

## Villain 51

### Chapter 51: Ye Chens Cousin; Let Them In!

Ye Liuli had complete confidence in Aunt Xue's strength. She also knew that the real strength of the brat from the Upper Realm's servant might not be limited to the False God Realm.

But in the Lower Realm, the world's laws wouldn't allow him to exert strength beyond the False God Realm. As for Aunt Xue? She was also from the Upper Realm and her strength was far beyond a mere False God Realm, too! She wouldn't be dispatched to protect her otherwise, after all.

One had to know that even the Ancestor of the Ancient Sacred Mountains had to behave respectfully in front of Aunt Xue; he didn't even dare to breathe loudly in her presence.

**"Leave it to me, My Lady!"**

Aunt Xue nodded in response to the beauty's words. Since it was a command from her Lady, there was no way she would reject it.

Since the other party could descend to the Lower Realm, they mustn't be small fries in the Upper Realm, but she couldn't care less about their background. Even if they had some background, they surely wouldn't have the guts to go against their Ancient Immortal Family.

Soon, all of them left the pavilion and headed towards the Ancient Lin Family's estate. The sudden appearance of the Ancient Sacred Mountains' creatures in the world caused a sensation in the Moon-facing Ancient City once people realized they were heading towards the Ancient Lin Family with murderous intentions.

It shocked many cultivators, and they rushed towards the Ancient Lin Family to find out the reason behind such hostility. Many concluded that a major event was about to transpire, and it was most-likely related to the Young Lord from the Upper Realm!

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Inside the Ancient Lin Family, all the structures stood peacefully, but one of the palace appeared far more solemn and majestic. Inside this palace, Gu Changge sat on a chair and leisurely drank tea. By his side, Su Qingge gently peeled spiritual fruits and fed them to him.

From time to time, Gu Changge would tease Su Qingge, prompting her into secretly rolling her eyes at him. Still, she felt her mood lighten.

Over the last few days, Lin Qiuhan's terrifying talent for Alchemy had finally flourished. It proved the saying: *'gold will shine wherever it sits.'*

Without guidance from any famous Alchemist, she was able to refine medicinal pills that could only be refined by an Alchemist who had practiced for decades. And she did all that by merely studying the Elementary-level [Pill Dao] technique he gave her.

Sheer effort couldn't compare to true genius, if true genius also worked hard. Lin Qiuhan's talent in Alchemy could bring many genius Alchemists to shame.

This strengthened Gu Changge's resolve of bringing Lin Qiuhan back with him, and training her for himself. A word or two from him would be enough to make Lin Qiuhan happy for a long time, after all!

With Gu Changge implicitly backing her, the Ancient Lin Family's Patriarch no longer had the guts to stop Lin Qiuhan from practicing Alchemy. Instead, he used the Family's full might to help her study without any worries.

Everyone in the Ancient Lin Family could tell that they had to depend on Gu Changge's liking for Lin Qiuhan if they wanted to climb further up the stairway to Heaven.

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Right at this time, an earthquake from the outside shook the Ancient Lin Family. It shocked everyone in the Lin Family.

**"What happened?"**

**"Who is so audacious?!"**

**"Who are you? How dare you break into our Lin Family's estate and court death?"**

People from the Ancient Lin Family roared towards their *'guests.'*

Right now, the Ancient Lin Family was no longer the same as they were in the past. After their Ancestor took action and exterminated the Buddhist Holy Land, their Family had risen higher in the world, and everyone in the Lin Family had their noses touching the sky.

On normal days, any cultivator who passed by the Lin Family's estate would be extremely respectful and tremble at their sight. It was the first time they came across such undisguised hostility.

This was a challenge to the Ancient Lin Family's authority!

**[Boom!]**

Many Elders of the Ancient Lin Family appeared high above in the sky. Golden rays of brilliance flashed through their eyes, and radiated from their bodies, as they showed off their might in a bid to suppress the newcomers.

They paid great attention to face, so such an action was tantamount to humiliating them in their own turf.

**"Hehe! You weaklings from the Little Lin Family, why aren't you coming out to pay your respects when our Ancient Sacred Mountains have come to your door?"**

A tall creature with scales on his forehead sneered outside the Ancient Lin Family, and his voice spread far and wide. His thunderous roar shocked many cultivators on the streets of the Moon-facing Ancient City, and they felt their blood surge and go into disarray.

It horrified them.

As expected of the Ancient Sacred Mountains — even their youngsters were almighty!

This was strength no lower than the Great-Transcendent Realm.

### **"Ancient Sacred Mountains?"**

The expression of everyone from the Ancient Lin Family changed. If there was one force in the land of the Middle State that brought envy in their hearts, then that would definitely be the Ancient Sacred Mountains.

The Ancient Sacred Mountains directly bordered the Upper Realm, and had a grand backing with many False Gods hidden in their ranks!

**"I didn't think I will see the people of the Ancient Sacred Mountains in a place like this! I wonder what brings you to our Ancient Lin Family's door?"**

They were terrified at first, but recalling that their Ancestor was home, and there was also Young Lord Gu behind them, they couldn't help but feel at ease. On second thought, they guessed that this bunch from the Ancient Sacred Mountains had most-likely come for Young Lord Gu.

**"Tell that Young Lord from the Upper Realm to bring his ass out here! Our Lady wants to see him."**

The youth with wings on his back sneered, and looked down on all the cultivators around him with disdain.

The Patriarch of the Ancient Lin Family couldn't help but curse his courage in his heart.

**"Since you want to see the Young Lord, please wait for a while, and I will go ask for the Young Lord's opinion..."**

He frowned and replied. Although the other side was from the Ancient Sacred Mountains, he also had backing from the Upper Realm now! Could they see the Young Lord just because they said they wanted to?

No! They had to ask for the Young Lord's permission first.

What's more? Young Lord Gu had a distinguished status, so how could he personally come out to see their whatever lady? It would be no different from humiliating him.

These visitors definitely didn't come with good intentions!

**"And let us go to see him? Do you even know our Young Lady's identity? Just a word from her would be enough to raze your measly Lin Family to the ground..."**

The young creature with the wings appeared displeased, and spoke with an attitude of extreme contempt and disdain. When the cultivators in the distance heard his words, their hearts shook in horror. They could decide the fate of the Ancient Lin Family with a word?

He sure was bold and courageous!

How come these ancient powers were more domineering than the last?

Everyone was taken aback by his proclamation.

Everyone in the Ancient Lin Family showed an ugly expression at his threat. These bastards from the Ancient Sacred Mountains were going too far!

**"Quetian, shut up!"**

Ye Liuli's brows wrinkled. She had come to avenge her Brother Ye Chen, not to flaunt her background and bring pests after her, so she said in an extremely cold tone, **"Please inform the Young Lord from the Upper Realm that Ye Chen's cousin desires an audience with His Excellency!"**

The expressions of everyone from the Ancient Lin Family, and the onlookers in the distance, showed a change when they heard her words. Over the last few days, Ye Chen's name had resounded in every corner of the Middle State, and there was no one who didn't know the God of Plague, and the Harbinger of Destruction.

The Buddhist Holy Land was wiped from the face of the world because of this Ye Chen!

Yet now, this girl with a terrifying background actually claimed to be Ye Chen's cousin? It seemed that they were enemies who had come knocking for revenge!

Everyone felt their heads spin, and thought that the world was insane.

The Patriarch of the Ancient Lin Family took in a deep breath, and spoke with a dignified expression, **"Understood. I will report it to the Young Lord right away!"**

Having said that, he turned around to head towards Gu Change's palace to make the report. It seemed they would be in trouble today. Since the other party dared come knocking at their door with such ferociousness, then they must have some massive background behind them.

***[Crack! Kacha! Boom!]***

However, before the Patriarch of the Lin Family could take a step forward, a terrifying sound resembling the grinding of wheels sounded from the void.

***[Hum!]***

Brilliant runes flickered and turned into a terrifying golden palm, resembling a Heavenly Emperor who had descended to suppress the Heavens. With a speed so fast that no one could respond, the palm slapped out!

The young creature with wings on his back showed an expression of deep horror, and shouted with despair masking his face, **"YOUNG LADY, SAVE..."**

Before he could utter the word 'me', his body exploded into a cloud of blood, and he was obliterated on the spot.

At the same time, the calm voice of the Young Lord came from the depths of the Ancient Lin Family.

**"Let them in."**

**Chapter 52: Elegant and Easy-Going; Warm Welcome!**

The outside of the Ancient Lin Family turned dead silent. Even the Ancient Lin Family's members were stunned and didn't know what to say. Everything happened so fast that no one outside had the time to react.

The sudden obliteration of the winged youth from the Ancient Sacred Mountains scared all the cultivators that were watching the scene play out. His old servant was the palest and most terrified of them all. The slap just now was too fast for him to react, and even if he could react in time, he wouldn't have been able to stop it.

He had sensed the might of a Conferred King from that palm. He was only half a step into the Conferred Lord Realm, so how could he contend against someone so high above him?

**"Young master..."**

He showed a sad expression, but had no guts to retaliate, so he could only look at Ye Liuli for help.

Ye Liuli, on the other hand, had also turned pale with fright. Just a second ago, the winged youth was harping arrogantly, yet in the next moment, he turned into a cloud of bloody mist!

When had she ever experienced such a scene?

She was barely eighteen, and had spent most of her life cultivating in seclusion inside the Ancient Sacred Mountains, so how could she even have the chance to witness such a scene?

But soon, she took in a deep breath and recovered her frosty expression. After all, her frame of mind was far more resilient than others of her age. What's more? She had Aunt Xue backing her!

**"Let's go inside."**

Ye Liuli command, and immediately headed inside the Ancient Lin Family's estate. The creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains followed behind her. However, compared to the arrogance and disdain they showed at the beginning, their auras had subsided by a lot and they appeared a lot tamer and frightened.

The other party was even more domineering and terrifying than their imagination.

He directly exterminated one of them over a few words!

This Young Lord from the Upper Realm might not be as simple as they had thought. The middle-aged woman hiding in the void couldn't help but frown, and an expression of contemplation appeared on her face.

Just now, she had wanted to save that winged creature, but she couldn't leave her lady's side — she had felt a mighty aura lock down on her, and the strength of that person wasn't any weaker than her!

It was definitely the Ancestor of the Ancient Lin Family, the rumored old slave of the Young Lord from the Upper Realm!

This shocked her.

One must know that at her peak, she was a mighty God King who could make waves even in the Upper Realm, and True Gods could only look up to her! Yet the cultivation of the Ancient Lin Family's ancestor was no less, or even more frightening, than a God King's from what she felt.

She felt that things weren't going as well as planned, and matters weren't as simple as her Young Lady had initially imagined. After all, the other party had an *'old slave'* in the God King Realm!

What's more? She had felt the unique aura of an Upper Realm's Immortal Dao Lineage from that crushing palm just now, and it clearly radiated the might of a Conferred King!

She felt that it was quite familiar, but couldn't put her finger on where she had felt that aura before.

*'A youth with such an aura is definitely a God-Child! Didn't they say his surname was Gu? There aren't many with the Gu surname in the Upper Realm! Could he be from that family?'*

Aunt Xue suddenly recalled some matters, and felt that nothing was going in there favor. After all, Gu wasn't a common surname in the Upper Realm like Ye and Wang, and not many had the guts to use that name!

The Family she recalled was no worse than the Immortal Heritage behind her Young Lady!

