

Gu Changge responded with a smile. He would naturally not mind such trivialities. He decided to take his leave and stroll around, instead of standing between the young wanting to reminisce with their old.

“Qingge, accompany me on a stroll.” *n0vℓusB.c0m*

Gu Changge put down his tea cup, and stood up to leave.

He had an indifferent-yet-amiable expression, without the slightest hint of arrogance, and that gave the people around him a more approachable feeling.

But everyone knew full well that the man in front of them was a supreme existence who couldn’t be bothered about their insignificant existence. The amiable aura around him was nothing more than a sign of his goodwill that he showed to give face to Old Ming.

“Qiuhan, you are familiar with the area, so why don’t you accompany the Young Lord and show him around?”

The Patriarch of the Lin Family suddenly spoke up and gave a command to his daughter who was standing near the Hall’s door.

Old Ming couldn’t help but give him a look of approval. This descendant had great foresight!

“Under... Understood, Father!”

Lin Qiuhan immediately responded with a trembling voice. Her nervousness was through the roof at the moment.

Originally, Gu Changge didn’t care much about having a guide, but when he took a look at the one who would accompany him, his eyes lit up.

In front of him stood a stunning beauty!

With a thin layer of make up to accentuate her features, she looked like a Fairy. Her skin shimmered under the light, and her hair fell behind her and flew around like clouds. The loose robe she wore could not hide her tall and curvaceous figure that made heat rise inside a man’s body.

Of course, what truly distinguished her as a phoenix among the pheasants was the massive Fortune Value she possessed!

“Sister...”

Lin Tian, who had just arrived at the scene, was taken aback as soon as he saw what happened. He tightly clenched his fists, and his emotions went into a violent turmoil.

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Chapter 32: Pillows When You Think About Sleep; The Young Lord’s Identity?

“Sister...”

Lin Tian clenched his fists, and his complexion turned unsightly. An uncomfortable feeling of rage rose from the depths of his heart, and he subconsciously blurted out a call for Lin Qiuhan even though it wasn't his intention.

Lin Tian knew this was caused by his Predecessor's obsession, and it was his body's instinctive reaction to seeing the scene in front of him. After all, Lin Qiuhan was the only one who treated his Predecessor with kindness according to his memories.

Although she would put on a harsh and severe stance, she was sincerely good towards him in reality. She didn't treat him with indifference or despise, like the others in the Family.

The previous Lin Tian had always held an unspeakable kind of love for Lin Qiuhan!

It was just that his sister was too outstanding, while he, himself, was a down-and-out piece of waste without any talent...that thought humbled him from the bottom of his heart. Now that such a scene appeared in front of his eyes, the Predecessor's obsession obviously gave him a feeling of unwillingness and discomfort.

Still, the predecessor was gone and the one today was the Heaven Slaughter God King. To solve his Predecessor's obsession, he spent a lot of effort over the last few days.

A few days ago, he shocked everyone by pointing out the errors in the demonstrations done by the Extreme Dao Academy's teachers, and even helped them fix their errors. This helped him improve his image in Lin Qiuhan's mind as well, and she believed that Lin Tian had finally changed his mind and decided to work hard on his cultivation and studies.

Liu Qiuhan was pleased by his sudden change. She believed that her relentless persuasion had finally taken effect, and her younger brother had understood her worries.

Lin Tian was more than satisfied with this result. It was merely the first step of his grand plan of making Lin Qiuhan see him in a completely different light. How hard could it be for a mighty God King like him to capture a lass's heart?

But right now, one could see frost oozing out of Lin Tian's eyes.

Who the fuck was that bastard, and where did he pop out from? He wondered.

How dare he try to get close to his goods?

He was courting death!

But soon, Lin Tian's eyes constricted as his gaze landed on the ethereal beauty behind the young man. Although a veil covered the woman's visage, he could tell she was a thrilling fairy from the outline of her face.

Of course, the most important aspect regarding the woman was her special physique.

'Could it be the mythical [Mysterious Nine Yin Maiden Physique] that's mentioned in the ancient records...'

'The legendary Physique that's said to make the highest tier Human Cauldron?!'

‘To think I would come across such a Physique in a place like this!’

Lin Tian immediately lowered his head to prevent anyone from discovering the abnormality in his expression. He wasn’t too sure about his conjecture, and needed more time to observe and pass a final verdict. After all, such a Human Cauldron Physique could move even the hearts of the mightiest Gods!

‘Could this guy be the Young Lord they were talking about? I never thought he would have such great luck...’

‘What a pity, he met me!’

Lin Tian thought to himself, and soon, his complexion returned to normal. No one around him had discovered anything abnormal about him. What surprised him, though, was that ‘esteemed’ young man looking at him with a strange light in his eyes?

A very faint chill passed through Lin Tian’s body, but that disappeared as soon as it appeared...it was like an illusion.

“Lin Qiuhan? That’s a nice name.”

Gu Changge complimented. His good looks only appeared more enthralling as he chuckled, and it brought him gazes of admiration from many of the women standing outside the Hall.

It was the so-called attraction to an Immortal visage that everyone felt.

“Much...Much thanks for your praise, Young Lord!”

Lin Qiuhan’s face flushed slightly and she spoke with a stutter.

Although she was a teacher on regular days, and would radiate a majestic and iron lady-like aura as she taught the disciples at the Extreme Dao Academy...even she couldn’t help but feel tense in the current situation.

The handsome youth in front of her was a favored God-child who could even make her Ancestor act like a slave in front of him. No matter who it was, they would be able to tell he was from a terrifying background. It would be strange if she didn’t feel nervous when talking to him even after knowing all that.

‘THIS DAMNED OBSESSION...’

Lin Tian screamed in his heart when he saw the hateful scene in front of him. Feelings of jealousy and unwillingness welled up in his heart.

The others in the hall, however, only chuckled somewhat and kept quite about the scene that transpired. Not just Old Ming, but many people in the Ancient Lin Family also wanted Lin Qiuhan to be fancied by Gu Changge.

Old Ming himself was a divine existence in their eyes, so Gu Changge could only be an even more shocking figure if they thought about the matter with some reason.

“This one isn’t a Demon who will eat you, so why are you so nervous, Miss Lin?”

Gu Changge's expression did not change, nor did his smile disappear as he spoke up again. Still, he turned his gaze away from Lin Qiuhan and looked towards his front and said, **"I will have to trouble Miss Lin to take me and Qingge for a walk now."**

In his heart, however, he was thinking about something completely different.

Life sure was unexpected. He was planning to look for the new Favored Son of Heaven, yet the Favored Son of Heaven appeared in front of him himself. It was as if someone had delivered him pillows when he was thinking about sleep.

It also just so happened that he was quite interested to know where Lin Qiuhan's massive Fortune Value was coming from. Two hundred points in Fortune Value weren't something ordinary people could possess. The youth, the new Favored Son of Heaven, who was sneakily looking at him had a Fortune Value of five hundred.

Gu Changge wondered what template this one was cut from?

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The tense atmosphere in the Hall finally subsided after Gu Changge took his leave. Not just the Patriarch and the Elders of the Lin Family, but even the Great Elder felt nervousness in his presence. After all, it was their first time interacting with an existence from the Upper Realm, so how could they not be nervous?

"Ancestor, what is the identity of that Young Lord?"

After a while, the Great Elder asked with tumultuous emotions. He held curiosity, and many other emotions that couldn't be put into words, as he respectfully probed.

As soon as he raised his question, the youths standing outside the Hall also pricked their ears and carefully listened to satiate their own curiosity. Even Lin Tian, who had been secretly paying attention to Old Ming, put on a solemn expression as he intently listened on.

He could feel an aura similar to his own when he was at his peak from the Ancestor of the Lin Family who had descended from the Upper Realm. At the same time, he felt that the aura had something wrong with him and it wasn't similar to what he should sense.[1]

This matter greatly confused him.

There was nothing about Gu Changge's identity that Old Ming needed to conceal from his descendants, so he gently smiled and said, **"My Lord...he will be the one leading an Immortal Orthodoxy and the mighty Gu Family in the future! If you are lucky enough to receive My Lord's fancy, then you will immediately transform into a dragon from an inferior carp. At once, you will leap from the mortal world and step into the Ninth Heaven..."**

Chapter 33: Little Beauty Falling at First Sight; Good Face Takes You Far!

Immortal Orthodoxy? Gu Family?

What kind of concept were they?

Who in the world dared to call themselves Immortal?

Only a force that had existed since time immemorial and dominated the world could have such a right, right?

Old Ming's words took away the breath of everyone from the Ancient Lin Family, and great shock rose from the bottom of their hearts.

No wonder even their Ancestor referred to himself as 'old slave' in front of the Young Lord. With such a background, serving him was also a great honor. Their awe and reverence they held towards Gu Changge in their hearts grew deeper.

With their Ancestor's servant-like relationship with the Young Lord, they estimated that they and their Ancestor were nothing before him.

'That youth has such a terrifying background?' *novelSub.com*

Lin Tian's expression changed a bit and he felt that the matter had become somewhat tricky. But soon, his expression calmed down again. Since they had descended upon the Lower Realm, they had to abide by the laws of the Lower Realm. For a God King like him, it wouldn't be all that hard to deal with a kid still wet behind his years!

It would have been hard if they were in the Upper Realm, but down here...

Of course, the main reason was the fact that he felt that the youth who had descended from the Upper Realm held exactly what he was looking for. If he wanted to rise to the top, he would most certainly have to cross paths with this youth.

