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Chapter 61: Leaked Whereabouts; Exploding Protagonist!

As soon as Gu Changge appeared, Ye Liuli and her group noticed his presence even though they were busy fighting the beasts and corpses.

'Gu Changge?! Why is he here? And how did he arrive here so fast?'

His sudden appearance surprised Ye Liuli, and her complexion paled as various thoughts went through her mind. Although Gu Changge claimed that he didn't intend to kill Ye Chen, nor could he be bothered by his existence, those were just words. Who could guarantee the words that he uttered weren't all lies?

When she had thought about the matter after leaving the Moon-facing Ancient City, she had felt that there was something wrong about the entire thing. Gu Changge definitely had something to gain from her Brother Ye Chen, or he would have never kept him alive.

As for what he wanted to gain through him? Ye Liuli couldn't figure it out at that time. n0vεlusb.c0M

But now, she guessed that he was after something that existed in this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm. A mere inheritance left behind by a Quasi-Supreme wasn't enough to move someone with Gu Changge's background and identity, to the point that he would descend to the Lower Realm. So he could only be here for something else hidden in the Ancient Secret Heavenly Realm!

'That's not right! According to Brother Ye Chen, only he has the map, so how did Gu Changge find this place so quickly? And why does his group appear as if they arrived here without facing any trouble? Did they not encounter beasts and traps along the way?'

This realization shocked the puzzled Ye Liuli, and her heart sank.

'He must have followed behind us, or left something on Brother Ye Chen to track him — that was his plan all along!'

Ye Liuli was indeed the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan. Her keen mind was quick to think, and she immediately figured out the nuances of the matter.

Her heart turned cold as she put the pieces together.

Gu Changge was terrifying!

How could he plan so far ahead? She had thought for a long time, and only now did she figure out the reason behind him not killing off her Brother Ye Chen right away.

"Looks like we got here right on time."

Gu Changge walked into the corridor, and swept his gaze upon the underground ancient city with a playful smile on his face.

A calm expression showed on his face. His trip to this place had gone smoothly, and they only ran into a few troublesome beasts.

The Great-Transcendent Realm people from the Ancient Lin Family, on the other hand, felt even more reverence for Gu Changge, and he was already a god in their hearts. After all, he easily found a safe route for their passage in a place as terrifying as this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm.

Of course, if Gu Changge heard their thoughts, he would ask them to thank Ye Chen for going in first. After all, he was merely following in the path cleared by Ye Chen.

"Gu Changge, why are you here?"

Ye Liuli glared at Gu Changge, and asked in a loud voice. At the same time, she stopped fighting the beast in front of her and stepped back.

Naturally, she already knew the answer to her question; she was merely trying to delay Gu Changge to buy time for Ye Chen.

"Why am I here? I am here because you helped clear the path for me. Speaking of which, I must thank you all!"

Gu Changge responded with a smile.

"Thank us? What don't I understand what you are talking about? Just what are you trying to do?"

Ye Liuli asked aloud once more. By now, she was already sure of her guess: *'Her Brother Ye Chen was playing in Gu Changge's hands, and Gu Changge had always known his whereabouts!'*

Gu Changge fixed his gaze upon Ye Liuli's face, and said with a faint smile, **"It's alright even if you don't understand. By the way, don't even think about delaying me here! Your mind is like an open book in front of me."**

[Boom!]

As soon as Gu Changge finished his words, his Great-Transcendent Realm followers took action and started to blast away any beast that walked near Gu Changge.

Immediately, the path in front of Gu Changge was cleared.

Nothing could block his steps!

If they compared numbers, then Gu Changge had brought a lot more people than Ye Liuli, and there was even a figure as mighty as Old Ming among his ranks. Even if his cultivation base was suppressed, ordinary cultivators couldn't compare to him.

"Gu Changge..."

Ye Liuli's face paled.

Although Aunt Xue was protecting her, she couldn't go as deep into the underground city as Gu Changge. After all, there were hordes of beasts flooding around them tide after tide.

The beasts around Gu Changge, on the other hand, didn't appear normal. She felt as if their auras weakened the closer they got to Gu Changge. Something seemed to be sucking away their life force, but she couldn't figure out what it was.

Gu Changge casually clapped, and all the beasts around him turned into ash.

Ye Liuli's heart palpitated with deep anxiety as she watched everything transpire in front of her!

She couldn't help but worry about Ye Chen. How could Ye Chen survive when facing an enemy like Gu Changge?

"Old Ming, guard this place and make sure no one comes leaves here."

Gu Changge muttered his command, and then went in the direction Ye Chen had previously gone to.

As soon as Old Ming heard his command, he responded with a solemn vow, **"My Lord, please rest assure! This old slave will make sure no one disturbs you today!"**

[Boom!]

Old Ming revealed his majestic and terrifying aura. At the same time, a crimson weapon covered with splendid runes appeared in his hands, radiating an oppressive aura.

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"I must enter the palace as soon as possible, and gain control over the Secret Realm's core and formations to solve that beast tide! Liuli, wait for me — I will be there to help you right away!"

Ye Chen gritted his teeth and muttered to himself. He had left alone at his fastest speed, leaving behind brilliant rays of light as he heading towards the depths of the underground city.

Right now, the Key he had obtained previously glowed with a hazy light. It was the Key that could open the gate of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's inheritance palace!

"I am here! My inheritance is here!"

Ye Chen finally stopped after rushing at his top speed for half an hour. His body was drowned in sweat, and he gasped for air as soon as he appeared outside a dilapidated bronze gate.

Excitement filled his heart as he saw the gate and realized that his efforts had finally paid off!

He stopped in his tracks and didn't move forward anymore. In front of him stood a palace shrouded in gray fog. The surrounding air gave off a feeling of gloom and chills...the aura was too strange.

At the same time, he saw snow-white bones scattered on the ground, and that only increased the eeriness of this place. He also saw various ancient patterns engraved on aged, colorful stones. There were also fragments of rusted Mystical Weapons scattered around that looked like someone had dug them out from some greyish-red mud.

Some of the fragments radiated a delicate light showing their former majesty from times immemorial, while others had marks of dried blood on them without a shred of divinity left over.

"A lot of people must have died here back then, so the palace might not be as safe you think it is. Make sure you are thoroughly prepared before opening it."

Yan Ji, who had kept quiet throughout the journey, finally spoke up and advised Ye Chen. She had noticed the strangeness of their surroundings, and couldn't help but feel uneasy.

It was precisely for this reason that she gave Ye Chen a reminder.

"I already prepared a lot of Pills to deal with the terrifying Devil Qi here, or the Devil Qi would have already corroded my mind..."

"Master, you don't need to say anything — I came prepared!"

Ye Chen didn't give much thought to her words, and took out the Key to open the gate of the inheritance palace. Now that things had come to this point, a word or two from Yan Ji wouldn't be able to stop him.

What's more? Ye Liuli and the others were in a critical situation and fighting against that tide of beasts, so he didn't have the time to give too much thought to all these matters.

Yan Ji couldn't help but sigh when she heard his words, and decided not to speak anymore.

Finished speaking, Ye Chen looked at the Key of the inheritance palace. The Key was an ancient, compass-like thing that appeared to be on the verge of collapse. He had casually bought it from a roadside stall for a few spirit stones at some time.

Ye Chen had never imagined that this broken toy would turn out to be the Key to the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's inheritance!

[Hum!]

Right then, the compass-like key in his hand glowed, and a dazzling light erupted from it. Ye Chen felt something urge him forward, and he felt his head spin as stars passed before his eyes.

Brilliant runes intertwined together and various ancient patterns floated around like clouds. One after another, multicolored rays of divine light blasted out from the compass and landed on the bronze gate in front of him, spreading into eight directions.

Soon, a huge noise rumbled around, and the bronze gate of the palace opened. At the same time, an ancient, mighty aura burst forth from the depths of the palace, and Ye Chen felt as if he was standing before the maw of an ancient devil.

Streams of Spiritual Qi from all over the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm rushed into the palace, and disappeared without a trace, just like a stone sinking into the sea.

The hymns of the Great Dao sounded from inside the palace, giving a fascinating makeover to the gloomy surroundings.

It was as if a supreme existence was preaching the Dao and chanting Heavenly scriptures inside the palace, desiring to help mortals ascend to Heaven.

At the same time, whimpers sounded from the void, accompanied by hoarse cries.

"Hate! Hate! Hate!"

"I hate this! I hate this!"

"Slaughter them!"

"Kill them!"

"Kill! Kill! Kill!"

An extremely monstrous Devil Qi flooded out from the palace.

Ye Chen's face paled, and he almost lost his balance when he saw the scene in the palace. His head buzzed, and blood vessels all over his body popped out and squirmed around. It was as if he had come face to face with an ancient god, and the desire to kneel on the ground clawed at his heart!

A black halberd with an incomparably terrifying Devil Qi pierced through the body of a magnificent figure sitting on the throne inside the palace.

"Where's the inheritance?"

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Ye Chen reacted fast, and his eyes searched through the hall. It wasn't easy for him to walk around, and he could feel his skin crack open with his every movement.

He wondered if this was the might left behind by the master of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm?

His heart palpitated. It was too terrifying! So much so that he felt that it could easily reach into the sky and destroy the stars with a single swat.

"The inheritance is inside the corpse."

The voice of a smiling young man fell into Ye Chen's ears out of nowhere. He froze on his spot, dumbfounded and horrified.

This voice?!

How was it possible?

Ye Chen's eyes widened and his limbs froze. He felt as if he had fallen into an ice cellar, and the coldness chilled his heart and body.

What was going on?

Where did Gu Changge's voice come from so suddenly? How come he hadn't felt his presence in the slightest?

Ye Chen's vague unease finally materialized, and he realized that the matter wasn't as simple as he imagined.

"Gu Changge, why are you here..."

Ye Chen turned around and asked while staring at Gu Changge.

He tried his best to calm himself, for he knew that he couldn't be impulsive at such an important juncture of his life.

"You really are stupid! I have been standing behind you since the beginning. It's just that I decided not to disturb your focus since you were so busy opening that gate for me."

Gu Changge said with a faint smirk, like a cat who had played the mouse.

"As for why I am here? Why don't you ask yourself?"

"By the way, thank you for clearing the path for me!"

He said playfully, and then his eyes full of satisfaction moved away from Ye Chen and landed on the terrifying, pitch-black halberd in the Hall.

It was the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]!

The ultimate reason behind his descent to the Lower Realm.

Just the aura of the halberd satisfied Gu Changge, and he felt as if it could pierce through the Heavens!

Ye Chen, on the other hand, showed an extremely ugly expression. His first thoughts were that Gu Changge had followed behind him from the beginning, and only showed himself now that he had opened the gate of the inheritance palace.

It's just that he couldn't figure out how Gu Changge could achieve something like that?

How could something like that be explained?

'Someone must have leaked my whereabouts...'

'Who around me knows my whereabouts like the back of their hand? The most likely culprit is...Master?'

Ye Chen suddenly thought of this, and his expression worsened. His fists clenched tighter, and his body shook.

Gu Changge, on the other hand, said with the same smile on his face, **"Senior Yan Ji, we haven't seen each other for a long time, so why don't you show yourself?"**

"Master, was it really you?!"

Ye Chen exploded in rage as soon as he heard his words, and, in his anger, took off the ring on his finger.

Chapter 62: Master and Disciple No More; Yan Ji Jumped Ship!

Ye Chen's head buzzed as he met Gu Changge's playful eyes that looked down on him just like one looked down on an ant.

Gu Changge's words almost made him black out, and he couldn't help but almost spit blood. Although he already suspected his Master and thought that she held ulterior motives behind staying with him, there was still a glimmer of hope in his heart.

But now, that glimmer of hope was ruthlessly extinguished by Gu Changge!

This compounded Ye Chen's rage, and he almost threw away the ring in his hand.

Why would Gu Changge use such a friendly tone when talking to his Master if his Master wasn't in cahoots with him?

Obviously, they had gotten tired of the play and no longer wanted to hide anything from him. After all, how else could they explain how Gu Changge found his way to his location, and arrived as quickly as him?

Ye Chen's rage soared higher and higher, and he questioned Yan Ji.

"Did you stop speaking recently out of guilt? I treated you as my Master, yet you colluded with my enemy behind my back and plotted to harm me?"

He ground his teeth and roared out in pain.

Gu Changge couldn't help but praise his wit. Sure enough, just a few words of provocation from him were enough to send Ye Chen down a spiral of explosive rage.

It was great to have a brain, but unfortunately, Ye Chen didn't have one...especially, when his eyes were reddened by flames of hatred and jealousy.

Yan Ji, who had prepared to not take any sides after seeing Gu Changge from inside the ring, was stunned by his words. What did Ye Chen mean by those words?

Although she knew Ye Chen had started to doubt her after the recent events, she didn't think he was this far gone! She had never left the ring, so how could she inform Gu Changge of his whereabouts?

Instead of reflecting on his own actions and self, and seeing if there was something wrong with him, he pushed all his doubts and suspicions on her!

Alas!

Yan Ji's cold personality didn't mean that she lacked other emotions, or couldn't get angry. Right now, she was thoroughly enraged, with a chilling aura spreading around her.

The void trembled for a moment, and she emerged from the ring. Her red dress accentuated her beauty, and made her look like a gorgeous, flaming fairy, but the aura she radiated brought along a bone-chilling cold.

"You disappoint me! I never thought I amounted to so little in your heart. From today on, the relationship between you and me is no more!"

Yan Ji stared at Ye Chen through her blood-red eyes full of frost and disappointment, and uttered those words with complete indifference.

She felt that her years of kindness had all gone to waste.

Even a beast would be more loyal to their master if raised for such a long time. Some times, people could really be worse than beasts!

The rage in Ye Chen's heart flared after listening to Yan Ji, and he glared at her with wrathful eyes.

"The relationship between us already ended on the day you joined hands with Gu Changge to deal with me! Do you think I can't tell you are only showing your true colors now?"

Although he spoke with a sneer, Ye Chen's heart couldn't stop throbbing in pain.

Why? Just why was this happening?

Su Qingge betrayed him, and now, even his Master betrayed him! Could it be that even Ye Liuli would do the same to him?

The Master and Disciple, who had accompanied each other for years, finally reached the point where the rift between them expanded to form an un-fillable chasm.

"Senior Yan Ji, you are still as graceful as before, and your complexion looks even better."

Gu Changge praised with a smile — he seemed to have no idea that the Master and Disciple in front of him were breaking apart.

He had deliberately driven a wedge between the two back then. Although his method wasn't all that clever, it was fatal to the two of them at that time. Ye Chen feared death, while Yan Ji's remnant soul wasn't in a good condition.

Of course, Gu Changge's method had an even greater impact on someone as envious, jealous, and suspicious as Ye Chen.

Gu Changge was a very possessive man. How could any mere Favored Son of Heaven or anyone else stop him if he wanted to take a woman or something else from them?

[Ding! Ye Chen and his Master have finally ended their relationship, and his Fortune Value has fallen below the Lower Ceiling!(1) Ye Chen lost 200 Points of Fortune Value. Host received 1000 Destiny Points!]

[1: When someone's Fortune reaches below the Lower Ceiling, they are close to losing all of their Fortune Value. It's danger level for the Favored Runts.]

Right then, the sound of the System's Prompt sounded in Gu Changge's mind, but he ignored it. After all, everything happened according to his plan.

Since he said back then that he wanted Ye Chen's Master for himself, then he would obviously fulfill his words even if he needed to use some tricks.

Yan Ji turned her gaze towards Gu Changge, and replied in a faint voice, **"Young Lord Gu, you flatter me! It's all thanks to the [Immortal Spirit-Gathering Pill] I received from you, or I wouldn't know how long it would take me to reach this level by just depending on Ye Chen. There's a chance that my remnant soul would dissipate before I could reconstruct my body..."**

Although Gu Changge's words were somewhat provocative, they didn't disgust her.

Ye Chen's performance was all in front of her, so no matter what Gu Changge said now, his words would obviously sound more pleasant to her ears.

Ye Chen's face paled further as he listened to Yan Ji's words, and he turned green in rage. His teeth creaked, and he almost exploded on the spot.

Yan Ji stayed indifferent, and didn't even bother looking at Ye Chen anymore. This disciple had shattered her heart.

Since Ye Chen held no respect or trust in her, and the Master and Disciple relationship between them was already over, there was no way she would bother about him ever again.

Although Ye Chen's words were spoken in an extremely emotional state, they reflected the deepest truth of his heart.

"It seems Ye Chen misunderstood you quite deeply..."

Gu Changge showed an expression of surprise. There was no way he would miss this chance to rub salt on the wound.

Yan Ji deeply looked at him, and said with a shake of her head, **"It's not a misunderstanding...well, it doesn't matter anymore."**

Gu Changge's face showed an expression of regret and self-blame as he heard her words, and he said, **"It seems that my words just now made Ye Chen think that you were the one who leaked his whereabouts to me?"**

Since he needed to pretend to be a gentleman, there was no way he wouldn't. What's more? He knew how to put on a flawless act.

There was no way Gu Changge would let anyone find out the truth right now, or all of his hard work would go to waste. After all, he still wanted to make Ye Chen watch his Master submit to him in front of his eyes.

Gu Changge's words stunned Yan Ji, and the whites in her eyes showed a little red. Compared to Ye Chen's inability to comprehend the truth, Gu Changge's remarks deepened the grievance in her heart further.

"Gu Changge, you fucking bastard! Don't pretend to be a gentleman now! Do you think I don't know you and my Master have been plotting against me since the start? Didn't you only reveal your true faces now because you were waiting for me to open the door of this palace?"

Ye Chen's hatred for Gu Changge already towered above the Heavens. His expression was as cold as a glacier, and his killing intent appeared to be liquefying around him.

At the same time, he pushed the broken compass in his hands to work faster. As the Key of this inheritance palace, it had the ability to control the formations and traps inside the Secret Realm.

With the formations and his own strength, dealing with a mere Gu Changge, who was suppressed to the Great-Transcendent Realm, wouldn't be a problem. There was a high chance he would come out on the top!

'Hoh! He's not completely stupid.'

Gu Changge glanced at Ye Chen, but couldn't be bothered by his actions.

With his expression unchanged, he muttered to himself with a tone full of pity, **"You have such a beautiful Master, yet you keep breaking her heart instead of cherishing her existence!"**

"Back then, when I tried to win her over, she refused to join me because of you! It's truly rare to find a woman as wonderful and caring as her."

"She didn't give up on you when you were at your lowest in life, so what could she obtain by plotting against you now?"

"Now that you have found a mighty inheritance, and realized that she isn't all that useful to you, you decided to throw her away?"

"As for your whereabouts? Why don't you use that brain of yours and think a bit deeply? Why do you think I let you prance around for so long?"

"Ye Chen, ah, Ye Chen! Tell me, do you not deserve to die after all of this?"

Gu Changge said with a playful smirk.

Swatting Ye Chen to death with a single slap wasn't as interesting as playing with him slowly and steadily. Breaking hearts before killing was far more fun than simply killing someone.

He had mixed the truth with the lies so much that Ye Chen would never be able to tell them apart.

"Young Lord Gu, please don't say anymore..."

Yan Ji's eyes reddened further. She never expected Gu Changge to understand her so well. His words dissipated the chill and sadness in her heart to an extent, and she felt her heart move.

Had she followed Young Lord Gu back when he asked her in the dungeon, wouldn't she not have to suffer such heartbreak today?

Maybe, it wasn't too late for her yet? If Young Lord Gu was okay with it, couldn't she follow him...now?

"Gu Changge, shut your damn trap! I never had any intention like that — you are uttering bullsh!t that has no basis!"

Ye Chen's face paled and he couldn't help but roar out to hide his emotions. Gu Changge's words were simple, but he had no way to refute him. His words were like a knife stabbing through his heart!

Especially, his last sentence about him finding an inheritance and not needing his Master anymore. Did he really think so little of his Master just because she was a remnant spirit?

Ye Chen's head buzzed!

That sentence seemed to tear off the fake mask covering his heart. Didn't he want to keep his Master by his side simply because he desired to possess her?

"Young Lord Gu, if you are alright with Yan Ji, then Yan Ji would like to follow you in the future..."

Right then, Yan Ji opened her mouth once more, and the words that rolled off her tongue made Ye Chen's head almost explode. His face turned green.

"B!t..."

Ye Chen almost cursed out.

[Smack!]

Gu Changge slapped out before Ye Chen could finish his filthy words. Brilliant runes condensed and turned into a golden, spinning disc that caused Ye Chen to spit out a mouthful of blood.

It was still the same as before — he couldn't put up a shred of resistance in front of Gu Changge!

"You speak too much."

Gu Changge glanced at him with his aloof and indifferent expression, as if he was looking down on an ant from high above.

"This Gu naturally welcomes you if you are willing to follow this Gu, Senior Yan Ji!"

Gu Changge turned his face towards Yan Ji, and spoke with a smile as gentle as a spring breeze. At the same time, another System Prompt sounded in his mind.

[Ding! Yan Ji has changed over to your side! You received 400 Points of Fortune Value and 2000 Destiny Points!]

He actually received 400 Points of Fortune Value! This haul wasn't small.

Gu Changge couldn't help but exclaim in his heart; he felt wonderful right now.

If someone as foolish as Ye Chen didn't exist, he would need to spend a lot of time and effort to get someone like Yan Ji on his side. But now, all he needed to do was to add fuel to the fire, and take advantage of the rift that already existed between Yan Ji and Ye Chen.

"If Young Lord Gu is alright with it, then please call me Yan Ji from now on. Senior and whatever doesn't sound all that appropriate."

Yan Ji's heart was further moved when Gu Changge readily accepted her. She was worried that Gu Changge might not accept her right now.

Considering that people of her kind had a lifespan far longer than humans, she wasn't all that older than him if they converted her age to human age. She felt weird to be called Senior by him.

"Alright, I will call you Yan Ji from now on. This is what you said."

Gu Changge smiled and gave her the feeling of talking to a graceful Young Lord. At the same time, he took out a piece of crystal clear, radiant jade that he had prepared long ago. Brilliant runes and exhilarating divinity could be felt from the jade. n0VELus&.c0m

Since he was doing something, then he would obviously make sure to go above and beyond in it's execution.

"[Deity-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade]?"

Yan Ji immediately recognized the jade in his hands, and exclaimed in shock and amazement, **"Young Lord Gu's heart is incredibly vast and generous!"**

"How can I let you stay in a broken ring?"

Gu Changge said with a smile. Since he was a rich, handsome, and magnanimous man from the Upper Realm, then he would naturally act like one, too!

The preciousness of the [Deity-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade] could be seen just from its name. As for its value? It could easily be exchanged for a few Celestial-grade Artifacts.

"Thank you, Young Lord!"

Yan Ji's figure turned into a phantom as she left the ring, and a wisp of red smoke soon entered the [Deity-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade].

Her face couldn't help but turn red as she arrived inside. She had never enjoyed such treatment during her time with Ye Chen.

Ye Chen, who was lying on the ground like a beaten dog, felt enraged and frustrated as he watched Gu Changge change his face faster than a man turned a page. He almost went crazy as he listened to the exchange between the two who treated him like thin air.

"Gu Changge..."

Ye Chen's eyes turned completely red. No matter what, he would use the Key of the Secret Realm and fight Gu Changge to death!

Chapter 63: Title at the End.

[Hum!]

Innumerable brilliant runes flickered at the gate of the inheritance palace. Various vein-like rays converged together from all directions, and released an oppressive aura.

"I will kill you!"

Ye Chen roared. His eyes had turned red, and he resembled a ferocious beast who couldn't wait to devour the world.

The Key of the Secret Realm was his trump card. It could control all the formations and mechanisms inside the inheritance palace.

He couldn't bear to watch Gu Changge have an intimate conversation with Yan Ji, who was his Master just a while ago.

Gu Changge behaved like he was above the world, and everything he took out was a treasure he (Ye Chen) had never even heard about. He, on the other hand, was like a poor bloke in front of Gu Changge.

Ye Chen felt as if he were a beggar watching a prince show off and steal his woman right in front of him!

How could Ye Chen bear such humiliation?

Worse still? Yan Ji was a peerless beauty whose glamour no one could doubt, and she had personally taught him for many years. Instead of a Master, he treated her as his woman.

After all, he was a hot-blooded youth, so it was obvious that he held certain '*unspeakable*' emotions towards Yan Ji, his gorgeous Master.

Even if Yan Ji had betrayed him, and ended the Master and Disciple relationship between them, he still wouldn't allow her to throw herself into Gu Changge's arms so quickly, and right in front of his eyes.

"DIE FOR ME!"

The red in his eyes deepened, and his heart burned with flames of jealousy. Right now, he could no longer give a damn about the inheritance or whatever tide of ferocious beasts — he only cared about killing Gu Changge!

He wanted to obliterate this enemy who took everything from him!

[Boom!]

A terrifying aura surged in the palace, as if a savage beast had awakened, and violent rays of light burst out from the ground. These rays of light gathered in the sky, and condensed into a ferocious might ready to obliterate Gu Changge.

This was Ye Chen's mightiest blow, and even existences of the Saint Realm wouldn't be able to survive after taking a hit.

One had to know that no one in this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm could exert might beyond the Great-Transcendent Realm, and Gu Changge was no exception to this rule. This was Ye Chen's greatest reliance!

"The Key in Ye Chen's hand can control the formations and mechanisms in this palace. The power behind them is extremely ferocious, so Young Lord should act with care."

Yan Ji reminded Gu Changge to be careful after seeing the scene before her, afraid that he might suffer due to his lack of information.

Right now, the way she looked at Ye Chen was completely different. She had already figured everything out — Ye Chen never regarded her as his Master from the beginning to the end; he had always treated her as his personal possession!

Now that the relationship between them was over, she would naturally regard Gu Changge's enemy as her own enemy, and Ye Chen was one of those now. That was the nature of her race! Once they set their hearts on someone or something, they wouldn't budge.

Before, she was Ye Chen's Master, so she would always help him, and make him increase his cultivation with all her heart. But now, she was on GU Changge's side, so she would naturally consider whatever was the best for Gu Changge.

"These toys here can't stop me; Ye Chen can't make any waves before me!"

Gu Changge replied with a smile without paying any attention to Ye Chen's actions. As his words fell, a jet-black Dharma Incarnate[1] appeared behind him. Although its cultivation base was limited to the Peak Stage of the Great-Transcendent Realm, its aura was nothing short of a mighty Ancient God's!

[1: something like an illusory Spiritual Puppet that can fight for you.]

As Gu Changge threw a fist, the jet-black Dharma Incarnate behind him also threw a fist! Immediately, a terrifying might erupted, and the void around the rumbled.

[Puff!]

The condensed blow of light made of runes and patterns slammed towards Gu Changge, but his Dharma Incarnate's punch obliterated it! All the patterns and runes vanished into thin smoke without a trace.

His fearsome punch shocked Yan Ji. She realized that she had sorely underestimated Gu Changge's strength. How could he, the Young Lord of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, be similar to ordinary people with ordinary means?

"How is this possible..."

A powerful backlash hit Ye Chen, and he spewed a mouthful of blood with a loud scream. At the same time, he flew back like a broken kite, covered in blood.

He couldn't believe the outcome!

The power he summoned using the inheritance palace's Key, formations, and all mechanisms was smashed to smithereens with a single punch from a mere Dharma Incarnate!

What's more? He wasn't even going all out, and the might he used was still under the limitations set by the Secret Realm, yet it obliterated his trump card with a single punch.

[Kacha! Crack!]

What gave Ye Chen a deeper shock was the fact that the dilapidated compass in his hands showed many cracks, and then shattered!

That was to say: *'he would have already turned into meat paste if the Key of the inheritance palace hadn't blocked most of Gu Changge's might!'*

Chills went down Ye Chen's back as this realization hit him.

Gu Changge's true strength was far beyond his imagination. Even though he was suppressed to the Great-Transcendent Realm, Ye Chen estimated that he could still easily slaughter Saint Realm cultivators with a few swats.

Ye Chen's heart froze in shock, and he couldn't help but shiver and stand rooted to his spot.

"You have played around enough, and now is the time for you to go off to the next world, Little Leek..."

Gu Changge casually dictated his fate.

[Hum!]

Gu Changge slapped out again, and the Dharma Incarnate behind him followed with a slap of its own that expanded and obscured everything in front of him (Ye Chen)! The void rumbled, and his expression showed clear indifference as if he was a god who could crush anything and everything.

"Impossible! How can I possibly die here..."

Despair clouded Ye Chen's eyes, and shivers went down his spine as he watched the palm get bigger and bigger. Right now, he couldn't even move as the oppressive might heading towards him had already suppressed him.

He had always believed himself to be a mighty youth, but before Gu Changge's palm, he found himself to be as small as an ant that had no ability to resist!

He was going to die today!

All of his trump cards and tricks had failed in the face of absolute strength!

"Stop! Gu Changge!"

Right at this moment, a cold cry arrived from the outside.

Somehow, Ye Liuli broke away from the tide of beasts and rushed over to this place just in time to see Gu Changge slapping out to squash Ye Chen to death.

[Shua!]

An extremely splendid sword light containing wisps of sharp sword intent slashed out, to sever everything in its path!

She wanted to save Ye Chen at all costs!

Ye Liuli was in the Saint Realm. Although she was suppressed at the Great-Transcendent Realm in the Secret Realm, her combat power of the Great-Transcendent Realm was stronger than ordinary cultivators. She was sure she could stop Gu Changge.

[Puff!]

However, she was shocked to see that her sword was like a ball of mud sinking into the sea when it slashed at the pitch-black hand of Gu Changge's Dharma Incarnate!

'How is this possible...'

'My Realm is no different from Gu Changge's, so why can't I even cut off his Dharma Incarnate's hand...'

Disbelief filled Ye Liuli's eyes.

Her snow-white long sword wasn't made of some run-of-the-mill materials either. It was crafted with Divine Gold, and her swordsmanship technique was the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan's extremely mighty Sword Art that was commended even in the Upper Realm.

She could easily obliterate Saint Realm cultivators with a single slash of her sword, but Gu Changge didn't even budge at her attack!

"You arrived right at time."

Gu Changge watched her with a playful expression. Then, he changed his slapping motion to a grabbing one, and his Dharma Incarnate's hand directly grabbed Ye Chen and raised him in the air.

It was as if he was holding onto a bug!

"Liuli..."

Ye Chen's face paled inside the suffocating hold, and he couldn't help but call out to Ye Liuli while struggling desperately for freedom. Unfortunately, he couldn't get away.

This was the might of Gu Changge's [Myriad Changes Demonic Physique]. Let alone the current Ye Chen, even if he was allowed to break through to another Great Realm, he still wouldn't be able to break free from Gu Changge's hold.

Ye Chen knew well that only Ye Liuli could save him now.

[Cough! Puff!]

Unfortunately, as soon as he opened his mouth, Gu Changge tightened his hold around him. Ye Chen couldn't help but spew even more blood and struggle harder for freedom.

Yan Ji watched everything with a calm expression, without a shred of sympathy for Ye Chen.

He had brought this upon himself.

She had advised him to give up on his revenge and hatred, but he never listened to her. He was reaping the fruit of his own stubbornness and ego!

"What is it? Do you want to save him?"

Gu Changge gazed at Ye Liuli with a light smile. He wasn't surprised to see her arrive here so fast even when there were so many demons attacking her. After all, she was the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan, so she must have a lot of techniques and treasures on her that could easily solve a bunch of weak beasts like those in a flash.

Of course, the most important thing is that Gu Changge was sure she would arrive here in the nick of time somehow.

With Ye Chen in his grasp, he could make good use of her and squeeze out the final Fortune Value on this fat leek.

"Gu Changge, stop this instant, and let Brother Ye Chen go! Just say what you want in return..."

Ye Liuli uttered with a frosty tone. Gu Changge's expression showed her that he had a plan for her, but it was impossible for her to watch her Brother Ye Chen die right before her eyes.

From what she knew of Gu Changge's character, he would most likely threaten her with Ye Chen's life and ask for something. Alas! Gu Changge was too strong for her, so she couldn't deal with him using normal means.

At first, she had some hope for her Brother Ye Chen, and thought that she should also put her trust in him since he was so confident...she had never thought she would watch her Brother Ye Chen almost get slapped to death by Gu Changge the moment she arrived.

Ye Liuli had no idea on how to resolve this issue.

"Can I ask for anything?"

An expression of intrigue appeared on Gu Changge's face, and he asked back.

Ye Liuli glared daggers at him, and replied, **"I am willing to do anything as long as you spare Brother Ye Chen! Of course, your request mustn't be too excessive..."**

"Wait, wait, wait! Right now, you are the one begging me, and not the other way around, so who are you to decide the conditions?"

Gu Changge raised his eyebrows and interrupted her speech, still with an expression of indifference on his face.

"If you don't even understand this much, then don't even think about saving Ye Chen."

As his words fell, a smile appeared on his handsome visage, accentuating his charm. At the same time, the hand of his Dharma Incarnate clenched even tighter. Ye Chen spewed another mouthful of blood, but his face showed an unyielding expression of hatred and rage.

Gu Changge's handsome, gentlemanly appearance fell into Ye Liuli's eyes, but to her, he was no different from a fierce devil, so her expression turned even colder.

"Liuli, don't listen to him! I won't let you beg him even if I have to die!"

Ye Chen decided to show some backbone at this time, and glared at Gu Changge with an unyielding expression. It was as if he was telling Gu Changge that he would tear off a piece of his flesh even if he died today!

"Did I allow you to speak?"

Gu Changge glanced at him with an indifferent expression.

[Puff!]

Ye Chen spewed blood as he was crushed again — he felt suffocated!

"Just say what you want to let Brother Ye Chen go? I will do it as long as it's within my ability."

Ye Liuli glared daggers at Gu Changge, and spoke with a stubborn tone.

"It's very simple. You merely need to open your Sea of Consciousness and let me imprint a Slave Seal inside."

Gu Changge's expression remained unchanged, and he uttered his remark as if it was something minor.

But, as soon as Ye Chen heard his words, his expression fell. Once a Slave Seal was imprinted in someone's Sea of Consciousness, they would end up as a slave for the rest of their life, and would never be able to go against the one who imprinted the Seal. n0VElusB.com

The price was simply too high!

Would Ye Liuli even agree? He was at a loss for words, and a hint of struggle appeared in his expression...

"Liuli, don't accept his condition! I would rather die..."

Ye Chen couldn't help but scream loudly. Obviously, he didn't want to die! He wanted revenge, so he couldn't die here no matter what.

And to survive, he knew that he couldn't show his fear of death and greed for life, or Ye Liuli might hesitate in saving him. Ye Chen didn't really want to trick Ye Liuli like this, but he knew he wouldn't survive otherwise.

Gu Changge would most definitely kill him.

He was in great pain, and didn't know why he ended up in such dire straits today. All of this was Gu Changge's fault!

"Imprint a Slave Seal? Gu Changge, you are truly audacious! But, alright, I am willing to let you do it if it can save Brother Ye Chen's life."

Ye Liuli was relieved when she heard Gu Changge's words. On the surface, she showed an extremely enraged and unwilling expression, and even quietened down for a moment before taking in a deep breath and agreeing to his proposition.

She believed that her act could deceive Gu Changge. After all, her Ancient Immortal Ye Clan was a primordial heritage that was well-versed in countering Seals and Arts of even primordial gods. Slave Seals were their specialty, and only the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan's direct descendants knew about this secret.

Even if Gu Changge had calculated everything, he mustn't have thought this one through. She had a way to get rid of the Slave Seal!

Plant a Slave Seal; It Won't Work!

Chapter 64: Take an Oath; Massive Haul!

Ye Liuli's idea wasn't all that sophisticated.

She couldn't allow Gu Changge to kill Ye Chen, nor could she agree to any excessive conditions from Gu Changge. Just when she was thinking on how to solve this issue, Gu Changge asked her to open her Sea of Consciousness and let him imprint a Slave Seal inside.

She was enraged the moment she heard his words, but then she remembered that a mere Slave Seal was nothing before her Ancient Immortal Ye Clan.

To make sure Gu Changge couldn't guess anything from her expressions, she put on a show of unwillingness and struggle in front of him. After all, to hide something from someone as cunning as Gu Changge, one had to think deeply and put in effort.

Ye Chen's heart moved when he heard Ye Liuli's words, and he felt guilty. Just now, because of his fear of death, he had deliberately pretended to be an unyielding man to deceive her.

After he planted the Slave Seal in her Sea of Consciousness, won't Ye Liuli end up as Gu Changge's possession? Ye Chen felt extreme discomfort and pain in his heart when he thought about this.

He didn't want to see something like that happen, but he had no choice. After all, who would want to see their affectionate, childhood sweetheart-cum-cousin become a slave of their enemy? Unless, of course, if they had something wrong with their brain...

"Hoh! I am surprised to see you agree so readily. To think the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan would surrender her Sea of Consciousness and willingly become a slave for someone as pathetic as this Ye Chen..."

"If I were your father, I might have slapped you to death already."

Gu Changge mocked with a casual smile, and didn't show any signs of wanting to let go of Ye Chen.

"You don't need to worry about those matters. I promise to open my Sea of Consciousness for your Slave Seal, but you must also take a Heavenly Oath that you won't try to hunt or kill Brother Ye Chen. If you violate this Oath, the Devil will devour your heart and your cultivation will be destroyed!"

Ye Liuli glared at Gu Changge and made it clear to him that she will only open her Sea of Consciousness after he took the Heavenly Oath. There was no way she would back down even an inch on this requirement — who knew what other tricks this Gu Changge might have up his sleeves?

After all, the Sea of Consciousness was the source of a cultivator's existence. One could rebuild a shattered Dantian, but a messed up Sea of Consciousness could easily spell their doom.

What's more? The Sea of Consciousness was also the place where all of a cultivator's secrets (thoughts and memories) were hidden. Opening one's Sea of Consciousness and letting someone inside was the same as giving them complete knowledge of your deepest secrets.

Ye Liuli had no choice but to resort to this. It was impossible for her to watch Ye Chen die at Gu Changge's hands right in front of her.

"You want me to take a Heavenly Oath? Alright."

Gu Changge's expression showed no change, and he readily repeated Ye Liuli's words of Oath, **"... If I violate this Oath, may my heart be devoured by the Devil, and all of my cultivation be obliterated!"**

Everything was going far too well. Ye Liuli couldn't help but frown as she couldn't figure out what was going through Gu Changge's mind.

She felt disturbed, and wondered if she was simply thinking too much?

Could someone as sinister and cunning as Gu Changge really fall for her tricks so easily?

"I have already taken the Heavenly Oath, so shouldn't you be opening your Sea of Consciousness right about now?"

Gu Changge asked with a faint tone, and his expression appeared to be sincere without any hidden meaning. Ye Liuli couldn't find anything wrong with his words and actions. *novelusb.com*

Gritting her teeth, she closed her eyes and opened her Sea of Consciousness for him.

[Hum!]

Immediately, a pitch-black light flashed past Gu Changge's pupils, and turned into a demonic [Great Dao Treasured Bottle]. Like a brilliant rune, the [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] moved through the void and plunged into the depths of Ye Liuli's Sea of Consciousness.

It was so quick that she didn't even have a chance to respond.

"What happened?"

Ye Liuli frowned due to a strange feeling, but she couldn't tell where that feeling came from? Had he already imprinted the Slave Seal? How come she didn't see Gu Changge do anything?

What kind of sorcery was this? She couldn't feel the slightest shackle or seal inside her Sea of Consciousness, and questioned if he had even imprinted his Slave Seal in there?

Also, why did she feel as if she desired to surrender herself to Gu Changge? The sudden feeling left Ye Liuli in a fluster, and she couldn't help but wonder if she had fallen in love or something?

"It's naturally the promised Slave Seal."

Right then, a strange smile appeared on Gu Changge's face as he spoke.

Ye Liuli frowned in response, **"Why don't I feel anything then?"**

Gu Changge stared at her with a smile, and asked, **"Tell me how you would like to feel?"**

Ye Liuli's heart sank and her face showed an ugly expression. She didn't speak anymore. Matters had devolved far beyond her control.

Could it be that she could no longer hate Gu Changge?

Although creating that [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] wasn't easy for Gu Changge, he didn't think using it on Ye Liuli was a waste.

It was the Secret Art used to control people recorded in the forbidden inheritance of the [Immortal-Devouring Demon Art].

It's just that after it fell into Gu Changge's hands, it ended up even more terrifying than before. He directly condensed the Secret Art's power into a rune that resembled a [Great Dao Treasured Bottle].

Although the process to create it was troublesome, the [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] that came out was far better than the original, and it couldn't even be discovered when used. He could directly plant it inside the other party's Sea of Consciousness without them feeling anything, as long as they willingly opened their Sea of Consciousness before him.

As for a Slave Seal? Those were merely low-level trash.

Gu Changge's [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] was hundreds of times better than a Slave Seal, so much so that they couldn't even be compared.

As for why he used it? There was no way Gu Changge couldn't guess Ye Liuli's sneaky plot. After all, the Ancient Immortal Ye Clan was a behemoth in the Upper Realm. Getting rid of a measly Slave Seal wouldn't be all that hard for them.

He naturally called it a Slave Seal to fool Ye Liuli.

She thought she was smart, but in Gu Changge's eyes, she was a naive thing that overestimated its wit.

'Now that the mind-controlling demonic bottle is inside her Sea of Consciousness, it won't be long before she forgets about today's incident. Unless a peerless powerhouse looks through her Sea of Consciousness, or something else goes wrong, there will be no way someone would find it...'

'Over time, she will become nothing more than a submissive slave of mine.'

Satisfaction filled Gu Changge's heart as he thought about this. When he did some calculations, he realized that he had earned a lot today!

"Gu Changge, you should release Brother Ye Chen now, right?"

Ye Liuli said with a glare targeted at Gu Changge. The fact that she couldn't feel the existence of the Slave Seal brought deep unease to her heart.

"What did you call me?"

Gu Changge glared back at her.

Ye Liuli felt her head buzz, and thought that her mind was about to explode. She was left in a trance, and felt as if an ancient god was looking down on her. With a deep fear clawing at her heart, she uttered involuntarily, **"Master..."**

Ye Liuli was stunned as soon as the word rolled off her tongue, and wondered why she had suddenly uttered that when she didn't even intend to?

She was left stupefied.

"Gu Changge, what did you do to Liuli?!"

Ye Chen's anxiety deepened, and his face paled further, as he saw the scene in front of him. He couldn't believe what his eyes were seeing! Did his beloved cousin really call Gu Changge her Master?

What was going on?

His head buzzed, and he couldn't accept this reality.

"You are about to die, but your bullsh!t won't stop."

Gu Changge gave Ye Chen a dismissive glance. The System had already informed him in his mind that Ye Chen's Fortune Value had been cleared. He could now kill him and obtain a Heavenly Reward!

[Creak! Puff!]

Gu Changge didn't wait anymore, and the palm of his Dharma Incarnate tightened its hold around Ye Chen.

"Liuli, save me..."

Ye Chen's eyes widened in panic, despair, and disbelief as Gu Changge crushed him to death. He didn't even know when he died, and couldn't understand how Gu Changge could do it?

Was Gu Changge not afraid of receiving the Heavenly Oath's backlash by killing him? Was he not afraid of having his heart devoured by a Devil? Was he not afraid of having all his cultivation destroyed?

Of course, Gu Changge didn't give a damn about some bullshit Oath. What nonsense was that? Wasn't it just sending him nourishment?

As for losing his cultivation? He couldn't give one damn about that — he could always use Destiny Points to get it back.

After all, how could he let such a fat Favored Son of Heaven fly away from his plate right in front of his eyes? How could he let go of the Heavenly Rewards he would gain from devouring him?

Won't all of his hard work over such a long time go to waste?

Gu Changge would never accept such a loss.

"Gu Changge, you..."

Ye Liuli was stunned by the scene in front of her, and couldn't regain her senses for a while. She had trusted his Oath, yet he went back on his words immediately afterwards!

She didn't even know how to curse Gu Changge's shamelessness.

'I must avenge Brother Ye Chen...'

Ye Liuli's consciousness blanked as this thought crossed her mind, and she realized that she couldn't muster any killing intent towards Gu Changge.

It had to be the work of that Slave Seal he planted in her Sea of Consciousness just now!

Ye Liuli's heart chilled, and she felt deep fear. She couldn't control her own actions and thoughts, even though she knew there was something wrong with her.

As for Yan Ji? She had nothing to say even though she watched everything transpire. Gu Changge now appeared even more heroic in her eyes. After all, breaking a mere Heavenly Oath was nothing big if one's aspirations were grand enough!

Besides, Ye Chen was already intent on killing Gu Changge. She couldn't bring herself to persuade Gu Changge to let Ye Chen off after knowing all that.

Naturally, Gu Changge didn't give a hoot about Ye Liuli's opinion of him. Since his demonic bottle was already inside her Sea of Consciousness, her thoughts about him no longer mattered.

Right then, a System Prompt rang in his mind.

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

[Ding! Congratulations, Host! You have received a Heavenly Dao Reward Chest, 200 Points of Fortune Value, and 1000 Destiny Points!]

'Use [System's Reward Calculations Multiplication Card]!'

Gu Change commanded after taking out the item from the System's Warehouse. This happened to be a good time to use the [System's Reward Calculations Multiplication Card].

[Ding! System's Reward Calculations Multiplication Card used successfully! Congratulations, Host! Your reward has been increased by five times!]

[Ding! The current rewards have automatically been multiplied...]

[Ding! After the final calculation, your reward has been increased to 1000 Points of Fortune Value and 5000 Destiny Points!]

'Open the Heavenly Dao Reward Chest!'

Gu Change said in his mind.

He wanted to know what kind of stuff will come out this time. The last time, he received the Villain's Halo, and that helped him solve the issue of Fortune Backlash due to a disparity in his and the Favored Children's strength.

What will he receive this time?

He looked forward to the rewards.

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

[Ding! Congratulations, Host, for having great fortune! You have received: One-Third Fragment of a World Seed x1 | Void Essence x1!]

Gu Change slightly raised his eyebrows. He had received another [One-Third Fragment of a World Seed], and collected all three, so he should be able to refine it and nourish a world inside his body.

As for the [Void Essence]? He wondered about its utility.

Gu Change immediately checked its introduction, and his eyes couldn't help but light up.

'The Void Essence comes from the Void Physique that contains the power to control the Void however it pleases...'

'Sure enough, it's good stuff. At least, it's much better than that whatever [God King's Heart] from last time.'

Gu Change couldn't help but praise the reward, and directly chose to absorb it. A feeling of warmth surged through his body, and the boundless power of the Void filled his bones and limbs.

This process didn't last long, and Gu Change soon opened his eyes. Immediately, he felt that he and the Void around him had a certain resonance between them.

The power of the Void — it can allow one to attack, defend, and escape!

After that, Gu Change called out for his Attribute Panel. His Fortune Value and Destiny points had skyrocketed after this massive haul.

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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: 9000

Fortune Value: 1880 (Dark)

System Shop: Open

Warehouse:

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Chapter 65: Heart of Righteousness; Gu Changge Feeling Offended!

The brand new Attributes Panel brought great satisfaction to Gu Changge's heart. The leek he raised for so long brought him a fat harvest just like he desired.

He now had almost ten thousand Destiny Points, and close to two thousand Points of Fortune Value. In addition to these, he also got other haul.

He could now do a lot more, and put many of his plans into action. Of course, the most important matter right now was for him to fulfill his purpose behind descending to the Lower Realm.

Ye Chen had already cleared the path for him, and the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] was his to take now!

As for the inheritance of Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm? It didn't matter to Gu Changge all that much. Only a minor character like Ye Chen would care about a Quasi-Supreme's inheritance. As a Young Lord from a prominent family in the Upper Realm, he didn't lack inheritances of mighty beings. What's more? He also had the System to jack him up!

'According to the description of the Heavenly Rewards, the Void Essence should be related to Ye Chen[1]. Did that Ye Chen have some latent Physique or some other Mystical Talent?'

'Well, it doesn't matter now even if he did!'

[1: The Heavenly Reward Chest gives a random thing + something related to the Favored Child of Heaven killed by Gu Changge.]

Gu Changge thought about it and then dismissed the matter. After that, he felt his current control over the Void. Not only could this new ability help him fight against others, but it could also help him escape and hide when he might be in dire straits.

After all, the power to control the Void was the power to control Space itself. Not many forces had studied it even in the Upper Realm. All the Mystical Abilities related to Space were extremely mysterious and mighty.

Gu Changge could use this ability as one of his minor trump cards.

'I should keep the World Seed's fragments for now, and refine them later when I have time. I should have more means to successfully refine and nourish a world inside my body at that time...'

Gu Changge decided in his mind, and then swept his gaze across the palace's hall. A light of satisfaction appeared in his eyes when his gaze landed on the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. It was the reason behind his descent to the Lower Realm, after all.

The ferocious Devil Qi coming out from the Halberd stirred his Devil Heart, and he felt a deep connection to between his Origin and the Halberd. Gu Changge couldn't suppress his desire to possess this supreme, evil weapon.

Once he obtained the weapon, he would have another trump card to rely on when he returned to the Upper Realm; he wouldn't need to spend so much effort on schemes and underhanded means.

"Gu Changge, what did you do to me?"

Ye Liuli's roar sounded from the side, and interrupted Gu Changge's thoughts on how he could obtain the Halberd as soon as possible. She was struggling with an extremely complicated expression on her face. Confusion, rage, and coldness masked her face, but if there was one thing missing, then that would be hatred.

She knew that she should have hatred for him, but for some reason, whenever she thought about hating Gu Changge, a deep fear would grip her heart as if she was facing a Heavenly Tribulation!

This feeling put her through extreme pain and struggle.

This was definitely because of Gu Changge's sorcery! She regretted her actions, and wondered why she was dumb enough to think she could outwit Gu Changge and play him? In the end, Gu Changge played her, and she was merely dancing in the palm of his hand.

"What did you call me?"

Gu Changge glanced at her with a playful smirk.

To be honest, he wasn't all that interested in Ye Liuli. The only reason he bothered with her was her identity. As the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, she was the one most favored by their Patriarch. As long as he used her well, he could get a lot of benefits from the Ancient Immortal Ye Family with his identity as the Young Master of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.

Why else would he bother keeping Ye Liuli?

Ye Liuli's head buzzed again at Gu Changge's words full of indifference. The previous daze took over her again, and she felt as if she was standing before an ancient god as Gu Changge's indifferent eyes kept staring at her.

Her very soul trembled, and she couldn't help but submit herself before him.

"Master..."

Ye Liuli felt great humiliation as the word left her mouth, and tears welled up in her eyes. He was the enemy who had murdered her Brother Ye Chen, yet here she was, calling him *'Master.'*

She couldn't bear this shame, but she had no way to stop herself.

Ye Liuli wanted the earth to explode and swallow her whole. She had only suffered humiliation and setbacks ever since she met Gu Changge! Nothing good had come out from her encounter with him.

'Young Lord's thoughts and means are completely beyond Ye Chen's. Ye Chen would have never made a comeback, or have had his revenge, against Young Lord Gu in this life!'

Yan Ji couldn't help but think this in her heart after watching everything that transpired. Then, her figure turned into a wisp of light and she returned inside the [Deity-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade].

The [Divine-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade] was incomparably more precious and beneficial to her, compared to some ordinary ring. Not only did it kept her remnant spirit warm, but it also nourished it and strengthened her Primordial Spirit. Even for God Kings, it was a treasure that they would keep close to their person at all times.

It's just that Gu Changge put multiple layers of shackles and restrictions on the [Spirit Nourishing Jade]. Yan Ji couldn't spy on the outside world through the Jade, unless he allowed it.

After all, he hated the fact that all these *'Grandpas'* had the ability to watch everything that went on the outside world. They would watch the Protagonists at all times, and the Protagonists would have no privacy or secrets.

Gu Changge made sure to make the restrictions as watertight as possible, and took into consideration every aspect. Yan Ji knew this, but she wasn't bothered by the restrictions. After all, she wasn't someone who liked to spy on someone else's secrets.

What's more? Someone with Gu Changge's identity would most certainly have many secrets. It was reasonable for Gu Changge to do this much, and she also didn't want Gu Changge to have any suspicion towards her.

What's more? The [Deity-grade Spirit Nourishing Jade] wasn't a prison. As long as she willed, she could leave it at any time and show up in the outside world.

This further moved Yan Ji's heart as Gu Changge had put a lot of thought and care into giving her a comfortable and leisurely environment with complete freedom. This was treatment that she would never receive from Ye Chen!

She immediately sat inside the Jade and started to strengthen her spirit.

In the ring, she could only float around in a daze, with nothing to do. But now, she could use the powers of the Jade to nourish and cultivate her remnant spirit. The two treatments were as different as Heaven and Earth, and only when one experienced both for themselves, would they understand their disparity.

'To be able to so-easily pierce the body of a Quasi-Supreme, and bring chaos to all the worlds, this [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] must be a Supreme-grade Artifact, or higher...'

'It seems I will need to use some tricks to possess it...'

'I wonder if I can refine it by simply using Destiny Points...after all, Destiny Points can increase cultivation base and comprehension, so this shouldn't be impossible either...'

Gu Changge was already thinking up of plans to conquer the Halberd when he walked further into the palace.

[Boom!]

A terrifying pressure that could shake one's very soul descended upon him, giving him a feeling of an ancient god looking down on him, but Gu Changge completely ignored it.

The [Innate God's Temple] in his Sea of Consciousness reverberated, and the gaze of the shadowy figure inside it cut through the void to stare at whatever stood before him!

[Hum!]

An even stronger pressure descended upon him, and Gu Changge wondered if it was the aura left behind by the creator of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm before his death, or the might of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]? Either way, he felt as if the aura could obliterate the Heavens!

Gu Changge's Devil Heart surged at this moment, and a pitch-black, demonic shadow appeared behind him as his devilish nature unleashed itself.

Ghostly knells and chants sounded from all the corners of the world, as if the devils everywhere were welcoming their Lord! The origin of his aura resonated with the Devil Qi in the surroundings, and the pressure of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] pressing down on him disappeared to a great extent.

This relaxed Gu Changge, and he appeared at the core of the palace within a few steps.

[Hum!]

Right at this moment, however, sudden change occurred. The body that was pierced by the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd], and nailed to the palace's throne, suddenly trembled and released terrifying fluctuations in the surroundings.

A ray of brilliant light shone around the body, and a silhouette appeared above it, as if the corpse was about to resurrect.

"It turns out that the inheritance was left behind like this. It's good that I killed Ye Chen first, or I would be in some trouble..."

Gu Changge frowned and stopped in his tracks.

Anyone could tell that there was something wrong with this place. Normally, there were only two possibilities for a millenniums-old corpse's resurrection: *'One is that the corpse isn't a corpse, or there's a remnant spirit left behind to pass on the inheritance.'*

No matter which one the case was for this Quasi-Supreme, it spelled danger for Gu Changge.

He hadn't come here to accept the inheritance, instead, he was here to refine and bring away the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. In other words, he was here to destroy the seal set by the Secret Realm's owner.

Since the Secret Realm's owner still had a remnant spirit left, how could he allow him to do as he pleased?

It didn't take long for Gu Changge to figure all of this out.

According to the normal plot progression, the Favored Son of Heaven would obviously reach this point easily, and get the approval of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's master. He would then receive the inheritance, become a champion of justice, and tighten the seal of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

But now, not only did he pick the fruit of the Favored Son's hard work, but he also killed off the Favored Son of Heaven.

Gu Changge had no interest in the Fortuitous Encounter left for the Favored Son of Heaven, especially when there was danger associated with it.

"Come to me and learn my Dao..."

Right then, the silhouette above the corpse turned real, and brought along a majestic pressure with it. Wearing a purple-gold crown and golden divine robes, he looked like an ancient emperor.

His gaze fell upon Gu Changge and he commanded.

As a Quasi-Supreme, he was naturally the absolute master of the Secret Realm with complete control over everything. All kinds of thoughts flashed past Gu Changge's mind as he watched the remnant spirit in front of him.

If things got dangerous, he could still escape from the Secret Realm, but then he would lose the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

'It doesn't matter since I have the [Domain Traversing Talisman]. If things turn for the worse, then I can use it and get away...'

Gu Changge's expression turned calm, and he quickly thought of a solution in his heart. At the same time, his Devil Heart's power subsided and disappeared.

"Yes, senior!"

With a calm expression, he walked towards the corpse. The Master of the Secret Realm should have been a decent man when alive, so Gu Changge wasn't worried about him using any tricks, or attacking him out of nowhere.

"You have a demonic heart and a devilish nature..."

"How can I pass on my Dao of Light to you?"

Just when Gu Changge stood still, a gleam flashed past the remnant spirit's eyes, and he stared deeply at Gu Changge. After that, his terrifying voice full of rage almost shattered the palace, and Gu Changge felt his blood rumble.

Fortunately, he was already prepared and protecting his vitals, or the sudden tremors would have shocked him into a stupor. After all, the remnant spirit belonged to a Quasi-Supreme, so it wouldn't be easy for him to deal with it immediately.

At the same time, this verified Gu Changge's speculation.

This remnant spirit had its own consciousness and wasn't just an inanimate recording left behind by the Secret Realm's master. Fortunately, he had already restrained his Devil Heart, or the remnant spirit might have already attacked him, instead of conversing with him like this.

At that time, it would have definitely tried to slap him to death. After all, the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd], and the one who killed this Quasi-Supreme, were related to him and his inheritance's origin.

'That bastard Ye Chen's heart wasn't all that clean either. Not only did he covet his Master's body, but he was also a jealous and hypocritical piece of crap. He even feared death to the point of pretending to be unyielding and mighty...'

'So he's deserving just because he is the Favored Son of Heaven? Isn't this rigged too much?'

Gu Changge was left speechless, and felt immense dissatisfaction towards the judgement ability of the Secret Realm's master.

Sure enough, he only held malice towards him. Alas! He was a villain, and just his existence was enough to offend these people.

"Senior, although this junior has a devilish nature, my heart is bright, and full of justice for the world. I intend to help the common people, and bring light to the life of those drowned in darkness..."

"If the Senior's inheritance is given to this junior, then this junior guarantees to punish evil, promote justice, and never stray from the correct path!"

But, since it was a remnant spirit, it shouldn't be all that hard for him to deal with it. After he dealt with this remnant spirit, he will naturally be able to conquer the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

Gu Changge's face showed an expression of righteous, and he couldn't help but utter eloquent words full of justice.

Chapter 66: Dazed Quasi-Supreme; Young Devil!

Nature is devilish, but heart is bright and full of justice? He will help the common people, and bring light to the life of those drowned in darkness?

Ye Liuli couldn't help but feel ashamed at Gu Changge's shameless claims, when she heard his spiel from the outside. Listening to Gu Changge make all these claims was nothing short of listening to a wolf claiming to be a vegetarian! It was too embarrassing.

Gu Changge's expression, however, truly made him look like a champion of justice. Those who weren't familiar with his true face would really think he was a great man.

His act was flawless!

"The sun and the moon can testify that this young one's heart is truly filled with kindness, and the world can bear witness..."

Inside the hall, Gu Changge said to the remnant spirit with a face full of righteousness — he wanted to see if he could fool this ancient remnant spirit somehow. He could still consider other options if his act didn't work, since he wasn't lacking in plans.

Speaking of which, it seemed that the remnant spirit's mind wasn't all that sharp, as it fell into deep thought after listening to Gu Changge's words. This gave rise to other thoughts and ideas in Gu Changge's mind. After all, the one in front of him was a Quasi-Supreme's remnant spirit, so it must have some Quasi-Supreme Essence that he could devour.

If he could swallow his Essence with his [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art], he might just break through to another Realm. Although he could always raise his cultivation by adding Destiny Points, he wouldn't be dumb enough to miss such a good opportunity delivered to his door just because of that.

After all, the cultivation method for his [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art] was completely different from the [Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex]. One relied on devouring the origin of beings and everything else, while the other relied on him comprehending or adding Destiny Points for an upgrade.

Gu Changge's body had always held two different powers, and both of them had completely different cultivation methods. It was all thanks to his Devil Heart that he could tolerate their existence — ordinary cultivators would immediately get ravaged by the chaotic repelling forces when trying to cultivate more than one method, go crazy, and die off not too long after.

Gu Changge's apparent cultivation base naturally came from the [Heavenly Immortal Dao Codex], while the cultivation base from his [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art] was always hidden, and never revealed before anyone else in the world.

He had always wanted to raise his cultivation of the [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art], but that had been impossible since it could only be raised through devouring existences.

It was always better to have more powerful Mystical Abilities and Treasures, as that could help him exert greater strength and come out on top at a critical moment. The [Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art] wasn't a cultivation method, after all, but something that directly raised his cultivation.

[VILFIC: cultivation methods are manuals that tell you how to absorb Spiritual Qi, move it around your body, and then raise your cultivation through meditation. IDDA is an art that doesn't have any specific manual, and instead directly absorbs other people's cultivation to raise your own.]

Although Gu Changge was thinking of this sinister plot in his heart, his expression said otherwise.

"SHAMELESS JUNIOR!"

"How dare you lie to me and covet my inheritance?! Did you think you could cover your true thoughts and schemes before my eyes?"

The remnant spirit's mighty voice fell, and the Void in the surroundings trembled together with surging Spiritual Qi.

Wearing a purple-gold crown and divine golden robes, the remnant spirit of the Quasi-Supreme resembled an ancient, mighty emperor. At the same time, a dazzling brilliance shone in his eyes.

He glared at Gu Changge, and shouted at him in extreme rage — Gu Changge's words couldn't fool him, and his evil plot was revealed in front of him. He might just be a remnant spirit of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's master, but it didn't mean that he didn't have some of the original's divinity! He could naturally see through Gu Changge's true thoughts.

Not only did the brat in front of him have a devilish heart, but he also plotted to trick him! This enraged him beyond measure.

"Junior, you deserve death for your audacity! How dare you think about deceiving me? Every sentence that comes out of your mouth is a lie, and your heart has no sincerity! You better shut your damn trap!"

He passed his judgement with a cold tone, and directly attacked Gu Changge.

The corpse that had shown change after his appearance released an oppressive might, and glowed like a bright sun that illuminated everything to expel all darkness in the world!

Disappointment flashed through Gu Changge's eyes as he heard his words.

He was naturally too lazy to keep using nonsense with this remnant spirit, and his expression turned even frostier than the spirit's as he said, **"Do you really think I give a damn about your inheritance? If not for the Halberd, do you think I would waste so much saliva on you? Do you really think you, a mere ghost of a dead man, can murder me?"**

A [Domain-Traversing Talisman] had already appeared in his hands before he finished his words. Once the situation turned for the worse, he will immediately escape.

"JUNIOR, YOU ARE COURTING DEATH!"

Gu Changge's words enraged the remnant spirit even further, and his aura surged even more violently. Gu Changge, however, showed a smirk.

[Boom!]

The [Five-Colored Mystic Vest] on his body released a hazy brilliance. This defensive artifact he randomly got from the System's Novice Gift Pack could easily block a full-powered blow from a False God.

The [Five-Colored Mystic Vest] burst with a sacred brilliance, and Gu Changge discovered that the remnant spirit in front of him couldn't bring out too much power! The [Five-Colored Mystic Vest] completely blocked his attack.

It's just that the [Five-Colored Mystic Vest] might not work anymore after it tanked the other party's attacks today.

The ray of remnant spirit had the strength of a False God, so it could naturally sweep everything inside this Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm since it wasn't suppressed.

What a pity, though...it merely held the might of a False God.

This discovery immediately increased Gu Changge's confidence.

"The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] is a good weapon that's only gathering dust in here. It's a weapon meant for slaughter, yet you sealed it here away from the world; I can't help but feel some heartache over it's fate."

Gu Changge casually spoke with his gaze glued to the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. It's surging Devil Qi released a deep desire for slaughter, as if it couldn't wait to shatter the Heavens and bring chaos to the world!

It brought more and more satisfaction to him, the longer he looked at it.

Right then, Gu Changge stepped forward, and his bones creaked due to the pressure released by the remnant spirit.

Ye Liuli, who was outside the hall, couldn't help but widen her eyes when she saw his actions.

Instead of backing down, Gu Changge went ahead and even provoked the Quasi-Supreme without showing a change in his expression.

He was audacious beyond measure, and was simply courting death.

One had to know that Quasi-Supremes were ancient, grand-ancestor-level figures even in Ancient Immortal Families, who could protect the Family for millions of years, and spent all of their time hidden in seclusion.

They were beings even someone like her couldn't see on normal days.

"The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] is a devilish artifact that can wipe out all the worlds if it comes into existence! Are you trying to help the Devil slaughter all living beings?"

The remnant spirit couldn't help but show a change in his expression; he never thought that he wouldn't be able to suppress a mere junior.

Back when he was alive and at his peak, he was a Quasi-Supreme worshipped by the myriad races, who could easily destroy stars with a flick of his finger, and held boundless might and authority over the world.

Alas! He had been reduced to the point where even a brat still wet behind the ears could bully him!

"Help the Devil slaughter? Unfortunately, this junior is the very Devil you are talking about, Senior!"

Gu Changge no longer concealed his devilish aura, and felt the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] — which had been silent until now — tremble in excitement.

His conjecture was right on the mark.

After all, the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] had a deep connection to his Devil Heart.

"You Devil, be damned!"

The remnant spirit's rage flared, and he released a terrifying sun towards Gu Changge that moved to burn him into ash. Just the aura of the sun seemed to have the ability to burn even existences of the False God Realm.

It was apparent that the remnant spirit's fury had reached its limits, and it even willingly immolated its remaining existence for this attack.

Unfortunately, the [Five-Colored Mystic Vest] released an even more resplendent brilliance in response.

Gu Changge's steps didn't stop, and he only felt a little heavier. Other than that, he felt no discomfort.

With a calm expression, he said, **"I can't accept Senior's words. Who are you to decide who is good and who is evil? I am darkness and you are light, just because you say so?"**

"Since you are a kind and upright man, then tell me why you left behind multiple traces of this inheritance, but only one map? Why did you set up so many patterns and structures around this palace to attract cultivators, only to let them die here?"

"Is this the Dao of Light you are talking about?"

Gu Changge sneered, and his statement stunned the remnant spirit, and he felt that something was indeed not right. If he thought about it, then Gu Changge's words weren't false.

"...???"

But soon, his complexion showed a drastic change, and he said majestically, **"What absurd nonsense! Since ancient times, cultivators have competed for opportunities, and its only natural for them to end up in life and death struggles! Opportunities and dangers go hand in hand, and I left behind my inheritance for the most suitable one."**

The remnant spirit glared at Gu Changge with extremely cold eyes. He almost fell for this brats tricks, and doubted his own approach. Since ancient times, opportunities and dangers have gone hand in hand, and that was the ultimate truth of the world.

"So you want to say that it's only right if I take this inheritance, right? For you, I might be a Devil, but for me, this inheritance is my opportunity!"

"What's more? The one most suitable that you are talking about has already been killed by me. It's exactly as Senior dictated: opportunities and dangers go hand in hand..."

Gu Changge said with a faint smile.

His words dazed the remnant spirit again, and he immediately used his ability to control the Void. His figure flashed, and he appeared in the depths of the palace in a blink.

He was waiting for this chance! The chance to break the seal.

"[Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]..."

Gu Changge stood before the throne and reached out to touch the monstrous Halberd. Instead of receiving a fierce backlash, he felt a familiar gentleness from it.

[Hum!]

Immediately, many terrifying patterns appeared on the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]. They were the runes and formations that sealed the Halberd, and were awakened by Gu Changge.

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"This seal will break today..."

Naturally, Gu Changge wouldn't miss such a great chance. He immediately released his Mystical Abilities, and his Spiritual Qi surged into the seals to destroy all the runes and patterns.

Before descending to the Lower Realm, he had already studied how to trash such seals and formations. Many pitch-black runes condensed and intertwined in his hands, forming a soul-sucking object.

A pitch-black [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] floated up and down in front of him, releasing wisps of mystical brilliance that rushed towards the seal on the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd].

[Crack! Creak! Shatter!]

The runes and patterns sealing the Halberd shattered one by one, releasing its suppressed Devilish aura that was as vast as an ocean.

The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] was, as its name suggested, able to destroy everything and leave desolation in eight directions all by itself! n0veLus&.c0m

As Gu Changge held it in his hands, he felt its joy at gaining a new lease on life, its affection...and many other emotions.

Since the two had a similar origin, he would be saved from a lot of trouble. Obviously, his current strength wasn't enough to completely refine the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] — it wasn't a Supreme-grade or above Artifact for no reason!

Just a fraction of its power was already terrifying enough, so once it returned to its peak, it would truly be able to destroy the world with a single swing.

"Not good..."

The remnant spirit finally came out of its daze and noticed Gu Changge's actions. He wondered how this brat could be so fast?

His expression showed a drastic change, and he rushed towards Gu Changge — he hadn't forgotten how he had died!

Gu Changge's words might be reasonable, but they couldn't affect his decision. The return of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] would surely spell doom for the world, and the world will fall into chaos as it swept through everything! He had to keep it sealed here — that was far more important than finding a successor for his inheritance!

"You are late..."

Gu Changge glanced at him, and then pulled the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] from the corpse with a bang. At the same time, he swung the Halberd, and a pitch-black light surged through its body and condensed at its top.

An incredibly indescribable and turbulent might as vast as the ocean spread around from it.

Sure enough, the halberd wasn't hailed as the mightiest weapon since ancient times for nothing. It had the strengths of the other major weapons, while also being even more fierce and domineering than the others — it was an unparalleled weapon!

[Puff!]

The remnant spirit couldn't believe what it saw. At the same time, a terrifying Devil Qi drowned him from head to toe as the Halberd slashed towards him. He had already consumed a lot of its power by attacking Gu Changge before, so it was obviously impossible for him to block this attack!

The Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm could no longer suppress the power of the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd]!

[Hum!]

At the same time, a glistening [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] appeared above Gu Changge's head, and he directly devoured the remnant spirit!

With that, the palace finally recovered its tranquility in all directions.

Chapter 67: Such a Beauty; Xiao Hei!

Now that the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm's Quasi-Supreme was gone, Gu Changge could finally take a good look at the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd in his hands. The blade of the Halberd was pitch-black, and brilliant, blood-red veins pulsed on its entire body.

It emanated wisps of cold light, and looked extremely terrifying under the thick Devil Qi that gathered around it.

It wasn't light in weight either.

Gu Changge estimated its weight to be a few tens of thousands of pounds, and the texture of its cold grip made it seem to be forged by Dark Immortal Gold.

The longer Gu Changge watched it, the higher his satisfaction rose.

His physique was relatively good even among his peers in the Upper Realm, but even he could feel the weight of the Halberd.

Of course, he could pick it up because his Devil Heart had a deep connection to the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd. Let alone holding it in their hands, ordinary cultivators would be immediately obliterated if they so much as tried to touch it.

The weight he felt now was specially set by the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd so he could get used to it well. Its real weight was far beyond one's imagination. It could easily smash through the Void just with the virtue of its density.

"It seems that you regard me as one of your own kind, and will be following me from now on..."

Gu Changge spoke with satisfaction, and recalled the Great Dao Treasured Bottle above his head.

The remnant spirit of a Quasi-Supreme could easily improve his cultivation by leaps and bounds after he completely digested it. Right now, it had turned into pure energy, and brought a feeling of euphoria to him as it rushed through his limbs.

Of course, it was increasing his hidden might that he wouldn't bring out unless he had no other choice. As a Young Sovereign from the Upper Realm, Gu Changge naturally didn't lack trump cards, and this was one of his many hidden weapons.

The Eight Desolate Demon Halberd, on the other hand, trembled in excitement at Gu Changge's words. It was as if it could understand his speech. At the same time, Gu Changge felt feelings of joy, affection, and excitement from the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd. No matter how he looked at it, it didn't resemble a murderous, demonic weapon that could slaughter all living beings and bring chaos to Heaven.

Instead, it appeared to resemble the friendly neighborhood kid who lived next door.

Its strange emotions stunned Gu Changge for a moment, but he got over his surprise soon after.

He had heard rumors that the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd wasn't a forged weapon, but an innate existence that was born with its master who also held a Devil Heart. Of course, those rumors were too ancient, and their authenticity couldn't be verified.

Anyways, he was happy to feel emotions from the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd. Everything in the world had its own spirit, and weapons were no exception to this rule.

It was normal for weapons to gather spiritual wisdom and attain godhood after surviving for eons with Heavenly Dao Marks.

After all, there were many ancient Heritages with hidden Ancestral Artifacts that had been passed down from time immemorial. These Artifacts would awaken at critical moments and show their godly might.

The ferocious Eight Desolate Demon Halberd had been sealed here for innumerable years, and that had led to it developing its own wisdom.

This naturally surprised Gu Changge, and he couldn't help but feel even more tempted.

"It seems that you can understand my words?"

Gu Changge said to the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd and waited for its reaction.

It quivered in response.

It's just that the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd could only convey emotions to him, and not speech.

"So you really do understand my words! Do you understand that I will be your master from now on?"

Gu Changge asked again.

Of course, he would need to refine it first. Unless he refined it, he wouldn't be able to bring out the true might of the Halberd. Although he could control it right now, he couldn't bring out the might it held at its peak.

The Eight Desolate Demon Halberd trembled with joy. As if to show how happy it was to have Gu Changge as its Master, it released strands of Devil Qi in the surroundings. It seemed to be its way of expressing its euphoria.

"You are such a good weapon, yet you had to be sealed here for such a long time. As your Master, I can't help but feel my heart ache for you. Just follow me in the future, and I will directly kill whoever tries to harm you. If someone makes you unhappy, just tell me about them..." n0veLus&.c0m

Gu Changge also teased it with joy, and realized that it hadn't been too long since the Halberd gave birth to its consciousness. For now, it could only express simple emotions of joy, anger, and sadness, etc.

As it heard his words, the Halberd's excitement soared, and the tip of its blade trembled. The Void around it turned turbulent just from that simple movement.

"How about I give you a name? I will call you Xiao Hei from now on since you are so gorgeous..."

[1: Xiao Hei translates to Little Black but Little Black doesn't sound all that nice for a gorgeous beauty.]

"..."[2]

[2: read: wtf, daddy! I trusted you.]

Gu Changge couldn't help but laugh in his heart. To him, Xiao Hei was far more alluring than a beauty.

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As Gu Changge left the palace, Ye Liuli followed after him with an extremely complicated expression. The two quietly headed towards the edge of the underground ancient city, where they had left the others.

On the way, a System Prompt sounded in Gu Changge's mind.

[Ding! Congratulations ?, Host, for subduing the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd! You have unlocked the System's Weapon Storage!]

The sudden Prompt surprised Gu Changge, and he wondered if this Weapon Storage was like a spatial storage artifact?

He called out for his Attributes Panel,

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Host: Gu Changge

Halo: Destined Heavenly Villain

Weapons: Eight Desolate Demon Halberd

Identity: True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace

Bloodline: Devil Heart, Dao Bone

Cultivation: Conferred Lord (Late Stage)

Mystical Abilities:

Destiny Points: 9000

Fortune Value: 1880 (Dark)

System Shop: Open

Warehouse:

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He soon found the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd listed under the row that showed his Halo. With the nature of the System, he was sure that only truly peerless Artifacts and Weapons could have the honor of showing up on his Attribute Panel.

To put it in simple terms: 'the System wouldn't bother about recording ordinary stuff even if Gu Changge mastered some cultivation method or refined a weapon.'

It looked down on them and treated them as unworthy of its attention.

Since the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd's origins weren't simple, the System specially unlocked the Weapon Storage for it.

Ordinary stuff that Gu Changge already owned — such as Blades, Swords, Cauldrons, etc. — wouldn't show up on his Attribute Panel. All of those things would still need to be stored in his storage rings, or somewhere else.

Right then, Gu Changge gave out a command in his mind, and felt the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd disappear from his storage ring in response.

At the same time, he saw a boundless, dusky space in his mind.

[Hum!]

The Eight Desolate Demon Halberd appeared inside the space out of thin air. The unfamiliar environment immediately startled it, and it released its terrifying Devil Qi that surged in all directions. It was like a cat that had its tail stepped on.

Fortunately, it soon felt Gu Changge's aura and calmed down.

'This space isn't in the Void that exists around us, and only I can connect to it. This is good! After all, it won't be easy for me to hide the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd otherwise...'

'If some big shot sensed its existence on me, I am pretty sure they will forcefully snatch it away from me without giving a damn about my background and identity...'

Gu Changge had no doubt about this.

Once the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd's existence was revealed to the world, many greedy old monsters will come out for it. For them, it wasn't a weapon of mass slaughter, but a mighty artifact that could raise their strength to newer heights.

This Weapon Storage from the System was a truly unfathomable treasure. No matter how mighty an existence, they wouldn't be able to sense the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd's aura.

Not only could it completely hide the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd's aura, but it could also work as another trump card for Gu Changge. As this thought crossed his mind, Gu Changge realized that he had a lot of trump cards, but then he recalled that the calamity he would face would be even greater.

His biggest worry was the Immortal-Devouring Demon Art. As for the Favored Daughter of Heaven[3] and the other Lus, Mus, and Dus his Original antagonized in the Upper Realm? He had already thought of methods to deal with them.

He will carefully take care of them after he returns to the Upper Realm.

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"My Lord, please forgive this old slave. This old slave couldn't do a good job! Lady Ye Liuli's people held me back and I couldn't stop her from breaking through our encirclement..."

As soon as Old Ming saw Gu Changge return, he knelt on the ground with an expression full of guilt, and begged for mercy.

By now, they had already almost dealt with the entire beast tide.

However, what shocked Old Ming was the fact that Ye Liuli, who couldn't wait to stab his Young Lord, was now quietly following behind him.

Just what was going on?

"It's alright. It doesn't matter even if she broke through and rushed over to my side. It's not like she could do anything to stop me."

Gu Changge didn't care too much about this matter, and said, **"Let's go back. I have settled my matter in the Lower Realm, so it's about time we Ascend back to the Upper Realm."**

"As you command, My Lord!"

Old Ming's face showed a solemn expression as he heard Gu Changge's words. From his Young Lord's tone, it was clear that he had obtained whatever he came down to obtain, and everything had gone smoothly for him.

Old Ming couldn't help but feel joyful at this realization.

Ye Liuli, on the other hand, showed an unpleasant expression as she unhappily talked to the followers she had brought along.

Her pure as jade face showed listlessness, as if someone had bullied and ravaged her. Aunt Xue and the others couldn't help but feel puzzled as they saw her appearance.

"Miss, what happened to that brat named Ye Chen?"

Aunt Xue asked.

"He's dead; Gu Changge murdered him!"

Ye Liuli responded with a sullen tone.

What?!

Aunt Xue's expression changed, and then she immediately felt happy. She had thought that her Young Lady would attack Young Lord Gu for that Ye Chen, but it seemed that they hadn't reached that point yet.

As for Ye Chen? Who gave a damn about his death? He deserved it!

As for why her Lady looked so listless? His death must be the cause.

Although Aunt Xue felt distressed over her Lady's condition, she believed that time would wash away her pain and return her to normal.

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As they left the underground ancient city, Ye Liuli and her group didn't continue staying with Gu Changge. Gu Changge also couldn't care less about them. Now that his [Great Dao Treasured Bottle] was inside her Sea of Consciousness, it didn't matter where Ye Liuli fled.

"My Lord, if this old slave isn't overreaching, then may I ask if you will be bringing that girl, Qiuhan, along with you when Ascending back to the Upper Realm?"

Old Ming asked respectfully, on their way out of the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm.

If Gu Changge wanted to bring her along, then he could look after her in the Upper Realm. Of course, it was possible that Lin Qiuhan would be the one looking after her Ancestor instead.

No matter what world one lived in, it was always easier for beautiful women to succeed, compared to old men.

Still, Lin Qiuhan was his descendent, so there was no need for him to envy her. If she could commit herself to his Lord, then his Lord will definitely not forget him in the future.

"I like that girl, Qiuhan, a lot, so I will naturally bring her along."

He had already made plans for Lin Qiuhan's terrifying talent for Alchemy, and would bring her to the Upper Realm to develop her for his own use.

It just so happened that one of the major Alchemy Heritages in the Upper Realm hadn't yet found a particularly outstanding talent, even after searching for many years. They had no shortage of resources, but were in a dire need of talented disciples. They especially needed someone like Lin Qiuhan, whose talent in Alchemy could only be described as 'monstrous.'

He estimated that they would be willing to do anything to get her!

Talents with natural Pill Intent and a knack for Alchemy were mostly born in certain races that were closely related to the ecosystem of spiritual herbs, so there weren't many of them among the humans.

Although the Upper Realm was vast beyond measure with endless territory, and even connected the Minor, Middle, and Major Lower Realms, the Humans weren't the dominant race.

In the Lower Realms, it was said that there were thousands of races, but in the Upper Realm, that number jumped into the millions.

Among the humans, Alchemists had a far nobler status than the other cultivators. The resources of the humans they alone controlled couldn't even be estimated.

Gu Changge merely had to send Lin Qiuhan over to them. At that time, there will naturally be someone willing to put in a lot of resources and energy to cultivate her, and their Alchemy Heritage would also owe him a favor.

Lin Qiuhan already belonged to him either way, so why wouldn't he get such a great advantage?

Chapter 68: Colonies in the Upper Realm; Beloved Fiancé!

The sudden tide of beasts inside the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm scared the cultivators of the Middle State — the whole Azure Lower Realm, even — and everyone thought that a terrifying catastrophe was at their doorstep. Monstrous Devil Qi surged out from the Secret Realm, acting as a sign for the birth of some peerless devil of mass slaughter. After all, the records inside the Secret Realm said that it was a place where a Demonic Weapon was sealed by an Honored Supreme.

They wondered if the seal was about to break? Wouldn't the Demonic Weapon regain its freedom, sweep through the world, and push all living beings into Hell?

Countless cultivators trembled at this realization, and deep panic gripped their hearts. But after waiting for a while, they realized that nothing worse happened. On the contrary, the Devil Qi from the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm seemed to weaken by every passing moment. It was as if the Demonic Weapon that was about to be released was sealed again by someone.

This caused a massive sensation everywhere!

Some people had doubted the authenticity of the records left behind in the Ancient Heavenly Secret Realm, but it indeed contained signs of mass death. There were ancient ruins, fallen cities, and grotesque skeletons and corpses everywhere.

They couldn't find fault with the claims laid in the ancient records!

In the end, many came to a single conclusion: 'The Young Lord from the Upper Realm had actually descended upon their Lower Realm to seal that Demonic Weapon!'

Many cultivators had seen the Young Lord from the Upper Realm enter the Ancient Secret Heavenly Realm, and he had left around half a month or so later. It was exactly when he left that the Devil Qi began to diminish. It couldn't be a coincidence, they thought. After all, the timelines were too consistent.

The cultivators felt deep gratitude towards Gu Changge as they came to this realization, and even built an honorary statue of the Young Lord from the Upper Realm in the Middle, to pay homage to him forever after.

Of course, Gu Changge didn't know about this matter. Had he known, he wouldn't be able to stop himself from laughing out loud. Their ability to self-supplement 'facts' was truly beyond ordinary — it was incredible. Why did they think he sealed the weapon, and didn't just take it away with him?

Right now, he was with Old Ming and the others, and was preparing to head back to the Upper Realm.

[Hum!]

A brilliant ray of light flashed in the surroundings, and a tunnel in space opened up in front of them. At the same time, a magnificent, ancient palace-like structure showed itself.

“Is this how we will go to the Upper Realm?”

Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan were shocked by the scene in front of them, for it was the first time they saw something like this. It was completely different from their imagination. They had thought that they would tear open a rift in the Void, experience a calamity, and Ascend like the other cultivators who had Ascended in the past.

They had never thought that a spatial tunnel would open directly in front of them, as if it existed specifically for Gu Changge.

“This is the Gu Family’s Shrine of Reception that’s responsible for bringing the Young Master back to the Upper Realm. It can easily travel through the myriad realms, and tear through the Void to go anywhere in the Universe.”

Old Ming explained to the two. At the same time, his way of referring to Gu Changge also changed from “My Lord” to “Young Master.”

It showed a completely different status.

“It can travel through the myriad worlds, tear through the Void, and go anywhere in the Universe...”

Su Qingge was shocked. Gu Changge had never explained this to her before, and only said that she would understand when the time came for their Ascent. She understood it somewhat now.

For False Gods, just tearing the barrier between the Lower Realm and the Upper Realm was already a mighty feat, while traveling through the Void at will was completely impossible.

This method, on the other hand, was phenomenal.

“The Young Master’s family must be amazing...”

Lin Qiuhan was also shocked by such mighty means, and could only stand and watch the sky above her. She could only describe her current emotions and experience as ‘amazing!’

Old Ming agreed with her words.

The Ancient Immortal Gu Family, the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, and Ancient Immortal Ye Family...these were the behemoths that stood at the peak of the Upper Realm. There were others that could compare to them, but none that surpassed them.

With that kind of power, they were obviously Heritages with eons of history behind them. The centuries they had gone through wouldn't be less than the grains of sand inside an ocean. They were so ancient that none of them could tell each other's true beginnings or background.

What's more? He had heard that a few millenniums ago, the Ancient Immortal Gu Family had gotten involved in a war that resulted in death over millions of miles. One couldn't even estimate the number of Lower Realms that perished during that era. Countless creatures from various Lower Realms simply turned to dust just from the aftermath of the clash.

That's just how terrifying these behemoths of the Upper Realm could be.

“This old man was lucky back then, and met an Elder from the Young Master's family who saved me. Otherwise, I don't know which corner of the Upper Realm I would be mining at right now...”

Old Ming's sudden words shook Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan to the point of breathlessness.

He was mining in a corner of the Upper Realm?

The mighty Ancestor of the Ancient Lin Family, a legendary figure in the Lower Realm, received such degrading treatment in the Upper Realm? No wonder all the creatures of the Lower Realm were nothing more than ants to the residents of the Upper Realm.

Gu Changge was already giving them extremely preferential treatment!

Afterwards, Old Ming further explained to the two girls, **“Young Master is the heir of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, so what does this little Shrine amount to? You must know that the Young Master's identity is at the pinnacle of the Upper Realm. Not only is he the heir of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, but he's also a True Disciple of the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace, and might even become its heir, too. With these two top-tier identities, there's no one more honorable than the Young Master.”**

“It's your great fortune to be recognized by the Young Master. Countless noble ladies with great backgrounds in the Upper Realm have desired the Young Master's affection, but they were ignored...”

“Make sure you have some self-knowledge, and don't do anything that would embarrass the Young Lord.”

Naturally, he had to be the one to explain all of this to them, as his Young Master would surely not toot his own horn and explain such minor details to them.

It was only right for someone like him to be the one to reveal his identity.

Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan were shocked by the revelation, and couldn't help but continuously nod as if they were chicks pecking on rice. Back in the Lower Realm, they had already felt that Gu Changge had a terrifying identity, and it wouldn't be an exaggeration to describe him as a supreme being. But now...they couldn't describe what they felt when they realized just how monstrous his identity and background were.

Su Qingge, especially, felt the impact from the realization. She had recently started to recover more and more fragments of memories through her second soul, and all of them contained vague knowledge about the Upper Realm. She seemed to have some relationship to the Upper Realm, and had been looking for an opportunity to tell Gu Changge about this matter.

“Let’s go; it will take a while for us to reach the Family.”

Right then, Gu Changge finally opened his mouth, and said to the two women. At the same time, he took the lead in stepping into the Shrine of Reception.

[Hum!]

Soon, everyone entered and the Shrine entered the spatial tunnel, closing it after it disappeared inside. If one could see it from the outside, they would find it traveling through the darkness of space at extreme speed. It tore through the turbulent Void around it, and moved towards the core of the Upper Realm.

Gu Changge watched the turbulent Void outside the Shrine, and sorted the memories regarding the Upper Realm in his mind.

The Upper Realm was an extremely vast place. In his opinion, it was more like a collection of many major and minor realms and planets. The core of the Upper Realm was an extremely prosperous place where many ancient Heritages and Races co-existed.

Every Heritage and Race reigned over boundless territory with countless realms and planets.

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By now, they had already arrived in the territory of the Upper Realm — it was just that they were currently at its extreme borders, and terrifying world laws tried to press down on them. Many worlds approached and repelled each other to create an extremely turbulent and disastrous region that could easily obliterate cultivators who hadn’t reached a certain level.

This was the reason Ascending from the Lower Realm wasn’t all that easy. Only extremely powerful beings or artifacts such as the Gu Family’s Shrine of Reception could shuttle through this region where barriers of many worlds collided.

[VILFIC: our boi Lin Tian got f!ck!d exactly around here, if my guess isn’t wrong, which I doubt it is.]

They passed by innumerable worlds as they neared the core of the Upper Realm. Every passing realm was far higher in level than the Azure Lower Realm, and was closer to the core of the Upper Realm. Obviously, they were occupied by the powerful Dao Lineages. The wider a Heritage’s territory, the more Realms they controlled.

In Gu Changge’s opinion, they were like colonies.

The behemoths in the core of the Upper Realm — such as the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, the Ancient Immortal Ye Family, etc. — stood at the top of the food chain, and innumerable ancient forces were subordinated to them.

Each of those forces had their own colonies of many realms and planets. A force's reach was decided by their background, and this was why the people of the Upper Realm considered the people of the Lower Realm to be nothing more than a bunch of ants when compared to the locals. n0vEℓusb.COM

Background and identity decide the difference between people, especially in the Upper Realm.

Of course, the ancient worlds in the core of the Upper Realm were in a league of their own.

'This kind of setting is completely in line with the Ascension trope from the novels. Unfortunately, I am already at the peak of the world.'[1]

[1: normally, Protagonists go from their littol world to a bigger Lower Realm and then an even bigger Lower Realm — from Minor to Middle to Major — and then they reach the upper Upper Realm. They reach the top step by step, and gain an identity with which they can look down on everything and anything. Gu Changge is already at that peak and doesn't need to take those steps in-between 'cause he's a villain.]

Gu Changge felt satisfied when he thought about his starting point. Be it talent, background, cultivation base, or something else...he was already at the top in all aspects. He felt that it was awesome!

What's more? His trip to the Lower Realm had brought him a great harvest, so he planned to digest it all as soon as he returned to his Family.

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[At the same time, in the Supreme Immortal City of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty.]

As the oldest Immortal Dynasty of the Upper Realm, the Supreme Immortal Dynasty had stood unshaken since time immemorial. It governed endless territory, and there were even rumors that the Supreme Immortal Dynasty was the Upper Realm's first dynasty.

Inside a splendid, majestic hall, a beautiful woman wearing a golden, imperial robe stood with her arms crossed before her chest. Her loose, imperial robes fluttered and did nothing to hide her unparalleled bearing, picturesque features, and jaw-dropping beauty.

Her hair covered half of her fairy-like visage, but she still looked breathtaking.

Although she didn't say a word, and her face showed an indifferent expression, one could feel a terrifying might from her that could easily make the world tremble. She appeared to be standing above a sea of stars — it was as if she was holding the sun and the moon in her hands, and stepping over the universe beneath her.

Everything about her radiated 'mighty!'

She was the fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, Yue Mingkong.

"Imperial Brother, you should give up the position of Crown Prince now."

The woman in the imperial robes said with a flat tone. At the same time, she gazed at the man, who was slumped on the ground before her with a bleak face, without a hint of emotion in her eyes. Many

Ministers with different expressions stood around the man. At this time, all of them had their foreheads covered in cold sweat, and didn't dare to make any noise.

In just half a year, their Princess Mingkong used many thunderous means to dethrone her brother, the now-former Crown Prince. Every step she took was made with perfection, and they couldn't help but tremble at her methods.

She was so outstanding that many mighty Immortals of the Dynasty couldn't help but praise her.

She made everyone understand that just because she was a woman, it didn't mean she was worse than any man. She was unparalleled, and held just as much ability to be their Overlord.

In the royal family, where the weak were disdained and destined to be eliminated, there were many who admired her. After all, the fourth princess' talent was beyond anyone else, and she had already surpassed her siblings when it came to cultivation.

She will be a peerless Empress in the future!

This was the thought that went through the minds of many Ministers.

"Someone, bring my Imperial Brother away..."

Yue Mingkong indifferently commanded after taking a final look at the slumped man in front of her.

"I will be the Crown Princess from now on! Only I shall reign as the Empress of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty!"

"Retreat!"

Yue Mingkong's eyelids drooped, and an expression of deep contemplation appeared on her face after she finished her words, giving the people around her even more pressure. The Ministers in her presence trembled and felt their hearts palpitate as they quietly retreated. No one could guess what was going through her mind.

Although she was a woman, her might was enough to give them shivers.

"Half a year more..."

"You should have returned from the Lower Realm, right? My beloved fiancé..."

Yue Mingkong muttered to herself. Although her words were spoken with great affection, her eyes showed a deep flash of frost...

Chapter 69: Fourth Princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty; Ruined with a Single Look!

"Change, you are cruel..."

"I never thought that you would be the one to kill me! You were the one I loved the most, but now, you are also the one I hate the most..."

Yue Mingkong looked at her empty surroundings and involuntarily closed her eyes. Some tears could be seen at the corner of her eyes, but soon, the tears disappeared and she opened her indifferent and cold

eyes once again. Her voice was calm as she spoke, and the turbulence in her heart also subsided — she had already gotten used to the heart wrenching pain that had assaulted her for the past half year.

Yue Mingkong didn't understand why she ended up three thousand years in the past. By now, half a year had already passed since she returned in time, but the scene of the day she married Gu Changge was still fresh in her mind.

The world trembled at their union, chants of the Great Dao descended upon them from the Heavens, golden lotuses bloomed everywhere, and clear springs gushed out from the earth. Dressed in a red wedding dress, and wearing a phoenix crown and imperial robes, she stood bashfully beside the world's most handsome and unparalleled man.

On their wedding night, they had crossed their arms and drank wine to show the world that they were now one.

She had thought that all of her wait and sacrifice had been worth it, and that she would finally receive his love! She had helped him establish the world's strongest Immortal Dynasty, fallen out with her father for him, and even helped him clear his name from suspicions that claimed he was the inheritor of Devil Arts...

Alas! After waiting three thousand years for her bridal night with him, what she received was a look of ridicule and indifference from him. After that, a boundless darkness spread around her, and a heart wrenching pain gripped her. She finally realized that the person she loved more than anything in the world never felt anything for her. Everything he did was for himself.

In the end, he murdered her in cold blood! He had merely deceived her to free himself from suspicions about him being an inheritor of Devil Arts. After he had squeezed all use out of her, he threw her away like a used tissue.

She, on the other hand, had trusted him from the bottom of her heart, and not once did she entertain thoughts that he might just be an inheritor of Devil Arts.

Yue Mingkong wanted to call her past self 'retarded', and couldn't understand how she could let herself be deceived by Gu Changge's lies. People like him didn't have a heart. One couldn't even estimate the number of people someone like him had tricked without them knowing they were dancing on the palm of his hand.

“Should I call you Gu Changge, or should I call you Gu Wuxin (heartless)? You are truly a heartless monster who has no love for others! I worked hard for you for three thousand years, yet you didn't give me a shred of affection in return. Since the Heavens have given me another chance, I will not let history repeat itself...”

Yue Mingkong's expression turned as cold as a glacier. She had already matured, and was no longer the naive and foolish girl from her past life, who was obsessed with that almost-perfect man who had her heart wrapped around his finger.

As the fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, she was the one who disappointed her father the most in the past. But now, in just half a year, she had stomped all of her competitors in the royal family, and even dethroned her eldest brother from his position of the Crown Prince.

Her menacing means easily crushed every record set in the Supreme Immortal Dynasty since its existence. Even her father — who always looked at her with disappointment — couldn't help but shower her with praises.

All of this was thanks to her regressing to the past. She knew much due to the fact that she had lived for three thousand years, so she could take flawless steps and dominate over everyone with ease.

“In the end, I was nothing more than a tool in your eyes. To you, I was nothing but a toy that you used to get yourself a clean reputation...”

“Gu Changge, since you never cared about me, then don't blame me for taking everything from you in this life! I will make you experience all of my pain...”

“Alas! You are a heartless devil, so how can you understand my pain and everything that I experienced? It's such a pity, or I could have made you fall in love with me, and then killed you just like you killed me!”

“It seems that I have no choice but to destroy your life so much that you will have no choice but to stay by my side! After all, instead of death, a life like that will be the worst punishment for someone like you...hehe...”

Yue Mingkong's imperial robes fluttered, and she stood with her hands behind her back. Her gorgeous visage showed a deep calm as she lost herself in contemplation.

At the same time, she turned her face towards the east — that was where the Ancient Immortal Gu Family resided.

She knew that Gu Changge had already returned from the Lower Realm, and he had also gotten what he descended for. She also knew that soon, her father would bring her along to the Ancient Immortal Gu Family to discuss the matter of her and Gu Changge's marriage.

The marriage between the Supreme Immortal Dynasty and the Ancient Immortal Gu Family was a matter of great importance, and it attracted the attention of countless behemoths and big shots. After all, it involved the majestic fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, and the only son of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Patriarch.

The most important thing was that her father desired to take advantage of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's might to annex other Immortal Dynasties. Unfortunately, everyone in the Upper Realm knew about the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's means, and it wasn't a hidden fact that no one had ever been able to take advantage of them. Even though the Supreme Immortal Dynasty was rumored to be the first Immortal Dynasty of the Upper Realm, it wouldn't be an exception to that fact.

In her last life, she had never made sense of such intricate matters. Although she was talented from birth, and was also the fourth princess of the Supreme Immortal Dynasty, she didn't have the wits and means of the royal family like her siblings, and this fact brought great disappointment to her father.

She was nothing more than mediocre among her peers of the royal family.

As for why the Ancient Immortal Gu Family agreed to her engagement with Gu Changge? Yue Mingkong didn't understand this in her last life, but now she did. It was because her father promised to give the

Ancient Immortal Gu Family innumerable benefits in return! She was merely a tool that would be married off to the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Young Master.

She was a little girl when she first met Gu Changge. At that time, he was cultivating atop a piece of spiritual bluestone. A brilliant glow filled his surroundings, Dao runes turned into flowers and bloomed, and divine brilliance dazzled everyone who laid their gaze upon him.

His Heavenly appearance astonished her, and then she was informed that he would be her future husband. Just that one look was enough for her to give away her heart, and she sent herself to ruin for him in her previous life.

“Fortunately, it’s still not too late to correct my mistakes! Soon, we will meet again, Gu Changge...”

Yue Mingkong returned from her trip down memory lane, and slowly closed her eyes. She now held Gu Changge's greatest secret in her hand. Once it's exposed that he was the inheritor of the Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art, the entire world would rush to hunt him to death — that was no exaggeration.

Alas! She knew that she couldn't expose this fact without solid evidence, or nobody would believe her words. The Gu Changge of this time took every step with caution, and rarely used the Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art. Even then, he would make sure to erase every trace of his devilish acts.

Worse still? There was a part of her heart that didn't desire to expose him like that; she didn't want to see such a day where the entire world would be against him...

Yue Mingkong couldn't help but sigh.

Even though she had regressed, her heart was still not ruthless and determined enough.

“No! How could I still love him? It’s just that I don’t want to defeat him by despicably exposing his identity as the inheritor of Devil Arts! I want to take him down fair and square — I want to take everything away from him in an upright manner...”

Soon, Yue Mingkong shook her head and muttered to herself.

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“We pay our respects to the Young Master!”

“Welcome back, Young Master!”

The ancient Shrine of Reception traveled from the edge of the Upper Realm, and then traveled through many massive teleportation formations. After a long journey, they finally appeared at the gate of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's territory. All the disciples who stood outside the Gu Family's gate showed extreme respect for Gu Changge, and it was as if they were specially standing there to welcome him.

Gu Changge responded to them with a nod.

In front him, myriad immortal mountains and islands floated in the air, releasing divine lights that rushed towards the sky. Spiritual mist floated everywhere, and the entire territory of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family was shrouded by a terrifying formation that shone with bright flares that resembled the brilliance of the sun and the moon.

Right now, it was merely releasing a fraction of its true might. If it activated in all its glory, even mighty God Kings wouldn't be able to pass through it.

“Is this the foundation of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family?”

Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan felt their heads buzz. Although the journey all the way here had already shocked and numbed them to all sorts of scenes, the magnificent view in front of them still disturbed their hearts, and they couldn't calm down. With this level of territory and magnificence, they could no longer be called a mere 'Family' estate — they were a major world!

[VILFIC: Ancient Immortal Gu Land!]

“Let's go.”

Gu Changge said. At the same time he wondered how he should go about showing the rest of the world to them? Especially Lin Qiuhan, who he was going to send to an Alchemy Heritage. Although no one should have the guts to bully them with their relationship to him, there were always some who went against the norm. After all, the two came from the Lower Realm, so the people of the Upper Realm would obviously pick on them.

“Old Ming, you should arrange their residences.”

Gu Changge instructed the old man standing beside him. The family had strict rules, and divided the family's estate into Inner and Outer regions. Right now, they were in the Outer Region. As for the Inner Region? Only the direct descendants of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family could enter and live there.

Su Qingge and Lin Qiuhan couldn't go to the Inner Region until they were given some identity in the Family.

After that, Gu Changge turned into a stream of brilliant light, and headed straight towards the Inner Region. Since he had returned to the Gu Family, his top priority was to meet his father. After all, not everything he did was planned by him — his father was also deeply involved.

“Young Master has gone to the Inner Region, so we should deal with your matter first. This old slave will first teach you two the rules of the Gu Family. Make sure you don't do something that would embarrass the Young Master when you are beside him in the future.”

“Speaking of which, don't [be hill-billies and] show surprise at everything and anything, even if you come across people from the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.”

Once Gu Changge left, Old Ming brought them along and advised them while traveling through the various floating mountains and islands. Su Qingge was much better than Lin Qiuhan when it came to getting used to their new surroundings, while Lin Qiuhan kept nodding her head like a little chick pecking on rice, **“I understand, Ancestor!”**

As soon as Old Ming heard her words, his expression changed and showed deep fright. In a hurry, he corrected her, **“Don't call me Ancestor or anything like that in the future — be it in the Ancient Immortal Gu Family or outside. It's enough if you just keep this fact in your heart.”**

After all, Lin Qiuhan seemed to be highly valued by his Young Master, and there was a chance that their relationship might develop further in the future. What did his relationship with Lin Qiuhan as her

Ancestor amount to? The Gu Family was extremely strict with their hierarchy, and if this fact came out, he might just end up at the gallows.

Although Lin Qiuhan didn't understand these nuances, she would naturally follow her Ancestor's command.

At the same time, she felt overwhelmed, and her eyes reached a point where they might burst with how wide she opened them, as she watched the magnificence of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's divine structures. In her heart, she couldn't help but sigh, 'Young Master Gu's family is scary!'

She had never imagined she would see such magnificent islands and immortal mountains in her life, so much so that she couldn't suppress her shock no matter how hard she tried. Immortal mist floated everywhere, and rumbling waterfalls flowed down from the sky. Various ominous beasts roamed the mountains and islands, and their terrifying aura surged towards the sky like a wave.

The Spiritual Qi in the surroundings was so dense that she thought it would liquefy at any moment.

Her reaction didn't surprise Old Ming. Back when he first saw this scene thousands of years ago, he was just as astounded. It was the first time he saw the tip of the iceberg known as the Ancient Immortal Gu Family.

Comparing the Ancient Families and Heritages of the Lower Realm to them was like comparing villages made of mud to Immortal Islands that floated high above the Heavens.

A lot of thoughts passed through Old Ming's heart, and he couldn't help but say, **"This is merely the Outer Region, which is nothing compared to the Inner Region. As for the God-Child Island where the Young Master resides? It's a true Immortal Land that has come straight out of a fairytale! I am not even qualified to go near it. Of course, you..."**

Speaking of which, Old Ming suddenly felt envious of the two.

At the same time, Gu Changge arrived in the Inner Region after using the Family's exclusive teleportation arrays that connected the Outer and Inner Regions, and the rest of their territory.

He stood in front of a magnificent and majestic hall. Suddenly, the door in front of him opened, and a warm voice seemingly belonging to a middle-aged man sounded from inside.

"Changge, you are back?"

Chapter 70: The Villain's Father; