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Chapter 41: Eastern Wilderness's Mysterious Genius; Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land!

The Ancient Sacred Mountains had a heritage that could be traced back to the earliest civilizations of the Azure Lower Realm. Many cultivators even believed that the Ancient Sacred Mountains even had might False Gods and beyond in endless seclusion. Once they made a move, the entire world would tremble and perspire.

Yet now, many from the Ancient Sacred Mountains had also come out into the world, and were mingling and mixing with the others. Some cultivators noticed their tracks and realized that all of them were heading to the place where the Ancient Lin Family resided: 'Moon-facing Ancient City!'

Many speculated about the Ancient Sacred Mountains' intentions. Perhaps, they were also related to that mysterious Young Lord from the Upper Realm?!

[Moon-facing Ancient City]

As an ancient city that was no worse than the Central Heavenly City in its prestige, and connected many other locations as a hub between them all, the Moon-facing Ancient City had a population of nearly one hundred million.

Colorful clouds floating in the sky, and ethereal mist covered everything on the ground. One could see many palaces, pavilions, shops, and restaurants lined side-by-side on the streets of the city. Magical runes and brilliant lights shone everywhere, and cultivators and creatures flew above and around the city with divine lights around their bodies, making the city look extraordinary.

As the place where the Dao Conference of the Young Geniuses would be held, it was only natural that the Moon-facing Ancient City attracted the attention of all the cultivators of the realm. Not to mention, there was also a rumor that the Young Lord from the Upper Realm was staying in this very same city.

Cultivators from all over the world had come to the city for this reason!

The major Holy Lands and Ancient Dynasties had also sent their experts bearing luxurious and extravagant gifts. Not just the Middle State, but even places like the Northern Wilderness and the Western Wilderness, etc. had sent their own Young Geniuses to participate in the Conference to show off their skills. n0VeIUSb.c0M

Many people had their own calculations — it wasn't shameful to hug the thigh of a mighty figure, after all.

"Brother Jin Yang, I haven't seen you for a while, yet your cultivation has already turned even more unfathomable!"

"How is that possible? Brother Zeng Tian, you are the one who has made real progress! It seems that you have already mastered 'that' supreme skill, no?"

"Haha! That was just a fluke, brother, I can never be as good as you."

“In the time we haven’t seen her, Fairy Chen’s demeanor has become even more ethereal. She truly deserves her place as the leader of the Myriad Flowers Holy Land’s younger generation. Her aura, alone, is enough to suppress all of her peers!”

A group of young men and women conversed with each other inside a pavilion. There were handsome and luxuriously dressed gentlemen, and gorgeous and virtuous beauties.

The cultivators who watched them all from the outside couldn’t help but show awe on their faces.

All of these youths came from extraordinary backgrounds. They were either descendants of some Ancient Family, the Princes and Princesses of an Ancient Dynasty, or Holy Childs of one of the major Holy Lands...none of them were simple!

There were many mighty auras hidden in the dark, protecting them from the shadows.

It was hard to imagine such a group of young prodigies gathering together and talking over tea like it was nothing. If news about this matter spread, it would most likely shock many a people.

“Brother Jin Yang, I heard that you exchanged blows with a gentleman from the Eastern Wilderness a while back, and the exchange ended in a tie? In the end, you even became sworn brothers with that gentleman...is that true?”

Inside the pavilion, someone couldn’t keep their curiosity and asked the youth who looked to be the Holy Son of some mighty Holy Land.

This youth, with his hair as red as a flame, and his body covered in brilliant glow, was the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land: ‘Jin Yang!’

The Buddhist Holy Land had a heritage in the Middle State that was even older than the Ancient Lin Family. Their Ancestors had also Ascended to the Upper Realm, so they also had a terrifying background.

As the Holy Son of such a mighty power, it was only natural that Jin Yang’s cultivation wouldn’t be ordinary. He could easily overwhelm his peers, and right now, he was in the late stages of the Transcendent Realm.

Hearing the question, he couldn’t help but show a hearty smile and reply, **“That’s true, of course! Let me tell you this, and I am not bragging when I speak...my little brother has a terrifying talent you wouldn’t see in a thousand years!”**

“He’s only in the middle stage of the Transcendent Realm, yet he could fight me through a hundred exchanges, and still didn’t show any signs of fatigue or loss. He even forced me to use my [True Sun Physique], and only then was I able to barely suppress him. Even then, I felt that he still had a lot of trump cards that he hadn’t used...”

“My little brother, ah! He’s an extraordinary man with a calm temperament who can look at the big picture. Unfortunately, he offended someone, and was framed and exiled from the Eastern Wilderness!”

Jin Yang said with a sigh full of regret.

He had heard from his little brother that they couldn't yet contend against the person whom he had offended. What's more? He didn't really believe in the rumors he heard from the Eastern Wilderness.

What bullshit jealousy? What bullshit toad wants to eat swan meat?

From what he saw, it was clearly the Taixuan Holy Land that wanted to climb a dragon's back and ride on a phoenix's tail, and that was why they betrayed his little brother.

And it was because of this that they spread rumors and false accusations about his brother, so much so that he was forced to leave the Eastern Wilderness.

[Hiss!]

Jin Yang's words caused the people in the pavilion to take in a deep breath. They couldn't help but look into each others' eyes, showing their deep shock.

Jin Yang's personality was clear to all of these young geniuses. He was a man with a straightforward character who would never lie. What's more? Jin Yang was a mighty man, who was stronger than everyone on the scene!

In the entirety of the Middle State, only a few like the third prince of the Great Xia Dynasty could contend against him on even ground, or suppress him. He could easily be ranked among the top five of the Middle State's younger generation!

So now that he praised someone like this...just how strong was this mysterious prodigy from the Eastern Wilderness?

“Brother Jin Yang, what's the name of this genius from the Eastern Wilderness you mentioned just now? We would love to get to know him some day!”

Curiosity spurred everyone, and they couldn't help but ask. They wanted to know who this mysterious genius was!

“This...”

Jin Yang showed an embarrassed expression and hesitated from answering them. It's not that he couldn't say his little brother's name, but that...he was afraid that if he mentioned his name, none of the people here would have the guts to ask anymore about him, or even think about this matter.

Although Jin Yang was an upright fellow, he wasn't dumb.

Seeing that he couldn't respond, everyone decided not to egg him on. Since he clearly didn't want to say it, there was no need to push him. All of them were smart fellows, after all.

At this moment, one of them suddenly yelled, **“How come the Lin Family's Star Picking Pavilion is open today?”**

The one who spoke was the Holy Son of the Chuyuan Holy Land, another powerful Heavenly Genius.

Everyone followed his gaze, and they couldn't help but be stunned.

The Star Picking Pavilion of the Ancient Lin Family was the tallest structure of the Moon-facing Ancient City. One could overlook everything from atop it, and it provided for an excellent view. It was also because of this that it was called the 'Star Picking' Pavilion...as it was the closest to the sky at night.

From their current position, they could clearly see the scene before the Star Picking Pavilion.

On normal days, the Star Picking Pavilion would only be opened to receive esteemed personnel from the major Holy Lands and Dynasties, such as the Holy Lords, Emperors, or other mighty figures.

Yet it had been opened today?

It surprised everyone.

“Look, the Great-Transcendent Realm Elders of the Lin Family have come out to receive someone...”

“Y’all, ain’t that woman in blue Lin Qiuhan, the gorgeous, prodigious daughter of the Ancient Lin Family? And the other woman in white with her face half-covered behind a veil...she seems to be from a Holy Land of the Eastern Wilderness. Taixuan Holy Maiden, I think...”

The speaker had once been to the Eastern Wilderness, and received the honor to gaze upon the beauty of the Eastern Wilderness’s number one beauty.

“Then, the man in white is...”

“That person?!”

All of them soon returned to their senses, and couldn’t help but stand up together with excited expressions on their faces. It wasn’t hard to guess the identity of the mysterious man after they saw him receive such treatment.

They never expected to see ‘that’ legendary Young Lord here!

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet him! All of them got up and readied themselves to meet him.

Many of the proud women even took out makeup from their Spatial Pouches and hurriedly applied a thin layer on themselves to compound their radiance.

The only person with an unnatural look in his eyes was Jin Yang, but no one noticed the change in his expression.

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Gu Changge came to the Star Picking Pavilion under the guidance and arrangement of an Elder from the Ancient Lin Family’s leadership. The treatment Gu Changge received was obviously the highest-tiered.

One could easily overlook the entirety of the Moon-facing Ancient City, and even thousands of miles beyond its territory, from the Star Picking Pavilion.

On normal days, only Saints were eligible to enter this place!

Chapter 42: Long Term Plan; Kneeling and Licking the Young Lord’s Boots!

“The person who built this pavilion truly knows how to enjoy life.”

Gu Changge stood with his hands behind his back, and overlooked the Moon-facing City from the highest point. He couldn't help but praise the creator of the Star Picking Pavilion as he watched everything below, including the myriad cultivators who went around taking care of their own business.

It felt wonderful to be high above watching the world as if a man looking at an anthill!

He decided to ask a craftsman to build a lofty pavilion like this one in his residence once he returned to the Upper Realm. His 'Sky Picking Pavilion' will be far taller and grander.

With status and background like his own, he naturally had the right to enjoy such a treatment.

“We are honored to know that it satisfies you, Young Lord Gu! This pavilion was specially built by the previous Patriarchs to host Holy Lords and Emperors from the various forces in the world.”

Lin Qiuhan explained with a smile. If not for Gu Changge bringing her along, she wouldn't have the qualifications to enter the Star Picking Pavilion.

“Indeed. To hold the Sun and the Moon in one hand, and to pick Stars with the other...who in this world wouldn't desire to do something like that? It's a beautiful dream...”

Gu Changge said with a smile.

He had a simple, long-term plan. The reason why he asked Lin Qiuhan to lead him to look around the ancient city was natural: 'evaluate the extent of her Alchemy talent.' He had to consider how he should raise and use Lin Qiuhan after bringing her to the Upper Realm with him.

Gu Changge had a terrifying background, and knew matters that ordinary people weren't privy to. Old Ming, an outsider with a different surname, naturally couldn't chance upon knowledge that was held by the faction behind him.

Even the massive Alchemy Heritages in the Upper Realm didn't have a descendant with talent on par with Lin Qiuhan's monstrous talent for Alchemy!

Once they went back to the Upper Realm, he might even be able to make use of Lin Qiuhan by using her as an insider to control those Alchemy Heritages. As long as he made good preparations, he wouldn't be the one taking the loss.

Of course, Gu Changge also wanted to show her his generous and kind side, so as to conquer Lin Qiuhan as soon as possible. Won't it be awesome if he received 1000 Destiny Points by conquering?