*'If he's truly from that Family, then this might be an opportunity for us! A little Ye Chen isn't worth mentioning at all...'*

*'Although the Young Lady is the Patriarch's most-beloved daughter, she isn't the only one. This may be the Young Lady's greatest opportunity to rise above the others!'*

Aunt Xue's eyes brightened with excitement as she thought about this matter. Her figure also emerged from the void, and she followed behind Ye Liuli to personally see everything play out.

**"Aunt Xue..."**

Ye Liuli was surprised by Aunt Xue's sudden appearance; normally Aunt Xue would never show herself unless absolutely necessary!

**"My Lady, I think all of this might be a misunderstanding..."**

Ye Liuli's expression stiffened as Aunt Xue's words fell into her ears.

*"What happened? Why does this woman seem to be conveying goodness to me?"*

Old Ming thought to himself with a puzzled expression in the void.

Had this middle-aged woman dared to make a move just then, he would have surely smacked her down to the ground. However, this middle-aged beauty obviously noticed his presence, and even conveyed goodwill to him.

This puzzled him a bit.

Of course, as long as they didn't threaten his Young Lord's safety, he wouldn't bother attacking them either.

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**"Even the ferocious Ancient Sacred Mountains had to tuck their tail and walk in respectfully! That Young Lord is truly mighty — he directly slapped that guy to death!"**

**"His strength has most-definitely surpassed the Conferred Lord Realm, right? I had never even imagined to come across someone that might, especially, a young man with a strength so terrifying..."**

**"This Young Lord from the Upper Realm is truly unfathomable..."**

The shocked cultivators outside the Ancient Lin Family's estate discussed amongst themselves. This was the first time they saw the mysterious Young Lord take action, and it left a profound impression in their hearts.

The Ancient Sacred Mountains were a place of awe and terror for the people of the Middle State where Gods and Devils dwelled! Many mighty powers and heritages had been obliterated just because they somehow offended the Ancient Sacred Mountains, so it was needless to say how mighty they were.

Yet, today, they learned that there was someone even beyond the reach of the Ancient Sacred Mountains! In their hearts, the awe and reverence they held for Gu Changge multiplied exponentially!

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Inside his palace, Gu Changge sat at the host's seat, while Su Qingge stood beside him. Dressed in black, he playfully retracted his palm with a smirk on his face.

Naturally, everything that happened outside the Ancient Lin Family's gate was in his eyes.

Ye Chen's cousin?

Someone from an Ancient Heritage, fostered in the Lower Realm, and had deep feelings for the Protagonist...

This was that bloody trope he was so familiar with!

Of course, he had speculated about it a long time ago, but he never thought that it would truly come to pass!

No dog author could deceive him!

**"My Lord, are you planning to kill them?"**

Su Qingge put forth her doubt.

**"No, how could I, the most elegant and easy-going Young Lord kill people so easily? There's no value in indiscriminate slaughter."**

**"Instead, my heart is moved by their sudden arrival, and I can't wait to give them a warm welcome..."**

With those words, Gu Changge stood up and walked towards the outside with his hands behind his back. Right then, he happened to come across Ye Liuli's group that was being led by the Ancient Lin Family's Patriarch towards his residence.

Ye Liuli immediately realized that the young man in front of her was the Young Lord from the Upper Realm!

Although she had never met him, his aloof temperament and demeanor were enough to give away his esteemed identity.

*'This is exactly what a God-Child from the Upper Realm should look like...'*

Aunt Xue's eyes shone, and she couldn't help but praise in her heart.

### **Chapter 53: Comparing Backgrounds; Forced Into Submission!**

Outside his residence, Gu Changge stood with his hands behind his back and watched the girl in purple before him with a flat expression.

She had a complexion as milky as a white jade. With exquisite and gorgeous facial features, slender, long legs, and an extremely frosty aura, she looked to be a beauty no older than seventeen or eighteen years of age.

Her eyes, though, were completely different from a normal human's. They appeared to be no different from colorful orbs of glass that made it clear to the onlookers that she was of a different race.

Gu Changge couldn't help but tut-tut in his heart.

This Ye Chen sure was blessed with game-breaking Fortune. What's more? When Gu Changge checked Ye Liuli's Fortune Value, he saw a value above 800!

Her luck was even more amazing than Ye Chen's!

Of course, it wasn't out of Gu Changge's expectations. This so-called cousin beauty was about to become Ye Chen's greatest backer, after all.

As for how to deal with this cousin of Ye Chen? Gu Changge already had a plan in his mind.

Weren't they childhood sweethearts? Good.

She was merely a seventeen or eighteen years old girl, who he could easily toy with. After all, even an old monster like Yan Ji was played by him without a hint, so what could this little girl amount to?

His expression showed indifference, and he didn't utter a single word. Gu Changge was in no hurry, anyways.

While Gu Changge was looking at Ye Liuli, Ye Liuli, Aunt Xue, and the others were naturally busy looking at him, too.

Aunt Xue's affirmed her belief the more she stared at Gu Changge, and realized that her previous guesses and thoughts weren't too far off.

Gu Changge's appearance alone wasn't something to scoff at. He was dressed in a dark, long robe that accentuated his tall and handsome figure. His bearing was extremely noble and graceful, and there was an innate aloofness between his brows.

She wouldn't be surprised if the one standing in front of her was truly a God-Child from that place.

The so-called prodigies of the Lower Realm were like fireflies before the brilliant moon when compared to the true Supreme Prodigies of the Upper Realm. To be precise, they didn't even have the qualifications to be mentioned in the same breath as them!

As for that Ye Chen? He was like an ant in front of this Heavenly Dragon who had descended from the Ninth Heaven.



### **"You are that Young Lord Gu?"**

Finally, Ye Liuli furrowed her brows and asked aloud. She naturally knew the answer to her question, but she didn't know how else to break the silence between them. At the same time, she felt a terrifying pressure from the presence of the young man standing before her.

He simply stood there with a playful smile, and kept looking down at her as if he was watching an ant. It gave her an uncomfortable feeling.

She didn't know how to start the conversation.

When they had come inside, Aunt Xue had informed her about some matters: *'first, the young man wasn't much older than her; second, Aunt Xue will not intervene unless her life was in danger; third, she wasn't his match even with her half-step Saint Realm cultivation base!'*

She had arrived aggressively, but now, she felt that she was stupid. This brought extreme shame to her!

Gu Changge heard her words and responded to her with another silent glance.

Ye Liuli's expression fell as she saw his contemptuous eyes, and she couldn't help but gnash her pearly teeth. No matter whether it was in the Ancient Sacred Mountains, or the outside world, she had never met someone who showed so much contempt towards her. And definitely not when the other party was a man!

Still, she was no ordinary prodigy, and quickly calmed her mind.

At this moment, Aunt Xue, who was standing behind her, cupped her hands and said to the young man with a smile on her face, **"I pay my respect to Young Lord Gu! My Lady's name is Ye Liuli, and I am the one responsible for protecting My Lady in the Lower Realm..."**

**"My Lady and this slave offended Young Lord unknowingly just now, so I hope Young Lord won't take it to heart. Please treat it as us not knowing proper etiquette!"**

Aunt Xue was sincere in her words, and not a shred of falsehood could be heard from her tone. Ye Liuli was a dozen or so millenniums too behind her when it came to life experience and how to deal with matters.

### **"Aunt Xue..."**

Ye Liuli was stunned, and showed a face full of disbelief as she saw Aunt Xue's attitude. The creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains behind her were also shocked!

They knew well how mighty Aunt Xue was; she wouldn't even need to show up on normal days to deal with matters. Yet now, she actually showed such a respectful attitude before someone else?

One had to know that they were here to seek revenge!

### **"Aunt Xue, you are going too far!"**

Ye Liuli's expression darkened and she growled towards the middle-aged beauty. After all, since when did Aunt Xue, a mere retainer of her Ye Clan, had the authority to make decisions in the presence of her master?

**"My Lady, this matter is most certainly a misunderstanding! Why don't you take this opportunity to clarify the details of the events that transpired? It will be bad if we rushed to a conclusion without evidence..."**

Aunt Xue hurriedly responded with a smile — she was doing it all for Ye Liuli's own good. After all, how could she harm the Young Lady she had watched grow up before her eyes?

**"Oh, is that so? Senior, you are truly polite — do let me know what I can do for you?"**

Gu Changge finally spoke after seeing the scene in front of him. His expression made it impossible for the onlookers to tell whether he was happy or enraged.

This Ye Liuli's protector had piqued his interest, and this only made matters even better.

**"Before I begin, can I ask if Young Lord Gu is from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family?"**

With that said, a smile appeared on Aunt Xue's face and she cupped her hands to say, **"My Young Lady is from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family! Speaking of that, our families are quite familiar with each other."**

Aunt Xue immediately revealed Ye Liuli's origin to let Gu Changge know that they weren't simple either. Moreover, as the youngest and most beloved daughter of the Patriarch, her Lady had an incredible status that ordinary disciples of the Ye Family couldn't match up to.

Of course, Gu Changge's status wasn't simple either from what she could tell, so she couldn't help but feel even more affection for him. No matter what, he was at least a Young Sovereign in the Upper Realm.

Both of their sides were from Ancient Immortal Families in the Upper Realm. One was from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, while the other was from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, both of which were hegemonies that lorded over endless territory!

The only difference between them was that the Ancient Immortal Gu Family mostly had humans in their ranks, while the Ancient Immortal Ye Family comprised of a multitude of races and were commonly known as Family of Myriad Races.

What's more? The two families were on familiar terms.

She said all that because she wanted to confirm Gu Changge's identity!

Hearing Aunt Xue's words, the creatures from the Ancient Sacred Mountains couldn't help but break out in cold sweat. Their expressions fell, and their faces turned pale. If Gu Changge really came from that background...

They couldn't help but tremble with beads of sweat oozing from their foreheads, and their limbs turned cold.

Why didn't they say this before bringing them here? Why only mention it now?!

They felt deep regret! [www.Elusb.com](http://www.Elusb.com)

They couldn't offend the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, nor could they offend the Ancient Immortal Gu Family. They were between a rock and a hard place right now...

Ye Liuli wanted to say something, but didn't know how to open her mouth.

**"It turned out you are from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family! No wonder Lady Ye Liuli was so fearless and directly came knocking at my door."**

Gu Changge lightly spoke after hearing her words, and didn't deny her thoughts, **"My father had a lot of dealings with the Ye Family's Patriarch back in the day. Senior should know that I will be the one taking charge of the Family in the future!"**

His words were uttered with a playful smirk. When it came to comparing background, there was no one who could contend with him. As for Aunt Xue? She naturally understood the hint in Gu Changge's words.

Not only was he from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, but he was also the son of the Gu Family's Patriarch! After all, only people on the same level as the Ye Family's Patriarch could have dealings with him.

People at that level were so mighty that a single stomp of their's could shake the Upper Realm and cause unimaginable changes that would affect the world's development for generations. They were monstrous beings who couldn't be described with words!

Worse still? She had heard that the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Patriarch only had one heir!

As long as the young man in front of her didn't fall before his time, then he would undoubtedly be among the highest echelons of the Upper Realms in the future!

He may even be the Patriarch of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family if everything went in his favor!

As these thoughts crossed Aunt Xue's mind, the smile on her face deepened, and her expression turned even more humble and respectful. She felt flattered. Gu Changge calling her *'Senior'* was a great honor!