Old Ming started talking about his past experiences to his descendants, while Lin Tian quietly left the place with bright eyes. He planned to follow Gu Changge to see what he was up to. He worried that Gu Changge might do something untoward to Lin Qiuhan.

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The clear springs flowed, and spiritual mist floated around.

Lin Qiuhan nervously walked ahead with sweat-covered palms, guiding Gu Changge around on his random stroll. She couldn't calm herself no matter how hard she tried — she worried that she might offend the Young Lord by making some untoward action unknowingly.

She felt as if she were a commoner chosen by the Emperor as his guide.

Gu Changge seemed to be wandering around aimlessly, but he was considering many matters in his mind. Finally, he decided to pass some remarks.

"Lady Lin Qiuhan, you needn't be this nervous. Learn from Qingge, not only is not afraid of me, but she has also learned to talk back to me now."

Gu Changge said with a casual smile, sounding quite friendly. He couldn't deal with Lin Qiuhan if she was this nervous all the time.

Su Qingge, on the other hand, couldn't help but roll her eyes when she heard Gu Changge's words. Such shameless remarks...she wondered why she wasn't surprised hearing them from 'her Young Lord's' mouth.

"Qingge? Could she be...Eastern Wilderness's legendary number one beauty? Su Qingge, the Holy Maiden of the Taixuan Holy Land?"

Gu Changge's joking tone indeed helped Lin Qiuhan lower her unease and nervousness, and she asked back with great surprise. She had heard some rumors about Su Qingge of the Taixuan Holy Land before. It was said that the Eastern Wilderness's goddess had left with a Young Lord some time ago.

Now she found out that the Young Lord in the rumors was none other than the Young Lord Gu who came to visit them.

The number one beauty of the Eastern Wilderness — she was a woman admired by many youths from many regions close and far, yet now, that very person was right next to her. She looked like Young Lord Gu's maid at first sight.

Lin Qiuhan couldn't help but feel some complicated emotions well up in her heart, together with an inexplicable feeling of envy towards Su Qingge for some reason.

Young Lord Gu had a kind, gentle, and friendly temperament. Even though he was high above, he didn't give others a sense of contempt and disregard. Not only did he have great personal cultivation, but he was also well-mannered, like a gentleman described in the classics.

Lin Qiuhan relaxed a lot after she thought about it like this.

She began to take the initiative to introduce Gu Changge to the surroundings with a lovely smile on her face.

"Oh! I see..."

From time to time, Gu Changge would nod to her explanation, and even tell her some joke and evoke a burst of clear laughter from her.

Their group resembled a group of Immortals walking around in the mortal world, with a handsome gentleman and gorgeous maidens.

At the same time, Lin Qiuhan's impression of Gu Changge kept soaring, and she felt that Gu Changge was a true nobleman. No matter how one looked at him — be it his conversational skills, his manners, his temperament, or his power — one would find a sense of magnificence and elegance never seen before in anyone else.

As the genius daughter of the Ancient Lin Family, she had come across many a dazzling geniuses. But in front of Young Lord Gu, they all paled like the twinkling stars before the radiant sun at high noon.

No, to be more precise, they couldn't compare to him in any way!

She even felt that just a word from the Young Lord was enough to speed up her heart and flush her complexion.

Gu Changge naturally saw all of the changes happening with Lin Qiuhan. His expression didn't change, but he felt more and more interest towards Lin Qiuhan in his heart. It was what they called: 'falling at first sight.'

Sure enough, a good face helped you no matter where you went.

This was awesome, too, and it saved him a lot of trouble.

Afterwards, Gu Changge changed the topic and began asking Lin Qiuhan about herself and the Ancient Lin Family.

'Why would Young Lord Gu ask me about me?'

His sudden interest in herself made Lin Qiuhan's heart jump around like a fawn. Could it be that Young Lord Gu had developed a good impression of her?

It made her a little flustered and increased her nervousness.

"Qiuhan is the eldest daughter of my father, and I have various half-brothers and sisters..."

But soon, Gu Changge's smile relaxed Lin Qiuhan's heart and she began to introduce her family's situation to him. Among them, she also talked about the half-brother she worried about the most: 'Lin Tian.'

Gu Changge couldn't help but narrow his eyes when he heard his introduction.

Here came the familiar words: 'waste and not interested in cultivating himself.'

At this moment, Gu Changge slightly glanced towards a direction and saw a figure that was hiding not too far away.

The hidden figure was giving out very faint energy fluctuations. He did his best to hide, but he was still a bit away from completely erasing his presence.

The guy who was secretly glancing at him from outside the Hall back in the Ancient Lin Clan must be the Lin Tian she was talking about just now.

"Oh! Wouldn't he be unhappy if he heard his elder sister call him a waste?"

Gu Changge asked with a light chuckle.

Seeing that Young Lord Gu seemed to be interested in his, Lin Qiuhan continued to elaborate, "Everyone knows about this matter. Even though I want to defend him, I have no means to do so."

"Little Tian...his mother passed away when he was young, and our father also didn't treat him well. In addition, he has no talent for cultivation, nor is he interested in it. Although he's a direct descendant of the Family, he actually has no place in it."

"What a pitiful child. But he's quite lucky to have a sister as beautiful as you looking after him!"

Gu Changge praised with a gentle smile.

'Young Lord Gu called me beautiful?'

His sudden words of praise stunned Lin Qiuhan, and her complexion turned beet red out of joy and shyness.

“Little Tian...he’s a sensible child. After my constant nagging, he has finally started to turn over a new leaf! He’s begun to study and cultivate...”

Lin Qiuhan said with a relief-filled smile.

‘Hoh! He has recently started to study and cultivate?’

Intrigue filled Gu Changge’s smile when he heard those words, and he immediately came to a realization: ‘Waste turned over a good leaf overnight trope. It was either a mighty figure taking over the body of a trash, or a trash regressing back to the past!’

TL: Hello, everyone!

Some of you were confused about Su Qingge’s status as a Human Cauldron with her Physique being the best Physique for use as a Human Cauldron, so I will explain it for everyone here so if others have the same question, too, it starts making sense to them as well.

Show/hide textA human cauldron is pretty much a slave that’s used to improve the cultivation of their captor through sexual cultivation techniques.

Women are pretty much treated as flash lights/c#m dumpsters/meat toilets that give you a boost every time you r>pe them and use a sexual cultivation technique in the process.

Men are pretty much c#m pistols that are used until every shot is sucked out of them.

Every time the human cauldron is r>ped, they lose their Yin (female)/Yang (male) essence, which is also the essence of their life. Once that’s sucked out from them completely, they pretty much die and get dumped in some ditch. Who knows? They might even get thrown into a real cauldron to make some kinda pill if their misfortune is high enough.

Whether Su Qingge will end up in a situation like this or not, you will have to read further to know. All-in-all, that’s why her Physique is so special even for mighty figures since she can increase their cultivation base to the next level if they can get their hands on her and enslave her.

Chapter 34: Coveting Other’s Women Is a Villain’s Duty; Leeks Should Have a Leek’s Self-Awareness!

[VILFIC: the title is not what it seems.]

The reason Gu Changge reached that conclusion was naturally thanks to all the web novels he had religiously read in his previous life.

Lin Tian didn’t resemble an ordinary waste kid at all!

If he was, then he would be meek around him just like his heavenly genius of a sister, and wouldn't have dared to follow him in secret. Gu Changge had no doubt that the person hiding in the dark was Lin Tian. Only after he noticed his presence did he quickly turn around and leave.

That wasn't the mindset ordinary teenagers were supposed to have.

"It just shows that your persuasion was effective, and that he knows to empathize with his sister. Someone who can't cultivate is truly no different from garbage in this world. What's more? You were only doing it for his own good!"

Gu Changge gave her words of recognition with a handsome smile.

He continued talking casually, wanting to ask Lin Qiuhan more about Lin Tian's situation. As his elder sister, Lin Qiuhan must be the one who knows Lin Tian best.

Naturally, Lin Qiuhan didn't know Gu Changge's intentions. Instead, she felt moved by his words. She never thought she would hear words of comfort from Young Lord Gu!

After that, she continued talking about many other things about Lin Tian.

Gu Changge smirked and continued conversing with her. At the same time, he reaped as much information from her as he could.

A piece of information that roused his interest was the fact that Lin Tian had recently started taking interest in Alchemy, and even asked Lin Qiuhan for various medicinal ingredients. At the same time, he had also become proficient in some ancient formations — a few days ago, he had pointed out the mistakes of several elders, and shocked everyone.

Gu Changge had almost figured out the ins and outs of this Protagonist's template, and even thought up some contingency plans. This new Favored Son of Heaven...he seemed easier to deal with than what he had imagined.

Now that he didn't have to worry about receiving some existence-obliterating Fortune Backlash, Gu Changge could use more methods to deal with these Favored Children of Heaven.

"I never thought Young Lord Gu would understand me..."

Lin Qiuhan felt her heart move.

"Even Little Tian can't understand me normally, and thinks that I am too harsh on him."

Lin Qiuhan felt helpless when she said this.

Still, she felt gratified. She felt that Lin Tian had finally turned over a new life, and all her worries over the last few years hadn't gone to waste. Even better, what many members of their Family couldn't understand, Young Lord Gu did in their first meeting.

This gave birth to a strange emotion in her heart.

Lin Qiuhan had cultivated for more than twenty years, and only now did she understand what the words, 'heart skips a beat' meant. She felt her heart skip a beat in their very first meeting, even though her heart had never been moved by the young geniuses who pursued her relentlessly over the years.