Fortunately, Lin Qiuhan was a woman without sophisticated thoughts. Gu Changge quickly put her under his spell through his 'sweet words,' and soon, her heart and attention were completely focused on him.

What Lin Tian said before wasn't wrong. Gu Changge was no gentleman, after all, he was destined by the Heavens to be a villain. Having said that, though, Gu Changge would never mistreat his own people.

He didn't have any deep ill-will towards Lin Qiuhan, instead, he was only thinking about how he could get some benefits from her after raising her in the future.

“To hold the Sun and the Moon in one hand, and to pick stars with the other...Young Lord Gu, what’s your opinion on the exact reason behind why everyone tries to cultivate?”

A deep brilliance filled Lin Qiuhan’s eyes as she heard his fascinating words, and repeated them.

“In my opinion, cultivation is merely the process of leaving the Earth and stepping foot into Heaven — that’s all. People fight for opportunities, sacrifice their flesh, blood, and tears, go through the deserts, and use their bodies as rafts to cross the sea of bitterness...it’s all to get to the other shore!”

Gu Changge responded with an indifferent yet elegant smile on his face. Of course, he didn’t mean what he said, and was merely using words to make himself appear deep. To him, cultivation was nothing more than putting in points and enjoying life.

“The sea of bitterness? The other side?”

Even Su Qingge’s eyes lit up, and she couldn’t help but deeply ponder over his words with great relish.

“Your opinion is really different from the others, Young Lord Gu, but there’s also a deep meaning behind them...”

Lin Qiuhan couldn’t help but admire him even more. Just like that, she and Gu Changge began conversing over many more matters, and Gu Changge was very involved in the responses.

He wasn’t someone who acted high above and gave mere perfunctory responses, and that made Lin Qiuhan’s admiration for him deepen further and further. In particular, his insights on cultivation made her, a teacher of a cultivation academy, feel as if a new pathway had opened in front of her.

Using their bodies as rafts to cross the sea of bitterness to get to the other side?

It was an unprecedented statement that made her have a new understanding of the mysterious and vast world of cultivation of the Upper Realm. She couldn’t imagine just what kind of place it was up there.

“Young Lord Gu, it’s thanks to your words that I was able to realize something was wrong with Little Tian. If not for you, he would have kept me in the dark, and I don’t know...”

Lin Qiuhan’s expression turned bleak and sadness masked her face as she recalled the recent events.

She had always cared about Lin Tian, so it was unforgivable if he had truly done something to harm Young Lord Gu. Fortunately, that person wasn’t the real Lin Tian, or she wouldn’t have the face to stand in front of Gu Changge.

“I was merely speaking casually at the time, and never knew that something like this would happen...”

Gu Changge responded with an amiable smile.

“Actually, I had some suspicions about someone messing with Little Tian’s soul, so I was going to ask him about that, but then it all happened so suddenly...”

Lin Qiuhan said with some feelings of guilt welling up in her heart.

“Oh! Speaking of which, I must give Lady Lin an important reminder.”

Gu Changge said with a mysterious smile on his face.

“Young Lord Gu, please speak.”

Lin Qiuhan asked for him to continue. Since it was something ‘important’ in Gu Changge’s words, then it must be something truly significant.

“You must pay attention to Lin Tian’s corpse. I guess he’s not just controlled by someone, but that someone has replaced his soul and taken over his body. There are many such techniques in the Upper Realm that let you do this...”

“Resurrection after death is a common matter, actually!”

Lin Qiuhan was stunned for a moment. Resurrection? Was that really possible?

At that time, Lin Tian’s vitality and soul had already perished, yet Gu Changge’s words made her rethink everything.

Was he faking his death?

“Of course, it’s merely a guess of mine. Still, it would be better if Lady Lin pays a bit more attention to everything.”

Gu Changge said with a calm smile.

He truly desired to let Lin Qiuhan watch Lin Tian ‘rise from his grave’ with her own two eyes. That would be enough to shatter whatever little trust Lin Qiuhan had left in him.

Gu Changge naturally didn’t need to keep Lin Tian around anymore.

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A loud sound from outside the Star Picking Pavilion sounded at this time.

“Young Lord Gu, a group of young geniuses from the Middle State and the Eastern Wilderness are requesting an audience with you!”

Elder Lin, who had led Gu Changge to the Star Picking Pavilion, respectfully walked in and reported.

Gu Changge couldn’t help but raise his eyebrows a bit. He wanted to reject them, but then he realized that he had nothing better to do, so he nodded and said, **“Alright, let them in.”**

He hoped that this bunch of arrogant brats could bring him some fun.

Soon, a large group of young men and women with extraordinary auras and brilliant radiance around their bodies respectfully entered the Star Picking Pavilion behind the Elder of the Ancient Lin Family.

“Chu Xuan pays respects to the Young Lord!”

Gu Changge’s number one lapdog from the Eastern Wilderness, the Taixuan Holy Son, Chu Xuan, was also among them. He hurriedly walked forward and respectfully saluted Gu Changge and started to flatter him.

Beside him, there were also other prodigious youths from the Eastern Wilderness who had accompanied Gu Changge on his travel to the Middle State. There weren’t many unfamiliar faces in their group.

The final group was the arrogant prodigies of the Middle State.

At this moment, all of them stood in shock as their excitement soared to the Ninth Layer of Heaven. After all, it was their first time coming into contact with this esteemed Young Lord from the Upper Realm.

They couldn't help but feel awe in their hearts as they gazed upon his godly presence.

“We pay our respects to the Young Lord!”

Even Jin Yang, the Buddhist Holy Land's Holy Son who was previously criticizing Gu Changge in his heart, didn't dare to not pay his respects.

“There's no need for such politeness, everyone.”

Gu Changge sat at the host's seat in the pavilion, and nodded to the guests. He had a calm and amiable expression, without a shred of pretence or arrogance, which helped relax everyone's tense nerves.

The rumors weren't false. The mysterious Young Lord was indeed not someone difficult to get along with.

Afterwards, the group of young geniuses introduced themselves, and began to show off their cool skills to leave a good impression on Gu Changge. All of them competed like peacocks who showed their majestic wings to suppress the others.

From time to time, Gu Changge would nod and smile, and those gestures from him encouraged everyone.

Even those 'favored daughters of heaven'[1] who normally didn't put anyone else in their eyes turned into boot-licking b!tch3z, and their sudden change stunned Lin Qiuhan and the others.

The same people who loved to be referred to as Fairy and Goddess had now submitted in front of Young Lord Gu, and turned into his obedient pets.

It was an eye-opening experience for them.

Lin Qiuhan was the one who felt the deepest emotions from all of this. After all, she was also a favored daughter of heaven like those gorgeous beauties. However, Young Lord Gu's attitude towards her was completely different from his attitude towards these arrogant 'princesses.'

This sudden discovery flattered Lin Qiuhan, and she felt something she had never felt before.

Young Lord Gu treated her completely differently.

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[FOOTNOTES]

[1]: The 'favored daughters of heaven' here refers to just ordinary women from great backgrounds who have been blessed by the Heavens with great talent, beauty, and prestige. They are completely different from the 'Favored Daughters of Heaven' who are literally babysitted by the Heavenly Daddy himself and are blessed with game-breaking Fortune, destined to rule over all.

If you see lower case 'favored daughter/son/child/children of heaven', then it will be referring to normal people who are protected by the Heavenly Daddy. If you see upper case 'Favored Daughter/Son/Child/Children of Heaven', then it will be referring to plot-armor protected people loved by the Heavenly Daddy.

I hope this is clear enough. Do let me know in the Comments if you have some questions.

Chapter 43: Strings of Fate; System's Random Task!

Young Lord Gu treated her differently — Lin Qiuhan's heart went into turmoil when she recalled the warm expression Gu Changge showed every time he conversed with her.

It was normal for her to have such feelings and reaction at this time. The gorgeous girls in front of her were either Royal Princesses or Holy Maidens, and none of them were worse than her when it came to background.

They had countless suitors following after them like dogs, yet all of them pretended to be aloof and untouchable. They dismissed the advances of everyone, and gained fame as Fairies and Goddesses.

But now, they were cursing each other and ingratiating themselves in front of Young Lord Gu. Right now, they looked nothing different from how women who sold their flesh in the brothels were described in the books.

Such a scene, that completely different from their normal actions, would shock anyone if they saw it from outside.

Still, it was, indeed, the attitude they should be holding before Gu Changge!

'Young Lord Gu is so kind to me...'

Lin Qiuhan recalled all the time she spent with Gu Changge, and all the topics he discussed with her, and couldn't help but feel lightheaded.

Su Qingge, on the other hand, was used to such a scene already. No matter how one looked at him, Gu Changge had everything that a woman could desire in a man. How could these beauties treat him the same as others after knowing his might?

She had no doubt that they had the following thoughts in their mind: 'if she (Su Qingge) and Lin Qiuhan can receive the Young Lord's favor, why can't they?'

Once they fostered a relationship with the Young Lord, their status will take a one-eighty degree turn for the better. There's nothing they wouldn't be able to obtain at that time, so how could they hold back from pleasing the Young Lord?

Su Qingge saw through their thoughts at one glance.

Her expression was calm, and not a shred of worry rose in her heart. Did these women really think a bit of makeup on their faces could get them her Young Lord's attention? No way, considering his temperament.

That warm and elegant expression he showed them was nothing but a facade. The true Gu Changge was indifferent to everything in the world. He was an aloof and elusive man who overlooked everything from high above.

One had to commend Su Qingge's for her sharp mind. She had only been with Gu Changge for a while, yet she had already developed a certain understanding of his antics.

[Ding! You have successfully subdued Lin Qiuhan, and this has triggered a Fortune Event! You have received 200 Points of Fortune Value, and 1000 Destiny Points!]

A sudden System Prompt sounded in Gu Changge's mind, washing him with euphoria. The thousand Destiny Points he was looking forward to all day were already in his pocket!

Lin Qiuhan didn't disappoint him.

Right now, he could no longer be bothered to listen, or respond, to the spiel[1] spewed by the bunch of 'geniuses' in front of him who kept talking about their contest.

[VILFIC: spiel means nonsense used by salespeople to trick you into buying their garbage.]

Who in their right mind would want to listen to a bunch of brats touting their own horns?

Gu Changge paid no more attention to them, and focused his mind on the System. Immediately, the System's Attribute Panel appeared in his line of sight.

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Host: Gu Changge

Identity: True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace

Bloodline: Devil Heart, Dao Bone

Cultivation: Conferred Lord (Middle Stage)

Mystical Abilities:

Destiny Points: 2600

Fortune Value: 350 (Dark)

System Shop: Open

Warehouse: n0V~~e~~lusb.c0m

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His Fortune Value had shot through the 300 Points mark. It wasn't all because he subdued Lin Qiuhan, but also because he had Su Qingge with him. Both of them were blessed with great Fortune, so Gu Changge's Fortune Value naturally rose as he used them well.