At the same time, Ye Liuli felt her head buzz and her face turned pale. This matter had exceeded her wildest imagination!

**[Bang!]**

The creatures from the Ancient Sacred Mountains felt their blood freeze, and all of them immediately fell to their knees out of sheer fright.

**"Your Excellency... Quetian offended you just now, so we hope Your Excellency will show generosity and forgive us..."**

Their voices trembled and they almost pissed their pants. Although they hadn't uttered any nonsense, what if they were swatted to death just for having a relationship with that loudmouth?

**[VILFIC's Crib]**

Thank you,

VILFIC.

## Chapter 54: Innumerable Evil Methods; Extreme Humiliation!

**"Your Excellency, please spare our lives! We had eyes, but couldn't see Mount Tai and offended you unknowingly..."**

*[VILFIC: 'Have eyes but can't see Mount Tai' is an expression that means to not recognize someone strong when they are standing in front of you, OR, flaunting your might and looking down on someone who is of a far higher status than you.]*

The previously-haughty creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains knelt on the ground with bloodless, pale expressions showing their extreme fright.

It was as if they had come across their natural predator.

Their haughtiness and domineering arrogance from a while ago had completely disappeared right now!

The people of the Ancient Lin Family felt their hearts bloom in joy as they watched the scene in front of them. No matter how powerful the adversary's background, didn't they still have to kneel before their Young Lord Gu?

**"Why is this happening..."**

Ye Liuli's face had also turned pale, and her jade-like hands tightly held her long sword. She wasn't stupid — on the contrary, she was smarter than her peers. The conversation between Aunt Xue and that Gu Change was enough for her to understand one fact: *'Gu Change had a higher status than her!'*

Although she was from the Upper Realm's Ancient Immortal Ye Family, she wasn't her father's only daughter even if he loved her the most. Gu Change, on the other hand, was the sole heir of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Patriarch.

It was very likely that Gu Change would be the one in-charge of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family in the future — she couldn't match his terrifying background with her current identity!

Ye Liuli couldn't help but feel depressed when she realized this reality. Just why did her Brother Ye Chen provoke such a mighty figure?

She had thought that she could easily deal with her Brother Ye Chen's enemy using her background and means, but now it seemed that all of those thoughts were nothing more than her childish delusions.

Ye Liuli's face turned paler than before, and her haughtiness from before was completely gone by now.

**"My Lady, this is definitely a misunderstanding! You should apologize to Young Lord Gu, too!"**

Aunt Xue decided to persuade Ye Liuli, **"Why would Young Lord Gu bother about the existence of a nobody like Ye Chen? Before him, Ye Chen is nothing more than an insignificant existence not worth minding."**

In Aunt Xue's opinion, having a good relationship with this Young Lord Gu was far more important than anything else. She couldn't understand how her Lady could be so stupid to not even realize this fact?

She felt deep regret and realized that she should have gone to find that Ye Chen and beat him to death a long time ago, behind her Lady's back. A fool like him, who had provoked Young Lord Gu so easily, would only commit worse crimes in the future!

**"Aunt Xue, you need not speak anymore! It's impossible for me to apologize to someone who made my Brother Ye Chen run from one place to another like a homeless orphan..."**

Ye Liuli stubbornly responded. Her eyes showed deep unwillingness, and she refused to apologize to Gu Changge no matter what happened.

The conversation between the two naturally fell in Gu Changge's eyes. His face still showed a calm and indifferent expression, but in his heart, he couldn't stop laughing.

After all, Ye Liuli was nothing but a little girl, so what winds and waves could she make before him?

As for Ye Liuli's identity as the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family? Gu Changge felt that he could use her.

Wasn't she Ye Chen's childhood sweetheart who was greatly fond of him? Ye Chen happened to be her weakness.

Speaking of which, the Ancient Immortal Ye Family's influence in the Upper Realm wasn't small. As a Family that was the closest to True Immortals among all the Ancient Family's, they were said to be descendants of Immortals themselves.

Gu Changge's lips curled into a smirk as he thought up a detailed plan in his heart. After all, he was the inheritor of a forbidden technique who was born with a Devil Heart, so there was no way he would lack evil methods and crooked means.

Controlling a mere Ye Liuli wouldn't be all that hard for him.

At this moment, he showed a bit of impatience in his expression, and spoke with an annoyed tone, **"So, what's your purpose in visiting me today? If you don't give this Gu an explanation, even if you are from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family..."**

**"Old Ming!"**

Without speaking too much, Gu Changge commanded towards the void.

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

**[Swoosh!]**

As soon as Gu Changge's words fell, Old Ming appeared from the void with a cold smile adorning his face. He released a terrifying force of oppression that immediately suppressed the surroundings and made everyone pale on their spots.

Ye Liuli was suffocated! *n0p&lusb.c0m*

This was the old servant she thought couldn't rival her Aunt Xue? He was too powerful!

**"Young Lord Gu, please calm down! It's indeed My Lady's fault, and she shouldn't have offended you like this..."**

Aunt Xue's expression changed and she hurriedly blocked Old Ming's oppressive aura. The old man in front of her was extremely mighty!

The two of them could only exert the might of a False God Realm cultivator in the Lower Realm, but the other party's False God Realm cultivation was mightier than her own. If they fought, then she might be able to handle a few exchanges at the start, but it won't be long before he would completely suppress her!

She was sure that she could escape with her Young Lady, but that would be contrary to her intentions, and she would only offend Gu Changege further.

Gu Changege, however, didn't give a damn about Aunt Xue's thoughts, nor did he look at her anymore. His expression turned indifferent, and he overlooked everyone!

**"Don't tell me you were here for a chat? This Gu sees that there are a lot of people who came over..."**

**"Old Ming, kill one of them for this Lord!"**

Gu Changege commanded.

As soon as they heard his words, the creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains behind Ye Liuli turned pale with extreme fright. Despair masked their faces, and they knelt on the ground and begged for mercy in loud voices.

**"Young Lady, help us! We don't want to die."**

**"Young Lord, please spare our life!"**

**"Gu Changege, you are so despicable and shameless..."**

Ye Liuli's face paled and her body trembled as she heard his words and their shouts. She never thought Gu Changege would use such a despicable method to bring her to her knees.

Unfortunately, Gu Changege didn't even look at her.

Su Qingge, on the other hand, intimately handed him a cup of tea and said with a sweet smile, **"My Lord, your tea is ready."**

Gu Changege gave her a nod of approval — he hadn't spoiled her in vain!

**"My Lady, please apologize to Young Lord Gu! Why can't you understand? If Young Lord Gu desired to kill Ye Chen, would he be able to escape with his life?"**

**"How could Ye Chen ever have the ability to escape from someone as mighty as Young Lord Gu?"**

**"All of this is most-likely a misunderstanding!"**

**"You are the Princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, while Young Lord Gu is the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, so he won't make things difficult for you as long as you apologize to him..."**

Aunt Xue sighed in her heart, and kept persuading Ye Liuli. She was doing it while keeping her Young Lady's best interests in her mind.

How could a mere Ye Chen deserve to be mentioned in the same sentence as Young Lord Gu?

**"Someone like him can't be a good person..."**

Ye Liuli showed an enraged and defiant expression, and glared at Gu Changge. Her eyes spewed fire, and she desired to burn Gu Changge into ash.

**"Do it."**

Gu Changge slowly took a sip of the tea in his hand, and spoke.

**"Understood, My Lord!"**

Old Ming received the order, and slapped out. Brilliant runes flickered, and the void around them trembled.

**[Puff!]**

A pale-faced, scary-looking creature from the Ancient Sacred Mountains was slapped to death with a face full of despair. His sudden death shocked the rest!

**"Young Lady, have mercy! We don't want to die!"**

**"Young Lady, we came here with you, so you can't do this to us..."**

They couldn't help but resent Ye Liuli. It was clear that she could save them all as long as she showed a better attitude and apologized! Yet, why wasn't she doing it?

Were their lives not even worth a few words from her?

Gu Changge indifferently watched all of this. From the beginning to the end, his face showed no change in his expression.

Ye Liuli couldn't help but ground her teeth as she saw his indifferent expression. Her body trembled, and extreme rage bubbled in her heart. She was forced against a wall, and couldn't help but regret her actions now.

What could she do now? Ask Aunt Xue to make a move?

It was clear from Aunt Xue's actions that she was on Gu Changge's side, and won't listen to her command at this time.

Ye Liuli felt extremely humiliated as she thought of this, and spoke through gritted teeth, **"Everything that happened today was...Liuli's fault...I apologize! I hope Young Lord Gu can forgive Liuli..."**

**Chapter 55: Everything Under Control; Planting A Thorn!**

**"Young Lord Gu, forgive me..."**

Ye Liuli felt extreme humiliation as she uttered these words. Her voice trembled, showing just how much courage and determination she put into uttering those words from her mouth. She felt exhaustion overtake her as soon as she finished her words.

As the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, she was hailed as a bright moon shining among the stars from the moment of her birth. Never had she suffered endless humiliation like today!

Alas! She couldn't deal with the man before her, and even the background behind her couldn't suppress him!

**"You don't need to apologize for anything! This Lord isn't an unreasonable man — there's no way I will make matters difficult for you over such a trivial matter."**

Gu Changege responded with a wave of his hand, and commanded Old Ming to stop with a playful smirk on his face.

Although he uttered words of righteousness with a straight face, Ye Liuli knew that everyone other than her would have been swatted to death if she hadn't apologized to him!

This man was extremely dangerous!

Be it his means or his incalculable thoughts, everything about him gave her a feeling of fright. She regretted pitting herself against him. Why was she so reckless? Why didn't she investigate the matter before coming to his door to seek justice?

She picked a rock, only to smash it on her own foot!

**"See, My Lady, I told you it was a misunderstanding and Young Lord Gu won't embarrass you if you acknowledge your mistake."**

Aunt Xue also heaved a sigh of relief once the matter ended. Ye Liuli, on the other hand, glared daggers at her.

Retainer was a good word, but in reality, Aunt Xue was nothing more than a servant! Yet today, this servant had overreached and made decisions in her stead without any authorization from her master!

Ye Liuli swore to report her actions to her father as soon as she returned to the Upper Realm!

Aunt Xue couldn't help but show a wry smile at her Lady's furious glare. She wasn't worried though. If the Patriarch heard about what happened today, he would certainly understand her and even agree with her actions.

After all, this Young Lord Gu was someone who was worthy to be a friend of their Ancient Immortal Ye Family. A mere apology was nothing. It's just that her Young Lady was still naive, and wasn't willing to accept defeat...

Everything Aunt Xue did was for the Family and her Lady!

As Old Ming withdrew, the terrifying aura pressing down on everyone in the surroundings also disappeared.

**"Thank you! Thank you for your mercy, Young Lord!"**



**"Thank you for your mercy, Young Lord!"**

The creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains kept kneeling, and proclaimed their gratitude for Gu Changge's mercy.

**"You don't need to thank me — it was Lady Ye Liuli who saved your lives, so you should thank her."**

Gu Changge responded.

Between him and Ye Liuli, the one the creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains resented more was definitely Ye Liuli right now...Gu Changge knew this well, so he naturally wouldn't give up on this chance to provoke discord between them.

After all, he wouldn't lose anything from a few words.

**"Dare I ask Young Lord Gu's name?"**

By now, Ye Liuli had also recovered from her feelings of humiliation, and stared at Gu Changge's face with a disgusting look in her eyes.