Gu Changge naturally saw through Lin Qiuhan's heart. After all, he had already expected this.

With his status as a mighty and handsome man from the Upper Realm, together with his conversation skills and insights from his previous life, even a smart woman like Su Qingge couldn't escape his grasp. So how could Lin Qiuhan, someone with a far simpler mindset, not fall into his hands?

He required no effort to deal with her!

Starting with her was not only easier, but also more interesting than dealing with Lin Tian.

Su Qingge, who watched the entirety of the show from the sidelines, deepened her understanding of Gu Changge. He was indeed a sinister man who loved to play with peoples' hearts.

"It's good that little brother Lin Tian has decided to turn over a new leaf now. He must have been a pearl covered by the dust before! He must be blessed with great talent to be able to point out the mistakes of even Elders in just a few days..."

Gu Changge suddenly spoke with an emotional sigh, making it seem that his words were purely out of admiration. He was acting.

"How could Little Tian be a pearl covered by dust? As for his talent...he couldn't even reach Spirit Sea Realm before..."

Lin Qiuhan couldn't help but refute with a smile, but soon, her words stopped. She was stunned, and felt that something was wrong, but she couldn't put her finger on what that was!

"Eh? How did he perform Alchemy if he couldn't even cultivate to the Spirit Sea Realm? Could it be that little brother Lin Tian came across some ancient inheritance? When I was in the Upper Realm, I heard about some elusive ancient inheritances like that. The cultivators can inherit them even before the Spirit Sea Realm. It seems that little brother Lin Tian is a man greatly favored by the Heavens!"

Gu Changge couldn't help but mutter as if he was greatly surprised.

Lin Qiuhan couldn't see much right now, but she will certainly reach certain conjectures after he pointed her in the 'right' direction.

Seeing Lin Qiuhan lose herself in her thoughts with a deeply focused expression, Gu Changge decided not to add any more hints. He understood that he had to lead her moderately, so he smiled and kept quiet.

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[In another place at this time.]

After Gu Changge sensed his trail, Lin Tian decided to take his leave and no longer followed after them.
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Right now, he had an ugly expression, and deep jealousy rising in his heart. Of course, it was because of his Predecessor's obsession with his sister.

Currently, Gu Changge was too strong for Lin Tian, but that was only because he had recently reincarnated. Lin Tian couldn't correctly estimate Gu Changge's current limits because of his measly cultivation base.

Still, the most unexpected matter to him was his sister's behavior. His sister, who was harsh to him on normal days and put on a majestic front, actually showed such a meek and bashful expression in front of another man.

Worse? It was their first meeting, too!

Such a scene made Lin Tian's blood boil, and he felt as if someone had robbed him of something precious that belonged to him. He couldn't help but clench his fists, so much so that one could hear his bones creak.

Good thing that his state of mind couldn't be destroyed with just this much. After all, his cultivation in his previous life wasn't in vain, nor a fluke.

Soon, Lin Tian calmed himself and resolved in his heart, 'This so-called Young Lord Gu is really sinister and not a kind person. He shows a gentlemanly front, but he's most definitely not a gentleman no matter how I look at him. I must ask Lin Qiuhan to be cautious of him, so she doesn't fall into his sinister trap.'

'Since you have decided to offend me, don't blame me for smacking you down!'

Before, because of the Physique of the woman following Gu Changge, he was still wondering whether or not to deal with Gu Changge. But now, he had decided. He now had a good reason to deal with him.

It was Gu Changge who provoked him first, not him!

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Night came in the blink of an eye.

Great tremors went through the Central Heavenly City due to the sudden return of the Ancient Lin Family's Ancestor from the Upper Realm, and that caused a stir everywhere. Countless cultivators discussed the matter.

The pieces of news spread from the Ancient Lin Family to various parts of the Middle State, causing massive waves in every ancient city.

All the major forces were shaken to their cores, and they sent their descendants and disciples to visit the Ancient Lin Family.

Right now, Gu Changge stood by the window with his hands radiating immortal lights and ruins. He looked very mysterious as the dim moonlight illuminated his visage, and his black dress fluttered by the cold wind. His expression was calm and indifferent, as he was lost in his thoughts.

He had already figured out the plots and cliches about the newly-crowned Favored Son of Heaven, Lin Tian. He was most definitely a mighty figure who fell somehow and his remnant spirit reincarnated by taking over the body of a waste.

He had already judged that Lin Tian didn't have any knowledge of the future, so he couldn't be a Regressor. This made it easy for him to deal with Lin Tian.

Of course, what surprised Gu Changge the most was the fact that when he was outside the Hall, this dude intently stared at Su Qingge for a few moments for some reason.

Isn't it a villain's duty to covet other peoples' women?

How come the Favored Sons of Heaven started taking on that mantle now?

Seems like Lin Tian was quite anxious for his death.

Leeks are supposed to have a leek's self-awareness, but he was overreaching.

Here's a small introduction to the two leeks that we have seen until now.

Ye Chen → Ye Chen is a down and out Protagonist who was a genius when young, but soon, his Cultivation no longer increased for reasons he couldn't understand, and he lost all his status and respect. Because his cultivation became stagnant, people who once respected him became to ridicule him and called him trash, scum, and an insult to their great Ye Clan. His fiancée broke her engagement with him which humiliated him greatly, so he set up a three-year agreement with the girl, and swore to the Heavens that he will return the humiliation to her and everyone who humiliated him.

When he was at his lowest point in life, the ring his non-existent mother left for him shone with great light and a heavenly beauty appeared out of the ring. The beauty told him that the reason his cultivation didn't increase is because the beauty was taking away whatever Spiritual Energy he was collecting for his cultivation to heal her own remnant spirit. It was all thanks to him that she could finally awaken. To apologize for taking away his cultivation and sending him down the spiral of humiliation and scummy, the beauty promises to help him achieve greatness by taking him as his disciple. The beauty was a supreme mighty figure when she was alive, and she came from the Upper Realm. She fell into the Lower Realm after a bunch of bastards encircled her and attacked her to kill her. There's also a chance she was a supreme Alchemist with grand status.

It's at this point that Ye Chen's luck turns around and he goes on his path of world domination and beauty conquest, where he was supposed to face slap everyone, b!tch slap his ex-fiancée, and trample on all the other genius and young masters. At the end, Ye Chen would have a Harem consisting of his master, Su Qingge, and other Favored Daughters of Heaven blessed with great fortune.

BUT...he met Gu Changge and got himself screwed.

Lin Tian → Lin Tian is a down and out Protagonist who was a mighty God King from another Lower Realm. When he reached the peak of God King Realm and decided to Ascend to the Upper Realm to reach even more grandness, the Heavenly Dao decided to frick him over. He met a Black Hole or something, and the Black Hole ripped him apart and only left a part of his soul. That tiny part of his soul roamed around the Universe and ended up in another Lower Realm which had a civilization that is far behind the Lower Realm he came from. In this Lower Realm, he took over the body of a trash who can't cultivate.

Lin Tian was supposed to use his knowledge from his past life to soar to the Heavens in a single leap. He will use his knowledge to face slap everyone who looked down on him, impress his sister to pound her honey pot, subdue various Favored Daughters of Heaven blessed with great fortune. He would soon become a False God which is nothing compared to his previous cultivation of the God King realm, and Ascend. Just like that, he will keep soaring even in the Upper Realm. By the end, he will have a massive harem that will include his sister, his old disciple, some random female master, and whatnot. He will be a supreme existence in the Upper Realm worshipped and feared by the Supreme Orthodoxies, Families, Sects, and Kingdoms.

He might also become the foster son of some mighty figure, too. His knowledge of Alchemy, Formations, and other secondary occupations is far ahead of whatever the Lower Realm of Ancient Lin Family has developed. All of them are like a bunch of hill-billies in front of the mighty God King he was.

BUT...he met Gu Changge and will be getting himself screwed.

That's all, in case anyone was wondering about the background of the two *'antagonists'*.

Chapter 35: Death Be Thy Fate When Fortune Favors Thee No More; Young Lord Gu, The Sinister Man!

For Gu Changge, the only reason Ye Chen was still around was because Ye Chen couldn't even be considered a threat. Were he a real threat, Gu Changge would never allow him to live this long. He would obliterate him as soon as he offended him — he would never show mercy and let his adversary grow up.

Be it Ye Chen or Lin Tian, they were nothing more than a bunch of leeks and handymen for his use, even if they were the Favored Sons of Heaven. He would reap them one after the other.

Gu Changge was no foolish man. He would never allow a threat to his life exist for long; he would most certainly nip them in the bud.

Since times immemorial, the reasons villains died were: 'talking too much and not killing off Protagonists out of arrogance.'

He wouldn't fall into the same traps as the many who died before him. He will keep his mouth shut and not let arrogance cloud his judgement. He might not be omniscient and omnipotent, but his knowledge would be enough to save him.

What's more? Slowly playing the Favored Children of Heaven to death in the Lower Realm wasn't all that hard. He didn't even need to kill them off at first sight since Ye Chen and Lin Tian weren't even a threat to him.

Gu Changge was more than happy to take things the way they were. After all, his own Destiny Points went up as he slowly squeezed the Fortune Value of the Favored Children of Heaven. It would be too boring if there weren't these minor restrictions.

Since he transmigrated and became the villain, it's only natural that he does what a villain does best!