He had essentially obliterated Lin Tian without even putting in any effort, and he also obtained some 2000 Destiny Points.

Gu Change felt immense comfort after receiving this wave of harvest from his leek.

Gu Change pondered for a while, and decided not to increase his strength. After all, his current realm was pretty strong in the Lower Realm. He decided to reserve these omnipotent Destiny Points for an occasion where he could make best use of them.

After that, he glanced at the stuff in the System Shop.

Finally, after looking around for a while, he found a suitable [Pill Dao] Technique worth a hundred Destiny Points.

[Exchange!]

After spending a hundred Destiny Points, Gu Change successfully received the [Elementary-level Pill Dao] technique. He planned to find the right opportunity to hand it over to Lin Qiuhan. After all, if he wanted to train her for himself, he had to start early.

It was a good [Pill Dao] technique, so he hoped she wouldn't waste it.

As soon as Gu Change's consciousness exited from the System, another Prompt sounded in his mind.

[Ding! Discovered someone with a string of fate connected to a Favored Son of Heaven! Please suppress the Favored Son of Heaven's sworn brother! You will receive 500 Destiny Points on completing this task! There's no penalty for failure.]

Gu Change was taken aback, and an expression of interest appeared on his face. This was the first time he encountered such a random task. What's more? There was a reward if he completed it, but no penalty even if he didn't complete it.

It was essentially up to him whether he took it or not.

500 Destiny Points...it was quite an appetizing amount!

It's just that who the heck was this sworn brother of a Favored Son of Heaven, and which Favored Son of Heaven was he related to? He concluded that the person must be related to Ye Chen, after all, Lin Tian was already a goner.

The System hadn't mentioned the target's identity, but the person should be one of the prodigious kids in front of him.

It shouldn't be someone from the Eastern Wilderness, unless, of course, they had something wrong with their head and foolishly decided to court death. Knowing that Ye Chen offended him, the people there would most certainly cut off any and all relationship with Ye Chen, and even hide themselves somewhere far away.

Since Ye Chen escaped to the Middle State all the way from the Eastern Wilderness, he must have come across one or two geniuses of the Middle State on his way. It's then that he became sworn brothers with the genius, and opened a path for himself to enter a new map, the Middle State.

It was quite a normal trope.

It's just that he never thought he would have to deal with this 'sworn brother'?

Either way, it was a great offer.

Gu Changge took a sip of his tea, and an expression of slight joy appeared on his face as he considered the matter. He quickly swept a glance over all the geniuses around him, completely ignoring all the people from the Eastern Wilderness, and those beauties who were trying to ingratiate themselves before him.

He knew who to look at.

“Chu Xuan...”

Gu Changge spoke with an authoritative tone.

“My Lord, what is your command?”

Chu Xuan ran over as soon as he heard his call, and responded with a respectful and flattering expression on his face. This scene made the many youths develop envy and jealousy towards him in their hearts. They were also heaven’s favored, yet this Chu Xuan had already won the appreciation of the mighty Young Lord. They estimated that it won’t be long before Chu Xuan soared to the Heavens, and left them all behind as they became people of two different worlds.

“Is there any news about Ye Chen in the Middle State?”

Gu Changge asked with indifference. He naturally knew the answer to his question, after all, Ye Chen’s location was always in his eyes. It’s just that it wasn’t yet time for him to squeeze him dry.

The only reason he asked the question was to see the crowd’s reaction.

“Ye Chen?”

Chu Xuan’s expression changed to an embarrassed one. He touched the back of his head, and said, **“My Lord...that...”**

“You wouldn’t have lost track of him, right?”

Gu Changge gave him a deep look, and immediately, Chu Xuan felt cold sweat pouring down his forehead. He was scared, and couldn’t help but look towards Su Qingge for help.

Although it was his honor to be the Young Lord’s lapdog, he couldn’t withstand such a terrifying pressure from him.

Ye Chen?!

Who was that?

The expressions of the other geniuses in the surroundings also changed. Fortunately, Gu Changge hadn’t asked them this question, or they wouldn’t know how to keep standing.

They had heard some rumors from the Middle State, but they weren’t too sure about the details, after all.

At this time, the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land, Jin Yang, felt great unease in his heart. Although he was a straightforward and upright person, he also had his pride. He despised this group of otherwise-

arrogant ‘geniuses’, and even felt disdain towards them when he watched them lick Gu Changge’s boots.

In his opinion, his little brother Ye Chen’s ‘calm and determined’[1] temperament was many times better than all of these ‘geniuses.’

When he heard Gu Changge ask about Ye Chen’s whereabouts, he couldn’t help but groan in his heart. He thought that there was something wrong. Fortunately, he was doing his best to restrain himself and not show any abnormality.

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[FOOTNOTES]

[1]: LMAO, yeah, right! Bruh, you haven’t seen how calm and determined your broder was in the Taixuan Holy Lord’s Hall.

Chapter 44: Questioning You Is Your Honor; Perfect Suppression!

The atmosphere inside the Star Picking Pavilion turned tense and oppressive. No one dared to open their mouths, and sweat flowed down everyone’s backs. Although Gu Changge was questioning Chu Xuan, they still felt the pressure.

Even Lin Qiuhan, who felt comfortable talking to Gu Changge before, couldn’t ignore the terrifying pressure he radiated at this moment.

Any misconception she developed from Young Lord Gu’s initial gentleness and elegance was now gone. Deep down, he was truly someone who stood high above the others and looked down on the world like a god!

This was his real side!

Still, she was also a bit curious about this person named Ye Chen. She wondered who he was? She had never paid much attention to rumors and gossip from outside, so she didn’t know about what happened in the Eastern Wilderness.

At this time, Su Qingge spoke up with a hint of apology in her cold words, **“Young Lord, the land of the Middle State is vast beyond measure, so finding someone who is intentionally hiding themselves in here is no different from looking for a needle in a haystack...”**

It was now that everyone got a good glimpse of Su Qingge, the number one beauty of the Eastern Wilderness, when she started speaking up. Before this, she was silently standing behind Gu Changge, and peacefully watching the flowers near a pond in the pavilion. n0velUsB.c0m

Still, their fear of Gu Changge made sure that they wouldn’t dare look at her for too long.

It had to be said that Su Qingge, the Taixuan Holy Maiden, truly deserved her reputation as the number one beauty of the Eastern Wilderness. Even her plain veil and simple white dress couldn’t shroud her gorgeousness.

She appeared sacred, ethereal and unsullied by the dust of the mortal world. With a transcendent temperament, she looked like a Fairy who had descended from the Ninth Heaven.

Her radiance easily eclipsed the 'beauty' of all the other favored daughters of heaven, and none of them had the qualifications to contend with him.

'Sure enough, she's one with a vicious heart. Just because she had kingdom-toppling beauty and temperament that could ensnare everyone, it didn't mean she was a good person...'

Jin Yang couldn't help but curse in his heart, and his impression of Su Qingge worsened further. Everyone else, on the other hand, were curious to know how Su Qingge had the guts to persuade Gu Changge even when he was giving off such terrifying pressure.

Just how much courage was required for this?

Chu Xuan couldn't help but give her a grateful look.

"Since even Qingge says that, I will let this matter go for now. Chu Xuan, don't let me down..."

Gu Changge said with a flat tone without a hint of emotion behind his words.

"Yes, yes, My Lord, please don't worry; I will definitely find Ye Chen's whereabouts!"

Chu Xuan relaxed and smacked his chest in a hurry to pledge his obeisance. Cold sweat kept flowing down his back, and he felt as if he was a weak man standing in front of a mighty tiger ready to rip him apart.

The scene, on the other hand, shocked everyone! The Taixuan Holy Maiden was favored so heavily that she could even persuade the Young Lord?

They couldn't help but change the way they looked at Su Qingge. At one time, they were peers of the same generation, yet now, they could only watch her in awe.

"Thank you, Young Lord."

Su Qingge smiled at Gu Changge with an expression full of joy. Of course, she knew full well that Gu Changge only called out Chu Xuan like this to scare him. As for why he did that? She couldn't guess.

Still, she could play along with Gu Changge and help him take a step back.

Even though no change appeared in Gu Changge's expression, he couldn't help but praise Su Qingge for her sharp mind in his heart. A woman like her who could understand his intentions was obviously to his liking.

After his small test, he realized that not a single person reacted to Ye Chen's name. All of them showed doubtful or unchanged expressions, and their auras didn't tremble either.

[VILFIC: Were it a cliché novel, Jin Yang would have reacted and he would be found out. The MC would then smack him to death with a single fart, and that would be the end of it.]

Of course, Gu Changge was in no hurry. His interest was piqued, and he wanted to see how long this person could hold on.

Next, everyone started to whisper among themselves.

The young geniuses couldn't help but ask Chu Xuan about Ye Chen's origins, and how he had offended the Young Lord.

Chu Xuan began explaining to them, and explained how Ye Chen courted death and offended the Young Lord. As soon as they heard his explanation, their expressions turned strange.

“Why do we feel like we have heard about him...”

He came from the Eastern Wilderness, has no background, is in his early twenties, with a cultivation base around the Transcendent Realm, and was born with extraordinary talent...

Wasn't that description similar to what Jin Yang, the Buddhist Holy Land's Holy Son, described about his sworn brother? When they had asked him for his sworn brother's name, he had kept quiet for some reason, no?

Many of them made some guesses, and couldn't help but smirk. Who gave a damn about their relationship with the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land if they could please Young Gu Change?!

“My Lord, I think the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land should know Ye Chen's whereabouts...”

The Holy Son of the Chuyuan Holy Land spoke up, and took the lead in explaining to everyone what Jin Yang had said before in the previous pavilion.

'This goddamn Dog-Son of the Chuyuan Holy Land...'

Jin Yang's face paled and cold sweat flowed down his forehead.

“Oh! Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land, do you know Ye Chen?”

Gu Change took another sip of his tea and asked with a gentle voice. Everything was within his expectations! His eyes fell on the young man whose hair appeared as if they were on fire like the burning sun.

[Hum!]

The terrifying and majestic pressure from before descended once more. All the young geniuses from the land of the Middle State paled, and even their souls trembled as horrified expressions masked their faces.

How terrifying was the Young Lord's strength?

Even their Holy Lords and Emperors couldn't compare to him.

Could he be someone of the Conferred Lord Realm?

How could that be? He looked no older than themselves...no, he might even be younger than them!

“As expected of Young Lord Gu! He's even stronger than my father...”

Stars of admiration filled Lin Qiuhan's eyes as he watched Gu Change.

'Was this the Young Lord's purpose behind the sudden question? He wanted to know who had something to do with Ye Chen?'

Su Qingge finally understood his reasons somewhat. But she didn't understand how Gu Changge knew there was someone here who was related to Ye Chen.

Gu Changge appeared more and more unfathomable to her!

"Sir, I do know Brother Ye Chen..."

Jin Yang replied. He couldn't even breathe well under the terrifying pressure, and his pale had turned pale. He was stunned beyond measure, and couldn't understand how the difference between them could be so enormous?

It was as if he was a toad watching the sun from the bottom of a well!

Right now, he felt that it was impossible for him to not admit that he knew Ye Chen. He had already exposed a lot when talking to the other geniuses. He regretted his loud mouth, and felt that he shouldn't have said so much back there.

"Oh! It's good that you know him. So, where's Ye Chen right now?"

Gu Changge asked as if nothing was wrong, and his expression also showed no change.

"Forgive me, Sir, but I can't reveal Brother Ye Chen's whereabouts!"

Jin Yang gritted his teeth and responded. His back had already turned wet with cold sweat, and he finally understood the terrifying might of the Young Lord in front of him. He couldn't even withstand his aura!

No wonder Ye Chen ran all the way over to the Middle State and didn't dare to show himself too much!

Still, Yan Jing didn't want to expose his Brother Ye Chen's whereabouts. He had already exposed much before, and wouldn't feel good if he even gave away his location.

"Foolish! Let me ask you again: 'where's Ye Chen right now?'"

Gu Changge's expression finally showed a change. His eyes showed a deep abyss, and his expression radiated an unquestionable majesty as if he were a god!

"Sir, Ye Chen is my sworn brother, and I am well aware of his character! Might there be some misunderstanding between you..."

Jin Yang responded through gritted teeth. He trembled all over, and couldn't help but want to kneel down under the mighty suppression pressing down on him. Still, he had his own pride and wouldn't give in — no matter what happened, he will defend Ye Chen!

"It's an honor for you to be questioned by me."

Gu Changge looked at him as if he was looking down at an ant, and without any turmoil in his tone, he continued, **"Who do you think you are to question me?"**

As his words fell, a terrifying intent surged from his body and pressed down on Jin Yang. With a groan, Jin Yang spat out blood, and fell to his knees. His face turned as sickly pale, and he couldn't resist the pressure bearing down on him!

“My Lord, our Holy Son is foolish and provoked you; I hope My Lord can forgive his transgression!”

Jin Yang's hidden protector was frightened and immediately showed himself. With a plop, he knelt on the ground and begged for forgiveness with a horrified expression.

He never expected that things would develop to such a point. How could their Holy Son be so retarded? Wasn't he bringing a disaster to their Holy Land?!

The Star Picking Pavilion turned dead-silent, and the audience didn't even dare breathe loudly in fear of offending the Heavens and bringing down a calamity upon themselves.

[Ding! You have successfully suppressed the Favored Son of Heaven's sworn brother and completed the mission...]

[Task Completion Rating: Perfect]

[You received a 40 percent bonus for completing the task with Perfection! You have received 700 Destiny Points!]

A bunch of System Prompts suddenly sounded at this time inside Gu Changge's mind.

Chapter 45: Gu Changge's Real Face; Not Even God Will Shelter You!

The System's Prompt satisfied Gu Changge's heart. Not only was the task simple, but it also gave him a full 700 Destiny Points. He could consider it as repayment for the 100 Destiny Points he spent on the [Pill Dao] technique just before.

Right now, he had almost 3000 Destiny Points, and that amount could be considered a huge sum.

As for how the System decided the 'Completion Rating', Gu Changge couldn't be bothered to think about it. The System must have its own rating system. He had simply done what he thought best.

He was gentle and caring towards Su Qingge and the others because he had some plans for them. As for this Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land...the heck was he? Did he think he was some Favored Son of Heaven? Who gave him the guts to provoke him and prance about in front of him?

He was a measly ant who didn't even have the qualifications to be a leek!

Gu Changge could easily squash him to death, and he even had a suitable reason to justify it. As for Ye Chen's whereabouts? He didn't even care about those. From the start to the end, he was merely trying to complete the random task presented before him by the System.

The Star Picking Pavilion turned dead silent. Everyone's face turned pale as they watched the scene in front of them, and some of the geniuses couldn't help but turn pale. No one dared to speak up.

“Sir, please forgive us...”

“Our Holy Son was foolish and provoked you in error...”

Jin Yang, the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land, and his guardian looked extremely pale and terrified. They couldn't help but kneel on the ground and beg for forgiveness.

It's just that Gu Changge no longer bothered with them, and said with a faint voice, **"Old Ming..."**

"My Lord, this old slave is at your command!"

The void trembled, and an old man in black appeared out of nowhere with a respectful expression. It was none other than Old Ming.

Although he had received permission to return to his family, he had been continuously following Gu Changge in the shadows, and didn't have the guts to leave his side at all.

Old Ming's sudden appearance at this time gave everyone an even deeper shock. It was the first time they saw this legendary figure, the Ancestor of the Ancient Lin Family, who had Ascended to the Upper Realm some thirty-thousand years ago.

Seeing his respectful and subservient attitude, they couldn't help but believe the rumors they had heard.

"I don't want to hear that the Buddhist Holy Land still exists tomorrow..."

Gu Changge gave out a death sentence without batting an eye.

"Understood! This old slave will make them disappear immediately."

Old Ming obliged, and the void around him trembled once more as he disappeared from the place as fast as he had appeared.

[Hiss!]

Everyone's scalps turned numb, and they felt as if their minds would explode. A terrifying chill ran down their backs.

"You..."

Holy Son Jin Yang's eyes widened in disbelief and he spewed another mouthful of blood. He never thought his actions would bring such a disaster to his Holy Land!

He couldn't help but regret his actions, and curse himself and his stupidity.

The Young Lord from the Upper Realm was truly ruthless!

"It's over..."

Jin Yang's guardian's face lost all color, and deep despair filled his eyes.

The Chuyuan Holy Son, the Myriad Flowers Fairy, and the others couldn't help but turn pale and tremble. All of them were also from major forces of the Middle State, so they couldn't help but question themselves: 'had it been us, would we end up like this, too?'

The answer was clear to them. The Young Lord's gentle and amiable smile was not what it looked like. In reality, all of them were nothing more than a bunch of ants in front of him, and he couldn't even be bothered about their existence.

He decided the fate of the Buddhist Holy Land with a single sentence!

All of them felt as if they could see rivers of blood and mountains of flesh in front of them. And all of this because one of them was stupid enough to pit himself against the Young Lord.

Even Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan felt chills run down their backs. It was the first time they saw Gu Changge do something like this. He was truly aloof and indifferent...like a god looking down upon everything and deciding the fate of mere mortals.

This was his true face!

Su Qingge couldn't help but feel fortunate over the fact that Gu Changge treated her really well. It could be said that he was pretty much pampering her one-sidedly.

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The matter regarding the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land offending the Young Lord from the Upper Realm in the Star Picking Pavilion soon spread to all parts of the Middle State from the Moon-facing Ancient City. The news caused a massive uproar, and set off storms in all directions.

Countless cultivators were horrified and shivered at the thought.

Soon, the ins and outs of the entire event came out from the mouths of the other geniuses present at the scene, and everyone began discussing the matter in great detail.

Not only did the Holy Son of the Buddhist Holy Land become sworn brothers with the Upper Realm's Young Lord's enemy, but he even dared to conceal his whereabouts and refused to open his mouth. This was what angered the Young Lord and brought extinction upon the Buddhist Holy Land.

Countless cultivators sighed and felt that the Buddhist Holy Land's Holy Son was a retard. Instead of dying by himself, he had dragged his entire Holy Land to Hell with him.

Of course, some people celebrated their destruction in their heart and said that they deserved it!

Who asked that fool to court death?

The Buddhist Holy Land had a hundred-thousand years long heritage in the Middle State. They also had an Ancestor who had reached the False God Realm and Ascended to the Upper Realm, so they held many cultivation techniques and treasures, and had an extremely profound background.

However, a giant palm directly covered all of its territory from the and obliterated it from the earth. Even their Ancestor[1] who had been in seclusion couldn't form a shred of resistance before the mighty palm after coming out. It was as if the Heavens themselves had descended to exterminate them!

[1: This Ancestor is a normal old man who is probably in Conferred Lord or Conferred King Realm, at most. He isn't some False God Realm hidden oldie. Just like the Ancient Lin Family's Highest Elder who told them about the return of their Ancestor.]

The structures and mountains in a radius of five-thousand miles turned into ruins. At the same time, the oppressive breath of a False God Realm monstrosity pressed down from above, terrifying countless cultivators into hiding.

“Such injustice will bring upon you the Heaven’s wrath one day...”

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“Not even God will shelter you once that happens...”

In the end, the matter ended with the roar of the Buddhist Holy Lord resounded in all directions. With that, the Buddhist Holy Land was exterminated from the land of the Middle State forever, in one fell swoop.

This incident caused a great sensation in the Middle State, and even the rest of the world. If even the Buddhist Holy Land, a heritage left behind by a False God, ended up like this, then what would become of them if they overreached?

The thought horrified countless cultivators, shaking them from head to toe, and their fear of the Young Lord from the Upper Realm deepened further and further. After all, everything that exists in the Lower Realm was nothing more than a bunch of ants and their antics before the eyes of the beings of the Upper Realm. They couldn’t even be bothered to look at their existence!

The cultivator named Ye Chen, who came from the Eastern Wilderness, gained a renewed notoriety in the Middle State as his name resounded everywhere as a God of Plague.

In order to please Gu Changege, some cultivators and forces even began looking for Ye Chen’s trail everywhere, so as to capture him alive.

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[A remote town of the Central Heavenly City of the Middle State]

A youth with a dignified face and an ordinary appearance listened to the people around him. Suddenly, a piece of news hit him like a bolt from the blue, and his body stiffened on the spot.

“Brother Jin Yang...”

“I will definitely kill Gu Changege and avenge your Buddhist Holy Land!”

His eyes turned red, and he ground his teeth. His body trembled, and an aura of desolation radiated from his person.

Originally, he had planned to go to the Buddhist Holy Land due to his relationship with their Holy Son, and the fact that the Buddhist Holy Land showed appreciation for his talent...but who would expect that he would receive the news about the complete extermination of the Buddhist Holy Land in such a short time. He felt deep rage and coldness in his heart, which compounded his madness and hatred.

“Master, quickly tell me how I can become stronger as fast as possible; I must kill Gu Changege no matter what!”

“I MUST KILL HIM!”