Wicked men truly had thick skins, she thought!

**"Gu Changge."**

By now, Gu Changge's expression of indifference had long disappeared. With a faint smile adorning his face, he handed the teacup in his hands to Su Qingge, who was standing beside him.

His calm and gentle expression gave people a sense of elegance and nobility.

Of course, that would have been the case with everyone, had they not seen his true face just now...

Ye Liuli never thought Gu Changge would be so quick to change his face, and this was exactly what increased the unease in her heart. After all, the most fearful people were those who showed no emotion whether they were enraged or joyful.

You could never tell what went through the minds of such people — they were truly unpredictable!

**"Young Lord Gu, the reason I came here today was to enquire about a certain matter; no, to be precise, I came here to seek justice!"**

Ye Liuli took in a deep breath to calm herself. No matter what, she had to seek justice from this villainous Gu Changge today!

**"Oh?"** Gu Changge raised his eyebrows, and said with a mysterious smile, **"What justice do you want to seek? This Gu doesn't remember offending Lady Ye..."**

**"It's not about me, it's about my Brother Ye Chen!"**

Ye Liuli directly got to the point. She couldn't stand Gu Changge's contemptuous and pretentious attitude of not knowing anything.

Gu Changge, on the other hand, loved the feeling of bringing others to their knees. Seeing others give in to him even though they hated him, and couldn't wait to bite his neck off, gave him a feeling of exhilaration.

Even if Ye Liuli was the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, Gu Changge wouldn't give her any face. Of course, he wanted to have her kneel and beg, but he knew that would have the opposite affect. What's more? That beautiful middle-aged guardian behind her wouldn't let that happen.

Pushing Ye Liuli, the princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, to her knees would be tantamount to slapping the Ancient Immortal Ye Family in the face.

Gu Changge wasn't dumb enough to shoot himself in the foot. If he did that, he would only worsen his situation when it came time for him to return to the Upper Realm.

Everything had to be done in moderation.

As for killing Ye Liuli and the rest? Whether it was possible or not, Gu Changge would never do something that will bring him more losses than gains.

There was no way the daughter of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family's Patriarch wouldn't have some life-saving treasures or means on her person. He would need other means to deal with Ye Liuli.

**"You want justice for Ye Chen? I don't remember doing anything to him though...could Lady Ye be mistaken about something?"**

**"Why would I let him go if I really wanted to do something to him? Squeezing an ant like him to death isn't all that hard for me, after all."**

Gu Changge said with a light smile.

Ye Liuli felt her breath halt as she heard his words. She felt as if he was looking down on her and everything else around her!

Unfortunately, it was nothing but a fact that her Brother Ye Chen was nothing more than an ant before someone of Gu Changge's status and identity right now. She couldn't help but feel confused.

How did the enmity between the two even come about? [www.usb.com](http://www.usb.com)

Logically speaking, her Brother Ye Chen didn't know her true identity, so how did he survive after offending Gu Changge? Could it be that Gu Changge truly never tried to kill her Brother Ye Chen?

What was her Brother Ye Chen up to? What had he gone through while she was away?

Gu Changge vaguely guessed Ye Liuli's thoughts through her displeased and confused expression. He couldn't help but cackle in his heart.

Why hadn't he killed Ye Chen?

Obviously, because he was waiting for that leek to fatten up, so he could get as much meat from him as possible when he finally sent him to the slaughterhouse!

How could Ye Liuli comprehend his reasoning?

**"Impossible! Brother Ye Chen is an honest and upright person who will never do anything to provoke others!"**

Ye Liuli shook her head in disbelief. At the same time, her gaze fell upon Su Qingge, who stood beside Gu Changge.

According to the rumors, her Brother Ye Chen was a toad who wanted to eat swan meat, and coveted the beauty of the Eastern Wilderness' number one fairy! Dressed in clothes as white as snow, Su Qingge indeed looked like a fairy who had descended upon the mortal world.

Ye Liuli held great confidence in her appearance, but when she compared herself to the woman in front of her, she realized that she wasn't as good as her!

She held an amazing, mature charm that she couldn't make up for right now.

Such a woman could indeed move her Brother Ye Chen's heart, so the rumors might not be completely false...

**"Since Young Lord Gu didn't intend to kill Brother Ye Chen, they why did you destroy the Buddhist Holy Land that was related to Brother Ye Chen?"**

Ye Liuli suddenly raised her head and glared at Gu Changge through her reddened, glazed eyes. She was unwilling to accept reality, and couldn't stop herself from questioning him.

After all, the rumors said that the Buddhist Holy Land's Holy Son had refused to reveal her Brother Ye Chen's whereabouts, and that was why Gu Changge commanded his servant to obliterate them in rage.

She couldn't make sense of these matters anymore.

**"Ridiculous!"**

Right then, Gu Changge's expression froze over, and he said with an indifferent tone, **"Could it be that Lady Ye came here to interrogate me? So what if I trample an ant to death? Since when do I need to explain my actions before you?"**

Gu Changge's words suffocated Ye Liuli, and her face paled. She couldn't help but tightly clench her long sword. Her head buzzed, and she didn't know how to respond to him.

He was correct!

Destroying the Buddhist Holy Land was no different from trampling an ant, so why would he need a reason for that?

**"Lady Ye, is there anything else you would like to ask? If not, then please return to where you came from."**

Gu Changge said with an annoyed tone showing his desire for the *'guests'* to take their leave. He should have already planted a thorn in Ye Liuli's heart. As for whether it will do anything, that would depend on his actions in the future.

Of course, he had other ways to deal with her even if the thorn he planted did nothing.

Everything was under his control!

### **Chapter 56: Giving No Face; Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm!**

Ye Liuli's expression froze as she saw Gu Changge's unhappy expression, and heard him ask them to leave. But she realized that she had indeed gone too far — after all, since when did Gu Changge need to explain his actions before her?

His claim that he didn't try to kill her Brother Ye Chen also didn't hold any falsehood. Ye Liuli couldn't find any words of retort to his statements. The gap between Gu Changge and Ye Chen was simply too great, so much so that one of them was in Heaven while the other was on the Earth.

Ye Chen would have long perished if Gu Changge wished for him to die. Ye Liuli couldn't help but feel apologetic towards Gu Changge after this realization hit her.

She wasn't an ignorant woman who couldn't listen to reason.

Today, she had come knocking at their door asking Gu Changge for an explanation out of nowhere. Now that she thought about her actions, she realized that she had been somewhat unreasonable.

Gu Changge wasn't going too far by looking down on her and asking her to apologize; the fault lied with her!

**"Liuli has offended you today, Young Lord Gu! Thank you for clarifying this matter for Liuli."**

Ye Liuli regained her composure and said to Gu Changge.

**"Since you have received what you wanted, you may leave now!"**

Gu Changge wasn't surprised by her words, but he couldn't care less. His indifference made Ye Liuli frown, and she felt a little down.

She had never suffered such humiliation, especially, she had never been chased out by someone. Today, she had hit an iron plate multiple times because of this man in front of her.

She felt unwilling and unconvinced!

Of course, Ye Liuli's pride didn't allow her to bicker with him anymore. Without saying another word, she turned around and prepared to leave.

**"Young Lord Gu, I think you young 'uns should get along with each other. After all, all of us are from the Upper Realm, and it's fate that has brought us all together here in the Lower Realm..."**

Aunt Xue couldn't help but speak with flattery after seeing the exchange between the two. She believed from the bottom of her heart that their meeting with Gu Changge was an unprecedented opportunity, and that they shouldn't miss it. nOVELuSb.c0m

**"No need, I am not interested in her!"**

Gu Changge direct refusal pushed Aunt Xue's words down her throat, and her expression stiffened. He didn't know what was going through this middle-aged beauty's mind, but he couldn't care less about her.

He didn't need to give face to Ye Liuli or anyone related to her, nor did he need to brush up on her favorability towards him.

**"Ah..."**

An expression of embarrassment appeared on Aunt Xue's face, and she didn't know what else to say. She understood that her Young Lady's performance today was somewhat inappropriate, even shameful, but to say those words so bluntly...he wasn't giving any face to her Lady.

Ye Liuli, who had turned around, trembled and stopped in her tracks. What did he mean by saying he wasn't interested in her? She felt that Aunt Xue had made her lose all face today.

Ye Liuli's feelings of humiliation deepened, and she gnashed her pearly teeth.

**"My Lady, forgive me..."**

Aunt Xue felt guilt claw at her heart. She understood that her Lady had lost much face due to her actions today.

Ye Liuli ignored her, and with her frosty expression chilling further, she left without saying a word or looking back. She was worried that she might do something untoward if she stayed there any longer.

From her birth to this day, she had never suffered humiliation as extreme as what Gu Changge gave her. Her feelings of apology towards Gu Changge immediately disappeared into thin smoke.

He was an absolute villain!

Staying in his presence would only bring her more disgrace.

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*[Ding! You have shaken Ye Liuli's trust in Ye Chen! Ye Chen lost 100 Points of Fortune Value! You received 500 Destiny Points!]*

A System Prompt rang in Gu Changge's mind as soon as Ye Liuli and her group left. A playful smile appeared on his face as everything had gone according to his plans.

Ye Liuli might be an impulsive brat, but she wasn't stupid. A few nudges from him were enough to lead her down a spiral of her own thoughts.

True, Ye Liuli would hate him to his bones, but Gu Changge couldn't care less about that. Sooner or later, he will deal with her, too!

Just a few sentences from him were enough to give her some food for thought. Right now, she wondered if Ye Chen had truly done something evil? After all, the Ye Chen in her impression was a honest, kind, and persevering young man.

A large amount of Ye Chen's luck came from this cousin with a mighty background. Over the last period of time, Ye Chen must have obtained a lot of opportunities, and his Fortune Value should have skyrocketed.

Gu Changge was waiting for the right moment to harvest that leek.

*'Attribute Panel.'*

Then, Gu Changge called out in his heart.

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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 (Late Stage)

**Mystical Abilities:**

**Destiny Points:** 2000

**Fortune Value:** 480 (Dark)

**System Shop:** Open

**Warehouse:**

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After consuming the 3000 Destiny Points required to reach the Late Stage of the Conferred Lord Realm, he was left with 1500 Destiny Points. Those had risen to 2000 after this haul.

Over the last couple of days, his Fortune Value had also increased slowly. He had received 30 Points without putting in any effort, or plundering someone else's Fortune.

Gu Changge knew that this rise in his Fortune Value was because of the overpowered Fortune Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan were blessed with. Lin Qiuhan's terrifying talent for Alchemy finally flourished during this period of time, and that gave another boost to her Fortune Value.

At the same time, Gu Changge's Fortune Value also rose because of her.

Then, Gu Changge started to ponder about Ye Chen's affairs.

Now that Ye Liuli had come out of her seclusion and stepped into the world, it shouldn't be long before the plot unites her with Ye Chen. It's just that Ye Liuli didn't know where Ye Chen was hiding right now.

However, Ye Chen, himself, should look for her as soon as news regarding her actions spread around. Unless Ye Chen had a hole in his brain, there's no way he would want to let go of a thigh as fat as Ye Liuli's.

He will take the initiative to show himself!

*'I can clearly sense Ye Chen's exact location from the mark I left behind on his Master...'*

*'He isn't far from the Central Heavenly City, and should be at the point where the eight regions intersect.'*

A strange light flicked in Gu Changge's eyes as he squinted in thought.

*'If my guess is correct, the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm should open any time now. It's the reason my Original descended to the Lower Realm, so there's no way I will let go of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]!'*

Gu Changge went through the memories in his mind. The Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was created by a Quasi-Supreme powerhouse to seal the monstrous weapon, the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] had a deep connection to the secret technique Gu Changge cultivated, so there was no way he would let go of it.

As for how terrifying and fierce the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] was? There wasn't even a need to think about it. A Quasi-Supreme had to self-immolate in order to seal it and prevent it from causing chaos in the world.

According to the normal cliché and tropes, Ye Chen would be the one receiving the inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm. During this process, he would suppress the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] and bring it under his control right when it escapes from its release and is about to bring a disaster to the Middle State.

Just like that, Ye Chen would become a hero who brings home a beauty and the treasures.

There was no need to talk about the dangers of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm created by a Quasi-Supreme.

In the Upper Realm, those with the title of Quasi-Supreme could easily be the Ancestors of supreme Dao Heritages that could exist for millions of years or even longer

If he didn't tread carefully inside the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, the chance of him dying there wouldn't be small.

### **Chapter 57: Yan Jis Thoughts; Rift Between Master and Disciple!**

*'The creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains arrived at the gate of the Ancient Lin Family with great fanfare, but their loudest man with wings on his back was immediately slapped to death.'* — this news soon spread throughout the Middle State.

The matter became a hot topic of discussion among the cultivators, and everyone could be heard talking about it, be it after dinner or before teatime.

Although people didn't know the specific details of the events that transpired, they did hear that the creatures of the Ancient Sacred Mountains were forced to leave in despair. All the cultivators of the world learned after this that even a mighty existence like the Ancient Sacred Mountains couldn't stand before the mysterious Young Lord from the Upper Realm!

The mysterious Young Lord Gu was unfathomable!

Other than that, the girl in purple who called herself Ye Chen's cousin also attracted the attention of many. Some said that her origin wasn't minor either, and she came from a background even mightier than the Ancient Sacred Mountains.

It's just that not many believed those rumors.

The cultivators, who had witnessed everything from outside the Ancient Lin Family, had seen the girl in purple leave with an ugly expression on her frosty face. It was clear that she had hit an iron plate inside the Ancient Lin Family.

Many then speculated that the girl in purple might be from the Upper Realm as well, and this statement was accepted by the majority.

All kinds of rumors spread through the Middle State, causing a stir.

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Three days passed in the blink of an eye, and the Dao Conference was held in the Moon-facing Ancient City as scheduled.

Many Holy Lands, big shots, and descendants of Ancient Dynasties came to participate, and that made the Moon-facing Ancient City extremely lively.

Everyone had the same goal in mind: *'meet the mysterious Young Lord during this Dao Conference!'*

Too bad, they were disappointed.

Although there were people from the Ancient Lin Family who came to participate, no one got to see any signs of the Young Lord's presence. He wasn't even present at the platform where all the big shots gathered together to watch the Dao Conference.

This brought great disappointment to a lot of cultivators who had especially arrived to gaze upon the Heavenly visage of the Young Lord from the Upper Realm. Unfortunately, they didn't have the fortune.

As for visiting the Ancient Lin Family?

They weren't qualified.

Naturally, Gu Changge had no interest in such a low-leveled Dao Conference. Right now, he was heading towards the intersection of the Middle State's eight regions near the border of the Central Heavenly City, together with Old Ming.

Since Ye Chen was around that area, then it meant that the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was also there. The Secret Realm should be opening any day now, according to his calculations.

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In a remote town near the border of the Central Heavenly City.

With sky-high mountains, towering ancient trees, and extremely vast plains, it was a place not visited much by cultivators on normal days due to its remote location.



But today, innumerable cultivators and creatures of other races flew around in the sky leaving behind brilliant lights like rainbows. Some rode atop beasts, others stood atop magic weapons, and many wandered on foot all over the place.

**"A brilliant divine light broke out from this place a while ago, and Heavenly phenomenon were seen from as far as three thousand miles away! This attracted the attention of the many forces and cultivators nearby, and they say a divine treasure is about to be born here..."**

**"No wonder there are so many cultivators coming here! This was the reason."**

A youth with ordinary features walked through the streets and listened to the chatter of the townsfolk. His face showed a resolute expression, and he couldn't help but mutter to himself, **"It seems that someone has already discovered the entrance of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm recorded in the fragment!"**

**"I have already collected all the fragments of the Secret Realm's map, so I can walk around freely no matter how many deathtraps there are inside it. Other than that, I also have the key left behind by the Senior who created this Heavenly Secret Realm."**

**"Once the entrance opens, I will blend in with all the cultivators rushing inside and head towards the core of the Secret Realm..."**

The youth appeared to be speaking to himself, but, in fact, he was communicating with his Master who lived in the ring on his finger.

This youth was none other than Ye Chen!

During this period, he had improved his cultivation and even obtained massive opportunities while searching for the map's fragments. He was already at the peak of the Transcendent Realm right now!

In just a few months, he had risen from the Spirit Palace Realm to the peak of the Transcendent Realm, and even faintly touched the threshold of the Great-Transcendent Realm. If ordinary cultivators heard about his insane cultivation speed, their eyes would pop out of their eye sockets, and they wouldn't be able to stop themselves from exclaiming in shock.

Even the word *'monstrous'* wasn't enough to describe such freakish talent.

Of course, it wouldn't surprise Gu Change. After all, this was expected from the Favored Children of Heaven.

Ye Chen, however, was not satisfied even with such tremendous improvement. He felt that his cultivation still speed wasn't fast enough. Although he had chanced upon many opportunities, he still couldn't close the chasm between him and Gu Change.

**"Only when I get the inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm will I be able to kill that Gu Change and take my revenge..."**

**"And that bltc4, Su Qingge..."**

Flames of hatred flared in Ye Chen's eyes as he recalled the past. After pondering over the matter for a while, he had come to the realization that Gu Changge's strength was indeed not something he could deal with.

Previously, no matter how mighty his enemies, or how great the background behind them, he had always come out on top by turning danger into an opportunity and receiving a massive power-up. This made Ye Chen believe that the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was the opportunity prepared for him to turn over his current situation.

Inside the ring, Yan Ji floated in the void with a bored expression. She didn't reply to Ye Chen even after hearing his words.

With her glazed, scarlet pupils, she stared into the void with a dazed expression. Right now, her appearance didn't resemble the mighty Master Ye Chen was so familiar with.

She had watched Ye Chen improve sharply over the last period of time with her own eyes. His speed of improvement was even more ferocious than some of the geniuses of the Upper Realm.

All of this gave her a strange feeling, and she didn't know what to do.

Before, she had thought that Ye Chen would never be able to take revenge on Gu Changge in this life. Even if he received the inheritance of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, that fact wouldn't change.

Back in her heyday, she might not have been a Quasi-Supreme, but she wasn't too far behind from that level. In her opinion, Gu Changge, a youth who could take out something as precious as the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill], couldn't be from a simple background. His Family or Sect wouldn't be lacking existences at the Quasi-Supreme or Supreme level.

Because of this, Yan Ji had given up on persuading Ye Chen, and resented him somewhat now.

No matter how one compared him with Gu Changge, Ye Chen couldn't hold a candle before him. Their backgrounds were too far apart, and so was their cultivation base. Ye Chen would never be able to succeed in his revenge. ~~no ve~~ ~~US~~ ~~0m~~

But now...Yan Ji's thoughts had changed. With the speed at which Ye Chen's cultivation rose, he might really be able to create a miracle.

Yan Ji couldn't help but feel some worry for Gu Changge.

Maybe, she was grateful to him for the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill]...or maybe, his sincere attitude back in the dungeon moved her. At that time, he could have easily killed Ye Chen, or even taken the ring away from him with force, but he did neither.

Yan Ji had a good impression of Gu Changge, and believed that he would make massive waves in the future. Because of this, Yan Ji was in a complicated mood and didn't know whose side to take.

Her remnant spirit had fallen into the Lower Realm and survived in a ring. Later, Ye Chen got the ring and it was because of his hard-cultivated Spiritual Qi that she could awaken from her slumber. If not for him, she wouldn't know how long it would take for her to wake up.

It was precisely because of her that Ye Chen went from a well-known genius to a despised trash whose cultivation regressed instead of rising. His fiancée broke the engagement between them, and he ended up as an object of ridicule for everyone.

She felt extreme guilt towards him, and that's why she took him as her disciple and taught him as much as she could. She was determined to help this persevering youth rise to the top again.

Unfortunately, Ye Chen's recent performance brought her great disappointment. He couldn't tell between good and bad, and flames of jealousy and envy clouded his judgement.

It had come to the point where he even suspected her, and thought that she was in cahoots with Gu Changge!

If that was the case, then why would she bother staying by his side and keep on guiding him in his cultivation? After all, Gu Changge was far superior to him in every aspect, so shouldn't she immediately go over to his side?

She had held true to her conscience, and was unmoved by Gu Changge's sincerity in the face of her desire to repay the grace she had received from Ye Chen.

Alas! Ye Chen couldn't comprehend such a simple matter, and thought that she was staying with him right now out of pity.

This broke Yan Ji's heart and left her helpless.

She knew a rift had appeared between her and Ye Chen, and the problem, contrary to Ye Chen's belief, lied with Ye Chen himself.

She wasn't the one at fault here.

### **Chapter 58: Fattened Leek; Time to Harvest!**

Ye Chen didn't know Yan Ji's current thoughts.

Over the last period of time, his cultivation had improved by leaps and bounds, and that brought him unprecedented confidence he never had before.

Gu Changge had given him a deep setback a while ago, and that damaged his Dao Heart and made him suspicious of everything in life.

Right now, he was walking towards the depths of the mountains after listening to the news from the townsfolk and other cultivators in the surroundings. With the Secret Realm's map in his hands, he wasn't worried about not getting the goods.

Of course, he knew that a rift had formed between him and Yan Ji over the last few days — he could feel the change in the way she treated him.

After carefully thinking about the events, he realized that he had indeed gone overboard with his words and hurt his Master's heart. Even though his Master said she didn't care about the past, he had still apologized to her again and again, and did his best to make amends.

Alas! The rift between them couldn't be closed.

Ye Chen also understood that he could no longer put all of his trust in anyone around him, especially after he experienced Su Qingge's betrayal. Although his Master treated him with great care, she was also a woman. Who could guarantee she wouldn't be tempted by a man like Gu Changge?

It was possible that his Master didn't want to tell him the truth, and was staying with him out of pity.

Gloominess filled Ye Chen's eyes as those thoughts crossed his mind, and he tightly clenched his fists. His Master belonged to him and him alone — he would never let Gu Changge take her away!

**"Master, why do you think that Gu Changge descended to the Lower Realm? Since he came down with a servant who can easily destroy a power like the Buddhist Holy Land, I think he came for the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, too!"**

Out of nowhere, Ye Chen asked Yan Ji with a strange smile on his face. He wanted to see Yan Ji's reaction at his words.

Hearing his words, Yan Ji was momentarily stunned, but then immediately said with a nod, **"I think your guess isn't too far off. Except for the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, there's nothing else worthy of his attention in this Lower Realm,"**

Yan Ji responded to him without thinking too much about his question. She treated it as nothing more than a random question from Ye Chen, as Ye Chen had a habit of asking her about anything and everything.

**"That's right! Gu Changge must covet something in the Secret Realm. When he receives the news about the Secret Realm, he will most likely come here for whatever he wants to obtain. Unfortunately for him, only I have the map of this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, and anyone else who enters will encounter many dangers. There's even a chance for them to lose their life..."**

**"Considering the Secret Realm's restriction, there's no way his old servant will be able to step inside. This means that Gu Changge will have to enter the Secret Realm all by himself, without anyone to protect or guide him...I will rush to the Secret Realm's core region ahead of him, and when he arrives there, I will use the Secret Realm's key to control the formations in there..."**

**"Master, do you think I can have my revenge like this?"**

Ye Chen formulated his every step, and asked in a faint voice.

All of it made sense.

Naturally, he said it out loud to see his Master's reaction. After all, his plan sounded flawless, and he should be able to slaughter Gu Changge and bury him in the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm.

**"Your plan is reasonable, but what makes you think Gu Changge doesn't have a map or some other means to travel through the Secret Realm?"**

Yan Ji didn't know Ye Chen's true intentions. After hearing his plan, she thought about it for a long time, and felt that it wasn't all that feasible.

After all, Gu Changge was someone from the Upper Realm, so there was no way he would come down unprepared. How could he not understand the dangers of the Secret Realm?

And, from what she glimpsed of Gu Change's mind, he wasn't a reckless person.

**"Is that so? Master, your words indeed make sense..."**

Although he said that, a flash of gloom passed through Ye Chen's eyes.

What other means could Gu Change have? What did his Master mean by those words? Why was his Master so confident in Gu Change, but felt that his means weren't enough?

Was there something she didn't want him to know?

He no longer spoke.

Yan Ji didn't think too much about their exchange, and mentioned another matter, **"Little Chen, there's one thing you must pay attention to: *'the force behind your cousin is extremely terrifying, so I suggest that you don't meet her before your strength reaches the False God Realm!'*"**

Naturally, Yan Ji said this for Ye Chen's own good. Over the past few days, she had heard a lot of rumors about Ye Chen's cousin. The girl in purple was most-likely from an Ancient Immortal Family from the Upper Realm.

One thing Yan Ji didn't doubt was: *'for a Family like that, Ye Chen's current background, talent, and cultivation base weren't worth mentioning. To them, bloodline mattered more than individuals.'*

*'Once they found out that Ye Chen was getting too close with this cousin of his, they would most-likely send someone to kill Ye Chen in the cradle.'*

**"Master, I understand your considerations, but Master, you don't need to worry about my and Liuli's matter."**

Ye Chen shook his head, and responded with a cold tone after listening to her words. Obviously, he had also received the news from the Moon-facing Ancient City, and that brought him a pleasant surprise. To him, the news was nothing short of receiving heavy rain after a long drought.

His cousin was his biggest backer!

Yet, his Master actually wanted him to not contact his cousin — why was that?

His cousin came from a terrifying background, so why couldn't he have contact with her? Was his Master afraid that he would gain an even mightier backer than Gu Change?

Ye Chen's heart turned cold as those thoughts crossed his mind.

As for his cousin's family sending someone to murder him? He disregarded that as nothing but nonsense. He didn't believe anyone had the guts to do something like that to him, with his cousin by his side.

Ye Chen felt at ease after he considered his cousin's feelings and attitude towards him. As for his Master? Ye Chen was so disappointed in her that he no longer wanted to continue their conversation.

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The news regarding the opening of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm soon spread throughout the Middle State.

Dazzling, heavenly brilliance illuminated the area where the eight regions of the Middle State intersected, attracting the attention of innumerable forces and cultivators.

Any news about the birth of a magical treasure, or the opening of a secret realm, could easily cause a massive sensation all over the world. Such events always attracted mighty forces and big shots, and everyone would come rushing like sharks that had smelled blood.

The opening of this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was no different.

Many Holy Lands, Ancient Dynasties, and other large and small forces of the Middle State immediately sent their people. The same was true for factions of the rest of the world, and all of them were afraid of missing this massive opportunity.

Secret Realms didn't form out of nowhere, and the process that created them was extremely rare and unfathomable. Some formed over massive spans of time, while others were left behind by mythical existences and worked as the inheritances of said existences.

No matter how small a Secret Realm, once it opened, it would give birth to innumerable Heavenly Treasures, thick Spiritual Qi, Ancient Medicinal Herbs and Plants, Spiritual Ores, and so on...

Before long, this remote town turned into the most prosperous part of the region. Every day, more and more cultivators and creatures arrived, attracted by the legendary Secret Realm.

Unfortunately, people discovered that not everyone had the fortune to enter the Secret Realm. The entrance of the Secret Realm had a layer of extremely terrifying barriers that gave a horrible backlash to anyone beyond the Great-Transcendent Realm.

Any intruder who broke through the restriction would be obliterated on the spot, causing a great tempest of Heavenly Energies in the Secret Realm.

The Emperors and Holy Lords of the various forces were left helpless. If they wanted to enter, they would need to suppress their cultivation and make sure they didn't release their true auras. For this reason, they decided to only send their disciples and elders of the Great-Transcendent Realm to the Secret Realm for experience.

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*'It seems that everything is going according to my expectations. This Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm is a special playground prepared to give Ye Chen a boost.'*

*'The inheritance of a Quasi-Supreme is just about right to boost a Favored Son of Heaven!'*

*'Tsk, since cultivators above the Great-Transcendent Realm can't enter without suppressing their cultivation, then I presume this Secret Realm should push Ye Chen's cultivation to the Great-Transcendent Realm in one fell swoop...'*

**"What a wonderful coincidence! I never thought the Secret Realm would open at such an opportune time."**

Gu Changge stood atop a mountain with his hands behind his back, and overlooked everything that happened on the scene around the Secret Realm. An expression of interest covered his face as he uttered words that the Ancient Lin Family's powerhouses behind him couldn't comprehend.

They couldn't comprehend his words, nor did they have the guts to ask Young Lord Gu what he meant by his words. With their lips tightly sealed, they stood behind him with respectful expression.

It was better to keep quiet sometimes.

Gu Changge had decided to bring along some people from the Ancient Lin Family since he couldn't just do everything all by himself. If something trivial and cumbersome came up, he could make them take care of it.

As for the limit imposed by the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm? The reason wasn't all that hard for Gu Changge to guess — he didn't even need to put in any effort thinking about it.

After all, the Secret Realm was an experience ground prepared specifically for the Favored Son of Heaven, so how could it allow others to come in and steal his boost?

What's more? The Secret Realm was left behind by a Quasi-Supreme, so even Old Ming, a mighty God King, would have to suppress his cultivation to the Great-Transcendent Realm before he entered.

Gu Changge tut-tutted<sup>[1]</sup> in his heart. This treatment wasn't something any random Lu, Bu, or Du could enjoy. The Heavenly Daddy deliberately rigged opportunities and benefits in favor of the Favored Children of Heaven.

*[1: tut-tut is an exclamation used to express disapproval or annoyance.]*

It was no different from presenting well-cooked meat on a golden plate, and then feeding it to them, too!

*[VILFIC: normally, Favored Kids can fight far above their levels. Since Ye Chen is at the peak of the Transcendent Realm now, he can easily obliterate any Great-Transcendent (normal or Saints who suppressed themselves) from the Lower Realm. This is how the game is rigged in his favor.]*

But, so what?

Since he wanted to rob the Favored Son of Heaven's opportunity, even the Heavenly Daddy should forget about stopping him.

**"Let's go."**

Commanding with a faint voice, Gu Changge took the lead and headed towards the entrance of the Secret Realm not too far away, leaving behind a rainbow in his wake. n0Ve1Usb.c0m

Even if he could only use the might of the Great-Transcendent Realm in the Secret Realm, it wouldn't be hard for him to kill Ye Chen.

This leek had fattened enough, and it was about time to harvest him.

***[Boom!]***

The entrance of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was a thirty feet wide crack in space that exuded a hazy glow. Space around the crack fluctuated, and it connected the world to the dimension of the Secret Realm.

Many cultivators stood around the entrance, and watched it with eyes full of desire.

Many loose cultivators[2] from all around the world had gathered. There were those of the Great-Transcendent Realm, and even behemoths of the Saint Realm hidden among the crowd.

*[2: loose cultivators are any cultivators who aren't associated with a Clan, Sect, Family, Organization, Holy Land, Dynasty, or whatever.]*

Their idea was simple: *'if they entered by themselves, they wouldn't be able to guarantee a haul and would also need to contend with people from various forces for the opportunities. Instead, they would wait outside the Secret Realm, and directly steal from those who had already gone inside, once they came out.'*

**"Who are they?"**

**"They look like people from the Ancient Lin Family."**

Soon, they saw a black-clothed man coming towards the entrance of the Secret Heavenly Realm with powerful cultivators of the Ancient Lin Family following behind him.

**"He's that Young Lord!"**

**"Don't provoke them!"**

The cultivators gathered together were stunned by their sudden appearance, and their expressions couldn't help but change drastically. Scared, they retreated in a hurry.

Of all the powers in the world, the only one they feared was the Ancient Lin Family. Of course, the one they truly feared was the Young Lord who was staying in the Ancient Lin Family.

As long as one was from the Middle State, there's no way they wouldn't know about the Young Lord from the Upper Realm; they could easily recognize him by his black robe, tall figure, and godly temperament!

He was a character they could absolutely not provoke!

At this time, all of them involuntarily retreated from the entrance of the Secret Realm in a hurry, leaving the place clear.

***[Hum!]***

A powerful ripple spread around, and brilliant runes flashed.

Gu Change naturally couldn't care less about this bunch of loose cultivators. With his group of followers, he directly entered the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm!

The world around them (Gu Change's group) spun, and they felt as if they were floating through a spatial tunnel!



Soon, the aura of the Secret Realm descended upon them, and Gu Changge recovered his balance mid-air. With his cultivation suppressed to the peak of the Great-Transcendent Realm, he safely landed!

### **Chapter 59: Gu Changge in Every Word; Green Hat from Gu Changge!**

***[Hum!]***

Brilliant rays of light spread everywhere as violent spatial fluctuations wreaked havoc in the surroundings. Soon, a crack appeared in the air, and several figures emerged from the crack.

They were Gu Changge and his group.

The expression of the cultivators in the surroundings showed a drastic change. Although they didn't know Gu Changge's identity, they were smart enough to know that someone who could bring along so many followers of the Great-Transcendent Realm wasn't someone they could afford to provoke.

Gu Changge chuckled at their reactions — it was exactly as he expected it to be. Only an idiot would dare come forward and mess with him at this moment. After all, he wasn't a Protagonist who was destined to be ridiculed no matter where he went.

***[Inside the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm.]***

The mountains towered through the clouds, and rivers snaked around on the ground. The sky above appeared to be unreachable, and the earth looked like a vast sea of green. Rich Spiritual Qi permeated every corner of the Realm, and it was as if it would liquify at any moment now.

For Gu Changge, someone who grew up in the Upper Realm where extremely dense Spiritual Qi permeated everywhere, the level of Spiritual Qi in this Realm was nothing more than what he had seen outside his Gu Family's gates. It wasn't worth mentioning.

But, to the cultivators of the Lower Realm, this place was like a sacred land for cultivation. One day of hard-work here could equal many days of labor outside. This brought great shock and envy to their hearts.

**"A Secret Realm like this is indeed a boon! No wonder so many people rush to enter as soon as these open..."**

**"It could be a great place for cultivation if it stayed open perpetually! Unfortunately, it will close down sooner or later."**

The people of the Ancient Lin Family couldn't help but breathe sighs of regret. They were here to do Gu Changge's bidding, so they could obviously not move around freely and enjoy the blessings of the Secret Realm. Still, if they could receive Young Lord Gu's appreciation, they might obtain opportunities far greater than this Secret Realm in the future.

This much was still clear to them.

**"This is an extremely important matter for the Young Lord, so don't even think about returning if you mess anything up!"**

Old Ming gave his descendants a stern warning. He had also suppressed his cultivation to enter the Secret Realm as he didn't feel comfortable letting Gu Changge enter alone.

**"Ancestor, you can rest assured! Even if we have to die in here, we will make sure Young Lord Gu obtains what he desires."**

All the Elders of the Ancient Lin Family fell to their knees and pledged solemnly after listening to their Ancestor's warning.

Old Ming nodded in satisfaction at their performance.

*'The Secret Realm only opened a few days ago, so Ye Chen should have only arrived at the edge of the Secret Realm's core region, no matter how fast he might be...'*

*'If I am not wrong, then he should also have a map of this place in his possession. He's not a treasure-hunting tool for nothing — I will allow him to clear the path for me.'*

Gu Changge couldn't care less about the people behind him. An inexplicable smile adorned his face, and he thought about Ye Chen's matter in his heart. He could easily sense Ye Chen's exact location, and calculated that Ye Chen wasn't too far away from them. He was, at most, a few thousand miles away.

Although Gu Changge couldn't see Ye Chen's every move, he could still guess what he might be up to. Ye Chen might have looked like a defeated dog when he provoked him at the start, but right now, Gu Changge thought that his visage looked more handsome than anyone else'.

Gu Changge couldn't help but laugh, after all, Ye Chen was busy preparing a Fortuitous Opportunity for him.

**"Let's go."**

Done with his thoughts, he uttered his command for the ones behind him, and then turned into a brilliant flash of light that headed towards the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's core region. Right now, they were at the Secret Realm's outer edge.

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***[In an area shrouded in mist.]***

The mountains pierced through the clouds, ancient trees towered high, and one could see many ruins with collapsed palaces, pavilions, and shattered pillars scattered around with dead leaves.

***[Shua!]***

Blood splattered around as Ye Chen slashed a strange-looking beast in front of him in half, and then looked at a plant at the entrance of a nearby cave with a smile on his face.

The plant burned bright like a flame, and released a scorching aura in its surroundings. n0Ve1Usb.c0m

**"[Flame God's Flower], and it's thirty-thousand years old at that...not only can it help me condense my True Flame, but it will also raise my comprehension of the Flame Dao to another height..."**

Ye Chen muttered to himself while harvesting the flaming plant.

Satisfaction filled his heart. He had obtained a lot of good stuff on this trip to the Secret Realm, and received another boost to his cultivation base. This compounded his happiness and confidence, and he came up with even more plans to deal with Gu Changge.

Of course, Ye Liuli was the biggest reason behind the sudden boost in his might.

After Ye Liuli hit an iron-plate in the Moon-facing Ancient City, he did his best to have someone pass his message off to her so she wouldn't worry about his safety.

Although many cultivators in the world knew he had offended Gu Changge, and avoided him like a plague, there were also cultivators who were willing to lend him a hand. Just like the Buddhist Holy Land's Holy Son, there were many others in the world with justice in their hearts who were won over by Ye Chen's charisma. They were more than willing to uphold justice by helping deliver his message to Ye Liuli.

Just like that, Ye Liuli found Ye Chen within a few days.

Ye Liuli came together with a bunch of her servants who were from the Ancient Sacred Mountains, and every single one of them was in the Great-Transcendent Realm, or higher. This gave Ye Chen a deep sense of security.

Once Gu Changge came into the Secret Realm, he wouldn't be able to leave. With his preparations, Gu Changge's death was set in stone. On this date next year would be Gu Changge's memorial day!

It's just that one thing confused Ye Chen a little. Ye Liuli wasn't as affectionate towards him as before, nor did she talk to him as much as before. She even made sure to keep a distance of three steps between them.

Still, Ye Chen didn't think too much into this matter. After all, Ye Liuli had grown up — she was no longer the little girl he used to know. Moreover, their background was too different, so it was normal to have this much change.

After putting the [Flame God's Flower] in his spatial ring, Ye Chen turned his attention towards a gorgeous girl dressed in purple not too far away from him. A satisfied smile appeared on his face as he gazed upon her milky, jade-like skin and colorful crystal-like eyes.

Ye Liuli had grown up and turned out even more stunning. She had an ethereal temperament, and a hazy brilliance shrouded her figure, making her looking like a goddess.

**"Move your dog eyes! How dare you covet our Lady? How dare the toad descendent of a slave dream about eating swan meat?"[1]**

*[1: 'toad desiring swan meat' — an ugly piece of trash desiring a beautiful lady.]*

Right then, a grating voice full of disdain fell into Ye Chen's ears, causing him to frown. His expression sank, and his face turned ugly.

It was that damn woman again!

Every time she opened her damn mouth, she would call him an ant or a toad — she just couldn't keep her mouth shut!

Although many had ridiculed Ye Chen over his life, he had always turned the situation around and given them a tight slap to their ugly faces. But the person looking down on him this time was Ye Liuli's retainer; this made it hard for him to retaliate, and he could only swallow his rage without any outlet to vent.

The one who spoke was none other than Ye Liuli's Aunt Xue.

Although Ye Liuli had scolded her after they returned, she couldn't vent too much on her and had to give up after a few words. After all, Aunt Xue had watched over her for more than a decade, so she couldn't possibly be too harsh on her.

And, when Ye Liuli rushed to find Ye Chen, Aunt Xue naturally suppressed her own cultivation and followed her into the Secret Realm.

She didn't like this Ye Chen at all. In her opinion, he was a bastard who couldn't keep his hands and feet to himself. When her Lady was young, this scum would always stay by her side and try different means to take advantage of her. If she wasn't there to stop this kid's advances, she didn't know how far he would have gone with taking her Lady's advantage.

Aunt Xue had thought about killing Ye Chen back then, but her Lady had stopped her since she wouldn't have anyone to talk to otherwise.

But now, Aunt Xue's desire to clean this world of this scum was getting stronger. For a mere Ye Chen, her Lady had gone and provoked the Young Lord of the Gu Family.

That was an utterly stupid thing to do!

Unfortunately, she was in her Lady's presence, and her cultivation was also suppressed to the Great-Transcendent Realm, so she couldn't easily obliterate him without letting her Lady know.

**"Don't look down on others this much! I have trampled many who looked down on me under my feet."**

Ye Chen frowned and spoke without a shred of politeness.

Aunt Xue sneered at his words, and said, **"With just you? You, who haven't even seen the true Dragons from the Ninth Heaven, want respect from us? Why don't you take a look at yourself in a mirror first! How can someone as pathetic as you be compared to Young Lord Gu?"**

**"Only someone like Young Lord Gu is a good match for my Lady! You aren't even qualified to be killed under Young Lord Gu's feet."**

Naturally, Aunt Xue spoke from the bottom of her heart. Of course, she didn't know that her honest words had exponentially increased Ye Chen's hatred for Gu Changge.

**"Shut the heck up..."**

Dark, blue veins covered Ye Chen's forehead and he tightly clenched his fists. He almost roared out at Aunt Xue. No matter how tolerant he might be, he couldn't bear her bull-crap anymore.

How dare she say that the girl he liked was a good match for his enemy? Just what the heck was that supposed to mean? Wasn't that nothing short of putting a green hat[2] over his damn head?

*[2: putting a green hat on someone's head means cuckolding them. Cuckolding someone means stealing their wife or lover.]*

Gu Changge! Why was it Gu Changge again?!

Every time she opened her mouth, she spoke of Gu Changge, and every time she closed her mouth, she praised Gu Changge first!

Ye Chen's eyes turned red, and he gnashed his teeth.

He wanted to slaughter Gu Changge right then and there!

**"Brother Ye Chen, don't listen to her!"**

**"Aunt Xue, what nonsense are you speaking?!"**

Ye Liuli came over with furrowed brows, and showed a dissatisfied expression at the exchange between them.

Although Ye Chen had changed a lot from before, he was still her Brother Ye Chen. She could accept the change in him at the current level.

Aunt Xue had said too much!

**"My Lady, I am merely speaking the truth. If it wasn't for this guy, Young Lord Gu wouldn't have treated you like that! Between him and..."**

Aunt Xue spoke up to explain herself, but Ye Liuli interrupted her before she could finish her words.

With a frown of displeasure masking her face, she said, **"Aunt Xue, don't talk about that whatever Gu in front of me — I don't want to hear his damned name anymore."**

**"Liuli, there wouldn't be a marriage engagement between the two of you, right?"**

Ye Chen, who had just calmed down, suddenly thought of something and asked. Nervousness and restlessness clawed at his heart.

After all, why else would Aunt Xue deliberately mention Gu Changge in front of him again and again? Both of them were from the Upper Realm, and both of them came from terrifying backgrounds, so there was a high chance for something like that to be possible between their families.

Ye Chen felt extremely uncomfortable as he thought about this.

**"What nonsense are you thinking about? How could I possibly be engaged to a man as nasty as him? Even if there's an engagement between him and I, I will force my father to annul it..."**

His words left Ye Liuli somewhat speechless, and she explained with some feelings of helplessness. How could her Brother Ye Chen even think about something like that? Gu Changge was a wicked bastard who humiliated her, and she hated him from the bottom of her heart.

**"Why do you hate him then? What happened at the Ancient Lin Family that day?"**

Ye Chen breathed a sigh of relief, but still asked. How could someone as gentle as Ye Liuli develop hatred for someone without a reason? At the same time, his killing intent towards Gu Changge also deepened.

**"Gu Changge is from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family in the Upper Realm...not only that, he's the Gu Family's Young Master. His position and backing is above mine, so if you want to deal with him, you have to be very careful, Brother Ye Chen..."**

**"I won't be able to help you."**

Ye Liuli explained.

Ye Chen's fists clenched even tighter as he heard her words, but he still muttered in his heart, *'This Secret Realm will be Gu Changge's grave!'*

Yan Ji, who was inside the ring, immediately showed interest at Ye Liuli's words. She had wanted to know more about Gu Changge for a while already.

*'So Young Lord Gu is the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family? No wonder...'*

*'Well, he must have a lot of life-preserving means then, so I don't need to worry about him.'*

She heaved a sigh of relief at the conflict in her heart. She had continuously asked herself who she would help if Ye Chen and Gu Changge fought?

*'I hope that situation doesn't come to pass, or I won't know who to help between the two...'*

Yan Ji couldn't help but sigh.

At that time, her remnant spirit was already in desperate straits. To her, the value of the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill] at that moment was immeasurable, and she couldn't forget this kindness of Gu Changge.

Sill, there was one thing she couldn't comprehend: *'why did Young Lord Gu let Ye Chen provoke him without any retaliation?'*

Was Ye Chen simply lucky in that situation, or did Young Lord Gu spare his life for her sake, since he wanted to bring her to his side?

### **Chapter 60: Warmth in the Heart; Especially Cleared Path!**

The Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm was incomparably vast. No one found any signs of the Realm's inheritance even after half a month of its initial opening. On the contrary, the cultivators who entered chanced upon innumerable ruins with tattered corpses.