In addition, he had learned from the System that killing a Favored Child of Heaven after completely reaping their Fortune Value had some incentives. After he dried all of their Fortune Value, killing those Favored Children of Heaven would trigger some 'Heavenly Rewards' from the System.

Heavenly Rewards...those words didn't sound all that bad. At least, Gu Changge felt his heart surge.

It was because of this that Gu Changge allowed Ye Chen to move around, or it wouldn't be all that hard for him to find Ye Chen with his spiritual mark on his Master.

Gu Changge simply decided not to deal with him immediately. He was waiting for Ye Chen to be his treasure sniffer who will open the ancient ruins and find the location of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

He would use him to the last moment.

After all, that was the real purpose behind his descent to the Lower Realm.

While Gu Changge was lost in his own thoughts, a knock on the door sounded from outside.

“Qingge, go and open the door.”

Gu Changge couldn't help but raise his eyebrows when he sensed the person who had arrived, and then commanded Su Qingge who was busy reading some ancient book not far away from him.

“Yes, Young Lord.”

Su Qingge put down the book in her hands, and lightly walked towards the door.

Outside the door stood Lin Qiuhan dressed in a light blue dress. A light pink adorned her gorgeous face, compounding her beauty. In her hand, she held a small tray of food with a covering on top of it that exuded an alluring aroma.

“These are some pastries Qiuhan made just now. If Young Lord Gu feels hungry, he can use these to relieve his appetite at night.”

Lin Qiuhan said to Su Qingge with a flushed face.

Her mind was in a mess, and she didn't know what she was thinking when she especially went to make these spiritual pastries. Cultivators at a certain level didn't even need food for sustenance and could easily live on Spiritual Qi alone.

It just so happened that she was good at cooking, so she thought that she should make something and deliver it to Gu Changge.

“Understood. Thank you for your hard work, Miss Lin. There was actually no need to come here personally at this time. Qingge will thank you in ‘my Young Lord’s’ stead!”

Su Qingge put on a flawless-yet-ceremonial smile on her face, and spoke with a cold tone. She didn't even hide her hint towards Lin Qiuhan, and intentionally emphasized the 'my Young Lord' when she spoke.

The innocent beauty in front of her had only met him once, yet her Young Lord had already caught her heart. This made Su Qingge wonder if she should give a hint to the girl and save her from falling into this pit of fire with her?

But soon, she remembered that she would only suffer more at Gu Changge's hands if she did do that, so she gave up.

Obviously, Lin Qiuhan didn't understand the hint hidden in Su Qingge's words. She wasn't as quick-witted and cunning as Su Qingge, after all.

"I will have to trouble Holy Maiden Qingge then; I won't bother Young Lord Gu's rest."

Lin Qiuhan's nervousness increased the longer she stood there, so she quickly handed the tray to Su Qingge and rushed away as if escaping from someone.

"You met her once and she's already fallen...Young Lord's ability to play with peoples' hearts is becoming more and more sophisticated."

Su Qingge walked back inside and said after arriving next to Gu Changge. At the same time, she uncovered the tray that held the cake made by Lin Qiuhan. n017ELusb.c0m

[Hum!]

Immediately, a soothing aroma burst out, and a sacred glow brightened the surroundings. Various runes and scenes flashed around the pastries, and it could be seen that the ingredients used to make them weren't all that simple.

"Miss Lin's craftsmanship is pretty good; you must learn from her, Qingge!"

Gu Changge didn't bother responding to Su Qingge's previous remarks. He was in a great mood right now, and couldn't help but praise the pastries after taking a few bites.

"Since Young Lord thinks so highly of her, then why not take Miss Lin away with you? Wouldn't that be much easier?"

Su Qingge said.

Gu Changge glanced at her face after hearing her words, and said with a smile, **"Qingge, are you jealous? I never thought you would be the jealous type; it doesn't suit you."**

"You look quite unpleasant like that!"

Su Qingge shook her head and responded, **"My Lord's thoughts are too deep and elusive — Qingge has enough self-awareness and knows her place. It's already hard for me to receive some of your attention, so what use would it be for me to be jealous?"**

Although her words were calm, they couldn't mask the minor grievance in her heart.

"Since when did you speak what you don't mean?"

Gu Changge couldn't help but chuckle.

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Lin Tian watched Lin Qiuhan coming from a certain part of the Lin Family's estate from the distance. That direction happened to be where Gu Changge's resting quarters were prepared.

This woman...just what was she doing, going to his place in the evening?

Rage appeared on Lin Tian's bitter face, and he couldn't help but clench his fists.

"Little Tian, what are you doing here? That aside, where did you go this afternoon? Why couldn't I find you anywhere in the Family estate?"

Lin Qiuhan's expression had been a mix of joy, bashfulness, anxiety, and many other complex emotions. But as soon as she saw Lin Tian, she suppressed her emotions in a hurry and questioned him with a stern tone.

Lin Tian gritted his teeth. His heart burned with jealousy and envy, but he forced himself to calm down, and asked back, **"Sister, it's so late in the evening...why did you come out at this time? Did you go to visit that Young Lord Gu?"**

Lin Tian himself couldn't describe the emotion he felt in his heart at this moment. If he didn't resolve this obsession soon, then it will start affecting his state of mind, and he might end up doing something stupid.

He had to find a solution for his Predecessor's obsession.

As for Lin Qiuhan...as soon as she heard his words, she panicked. It was as if someone had caught her red handed in the midst of some evil deed. Still, she maintained her stern appearance in front of Lin Tian, and said, **"Stop bothering about my matters, and focus on your cultivation!"**

"That man with the surname Gu is a sinister man; don't be deceived by his false appearance. I can tell at one glance that he's a wolf who tricks women, so you have to open your mind and see the threat, Lin Qiuhan."

Lin Tian said with a stern face of his own, and even raised his voice and directly called out Lin Qiuhan's name. He couldn't let Lin Qiuhan sink any further in Gu Changge's trap, even if he had to use some tough means.

"What's wrong with Young Lord Gu?"

Lin Qiuhan couldn't help but frown upon hearing his words, and her expression worsened. Since when did she fall so low that even Lin Tian could step over her head?

What's more? She had first-hand experienced Young Lord Gu's personality, and believed that he was humble, polite, and as gentle as a gentleman could be. Even though he came from a prestigious background, he didn't give her the feeling of interacting with someone high above.

"Don't talk bad about Young Lord Gu! If you could be one percent as good as Young Lord Gu, then I wouldn't need to worry so much about you!"

Lin Qiuhan snarled. She thought that Lin Tian was overthinking everything.

"Why are you so stupid? Why can't you understand what I am telling you?!"

Lin Tian's rage soared, and he spoke with great annoyance. But even after he said his piece, Lin Qiuhan didn't appear to have a change of mind. Just what kind of drug had that bastard with the surname Gu fed her? He wondered.

“Just what’s wrong with you? Lately, you have been acting too weirdly! Even if Young Lord Gu isn’t a good person, what would he desire from me? Why would he harm me?”

Lin Qiuhan didn't know what else to say to Lin Tian, so she threw her own questions at him, and immediately turned to walk away.

Lin Tian, on the other hand, was stunned and stood rooted to his spot.

That's right...why would Gu Change target her?

Halfway through her walk, Lin Qiuhan recalled that she still had questions for Lin Tian. How did he perform alchemy? How did he suddenly increase his cultivation? And where was he this afternoon?

Unfortunately, she didn't see anyone when she turned around.

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Chapter 36: Everything Under Control; Lin Tian's Forbidden Technique!

Lin Qiuhan's heart desired to ask all these questions to Lin Tian. After all, she really thought there was a problem with Lin Tian after listening to Gu Change's words during their stroll.

Lin Tian had no talent or idea about cultivation just a few days ago. Even if someone urged him and offered help, he wouldn't move an inch. Yet now...what had happened to him?

What brought such changes to his character? Why did he suddenly change into a troublesome and arrogant fellow? How did he learn Alchemy so suddenly? And how did he point out the mistakes in the Elders' teachings?

Was there an expert hiding behind him who taught him everything? Or could it be...Lin Qiuhan shuddered a little and no longer thought about these matters.

Unfortunately, Lin Tian had disappeared by the time Lin Qiuhan turned around.

All of this left her in a daze, so she couldn't help but sigh.

'Whatever, he's probably angry after listening to my rebukes once more; he must have returned to his own courtyard. I will ask him about these matters tomorrow...just what happened to Little Tian?'

Lin Qiuhan shook her head, and decided to leave the matters be. For now, she should return to her own resting quarters and take care of her personal matters. She still hadn't looked through her students' submissions.

At the same time, the thought of seeing Young Lord Gu again tomorrow appeared in her mind. Immediately, her mood brightened and she looked forward to the arrival of the next day. She wished for time to pass as soon as possible. It would be thrilling if tomorrow could come fast.

Once Lin Tian and Lin Qiuhan's dispute ended, a System prompt sounded in Gu Changge's mind just as he desired.

[Ding! Lin Qiuhan has developed doubts about Lin Tian's sudden change in temperament. Lin Tian lost 50 Points of Fortune Value. Host received 250 Destiny Points!]

Sure enough, everything was moving according to his wishes.

He had read more than a few web novels in his past life, and knew all these cliches and tropes like the back of his hand. He had also read a lot of novels where the villain's triumphed, so Gu Changge naturally knew how to squeeze all of the Fortune Value of a mighty figure who reincarnated like Lin Tian.

First, he will develop a rift between the Protagonist and the person closest to him. Second, he will pit his family against him. And lastly, he will reveal the matter of him taking over the Predecessor's body for his 'evil' gains...

Everything was under Gu Changge's control, and Lin Tian will never be able to make any moves. If he guessed correctly, Lin Tian will be making his move any time now — he will never stand at the spot and let someone trample him without a fight.

Gu Changge's curiosity peaked when he wondered what kind of method Lin Tian will use to deal with him?

Would he try assassinating him? He would be smashing his head into a brick wall.

Would he try to poison him? That wouldn't work either.

Then...there was only one method left: 'Lin Tian will use some kind of forbidden technique.'

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Lin Tian returned to his courtyard with a gloomy expression clouding his face. Lin Qiuhan's words had greatly humiliated him. He, the Heaven Slaughter God King who reigned supreme from East to West in his previous life, never imagined in that he would suffer such extreme humiliation.

Even a woman looked down on him now?

What did she mean she wouldn't be worried about him if he was one percent as good as that guy with the surname Gu?

Those remarks enraged Lin Tian. And since he, a mighty God King, was enraged, he must naturally wash this shame with the blood of his adversary.

'It's good that I went to prepare all the materials in the afternoon...'

'Although the power won't be one-ten-thousandth of my peak, it will be more than enough to deal with a brat like him.'

'Hehe! Gu bastard, you brought this upon yourself...'

Lin Tian coldly thought to himself.

As a person from the Upper Realm, Gu Changge was continuously under the protection of the Lin Family's Ancestor, so he couldn't use ordinary means to deal with him. What's more? His current strength wasn't enough to harm Gu Changge either.

So the only way Lin Tian thought about was using a forbidden technique!

[VILFIC: Imao, bruh I ded.]

The reason he held so much confidence in this method was simple: 'he held an ancient forbidden technique in his arsenal!'

It was an extremely weird and incomprehensible technique that brought forth a demon from an unknown realm, who could kill the target without leaving a trace. He had used this exact technique to injure even a God King of the same cultivation realm as his own!

Although he couldn't exert his true might right now, dealing with a youth like Gu Changge wasn't difficult.

Of course, the forbidden technique didn't come free of cost! It burned the caster's life force as sacrifice to the demon that will be summoned.

Lin Tian couldn't care about the price right now. After all, he could easily make up the loss of his life span when he achieved his mighty cultivation base in the future.

'By soaking the [Nine-Nine Soul Incense] in the Blood Essence of eight different poisonous beasts, and then mixing it with the bone marrow of three different beasts will open a gateway to this Lower Realm and let in the demon. Once the gateway is opened, I will need to use [Mortal Flesh Incense] and [Mortal Ghost Money] to communicate with the demon and build a bridge between us...'

[VILFIC: I was thinking of outright skipping this nonsense that adds no value, but here it is just in case.]

Lin Tian was busy preparing the materials for this forbidden technique in the afternoon, and that was why Lin Qiuhan couldn't find him anywhere.

As a descendant of the Ancient Lin Family, it wasn't hard for him to go out and arrange all these materials.

Afterwards, Lin Tian recalled the necessary steps to perform the forbidden technique, and placed the various ingredients in different parts of his courtyard. Soon, he began to summon the demon from another realm. Closing his eyes, Lin Tian sat in the middle of the structure, and began to chant obscure words.

These materials weren't simple, and some were even made of skin and bones of humans and other races, and they could only be found in the shady black markets hidden in the darkness of the ancient cities.

His predecessor had left quite an amount in savings, so Lin Tian could afford these materials without issue.

[Hum!]

Soon, colorful runes flickered around, and an eerie atmosphere covered the entire courtyard. If someone were to break in at this time, they would be frightened out of their wits. The sight was simply too frightening.

[Rustle!]

As Lin Tian's chanting intensified, a scarlet wind blew around him. Locks of red hair appeared out of thin air and floated above the earth, radiating a cold and sinister aura.

Though, it was strange that the sinister aura only appeared inside the courtyard, and no one outside could see its presence. The courtyard appeared calm and desolate under the dim moonlight, as if something had isolated it from the outside world.

'As expected, it isn't easy to execute a forbidden technique of this level with my current strength...'

Beads of sweat flowed down Lin Tian's face. Although his expression was still firm, one could see that casting the forbidden technique had put immense burden on his existence.

In the next moment, an even more sinister and freezing cold aura enveloped everything inside the courtyard. The runes that previously flickered with light turned pitch black, and intertwined with each other to surround everything.

Faint, smoke-like shadows fell from the sky and rose from the earth.

"Take his life — obliterate his true soul!"

Lin Tian commanded the smoke around him. At the same time, he recalled Gu Changge's appearance in his mind.

"I am willing to pay with fifteen years of my life span!"

Soon, Lin Tian felt something rip apart the very essence of his life. At the same time, a faint connection with something unseen formed in his mind. He wobbled weakly, and couldn't help but shake his head. After all, he had sacrificed the very essence of his life for this.

But soon, he recovered his mentality and confidently said, 'Even if you escape death, you won't escape turning into a vegetable!'

This kind of demon from an unknown realm was the trickiest to deal with. An encounter with them basically resulted in the destruction of one's soul, resulting in instant death.

Even if the target survived somehow, they would end up as mindless vegetables for the rest of their life.

The sinister wind arrived quickly, and just as fast disappeared, too!

Chapter 37: The Demon's Horror; Playing Himself to Death!

[At this time in Gu Changge's resting quarters.] n0veLus&.c0M

Gu Changge opened his eyes with a calm and indifferent expression. He felt a vague fluctuation in the void around him as soon as Lin Tian targeted him. He could hear a tumultuous storm, as if thousands of horses galloped towards him.

After that, a sinister and gloomy ripple surged in his surroundings, and he felt the familiar breath of a demon.

‘It seems that he did exactly what I expected from him; it’s just that this forbidden technique is a little...’

Intrigue filled Gu Changge’s smile.

[Hum!]

A dark brilliance flashed past his pupils. The Innate God inside his Sea of Consciousness’s [Innate God’s Temple] opened his deep and indifferent eyes, too! A jet-black aura surged from him like a thick black fog, appearing mysterious and immeasurable.

‘You are still too wet behind the ears for a mighty reincarnator! Such a measly trick can do nothing to me.’

The smile on Gu Changge’s face disappeared and his indifference took over once more.

He didn’t even need to rely on his [Devil Heart]! The [Innate God’s Temple] alone was a primordial talent that could triumph over anything. And after he contaminated his [Innate God’s Temple] with his demonic nature, it had become even more unafraid of anything that might come at it.

In simpler terms: ‘a demon of this level was nothing more than soup for his soul.’

“Myriad Demon...”

Gu Changge’s face turned stone-cold, but he soon glanced at Su Qingge who was soundly sleeping beside him. He didn’t want to disturb her.

In the next moment, a black glow covered his palm and horrible demons intertwined in his hands. It was as if a peerless demon was resurrecting, wanting to swallow everything in its wake.

Gu Changge thrust his palm into the void. A cold air surged forth, and he heard the shrill screams of some horrified demon. In the next moment, he pulled back strands of black smoke that trembled with sheer terror.

Gu Changge’s Innate God took a step forward and breathed in, immediately swallowing the smoke as if feasting on a goblet.

[Kacha! Crack!]

Soon, the sounds of someone chewing on flesh resounded. A large number of demons screamed in horror and despair, but they couldn’t escape their fate of getting swallowed in the Innate God’s belly.

Gu Changge visibly felt his soul strengthen by a bit. He could also feel a hint of Lin Tian’s life span nourishing his being.

Within a blink, the void returned to peace as if nothing had happened there before.

[Ding! Lin Tian’s lifespan is greatly reduced. Lin Tian lost 150 Points of his Fortune Value. Host received 750 Destiny Points!]

A System prompt sounded inside Gu Changge's mind, but he didn't care too much about the announcement.

'Isn't this no different from playing himself to death? This newborn Favored Son of Heaven must be trying to commit suicide! I haven't even done anything yet, and he's already taken such a massive hit...'

Gu Changge thought with a playful smile.

"My Lord, please forgive this slave's sin. This old slave isn't strong enough to protect you, so this old slave hopes My Lord will mete out punishment!"

As soon as Old Ming — who was guarding outside the resting quarters — felt the disturbance of the void, he rushed about. His complexion looked extremely ugly, and he couldn't stop panicking out of horror. He never thought someone would be courageous enough to attack his Lord in the dead of the night.

What's more? They used such a filthy trick!

Old Ming couldn't help but sweat when he thought that it all happened inside the domain of the Family he had left behind.

Were his Young Lord unable to deal with this attack...

Old Ming could hardly imagine the consequences. He feared that even ten thousand deaths wouldn't be enough to get him pardon!

[Hum!]

Gu Changge took a step forward and appeared outside the hall with a calm expression.

"Don't worry, a method like this isn't enough to harm me. On the other hand, I want to know who did it? Who in the Lower Realm has such a method?"

Gu Changge looked calm and undisturbed. In his heart, however, he cackled a bit over the situation. At the same time, he decided not to directly mention Lin Tian's name.

After all, he wasn't supposed to know the identity of the descendants and disciples of the Ancient Lin Family since he had only interacted with Lin Qiuhan today. It would be too arbitrary if he mentioned the name of the one who did it.

Of course, Gu Changge wanted the Lin Family to find the attacker themselves. Lin Tian must be suffering from a backlash just about now, and shouldn't be able to run anywhere.

He simply needed to sit and watch a good show.

He had thought that the Favored Son of Heaven this time would be a tad bit more interesting, but he turned out to be an utter disappointment that was abandoned by his Heavenly Daddy in the blink of an eye.

Gu Changge couldn't help but feel bored.

He was simply too strong, so these weak Favored Children of Heaven couldn't do anything against him. What's more? He didn't need to worry about a Fortune Backlash anymore, so these Favored Children of Heaven were truly like ants that he could stomp to death at any moment.

“Since I have already solved the forbidden technique, the person who performed it must be suffering from a rebound.”

“This old slave will go and investigate immediately. I will certainly find the attacker and give an explanation to you, My Lord!”

Old Ming felt his heart move after he realized that Gu Changge truly didn't blame him. He was stunned by the generosity and immediately promised to apprehend the adversary no matter what.

Gu Changge nodded and returned to his place.

“My Lord, did something happen outside?”

Su Qingge asked with a puzzled expression on her face. She was asleep a while ago, but some disturbance woke her up.

“Nothing much; you can sleep in peace.”

Gu Changge said.

At the same time, Old Ming summoned the Lin Family's higher ups, and the entire Lin Family went through a tremendous storm. Everyone felt terrified.

The Elders and the Patriarch of the Lin Family even turned pale from fright.

Everyone set out to search for the assailant. No one had the guts or desire to sleep tonight, now that something so big had happened against Young Lord Gu!

A forbidden technique like that wasn't something ordinary people could get in contact with. That was something very clear to everyone. They all prayed that it wasn't something done by one of their own descendants, or they wouldn't be able to bear the burden!

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Under the dim moonlight, Lin Tian felt that something had gone wrong as soon as he felt the connection between himself and the Heavenly Demon disappear.

“Not good...What happened?! Backlash? I am receiving a backlash?! Why is this happening?”

Lin Tian couldn't contain his shock — he never expected such a turn of events. His complexion turned pale and he spewed blood. His hair greyed at a rapid speed, and his skin wrinkled. It was as if he had aged a dozen years in a moment.

His entire being turned so weak that it looked as if a gust of wind would blow him away.

The moment the forbidden technique's connection shattered, Lin Tian had felt the terror of that bunch of demons he had summoned. It was ultimate dread that he felt, as if he had come across the greatest

demon among the demons, no, he had come across the Emperor of all Demons, the Lord of the Demons himself.

The source of their fear was Gu Change.

“Why on earth did this happen?!”

“That bastard with the surname Gu is still alright, so I definitely can’t stay in the Lin Family anymore. If they find me like this...”

Lin Tian’s complexion changed drastically. A moment ago, he was a teenager, yet now, he had turned into an older man. Anyone could see there was something wrong with him.

Even a disguising technique wouldn’t help him at this time. The experts of the Lin Family would be able to find out his origin was damaged just by looking at him.

Soon, Lin Tian’s complexion turned uglier than before. He heard the sound of footsteps outside his courtyard, and realized that the entire Lin Family was in a turmoil right now.

The people of the Lin Family had completely sealed the ancient city they resided in. A large number of cultivators also appeared high above in the sky and suppressed every inch of land with their majestic auras. They were prepared to thoroughly investigate every single person who evoked their suspicion.

Lin Tian felt his heart turn cold. His anxiety was getting to his head right now.

“Could it be that I, a mighty God King, would fall in a place like this? No, I am just a waste in the Lin Family, so they shouldn’t be suspicious of me this soon...”

He forced himself to calm down, and started thinking of a way to salvage his situation.

Right at this time, Lin Qiuhan’s anxious voice sounded from outside his courtyard, **“Little Tian, something major happened, so Father has summoned everyone right now! Come out, we must go there immediately...”**

With that, Lin Tian’s heart sank thoroughly.

[VILFIC's Crib]

Chapter 38: The Golden Cicada Escapes its Shell; Truly, Familiarity Breeds Fondness!

[VILFIC's Crib]

The Golden Cicada Escapes its Shell is an idiom that means *‘escaping with petty tricks’* OR *‘using tricks to escape’*.

The footsteps outside arrived closer and closer, and Lin Qiuhan was definitely not alone.

Lin Tian’s face paled further, and his body kept trembling due to weakness. His heart kept sinking.

What could he do at a time like this?

Rush out? No, he would be caught red-handed on the spot!

He was in a sorrowful state right now. His origin had been damaged, and he had also received a violent backlash.

To begin with, how could he rush out when he couldn't even walk straight?

Lin Tian couldn't help but feel a deep sense of despair. The despair was no different from what he felt when he shattered through the void and tried to Ascend, but met a spatial rift halfway through his Ascent and had his existence almost obliterated.

He felt that exact despair and powerlessness in his heart again.

Will he really reach his end tonight? He couldn't accept that! After finally receiving a chance at resurrection, instead of reaching the peak of his life, he was only falling further down.

Lin Tian roared in his heart as unwillingness welled up inside him.

But right at this time, it seemed as if the Heavens had heard his despairing call, and he saw a ray of light in the darkness of Hell he was falling down into. A gleam of hope suddenly flashed through Lin Tian's mind.

Suspended Animation!

That's right!

He could fake his death and escape from this calamity. Lin Tian was a ruthless man who could do anything if need be. Immediately, he cut off his heart's vein, and hid his remnant soul in the deepest depths of his Sea of Consciousness using a secret technique.

No one should be able to see through his secret technique.

After all, the Predecessor's soul had long perished, and all that was left behind was nothing more than an empty shell. And now that he cut off his heart's vein, all of the body's vitality would naturally disappear.

And as fate would have it, this secret technique worked in the following manner: 'after three days, the technique's effect will disappear, and he will automatically wake up and his heart's vein will also begin to repair itself.'

Even if the members of the Lin Family discovered him, he could use amnesia as an excuse to confuse them.

Lin Tian didn't hesitate to act upon his plan as soon as he thought it through. He gave out a loud cry and sprayed blood from his mouth. His eyes rolled back, and his trembling body fell to the ground.

[Bang!]

At the same time, someone pushed open the courtyard's gate and entered.

"Little Tian, what's wrong?!"

"Lin Tian..."

Lin Qiuhan and the others were greatly shocked by what they saw in front of them.

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[The next day when the sky had barely brightened up.]

Movements outside the hall awakened Gu Changge from his sleep.

After devouring that large number of demons last night, as well as Lin Tian's lifespan, the power of his soul had strengthened to newer heights. That strand of lifespan belonged to a mighty God King, after all, even if he was no longer as strong as he was at his prime. It still contained a lot of power in it.

After Gu Changge digested everything, he fell sound asleep. After all, unlike the other cultivators, he didn't need to stay awake twenty-four-by-seven and sit cross-legged to comprehend and raise his cultivation base. Since he could raise his cultivation base by adding points to his stats, why would he make himself suffer?

"My Lord, a lot of people are waiting for you outside."

Su Qingge was already dressed in a neat and silky soft dress that accentuated her figure. Her exquisite and flawless face shimmered under the faint sunlight.

While talking to Gu Changge, she looked outside with some curiosity and doubt.

Just what had happened while she was asleep last night?

Gu Changge told her nothing, so she was still not clear on the events that transpired. She wondered why all the members of the Ancient Lin Family, including Old Ming, looked afraid and stood outside, respectfully waiting?

It wasn't hard to tell that they were waiting for her Young Lord.

"It seems they have caught the rat."

Gu Changge stretched his limbs and replied. Su Qingge couldn't wait to find out the answer, and asked in wonder, **"Who are you talking about, My Lord?"**

"Obviously, I am talking about the one who tried to murder me last night."

Gu Changge replied as if it were something insignificant.

Even if Lin Tian sprouted wings, he wouldn't be able to escape from the Lin Family's encirclement. Gu Changge had no doubts about this matter.

"Something like that happened, and I didn't even feel a thing?!"

Su Qingge was taken aback by his sudden words. Just how soundly was she sleeping last night? How did she sleep through such a massive matter?

Or, could it be that her Young Lord had deliberately suppressed the movements to not disturb her? Su Qingge's heart skipped as she thought about this.

A person as aloof and esteemed as Gu Changge could do anything without caring about others. Yet he was so careful and kept her in his considerations? How could Su Qingge not be touched after this realization hit her?

These small gestures and acts of care from him were the reason she kept sinking deeper and deeper into his 'trap.'

Gu Changge obviously didn't know Su Qingge's thoughts. After all, even he couldn't claim to read a woman's mind like the back of his hand.

The System, however, told him through a prompt that his Fortune Value had improved. It was from that he could tell that Su Qingge's heart was surrendering to him more and more.

Sure enough, it was as the ancients said: 'familiarity breeds fondness.'

"You slept like a pig last night, so how would you know?"

Gu Changge said with a hearty laughter and then walked out. Su Qingge, on the other hand, snorted in response and asked with curiosity, **"Was the one who tried to attack you last night that boy named Lin Tian?"**

"How could you tell?"

Gu Changge was a tad surprised by her words.

"Well, I felt that there was a problem with that waste called Lin Tian after listening to the dialogue between My Lord and that girl called Lin Qiuhan."

Su Qingge explained.

"You are a smart woman, indeed. I didn't spoil you all this time in vain."

Gu Changge praised.

It's just that Su Qingge still had some questions that puzzled her.

Why would that youth called Lin Tian lose his mind and come to attack her Young Lord?

Was he tired of living?

Sometimes, ignorance and jealousy can really send one to their deaths.

Soon, Gu Changge arrived outside and watched the large swaths of faces that belonged to the people of the Ancient Lin Family.

"My Lord, this old slave couldn't disciple his descendants well...please punish this slave, My Lord!"

With his face covered in guilt, Old Ming stood at the forefront. As soon as Gu Changge appeared, he walked a step forward and knelt down to plead himself guilty.

"Have you found the assailant?"

Gu Changge's might surged in response, but he made no movement. His face was still as indifferent as ever, and no one could tell whether he was angry or happy.

Obviously, he already knew the answer to his question.

What's more? It wasn't Old Ming's fault to begin with. Let alone Old Ming, even the people of the Ancient Lin Family would have never imagined that their piece of trash would commit such an atrocity.
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Still, he couldn't show that on his face. It would be far more interesting to watch the Ancient Lin Family discover the truth about Lin Tian's possession, instead of him exposing it himself.

"My Lord, we have found the person, but..."

Old Ming's guilt expounded and he couldn't complete his words. The people of the Lin Family standing behind him also trembled, and none among them dared to even breathe loudly.

The one in the worst condition was none other than the Ancient Lin Family's Patriarch. Cold sweat covered his forehead and back, and he felt his legs soften under the pressure of what was to come.

Once the Young Lord in front of him became enraged, he won't be the only one going down. The entire Ancient Lin Family and even their Ancestor will suffer.

Everyone in the Ancient Lin Family had a mood similar to his own. They couldn't suppress the panic in their hearts, and stood on their toes as if waiting for the Emperor's wrathful punishment.

Lin Qiuhan was no exception either. Her face was pale, and she had yet to recover from the blow she received last night after reality hit her. She still couldn't bring herself to believe it all.

"Oh! What's the matter? Did something happen to the assailant?"

Gu Changge asked with interest. He wanted to know what other tricks Lin Tian held in his sleeves. Or were the people before him going to use some excuse and say he escaped? Or will they pretend not to know anything?

"Last night..."

Then, with great guilt holding him down by his throat, Old Ming began explaining everything that happened last night.

Chapter 39: Feigned Death; Awaited Resurrection!

After searching everywhere last night, they finally found the assailant. It was Lin Tian, the youngest son of the Lin Family's Patriarch whom no one in the Family liked. He was recognized as the Lin Family's waste who couldn't cultivate.

The realization shocked everyone at that time.

When they rushed into his courtyard, they found Lin Tian with his origin in a damaged state. His face had turned old, and he fell into a pool of his own blood. He had already cut off his heart's vein, and died.

It was impossible for them to figure out the ins and outs of the matter.

What could they ask a dead man?

The entire Lin Family despaired. They were so desperate that they desired to find someone who could take the blame, instead of the entire family suffering.

Everyone hated Lin Tian from the bottom of their hearts!

“He died?”

Gu Changge was taken aback when he heard their explanation.

Wasn't he supposed to just escape using petty tricks?

Gu Changge felt it was impossible. Lin Tian wasn't truly dead, and he must be pretending to be dead. There were too many secret techniques that allowed one to go into a state of suspended animation in the world, and it wasn't hard to trick people who didn't know enough. *nOveluSB.COM*

What's more? Lin Tian had that overpowered Fortune backing him, so how could he die off so easily?

Gu Changge wasn't surprised that Lin Tian used such a method to pull wool over everyone's eyes.

After all, where could a remnant soul with a damaged origin escape to from the flesh? A gentle breeze would be enough to dissipate such a remnant soul.

Besides, how could a Favored Son of Heaven commit suicide?

Lin Tian hated him to death, so would he really commit suicide before killing him? If he really did, then he would be a disgrace to all the Favored Children of Heaven.

The System hadn't given any prompt, so Gu Changge was sure that Lin Tian was still alive. He was only feigning death using some kind of secret technique.

Did he really think that he, Gu Changge, wouldn't be able to see through his petty parlor tricks?

Various thoughts went through Gu Changge's mind. The expression on his face didn't show any change, nor did he utter any response to the ones who stood before him. His silence compounded the anxiousness of the Lin Family's people, and their hatred for Lin Tian soared further.

Even the Lin Family's Patriarch cursed himself for giving birth to such a scourge.

In the past few days, he had felt relieved after listening to Lin Qiuhan saying that Lin Tian had turned over a new leaf. But his actions last night made him piss his pants.

[Ding! Everyone in the Ancient Lin Family has developed hatred towards Lin Tian. Lin Tian lost 100 Points of Fortune Value! Host received 500 Destiny Points!]

Right at this time, the System's prompt rang inside Gu Changge's mind. Gu Changge couldn't help but cackle in his heart a bit.

This worked, too?

Lin Tian didn't have a lot of Fortune Value left, and he estimated that whatever he was left with, it was all due to his relationship with Lin Qiuhan.

“We weren't able to discipline our dog. Please punish us, Young Lord!”

“That Lin Tian secretly plotted and attacked the Young Lord, and it's all due to our negligence. We are willing to receive your punishment, Young Lord!”

Everyone from the Lin Family knelt in unison and spoke with sincerity and fear.

Old Ming had clearly explained Gu Changge's position and background to them. Right now, it would be better for them to confess their sins and honestly ask for punishment, instead of pretending to not be involved.

After all, it didn't matter if they did or didn't have anything to do with the event.

"Might is, indeed, right..."

Su Qingge, who was quietly standing behind Gu Changge all this time, suddenly heard a malevolent voice full of admiration in her mind. It was her other soul!

Still, her expression remained unchanged.

Over the last period of time, she had awakened many memories from her other soul. There were even memories regarding the Upper Realm which confused her a little, so she took up the hobby of reading ancient books to make sense of the scattered information.

At the same time, she gradually started to peer upon an ancient cultivation method inheritance that appeared together with those memories.

She had kept this secret from Gu Changge. After all, the matter of her having two souls in one body was her biggest secret. She didn't know how to talk about that kind of matter with someone else.

"My Lord, please punish this old slave for this incident. Although we don't know the reason behind Lin Tian's actions, it is a fact that he, as this old slave's descendant, did commit that heinous act. This old slave is ashamed to even show his face before My Lord anymore..."

Old Ming said with deep guilt covering his face.

He didn't know what the heck was that Lin Tian's deal, nor could he understand how a waste like him who couldn't even cultivate could use such a vicious forbidden technique.

Unfortunately, he couldn't find any proof about someone else using Lin Tian to frame the Ancient Lin Family.

"This matter is too weird. Miss Qiuhan told me about that person named Lin Tian a while ago. He was just an ordinary waste kid who shouldn't have any ability to harm me, nor would he have the guts to do something like this."

"What's more? The Upper Realm has many secret techniques that can allow people to take over someone else's body, and even manipulate their minds. Although this was done by Lin Tian, I know that it has nothing to do with the Lin Family as a whole. Who knows? Someone might be trying to target and frame you because you are the descendants of my followers, and because I am staying here."

"Let's end this here. This Lord isn't an indiscriminate devil who will hold you accountable for something that's not your fault."

Finally, Gu Changge spoke up and responded to Old Ming and the people of Ancient Lin Family. His tone was flat, and one couldn't feel any fluctuations in his aura as he uttered those magnanimous words.

He bluntly said that he wouldn't blame the Ancient Lin Family for all of this.

To be precise, he didn't care about this matter at all. After all, he knew the ins and outs of the matter better than anyone else, and everything was under his control.

It wasn't the Lin Family's fault that a strong figure took over the body of their waste Lin Tian.

Still, he had to pretend that he knew nothing and was simply giving face to the Lin Family. In this way, he could establish his own magnanimity and prestige in front of everyone from the Lin Family, and win their hearts.

Although it wouldn't help him in any way, it wasn't a bad thing.

He could also just consider it as giving face to Old Ming, and that would make Old Ming even more devoted to working for him.

Uttering a few words of pardon took nothing from him, and only brought him benefits!

“Thank you for your kindness, Young Lord!”

“Young Lord is magnanimous and kind!”

Everyone in the Lin Family, including Old Ming, breathed in a sigh of relief once they heard Gu Changge's words. Their hearts relaxed, and they felt immense excitement well up in their chests.

Of course, they also guessed that the reason Gu Changge forgave them so easily was because he simply couldn't be bothered to deal with their Lin Family. That...was just how high above he stood.

“Thank you, My Lord!”

Old Ming wiped the cold sweat on his forehead, and said with an emotional tone.

He couldn't help but feel touched to see that he, a servant, had received so much face from his Young Lord. He felt that he was blessed to be able to work for his magnanimous Young Lord.

Lin Qiuhan, by the side, was also taken aback to hear her name from Young Lord Gu's mouth. She wondered if Young Lord Gu was helping raise her status in the Family?

Her face flushed, and she began fantasizing about unknown things.

The sadness she felt over Lin Tian's sudden death had already lessened by a lot over night.

“Young Lord, please rest assured that I will investigate this matter and give you a satisfactory answer!”

The Lin Family's Patriarch said, and heaved a sigh of relief together with the other Elders. After that, they all began to ponder about the matter.

How did Lin Tian die?

Why did he mess with Young Lord Gu?

And why did a waste like him suddenly turn over a new leaf now only?

They had too many doubts that they needed to resolve.

Gu Changge gave them a slight nod, and then waved his hands to give them permission to deserve. Keeping them there anymore would bring him no profit.

However, he didn't let them bury or cremate Lin Tian's body. After all, he was still looking forward to the moment that Lin Tian would 'resurrect.'

If they cremated Lin Tian, then Lin Tian would have truly played himself to death.

If they buried him, then everything would go according to Lin Tian's plot.

And since Gu Changge hadn't thoroughly squeezed him dry, he would never let Lin Tian have his way!

Chapter 40: Value In Keeping Around; Ultimate Alchemy Talent!

As he watched the Lin Family's people leave, a thought crossed Gu Changge's mind, and he stopped Lin Qiuhan out of nowhere.

"Young Lord Gu..."

Lin Qiuhan was stunned by his sudden '*command.*' Her heart jumped in her chest like a wild fawn, and her face warmed up.

Why had Young Lord Gu asked her to stay behind in the presence of so many others?

Did Young Lord Gu want to tell her something?

Or...had Young Lord Gu developed a good impression of her?

'The Patriarch certainly gave birth to a good daughter...'

Many of the Elders of the Lin Family showed smiles on their faces, but their hearts were bursting with envy. After all, their daughters and granddaughters couldn't compare to Lin Qiuhan in beauty nor talent.

Lin Qiuhan was also the youngest and most gorgeous teacher in the Extreme Dao Academy.

She had hair that flowed behind her like clouds, a pink face, and jade-like skin.

She had the capital to be known as one of the most beautiful women, and many in the younger generation pursued her. And now, she seemed to have become an object of desire for this Young Lord, too!

This brought great joy to the Elders of the Lin Clan!

Many youths, on the other hand, felt sour in their hearts, while the young women felt envy. In short, everyone had complex and different emotions.

The Lin Family's Patriarch also smiled and winked towards Lin Qiuhan. He couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

'Fortunately, Qiuhan is a well-behaved and sensible child, so I don't have to worry too much about her...'

If they could get close to Young Lord Gu through his daughter...Patriarch Lin's heart burst with joy as he thought about the future, and he couldn't suppress his wide grin.

Old Ming also thought that his Lord had taken a liking to his descendant, and he also looked forward to the day they will Ascend back to the Upper Realm and bring Lin Qiuhan along.

She was his descendant, so he will also have a blood relative up there.

Of course, the main thing was that his Lord took a liking to her.

Soon, everyone disappeared from the place.

"I have troubled Lady Qiuhan by personally bringing me pastries last night."

Gu Changge said with a smile, and then his expression returned to the same indifference and elegance she saw yesterday. The black dress he wore yesterday was replaced by a white dress today, while his long hair were neatly tied behind him. He looked loftier and Heavenly than before.

Lin Qiuhan turned absent-minded for a moment.

She had to admit that just on the basis of appearance, there weren't many men in the world who could compare to Young Lord Gu.

"Did you like them, Young Lord Gu?"

Lin Qiuhan was overjoyed by his praise, but then she turned nervous once more. Had she been teaching in school on a normal day, she would have never had such changes in her emotions.

"They tasted great, and there was even a hint of Pill Intent in them. That truly surprised me!"

Gu Changge responded with a gentle smile.

The reason he asked Lin Qiuhan to stay behind was because she had piqued his curiosity.

As a woman related to a Favored Son of Heaven, the amount of Fortune Lin Qiuhan held wasn't low — she had over 200 points in her Fortune Value. Generally, cultivators would have a few points of Fortune Value, and some wouldn't have any. So the number could be called terrific.

She was just like Su Qingge, who had around 300 points of Fortune Value at the start, and now she had somehow raised her Fortune Value to over 500 Points.

There must have been some changes in her over the last period of time.

Gu Changge was well-aware of the fact that Su Qingge was a clever woman who held many secrets of her own. It's just that he decided not to ask her about them, as he wanted to let Su Qingge confess everything in front of him out of her own volition.

As for Lin Qiuhan...apart from her having a gorgeous face and good talent in cultivation, Gu Changge couldn't see anything special about her.

He wasn't a man who thought with his d!ck. Playing around with her was still alright, but he wouldn't bring her along like Su Qingge just for these reasons.

As for her 200 or so points of Fortune Value? Gu Changge could simply make Lin Qiuhan obsessed with himself and reap benefits like that. After all, if a person wasn't a Favored Child of Heaven, then all you needed to do to obtain Fortune Value was to make them surrender.

As for how much he would gain, it was related to how much they, themselves, had.

To put it bluntly, Lin Qiuhan was nothing more than a tool he could use to increase his Destiny Points. That's how Gu Changge viewed her.

Unless she showed some true potential, there's no way Gu Changge would bring her along.

To see if she was worthy of keeping around, Gu Changge decided to test her.

"Pill Intent?"

Lin Qiuhan was dumbfounded by the new term. She had never heard of something like Pill Intent before in her life.

Sword Intent, Spear Intent, Saber Intent...

She had heard about all those, but she had never heard of something like Pill Intent.

Su Qingge, however, knew a little more and immediately thought of something. She often read ancient books in her free time to widen her horizons, so she had come across this specific term.

"The spiritual pastries you made had some Alchemy-related intent in them, and it's something not even great Alchemists are able to achieve. Lady Qiuhan, you are truly amazing!"

Gu Changge smiled when he saw that Lin Qiuhan didn't understand what he meant.

"I don't know how to perform Alchemy..."

Lin Qiuhan felt embarrassed when she listened to Gu Changge's praise. *n0velusb.com*

She didn't know Alchemy? Even though she had a terrifying talent for it?!

If Lin Qiuhan were born in some major Alchemy-oriented force in the Upper Realm, she would have most likely been hailed as an Alchemy Goddess, and her future would be limitless.

Sure enough, the people close to the Favored Children of Heaven weren't simple. It's alright though, he wouldn't let her talent go to waste.

Various thoughts floated through Gu Changge's mind, but his smile didn't change, and he said to Lin Qiuhan, **"Lady Qiuhan, it's no fun standing idle over here, so why don't you take me around to see the city today?"**

"Ah...okay, alright..."

Lin Qiuhan was surprised by Gu Changge's sudden words, and felt her head buzz in excitement.

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Last night, the Ancient Lin Family not only blocked all the entrances and exits of the city, but they also suppressed the environment. Their actions disturbed all the cultivators of their ancient city, and many speculated about the events that transpired.

After all, the Ancestor of the Lin Family had returned that very morning, and they were busy with a celebration for that just before. But right as night fell, something major seemed to have happened.

The entire Lin Family were like a pack of furious hounds as they searched for someone.

Numerous cultivators speculated, and wondered just who had the guts to offend the Ancient Lin Family...to the point that they mobilized their entire Family to capture the perpetrator?

After the Ancient Lin Family's Ancestor returned from the Upper Realm, the Ancient Lin Family had become a force that none could contend against. So the sudden hunt frightened many a cultivator of the ancient city.

Finally, they all heard a rumor that someone had used a vicious forbidden technique to frame the Ancient Lin Family by assassinating the Young Lord who had descended from the Upper Realm.

When they finally found the murderer, they discovered that it was none other than the Ancient Lin Family's famous waste of Spiritual Qi, Lin Tian.

Many found the piece of news to be too incredible.

The incident spread to every cultivator in the city, and the people couldn't suppress their shock.

After all, many in the Middle State knew well the terror of the Young Lord's origin in the Upper Realm. Going against him was nothing short of courting death.

The land of Middle State turned tumultuous once more. Even the other domains of the Middle State couldn't sit still.

Many powerful Holy Lands and Dynasties with heritages going as far back as hundreds of thousands of years sent their representatives to the Lin Family with extravagant gifts for their Ancestor and the mysterious Young Lord.

The venue of the Dao Conference of the younger generation had also been changed to the ancient city where the Lin Family resided. It was a unanimous decision made by the Holy Lands and the Dynasties.

[VILFIC: Holy Lands and Dynasties in the above paragraphs refers to a congregation of all the major forces of the Middle State. They could be Ancient Families, Sects, Holy Lands, Dynasties, or whatever power structure a major power might be based upon.]

As for the reason? It was easy for the cultivators to guess if they thought about the news they received from the Eastern Wilderness a while ago.

The reason why the Taixuan Holy Land was able to subdue and fend off all the other Holy Lands of the Eastern Wilderness to become the Eastern Wilderness's absolute overlord was simple: 'Su Qingge!'

One had to accept that Su Qingge, the Taixuan Holy Maiden and the Eastern Wilderness's renowned number one beauty, was the reason why the Taixuan Holy Land suddenly became the overlord of the Eastern Wilderness.

Many Holy Lands and Dynasties wanted to follow in the Taixuan Holy Land's steps. If their children and disciples could catch the Young Lord's fancy, they would Ascend to Heaven in a single leap, and even their Ancestors down in their graves would jump to their feet.

After all, even the Ancient Lin Family's Ancestor who had Ascended around thirty thousand years ago had to call himself 'old slave' in front of the Young Lord.

This status was far more terrifying than just incredible. It shocked countless forces, and they wanted to get a glimpse of the Young Lord's face just once.

Suddenly, the ancient city where the Lin Family resided turned extremely lively, and one could see a new major faction arrive every new day. There were even people from some ancient races who came out from various Ancient Sacred Mountains. They were figures that even the mighty Holy Lands had to treat carefully on normal days.

It was said that the Ancient Sacred Mountains were the ones who truly bordered the Upper Realm. There was even a rumor that they were branches of some Orthodoxies and Native Powers of the Upper Realm.

Any creature that walked out of the Ancient Sacred Mountains on normal days would be treated as an honored guest in the major Holy Lands.