Ye Chen said through gritted teeth, with reddened eyes. Jin Yang could be considered one of his most important friend and brother! He was an upright man who treated him better than anyone else. But, in the end, he was implicated and even the Buddhist Holy Land that raised him met a disaster because of his relationship with him.

And the reason for all that was none other than that GU Changge! He wished to dismember Gu Changge into a million pieces! He wanted to shred his corpse apart, and only then would he be able to vent his hatred!

“Little Chen...”

Yan Ji couldn't help but helplessly shake her head inside the ring. This matter had developed had reached a point she never wanted it to reach. She also gave up on her plan to persuade Ye Chen into giving up his hatred and prejudice towards Gu Changge.

Ye Chen was already a maddened beast, and all her persuasions would fall upon deaf ears. He wouldn't rest until one of them died.

This put Yan Ji in a difficult situation, after all, she had a good impression of Gu Changge.

Still, she couldn't ignore Ye Chen...

Yan Ji sighed and said to Ye Chen, **“According to the fragment you got, the ancient Secret Realm of First Heavenly Era will soon open. Not only is there an ancient weapon sealed inside, but it also contains the inheritance of the weapon's owner inside...”**

“I will definitely get the inheritance and kill Gu Changge!”

Ye Chen's grief disappeared, and he soon calmed down. He couldn't help but clench his fists and grit his teeth in resolve.

Chapter 46: Helping Your Sellers Count Their Money; Lin Tian Resurrects!

Gu Changge couldn't be bothered by the destruction of the Buddhist Holy Land. To him, destroying them was no different from stepping on an ant.

Old Ming was a mighty man of the God King Realm in the Upper Realm. Even though he couldn't exert his true might and was limited by the Lower Realm's laws at the False God Realm, it was still easy for him to exterminate a place like the Buddhist Holy Land with a flip of his hand.

What's more? There hadn't been anyone who broke through to the False God Realm in the Middle State over the last few millenniums. Existences at the mere Conferred Lord Realm could become the Guardians or Supreme Elders of Holy Lands and Dynasties, and Conferred Kings couldn't even be seen anywhere.

Gu Changge reckoned that only those Forbidden Regions and the Ancient Sacred Mountains could have False God Realm cultivators hidden in their depths.

Old Ming's strength was more than enough for him to do whatever he wanted in the Middle State. Of course, Gu Changge wasn't so free as to go and mess with anybody and everybody. As long as someone didn't provoke him, he couldn't be bothered to move.

As they left the Star Picking Pavilion, Lin Qiuhan appeared somewhat afraid of him, and no longer behaved as casually as before. Gu Changge's true face frightened her. He was indifferent and aloof, someone who could determine the life and death of an ancient Holy Land with a few words.

This side of him was completely different from his elegant and gentle appearance from before. It confused Lin Qiuhan a little, and she wondered what about him did she like?

Was it his gentleness, or was it his eloquent speech and deep knowledge?

"Are you scared?"

Gu Changge naturally knew how to deal with her turbulent emotions. His previous gentleness returned, his expression softened, and he lovingly caressed Lin Qiuhan's head.

This simple move had a great effect on Lin Qiuhan.

Her heart jumped in her chest and desired more. Young Lord Gu, who was aloof and indifferent to the others, treated her with such care and gentleness. She couldn't help but feel lightheaded once again.
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"A little bit..."

Lin Qiuhan answered honestly.

"Young Lord, you scared me too!"

Su Qingge couldn't hold herself back and spoke out at this moment. She felt that Gu Changge didn't give her enough attention. Although she had a sharp mind, she was also a woman, so she couldn't help but feel sour and aggrieved in her heart when she watched Gu Changge treat another woman so affectionately even though he always bullied her.

Of course, she knew well that it was all just an act from Gu Changge.

Gu Changge looked at her and said with a smirk, **"Even you were frightened? Well, it doesn't matter."**

'It's alright if I am frightened?'

'Isn't this clear discrimination?'

Su Qingge rolled her eyes and silently vented in her heart.

"This is a detailed record containing an Elementary-level [Pill Dao] technique; take it as my token of apology.

"

Gu Changge took out the [Pill Dao] technique he took from the System and handed it over to Lin Qiuhan. Either way, he had to find a reason sooner or later to hand it over to her. After all, it was something he exchanged for a hundred Destiny Points from the System's Shop.

Gu Changge had casually flipped through it, and saw that it recorded many valuable Elementary-level Pill recipes. He estimated that even the Alchemy Heritages in the Upper Realm didn't have a technique as detailed as the one in his hand.

The products produced by the System were most definitely the highest-quality ones, and he wouldn't take any loss from it.

“Thank you, Young Lord!”

Lin Qiuhan thanked him in surprise.

To think that Young Lord Gu would actually give her something like this! How did he tell she was interested in Alchemy?

Lin Qiuhan's heart thumped as she thought about this.

Her father had always forced her to cultivate with all her heart to strengthen her cultivation base and improve her Realm. She was never allowed to dabble in any other aspects, so she didn't know much about Alchemy even though she held great interest in it.

“As long as you like it.”

Gu Changge said with a smile. Lin Qiuhan was a truly simple woman. It's great that she met him first — had someone else discovered her before him, he reckoned that she would help them count the money they made by selling her.

Of course, he also looked forward to Lin Qiuhan's growth as an Alchemist so he could use her for himself in the future.

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Three days passed in the blink of an eye.

Because of their relationship with Gu Changge, the Ancient Lin Family had become very busy over the last few days. Major forces from all over the world had come to visit them, and wanted to develop a positive relationship with them.

The destruction of the Buddhist Holy Land gave a stern signal to all the forces of the Middle State, and everyone could see that it was about time the Ancient Lin Family rose to ultimate prominence.

Everyone in the Ancient Lin Family walked and talked with proud smiles on their faces. No matter where they went, they would be treated as honored guests as long as they revealed their identity as the Ancient Lin Family's descendants and disciples.

Although the Ancient Lin Family was already a mighty force before, but now, no one could compare to them. Of course, all of the Ancient Lin Family's people held deep reverence for Gu Changge.

They knew who gave them all of their current glory.

Aside from that, after she received the hint from Gu Changge, Lin Qiuhan made sure to appoint people to keep a watch over Lin Tian's corpse.

What he was truly faking his death...

She was also skeptical about this. And over the course of the three days, she realized that there really was something strange with Lin Tian's corpse. Even though three days had passed, his body didn't show any signs of decay.

It was strange.

Even a cultivator of the Spirit Sea Realm should have his body stiffen and start to decay three days after death, but nothing like that happened to Lin Tian's corpse. One had to know that Lin Tian was a piece of trash who hadn't even reached the Spirit Sea Realm yet!

This discovery shocked Lin Qiuhan, and she started to believe in Gu Changge's words.

Lin Tian wasn't dead!

He faked his death and tried to deceive everyone!

This fact angered Lin Qiuhan and her heart turned cold.

Not only was her brother's body taken over by some bastard, the person who did it also almost brought ruin upon their Ancient Lin Family!

She couldn't wait to make mince meat out of the fiend who took over her brother's body. She wanted to slash him into a million pieces with her sword!

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A dim light illuminated a damp dungeon filled with an unbearable stench. An ice-cold corpse that looked to be a youth who suddenly aged for some reason lay on the ground. Suddenly, the corpse opened its eyes and a light flashed through it.

"It seems that I have escaped from the catastrophe..."

The corpse sat up straight and looked around at its surroundings while muttering to itself. Of course, he was none other than Lin Tian, who had escaped his death through suspended animation at the critical moment.

He felt fortunate in his heart for his decisiveness.

After that, he observed his surroundings and realized that he was in a dungeon. There seemed to be no one guarding on the outside.

Once upon a time, he was a mighty God King who stood above all and below none; he never expected that he would have to make use of such a method to save his life.

He couldn't help but laugh at himself with a hint of mockery in his voice.

Still, he had survived! As long as he could hide from others, he wouldn't have to die. No, the Heavens didn't want him to die!

"Fortunately, I wasn't cremated...but they didn't bury me either. What a pity...but this isn't all that bad either. When the time comes, I will pretend to not remember anything, and that should be enough to deceive everyone. With my previous life's experience, it won't be all that hard for me..."

“As for the bastard with the Gu surname...just you wait, this King will certainly pay you back sooner or later...”

Lin Tian’s expression darkened as he recalled Gu Changge’s face.

Right now, the secret technique of suspended animation he used before was working at full force and healing his severed heart’s vein. Blood started to flow through his body again, and life returned to his cold corpse.

If someone were standing next to him at this moment, they would be shocked and exclaim that it was impossible!

How could a dead person resurrect and regain life?

It was unbelievable — a miracle!

Still, Lin Tian’s youth didn’t return. No matter how powerful the technique might be, it would be impossible for it to make up for his lost lifespan.

At the same time, the entire event confused Lin Tian. He couldn’t understand what that Gu Changge held on his person? Why did the demons he summoned show such terror when they met him?

This was something he never encountered in his tens of thousands of years of previous life.

“Move...THE CORPSE MOVED...”

Right at this time, a terrified scream sounded from outside the dungeon. The disciple of the Ancient Lin Family, who was assigned to watch over Lin Tian’s corpse, walked in and saw the scene of Lin Tian sitting up straight. It gave him such a scare that he almost pissed his pants!

Chapter 47: Killing the First Favored Son of Heaven; The Taste of a God King’s Remnant Soul!

Lin Qiuhan froze for a while when she learned about Lin Tian’s *‘resurrection.’* She immediately realized that he was indeed faking his death just like Young Lord Gu had said.

She told her people to keep a close eye on Lin Tian, and report everything about him to her as soon as possible. At the same time, her heart turned cold, and she went to find Gu Changge and explained everything to him.

“Since Lin Tian has resurrected, then we should go and have a look at who is the one occupying his body...”

Gu Changge thought for a while and said to Lin Qiuhan.

There was no way he wouldn’t be interested in this matter. After all, he had waited for three full days to watch Lin Tian return to life. A great show was about to be staged in front of him, so how could Gu Changge miss it?

By the end of today, Lin Tian will no longer have anymore value as a leek, either.

Wasn’t he a mighty figure who reincarnated?

Since he was that mighty, why did he have to take over the body of a trash? Was he not satisfied when taking over the body of a normal person?

“It will be as you say, Young Lord.”

Lin Qiuhan agreed.

Soon, Lin Qiuhan and Gu Changge arrived in the dungeon. The Lin Family disciple responsible for guarding the place was looking around while trembling, clearly frightened by everything that was happening.

“I pay my respects to the Young Miss! I pay my respect to the Young Lord...”

After saluting the two of them, he quickly ran away from the gloomy place without daring to look behind him.

“Don’t talk about this before anyone else!”