The decayed clothes worn by the corpses showed extremely ancient patterns, and the way they died was also strange. Some appeared as if they had committed suicide, and others seemed to have been killed by their acquaintances.

Some of the ruins contained murals, patterns, and paintings that recorded the events that transpired in this Secret Realm. Some old cultivators who had studied ancient languages and culture started to decipher the records, and soon came up with an understanding that left them in great shock!

**"This is a land created to seal something; not only does it contain great opportunities, but there are also great horrors that dwell within it!"**

**"The creator of this Secret Realm is an Honored Supreme[1] with an extremely ancient origin dating back to immemorial times..."**

*[1: it's a Quasi-Supreme but the people of Lower Realm call it an Honored Supreme since they don't have enough knowledge about Realms and titles beyond False God.]*

"Honored Supreme?!"

What kind of concept was that? They had only seen a few words regarding those existences in ancient records. Existences of those level could easily travel through the void, pick the stars, and grasp the moon.

False Gods were nothing but ants in front of them.

This discovery shook the entire Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm and brought great excitement to all the cultivators who had entered.

Won't they soar to Heaven in a single leap if they could get the inheritance of that Honored Supreme and become his successor? Even going to the Upper Realm wouldn't be hard at that point!

But the cultivators who were deciphering the records soon showed a drastic change in their expressions, and terror gripped their hearts. With trembling voices, they splashed a bucket of cold water over everyone's heads.

**"This is a place sealing a great terror that almost destroyed all living beings, and even the Honored Supreme and his people lost their lives dealing with it! The Honored Supreme burned their own life and origin to seal that supreme evil, preventing him from coming out into the world..."**

**"That supreme evil is a devil that can bring great chaos in the world, and turn everything upside-down. Once it is released, it will destroy the world and massacre all the creatures and races that live in it..."**

They couldn't help but feel their hearts freeze as they studied the ancient records. This Secret Realm wasn't an opportunity, but a place where that hid a great devil within it! This terrifying news caused an even more frightening sensation than the first one.

Many cultivators felt cold sweat drip down their backs.

As for what this supreme devil was? The records did not mention it.

It's just that the horror of the supreme devil was self-evident, considering an Honored Supreme had to sacrifice their life just to seal it. They estimated that it was a calamity that could devastate the world to the point of extinction.

Many cultivators immediately retreated with cold shivers going down their backs. They felt a creepy feeling claw at their hearts when they considered that the ground they stood upon might be hiding countless bones under it!

Immediately, a place of fortuitous encounters turned into a purgatory that they had to avoid at all costs.

This news spread like wildfire, and shocked even the people of the world outside the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm!

**"I heard that the Young Lord from the Upper Realm has also gone inside the Secret Realm! It seems that this Secret Realm was the reason he descended down to our Lower Realm."**

**"Just what is hidden inside this Secret Realm? Why are even people from the Upper Realm interested in it?"**

The information and questions shocked and confused many cultivators.

Soon, a cultivator discovered an area covered in fog in the depths of the Secret Realm. The fog started out white, but its color turned darker the further in one went, until it turned from gray to pitch-black.

Not only that, but it also seemed to cast some evil sorcery on whoever approached it. Many ferocious beasts lost their minds and rushed out from their dens to attack the cultivators who had entered the Secret Realm.

Even some cultivators with weaker cultivation bases were affected by the fog, and lost their minds. They turned into mindless killing machines who attacked everyone and anyone in their surroundings.

This earth-shattering change destroyed the peace of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm. Many cultivators decided to retreat immediately as a mere opportunity could never be as important as their life.

Of course, there were also cultivators who rushed towards the depths of the Secret Realm. Since ancient times, opportunities and danger have gone hand-in-hand. What others called a disaster might just be a blessing in disguise!

But they soon discovered that the deeper they went the thicker the fog became. Dangers were everywhere, and they could lose their way — life, even — if they took one wrong step. Worse still, there were many formations and other trap mechanisms on the path. If they touched any of them by accident, then they would find themselves in a deadly situation.

Many cultivators were already buried like that.

What nonsense was it about this being a place full of opportunities? This was clearly a burial ground for the masses!

The entire Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm went into chaos for a period of time.

**"Such a low-leveled Devil Qi can only affect ordinary cultivators. It won't do anything to people who have cultivated for a long time."**



Gu Changge casually remarked while standing at the edge of the demonic fog. Anyone who had cultivated for a respectable amount of time could easily resist the invasion of this Devil Qi.

For him, though, this Devil Qi was the purest form of nourishment in the world. It's just that there was too little of it here for it to be of any help to him.

He guessed that it was caused by the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. It was truly worthy of being known as a peerless weapon — it had barely started to wake up, yet it was already causing such havoc.

Gu Changge felt satisfied thinking about it.

The core of the Secret Realm was just ahead; he could already feel the presence of Ye Chen among the many others inside. His Devil Heart was also moving about excitedly, desiring to swallow the source of all the Devil Qi in his surroundings.

**"My Lord, this area is somewhat weird, and we might lose our way if we don't know the path. This old slave thinks we should be more cautious around here."**

Old Ming voiced his concerns.

He could feel a terrifying power of suppression inside this Secret Realm. He was sure that he would be immediately repelled by the Realm if he showed an ounce of aura beyond the Great-Transcendent Realm.

Gu Changge responded to him with a nod, but his face showed a calm and unconcerned expression.

**"It's alright! I have someone to lead the way, so you only need to follow after me."**

Saying that, Gu Changge closed his eyes and focused on the mark he had left behind on the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill]. Immediately, he felt a faint connection from the mark.

**[Hum!]**

A faint thread of black silk unfolded before Gu Changge's eyes, extending towards the depths of the fog in front of him.

This was the path Ye Chen walked. Without him, it would be much harder for Gu Changge to traverse through the fog. After all, he didn't have a map, so he would need to go around in circles over and over again to find reach the actual core of the Secret Realm.

Of course, it was also possible that he would never find it.

Gu Changge, however, never even considered looking for a map or anything of the sort; that was too troublesome.

Since Ye Chen was working so hard for him, wouldn't he (Gu Changge) be doing himself a disservice by not picking his (Ye Chen's) fruit of labor?

Old Ming and the others were naturally not worried anymore after they heard Gu Changge's words. Since the Young Lord had said it, he would naturally have a way.

Gu Changge stepped into the fog first, and his followers of the Great-Transcendent Realm gathered around him and kept a vigilant eye on their surroundings to prevent some beast or anything else from attacking him.

Naturally, Gu Changge's group was attacked several times along the way, but all the attacks were from mindless beasts who were affected by the Devil Qi. Old Ming and the others easily dealt with them, without needing Gu Changge to move a finger.

As for cultivators? No one had the guts to attack their group.

*'According to the path Ye Chen took, the inheritance of this Secret Realm should be deep underground. The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] should also be there...'*

Gu Changge kept walking ahead while paying attention to the traces left behind by Ye Chen. An expression of interest appeared on his face as he noticed that they faced a lot less beasts when they followed in Ye Chen's steps. He had even cleared the powerful formations and traps on the way.

Gu Changge felt warmth spread in his heart.

*'This is a path specifically cleared for me! Ye Chen, you are such a gentleman...'*

Gu Changge couldn't help but chuckle. If Ye Chen could know his thoughts at this moment, he would most certainly spurt blood from his mouth and wish to grind his bones into dust.

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***[In the depth of the fog at this time.]***

Ye Chen and his party finally managed to slaughter the beast in front of them. Right now, a pale, gray bleakness enveloped the world around them.

*'The entrance is here according to the map...'*

Ye Chen's heart inflated with excitement. Following the directions on the map, he quickly found a passage on the ground.

**"Brother Ye Chen, your strength has improved by leaps and bounds in only a few years."**

Ye Liuli exclaimed. She was amazed by Ye Chen's heroic might and ability to kill those stronger than himself. She was stunned when he killed a beast in the middle stage of the Great Power Realm.

These demonic beasts were infected by Devil Qi. Not only did they not fear death, but they also didn't feel pain. They only knew how to slaughter everything in their surroundings, and their strength was also greater than cultivators of the same Realm.

Ye Chen, on the other hand, was only at the peak of the Transcendent Realm, yet he could easily kill beings stronger than himself.

**"Liuli, you flatter me!"**

Ye Chen first felt overwhelmed when he saw Ye Liuli watching him with an expression full of shock, and then he felt proud of himself.

But soon, he got down to business.

**"The inheritance of this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's master should be down there! Let's go down immediately; although we haven't come across anyone else in a while, we still shouldn't take any risks and stay out here in the dark..."**

Ye Chen said to his group. He was worried that Gu Changge might appear before them out of nowhere.

He didn't doubt the fact that Gu Changge would certainly come to this Secret Realm. It was just that he had yet to see any of his traces, and that brought him some a little uneasiness.

Ye Chen couldn't help but admit that Gu Changge indeed put him under a lot of pressure.

*'Even if he comes inside, he will end up trapped in the fog without a map.'*

*[VILFIC: — thought the map.]*

Ye Chen's heart relaxed as he thought about this. What's more? He still had the Secret Realm's key which he could use to manipulate the traps and formations.

*'Tsk, just a lucky bastard. How can he compare to Young Lord Gu even if he got some good opportunities?'*

Aunt Xue thought with disdain.

Soon, they descended through the passage and arrived underground.

**"Is this a mausoleum?"**[1]

*[VILFIC: Mausoleum is the big word for museum of dead big shots.]\*\**

Ye Chen was a little shocked as he walked down the corridor, avoiding many traps and formations along the way.

The sight in front of him shocked not just him, but everyone else, too!

The place was like a mausoleum.

It looked like an ancient structure with all sorts of buildings, dilapidated shrines, ancient wooden halls, and floating mansions.

It was the corner of an ancient city hidden under the ground!

**"The Devil Qi here is getting stronger and stronger. According to the map, there should be a palace in the depths of this place, and the inheritance should be in that palace..."**

Ye Chen's excitement soared. He had finally reached his target, and he would be able to get the inheritance after a few more steps!

***[Roar!]***

***[Roar!]***

***[Roar!]***

Right then, terrifying roars sounded from all around them, and pairs of blood-red eyes lit up in their surrounding darkness.

Ye Chen's expression fell as he watched ferocious beasts and walking corpses close in on them.

**"All of them are in the Great-Transcendent Realm..."**

He didn't want to be delayed any longer. The unease in his heart deepened with every moment, and he felt that something terrifying might happen if he couldn't get the inheritance soon.

Also, why was his Master so quiet?!

**"Brother Ye Chen, hurry up and go! We will help you hold back these beasts. Time is running out, so you shouldn't stay here any longer..."**

Ye Liuli decisively proclaimed with a calm expression. She had brought along a lot of servants, so they should be able to hold back these beasts while Ye Chen received the inheritance.

**"Alright! Liuli, you must hold on — I will come and help you as soon as I have received the inheritance!"**

Ye Chen's heart was moved, and he rushed towards the depths of the ancient underground city without looking back.

The wave of beasts, on the other hand, rushed forward and surrounded Ye Liuli and her group.

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Right when Ye Chen rushed towards the depths of the ancient city, Gu Changge arrived at its edge. A faint smirk appeared on his face as he watched the scene in front of him.

After all, he hadn't needed to clean up a horde of beasts, nor had he encountered any traps or formations. His group had easily arrived here without much effort!