Lin Qiuhan commanded the disciple who was escaping at full speed. Matters of death and the dead coming back to life were too weird, and couldn’t be explained in simple terms, so she didn’t want to attract too much unnecessary attention.

When Lin Tian saw Lin Qiuhan and Gu Changge arrive in the dungeon, he felt unease bud in his heart. Still, he put on a puzzled expression and looked around in confusion.

It was how he planned to deceive Lin Qiuhan. With the memories from his Predecessor, he could easily deceive this simple and kind sister of his as long as he didn’t show any flaws.

As for Gu Changge, he wasn’t too sure on how to deal with him.

This bastard with the surname of Gu was too incalculable. If he wanted to deceive him, then he would need to put in a bit more effort. Who knows? He might even see through him if he overacted.

The mighty God King, Lin Tian, who had experienced hundreds of battles in his life, couldn’t help but feel uneasiness claw at his heart right now.

“Sister, why am I here?”

“I remember that I was in the Academy...how did I end up here...”

“Who is this person beside you? I have never seen him before...”

Having thought through his plan, Lin Tian opened his mouth and asked with just the right amount of confusion in his tone and on his face. n0vElusb.cOm

‘Hoh! So you are gonna pretend to not have any memories?’

Gu Changge laughed in his heart as he watched his act, but his expression showed no change.

He stayed quiet.

Instead of an outsider like him doing it himself, it would be better if Lin Qiuhan tore apart Lin Tian's disguise with her own hands. If he guessed correctly, the original Lin Tian must have been concerned about and obsessed with Lin Qiuhan.

If he received Lin Qiuhan's wrath and hatred, then the original Lin Tian's will won't be able to sit still...after all, one must solve the Predecessor's obsession to truly seize their body.

An obsession that couldn't be resolved would naturally turn into a thorn and fight against the one trying to take over the body.

[Hehe!]

With this, Lin Tian had reached a dead end since he would never be able to solve this obsession. As for the last two hundred Points of Fortune Value he held? Gu Changge would be able to obtain those without a hitch.

What's more? He could also complete his mission of killing a Favored Son of Heaven!

After all, if you killed a Favored Son of Heaven after thoroughly taking away his Fortune Value, the System would reward you with an additional Heavenly Reward. Gu Changge was looking forward to what he will receive.

As for siblings murdering each other in cold blood? Gu Changge believed that something like that would never happen as long as the previous Lin Tian's obsession didn't die off.

The current Lin Tian couldn't do anything to hurt Lin Qiuhan.

“Why are you still pretending?”

Lin Qiuhan's sad heart surged with cold hatred as she watched the old face that resembled her brother's.

“Sister, what are you talking about? Why can't I understand anything you say?”

Lin Tian was stunned by her words, and showed a bewildered expression as if he couldn't comprehend what she was talking about. With some fear, he looked around him and asked again, **“Sister, why aren't you answering me? Why am I locked up in a dungeon...”**

Lin Qiuhan's expression was frozen like an ice cap, and she didn't utter a single word.

Had she not received Young Lord Gu's reminder, she would have most likely been deceived by the current Lin Tian. She would have truly believed that he didn't know what had happened over the last few days.

Those who occupied someone else's body could easily devour their memories. It was easy for them to pretend to have lost their memories.

“Sister, I am really your little brother, Lin Tian! Why don't you believe me...”

“Do you remember the time when you were six years old, and father reprimanded you, so you came to me to vent your complains...”

No matter what Lin Tian said, and how he tried, Lin Qiuhan's expression showed no signs of changing in his favor. Instead, her face turned colder and colder with every word he uttered.

Had he kept his mouth shut, everything would have been fine...but now that he uttered all those words, the sadness in Lin Qiuhan's heart couldn't help but compound, and she recalled the days of yesteryear.

'It's having a negative effect...'

Lin Tian didn't take long to notice that all his attempts were in vain, and he realized that something had gone awry. His heart further sank when he saw Gu Changge's playful expression.

He couldn't deceive the two of them in any way!

Could it be that he escaped a catastrophe, only to fall into another? Was he going to die here and today?

His heart was unwilling to accept such a fate.

What's more? He even sensed the obsession of the original Lin Tian develop deep resentment towards him, as it tried to push him out.

His remnant soul was getting entangled with the remnant obsession of his predecessor.

"Shut up!"

Lin Qiuhan finally couldn't bear it anymore. Her eyes turned red, and she growled in a cold tone, **"You are a damned beast!"**

"Sister..."

Lin Tian's expression turned slack for a moment, and he couldn't help but mutter to himself, **"Why? I have never hurt you...I have never even thought of hurting you..."**

"Why are you treating me like this?"

Right now, he couldn't even tell whether he was the Heaven Slaughter God King or the waste named Lin Tian. His remnant soul and the Predecessor's obsession were becoming inseparable.

[Ding! Lin Tian has received a backlash from his Predecessor's obsession and lost control of his body! He lost 200 Points of Fortune Value! You received 1000 Destiny Points!]

[Reminder! The Favored Son of Heaven has run out of Fortune Value! You receive addition Heavenly Rewards on killing him right now!]

The System's Prompt rang inside Gu Changge's mind right at this moment, telling him that the time to reap his rewards had come. He put on a gentle and comforting expression, and softly said to Lin Qiuhan, **"I know you can't do it, so let me be a villain for you. For now, you should go outside."**

"Mmm..."

Lin Qiuhan's heart moved, and she walked out with reddened eyes.

Although she desired to kill the bastard in front of her from the bottom of her heart, she couldn't bring herself to truly do it since he had the same face as her brother.

After Lin Qiuhan left, Gu Changge approached Lin Tian with his hands behind his back, and said with a faint smirk, **“Do you know why I didn’t let them cremate or bury you?”**

“You knew I was faking my death? Gu, just who are you? Why are you doing this?”

Lin Tian couldn’t help but roar towards him. Right now, he was like a wild beast ready to pounce on whoever his gaze fell upon.

“Why am I doing this? Now, why could I be doing this? Isn’t it all because you wanted to kill me?”

Gu Changge asked him, and his eyes darkened at the same time. It was as if hundreds of millions of black lightnings were flashing through his pupils. With his pupils looking like a devil’s, he watched Lin Tian.

“Who the hell are you? Why can you use such a method...”

Lin Tian was frightened by Gu Changge’s eyes, feeling like he was falling into a dark abyss. He felt as if a terrifying vortex was trying to eat him up.

This person with the surname of GU had an incomparably demonic nature, and he seemed to be surrounded by hundreds of millions of demons who were ready spread chaos in the world!

He, a mighty God King, had never come across such a terrifying sight before in his life.

Lin Qiuhan putting her trust in him was far too dangerous!

Lin Tian felt another burst of pain as this reality hit him. He hated this feeling!

“A dead man doesn’t need to know so much.”

Gu Changge indifferently looked at Lin Tian, and placed his hand on between his eyebrows.

“What sort of sorcery is this...AH!!!”

Lin Tian was so frightened that he couldn’t help but scream. Gu Changge’s palm passed right through to his Sea of Consciousness, and a jet-black brilliance bloomed inside him like an avenue of disaster.

[Hum!]

In the next moment, the darkness flashed, and a terrifying force sucked his soul inside it as if a bottle sucking in water. His remnant soul disappeared in an instant, and Lin Tian’s body fell without life once more.

“This fellow turned out to be a God King in his previous life...the taste of his soul isn’t bad!”

Gu Changge couldn’t help but praise with his eyes closed in relish.

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Chapter 48: First Kill Reward Chest; Halo of the Destined Heavenly Villain!

Gu Changge felt no scruples in devouring the mighty God King's remnant soul with his [Immortal-Devouring Demon Art]. He closed his eyes and enjoyed the feeling of fullness that came with it.

At the same time, he looked through the memories of the so-called Heaven Slaughter God King.

The greatest weapon in a mighty figure's arsenal, when they reincarnated into the body of a waste like Lin Tian, was their experience and knowledge from their previous lives, their deep understanding of the cultivation realms, and immense combat experience.

What else could they rely on beside those, after all?

But now, all of that belonged to Gu Changge. The [Immortal-Devouring Demon Art] could not only devour the Origin of the other party, but it also devoured everything about them.

The main reason he asked Lin Qiuhan to leave the place was that he didn't want to expose this technique before anyone else. There were many methods to search through someone else's soul in the Upper Realm, so he wouldn't feel at ease if someone other than him knew his secret.

"The pleasure of strengthening my Primordial Spirit by swallowing a God King's remnant soul is truly incomparable..."

"The world will surely not tolerate the existence of the [Immortal-Devouring Demon Art]. If it's exposed that I possess this art, not even the Heavens will be able to protect me..."

Gu Changge's Primordial Spirit grew in strength at a rapid pace, and before long, it had even surpassed the strength of a Conferred King's Primordial Spirit.

Gu Changge couldn't help but relish in joy at the comfort that came with the increase in his strength. At the same time, a bunch of System Prompts sounded in his mind.

[Ding! You have killed your first Favored Son of Heaven, and triggered extra Heavenly Rewards by clearing all of their Fortune Value in the process! Reward calculations are in progress...]

[Ding! Congratulations, Host! You have received a Heavenly Dao Reward Chest, 100 Points of Fortune Value, and 500 Destiny Points!]

[Ding! As this was your first kill, you have also received the First Kill Reward Chest!]

[Ding! You have unlocked the ability to exchange Fortune Value for Destiny Points! You can now exchange your Fortune Value for Destiny Points at 1-to-10 ratio!][1]

[1: 1 Fortune Value = 10 Destiny Points.]

Gu Changge's interest soared as he heard all the Prompts. In addition to the Heavenly Dao Reward Chest, he also got a First Kill Reward Chest.

What's more? He could even exchange Fortune Value for Destiny Points now. This brought another trump card under his sleeve. Wasn't there a saying: *'sacrifice thy luck and the Heavens will protect thee!'*

He was a villain, so if he encountered an unavoidable crisis in the future, he might just be able to get through it by exchanging his Fortune Value for Destiny Points.

Of course, Gu Changge wouldn't use this feature unless absolutely necessary. After all, he understood the importance of having a lot of Fortune Value. Without Fortune Value, he wouldn't be able to deal with the Favored Children of Heaven with ease.

'Open the First Kill Reward Chest!'

Gu Changge commanded.

He wanted to see what he could receive. After all, this was nothing different from a lottery or a gacha game that he knew from his past life. He couldn't wait to open the mysterious treasure chest.

With a flash of golden light, a golden chest appeared in front of his eyes and then exploded with a bang!

[Ding! Congratulations, Host, for having great fortune! You have received: Fortune Plundering Card x3, One-Third Fragment of a World Seed x1, System's Reward Calculations Multiplication Card x1!]

The System's cold, mechanical voice sounded in his ears.

'[Fortune Plundering Card]?'

A strange expression appeared on Gu Changge's face as he read through the [Fortune Plundering Card's] description. The [Fortune Plundering Card] could be used to target a Favored Son of Heaven; it had a small probability of failure, depending on the Favored Son of Heaven's status, but if it succeeded, then all of the Favored Son of Heaven's Fortune Value will be cleared in one fell swoop.

Not only will it be cleared, but a corresponding amount will also be awarded to him!

If it failed, then, well, he gained nothing and lost one [Fortune Plundering Card].

'As for this [System's Reward Calculations Multiplication Card]...if it's used when the System is calculating rewards, the reward will be randomly multiplied by a value that could be anywhere from 0.1 (loss)[2] to double, triple, ten times, or even a hundred times higher...'

[2: that '(loss)' in the above paragraph wasn't in the original text. I added it to make sure you understand it will be a loss if the System multiplies his rewards by any value less than 1 as 100×0.1 is 10.]

Gu Changge checked the functionality of the other reward he received, and clicked his tongue.

It was also something that depended on Fortune. But considering his experience from the two gachas[3] before, his Fortune wasn't all that bad in the System's point of view.

*[3: Novice Gift Pack + First Kill Reward Chest.] n0V**eLus&.c0m***

He planned to use the second card when he dealt with Ye Chen.

As for the [Fortune Plundering Card], it was obviously a good reward. After all, he has to put effort in suppressing the Favored Children of Heaven, and give them continuous setbacks, whenever he wants to squeeze their Fortune Value, but with this [Fortune Plundering Card], he will be able to save himself all that trouble.

Of course, there was a chance that it might fail.

Gu Changge went to the System's Shop and took a look at the [Fortune Plundering Card's] value, and found that it was up for sale for a whopping ten thousand Destiny Points!

[Holy Frick!]

That was to say, if he wanted to break even, he would need to come across a Favored Child of Heaven with at least 2000 Points of Fortune Value.

That wasn't too unrealistic though. Gu Changge guessed that the Favored Children of Heaven he would meet in the future wouldn't be blessed with a little amount of Fortune Value.

The Azure Lower Realm where he was at right now was simply too weak. Among the myriad Lower Realms in the Universe, it was merely a small realm among the Thousand Minor Lower Realms. Even False God Realms could break through the Void's barrier and Ascend to the Upper Realm.

The larger Lower Realms, such as the ones among the Thousand Middle Lower Realms, had a higher boundary. For example, the world where the Heaven Slaughter God King originated from...there, one had to reach the God King Realm before they could Ascend to the Upper Realm.

As for the Upper Realm, the place where Gu Changge himself came from...it was a complex world that acted as a hub connecting all of the Thousand Minor Lower Realms, the Thousand Middle Lower Realms, and the Thousand Major Lower Realms.

Afterwards, Gu Changge opened the Heavenly Dao Reward Chest to see if he would get something related to the Favored Children of Heaven, as he guessed.

A golden light flashed in front of his eyes again, and the System's Prompt sounded in his mind once more.

[Ding! Congratulations, Host, for receiving the Halo of a Favored Child of Heaven! The Halo has been automatically transformed by the System, and you have received the Halo of a Destined Heavenly Villain!]

[Ding! Congratulations, Host, for receiving a God Kings Heart...]

'[Halo of a Destined Heavenly Villain]?'

Gu Changge couldn't care about anything else, and all of his attention fell upon the first reward. It's description immediately piqued his interest.

[Halo of a Destined Heavenly Villain establishes you as a Villain fated to exterminate the Favored Children of Heaven! You can now ignore the ramifications of dealing with a Favored Child of Heaven when your luck isn't as high as them...]

'What does that mean?'

Gu Changge raised his eyebrows and questioned the System.

[When the difference between the Villain's and the Protagonist's Fortune Value is too high, the Villain will suffer from a Fortune Backlash if his strength surpasses the Protagonist by too much. That's how the Heavenly Dao protects the Protagonists, but the Halo of a Destined Heavenly Villain nullifies this mechanism...]

The System explained.

'So that's how it is! When I first transmigrated over, my Fortune Value was too low, but my strength was enough to completely overwhelm Ye Chen, so the Heavenly Dao decided to use this Fortune Backlash to stop me from going overboard...'

Everything started to add up right now.

Now that he had a high amount of Fortune Value, he naturally didn't need to care about receiving a Fortune Backlash at this time. But who could guarantee a situation like the previous one won't happen again in the future?

Gu Changge couldn't help but feel comfortable as he realized that a hidden danger to his life had been nipped in the bud by this [Halo of the Destined Heavenly Villain]!

As for the [God King's Heart]? It was the cultivation of mind of a cultivator who had reached the God King Realm and honed his state of mind for thousands of years.

In Gu Changge's opinion, Lin Tian's [God King's Heart] wouldn't be all that good, but since it was a reward from the System, it shouldn't be all that bad either.

Gu Changge directly chose the option to fuse with it. In the very next moment, he felt a mass of warm light wrap around his body. His consciousness shook, and he felt as if he had lived through tens of thousands of years as scene after scene flashed through his mind.

At first he thought that he was about to reincarnate or something, but soon, his muddled mind recovered.

Gu Changge couldn't help but frown.

How come the [God King's Heart] made little to no change to his state of mind? Only his ability to feel his surroundings and comprehend stuff improved by a bit, it seemed.

Well, as long as it increases!

After all, he was a transmigrator. Although he was quick at adapting to the various situations, he wasn't omniscient. The [God King's Heart] should save him a lot of time in cultivating his state of mind in the future, he estimated.

The state of mind was something as illusory as Fortune Value, after all, and everyone had a different understanding of it.

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Chapter 49: Unnamed; Creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains!

Lin Tian died, and left behind a cold, empty shell.

Now, Gu Changge had several methods in his arsenal that could deal with the Favored Children of Heaven. First, he could directly kill them off. This was the easiest method, but he will only receive a part of their Fortune Value, and there won't be any additional Heavenly Rewards for squeezing them dry either.

Unless he cleared their Fortune Value, it would be difficult for him to seize their opportunities.

The second method was to suppress the Favored Children of Heaven with one setback after another, just like he did with the two leeks until now. He could earn Destiny Points, and also receive massive Fortune Value.

Although the second method was troublesome, the profits made up for the effort.

Gu Changge immediately knew which method to choose.

With that over, he walked out of the dungeon with an indifferent expression. At the same time, he called out for his Attributes Panel in his mind.

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Host: Gu Changge

Halo: Destined Heavenly Villain

Identity: True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace

Bloodline: Devil Heart, Dao Bone

Cultivation: Conferred Lord (Middle Stage)

Mystical Abilities:

Destiny Points: 4500

Fortune Value: 450 (Dark)

System Shop: Open

Warehouse:

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'I earned a lot after this time's harvest...'

Gu Changge couldn't help but smile as he read through his stats.

'I can do a lot with 4500 Destiny Points! The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] should be appearing any time now, so I should think of how to deal with Ye Chen as well. After all, there's no more value in keeping him alive now...'

'I will also need to prepare some other things...if I return without preparations, then my situation might just worsen further.'

Afterwards, Gu Changge frowned and started to think about the affairs of the Upper Realm. He had to prepare a plan to solve his issues up there.

Although he had the backing of the Gu Family, and was also a True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, his position in the Upper Realm wasn't all that solid. After all, his motives behind joining the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace weren't all that pure.

The reason why he was only a True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, and not their successor, was because of Gu Changge's background and identity. Many of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's higher-ups had a wary attitude towards him.

He had to find a way to stabilize his position after returning to the Upper Realm. Otherwise, he might just die before he has a chance to play another Favored Child of Heaven to death!

Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace was an Immortal Heritage in the Upper Realm that had never been shaken throughout their existence over the long river of time, so there was no need to speculate about their true might.

Many Immortal Ancient Families, Supreme Immortal Dynasties, and Grand Sects tried every means to send their descendants and disciples into the Heavenly Dao Immortal Sect for a chance to rise higher.

Although Gu Changge had the Gu Family's support, it wasn't easy for him to take charge of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace.

Of course, these were matters he would only need to consider after he returned to the Upper Realm. For now, he could take it easy and not think too much.

"Young Lord..."

Lin Qiuhan had been waiting for Gu Changge outside the dungeon. As soon as she saw him walking out, she called out to him. Her eyes were red, and grief weighed down on her heart.

"It's alright! I have already solved Lin Tian's matter for you. I have also eliminated the remnant soul of the one who was occupying his body."

Gu Changge comforted her with a gentle smile.

"Thank you, Young Lord Gu! Pardon me for troubling you with such a minor matter."

Lin Qiuhan's replied with some comfort.

"You don't need to apologize; it was a minor matter." *n0VeLus&.com*

Gu Changge spoke with a warm voice, and his gentle smile showed no change. Even if Lin Qiuhan had asked to deliver the final blow to Lin Tian, he wouldn't have agreed. After all, he wouldn't get any Heavenly Rewards if he wasn't the one dealing the final blow.

Not only did he receive the Heavenly Rewards, but he also got to brush up on Lin Qiuhan's favorability like this. In the future, she would work for him with sincerity, so it was a profit Gu Changge wasn't willing to let go of!

"It would be better if you help your brother return to his origins as soon as possible (burial). Since his body wasn't occupied for too long, there's a chance his soul hasn't thoroughly dissipated, and he might be able to enter the cycle of reincarnation..."

Gu Changge's warm smile appeared even more comforting as he said that.

Of course, this talk about entering the cycle of reincarnation was nothing but a hoax he spoke merely to comfort Lin Qiuhan. After all, the original Lin Tian's soul was completely devoured by the Heaven Slaughter God King when he took over his body. How else would he be plagued by the Predecessor's obsession?

And when Gu Changge devoured the Heaven Slaughter God King's remnant spirit, he also devoured the original Lin Tian's soul.

"Understood. I will order someone to help Little Tian safely return to his origins..."

Lin Qiuhan said and turned around, never expecting that Gu Changge would be so considerate towards her.

Gu Changge's smile disappeared as he watched her walk away. A simple woman like Lin Qiuhan wasn't all that hard to deal with. A good face, eloquent speech, and gentle care would be enough to make them sink.

After that, Gu Changge took it easy for the next few days. First, he spent 3000 Destiny Points to raise his cultivation base to the Late Stage of the Conferred Lord Realm.

Although the improvement wasn't too great compared to the Middle Stage, but for a supreme prodigy like him, the increase in his combat power was exponential. It couldn't be explained just with Realms and whatnot.

Just because Gu Changge rarely made a move, it didn't mean he had low combat power. It's just that he didn't need to make a move as his aura alone was enough to suppress everyone around him.

If he desired, he was sure he could easily obliterate even people in the Conferred King Realm.

Of course, the price wasn't small for such a minor breakthrough. Gu Changge estimated that he would need to spend an even more terrifying amount of Destiny Points if he wanted to enter the Peak Stage of the Conferred Lord Realm — he might need to fork out around 5000 Destiny Points.

Still, it was worth the price!

His comprehension of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex had been almost pushed to the Eighth Layer. In his memories, he didn't recall anyone among his peers who had reached the Eighth Layer of the Dao Codex in the Upper Realm.

Of course, there was a chance someone might have made a breakthrough during the time he was down in the Lower Realm. He had already been here for almost half a year now. Either way, Gu Changge believed that his speed at breaking through and comprehending the higher stages was already as fast as it could get.

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Less than three days remained to the beginning of the Middle State's Heavenly Geniuses Dao Conference. The Moon-facing Ancient City brimmed with more and more guests. Cultivators and mortals from various Sects, Clans, and Dynasties packed the streets.

After the destruction of the Buddhist Holy Land, more and more forces of the world developed reverence for the Young Lord from the Upper Realm. At the same time, they all thought: *'won't we soar to Heaven if we can please the Young Lord?'*

They couldn't suppress this desire after they saw the current appearance of the Ancient Lin Family. No matter where their people went, no one dared to offend them...no, others actually had to be

subservient before them. All of them put on domineering appearances, and their noses were almost about to touch the Heavens out of arrogance.

In this dog-eat-dog world, only might was right!

Many forces had plans to butter up with the Young Lord and rise above the rest.

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Many young creatures with different appearances sat together in a pavilion shrouded by divine-looking mist. Some had wings on their backs, some had scales on their foreheads, some appeared sacred and divine, and others had their limbs covered in flames.

Divine brilliance surrounded all of them, and they radiated ferocious auras. The Holy Sons and Maidens of the mighty Holy Lands of the Middle State couldn't amount to anything in front of them.

They weren't even eligible to be compared to them.

The weakest among them was already at the Great-Transcendent Realm, and had the qualifications to look down on people from the older generations of the Middle State, let alone the younger ones.

In the vicinity of this group of creatures hid old servants with terrifying auras and force of oppression. If the cultivators outside saw them all, they might piss their pants in horror.

The Ancient Sacred Mountains!

All of these young creatures were from the Ancient Sacred Mountains, and held a terrifying background. Right now, they were busy discussing the events that took place in the Middle State.

"I never thought he would directly obliterate the Buddhist Holy Land! Just what is the origin of that youth who is said to have descended from the Upper Realm..."

A young creature with wings on his back shook his head with a look of pity. Of course, there was only pity in his eyes and he held no sympathy for the Buddhist Holy Land. To him, the Buddhist Holy Land wasn't worth jack crap, and he couldn't be bothered about their destruction.

"No matter what his background, I will make him pay the price for offending me!"

A beautiful girl with an indifferent expression, and eyes full of awe-inspiring killing intent, put her snow-white long sword on the table before her.

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Chapter 50: Ye Liuli, the Beauty Raised in the Lower Realm; Childhood Friends!

The girl was dressed in purple with a complexion as breathtaking as a milky jade. She had exquisite and gorgeous features, slender, long legs, and an extremely aloof aura.

She didn't appear to be all that old, and looked to be only around seventeen to eighteen years old. Her eyes were completely different from those of the humans, and appeared like colorful beads that beautifully swam around.

She appeared to be the leader of all the young creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains. Her identity wasn't simple, and her standing in the Ancient Sacred Mountains was quite high.

Everyone watched her with deep respect.

As he heard the beauty's words, the creature with wings on his back waved his hands and said, **"Miss Liuli, you can rest assured! That brat who came from the Upper Realm might have some background, but he's nothing before me and our Ancient Sacred Mountains!"**

"Since he dared to offend Miss Liuli, he can forget about returning to his den!"

"Haha! Our Ancient Sacred Mountains weren't born recently, so the Azure Realm might have forgotten our existence after we went into retreat eons ago. Once we move, they will realize who the true overlords of the Azure Realm are! All of them are nothing but our slaves..."

"How dare a brat and his slave cause a ruckus in the Middle State right under our nose and get away unscathed?"

The rest of the creatures also nodded in agreement when they heard his proclamations. They stood with their heads high, and talked about everything outside the Ancient Sacred Mountains with disdain.

In their opinion, the so-called Holy Lands and Ancient Families of the Middle State were nothing more than a bunch of anthills that could be stomped to oblivion at any moment.

The Ancient Sacred Mountains were related to the Upper Realm, and they had many False God Realm masters hidden among their ranks.

Some of the major families backing them (from the Upper Realm) even ruled over endless territory. They had existed since ancient times, and their heritage could be traced back to an era when the Azure Lower Realm didn't even exist. Even Supreme Sects and Immortal Heritages had to treat them with courtesy.

The girl in purple nodded her head and said nothing as she heard the winged youth's words. At the same time, her hatred and killing intent intensified.

After that, the other creatures started to talk among themselves about different matters. Some even discussed how they could go and capture the brat from the Upper Realm and present him before the girl in purple. n0vEluSb.c0m

The girl in purple shook her head, and said with frosty eyes, **"I want to personally see that person! How dare he be so bold as to harm my Brother Ye Chen to such an extent? Since he dared to commit such a crime, there's no way I will let him go unscathed!"**

Everyone nodded their heads when they heard her proclamation.

"No matter how great that brat's background might be in the Upper Realm, can it be better than Lady Liuli's? He will surely be kneeling before you and begging for mercy..."

The girl in purple hailed from an extremely esteemed background; she was the direct descendant of a terrifying Family in the Upper Realm.

Her name was Ye Liuli!

When she was three years old, she was sent down to the Lower Realm for an unknown reason, and was raised by the Ancient Sacred Mountains. When she was six years old, she was sent to the family of an old servant's descendants due to unrest and turmoil in the Ancient Sacred Mountains.

The family where they sent her was none other than the Ye Family where Ye Chen came from.

During her time in the Ye Family, she grew up together with Ye Chen and developed a deep emotional attachment to him. Unfortunately, when she was thirteen, she was brought back to the Ancient Sacred Mountains for secluded cultivation that lasted five years.

When Ye Liuli finally left her seclusion, she decided to immediately find her Brother Ye Chen. But...that's when she heard a lot of ugly rumors about him.

The rumors disturbed her, and left her shocked and enraged!

Her Brother Ye Chen had provoked a youth who had descended from the Upper Realm, and he was forced to flee to the Middle State from the Eastern Wilderness to seek refuge and save his life.

In her opinion, the rumors were sheer slander!

It was nonsense that he coveted the Eastern Wilderness's number one beauty! What did they mean by saying that he was a toad who wanted to eat swan meat?

Her Brother Ye Chen was a honest, kind, and determined youth who would never do such a thing.

Those accusations had to be false!

Even worse? The Buddhist Holy Land that was related to her Brother Ye Chen was obliterated from existence, and that compounded her rage and murderous desires.

After she calmed down, Ye Liuli traveled all the way from the Ancient Sacred Mountains to the Moon-facing Ancient City to see that young man from the Upper Realm after receiving the news that he was here.

She wanted to see how many heads and arms this young man from the Upper Realm boasted, and at the same time, she would avenge her Brother Ye Chen!

"Aunt Xue, I want to know where Brother Ye Chen is..."

Ye Liuli suddenly said to the empty air behind her in an icy tone.

[Hum!]

The void rippled, and a middle-aged beauty appeared out of thin air. This ability of hers was already something in the domain of the False God Realm cultivators.

A look of helplessness flashed through the woman's eyes as she heard her lady's words, but the woman named Aunt Xue still responded with a soft voice, **"My Lady, I am not sure where Ye Chen is hiding right now; I have only received information that he is somewhere in the Middle State."**

Having said that, the middle-aged woman obviously didn't care about that matter in her heart. In her eyes, a mere Ye Chen wasn't worthy of her noble and esteemed Young Lady!

Once she found Ye Chen, she would make sure that he didn't come in contact with her Young Lady. A measly Ye Chen didn't have the qualifications to even gaze upon her esteemed Young Lady's visage, let alone get her attention.

The two of them were from completely different worlds, and their fates would never cross in the future.

"Really?" Ye Liuli muttered to herself in sadness, **"Brother Ye Chen must have suffered a lot over the past..."**

A dazed expression appeared on Ye Liuli's face as she recalled the past. Due to her noble birth, the people of the Ye Family didn't even dare to talk to her. They were always afraid and respectful towards her, and it was only her Brother Ye Chen who didn't treat her differently.

Moreover, whenever he chanced upon something interesting, he would always share it with her. If there was anything delicious to eat, he would give it to her before tasting it himself.

Once, in order to pick a fruit for her, he went deep into the forest in the Ye Family's back mountain and almost lost his life.

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As she recalled the past, the sadness and unease bearing down on Ye Liuli's heart intensified. She was afraid that she might not be able to bear the guilt if something happened to her Brother Ye Chen.

"My Lady, you will have to return to the Upper Realm sooner or later — you are destined to be a Phoenix who will soar to the Ninth Heaven! Ye Chen might not even reach the False God Realm in this life, so I must advice you to..."

The middle-aged woman named Aunt Xue couldn't help but try to persuade her Young Lady.

In her opinion, that brat named Ye Chen was no good person. He was a treacherous and tricky scum who had learned to fool innocent girls from a young age.

Only those young and handsome talents from the Upper Realm could be a good match for her Young Lady.

Ye Liuli, on the other hand, shook her head and replied with a firm tone, **"Aunt Xue, you don't need to say anymore. I know all of you look down on Brother Ye Chen, but I believe in him! He will definitely soar to the Heavens in the future."**

"I still remember what he said: *'The river flows thirty years to the East, and back thirty years to the West! Don't you dare bully me just because I am down right now!'*"[1]

Aunt Xue felt helpless and didn't know how else to persuade her Young Lady.

She decided not to think too much about this matter. Once her Young Lady met the geniuses from the Upper Realm, she will realize that a mere Ye Chen is nothing compared to them.

'The river flows thirty years to the East, and back thirty years to the West! Don't you dare bully me just because I am down right now!' — he said?

But what if the river flowed for thirty-thousand years?

Some were born to stand above the rest, never to be reached by those below.

"Aunt Xue, let's go and see this so-called Young Lord from the Upper Realm. I will leave his False God Realm servant to you."

Ye Liuli's expression turned as frosty as a glacier, and she gave out her command. She will go to the Ancient Lin Family and deal with that *'Young Lord'* to avenge her Brother Ye Chen.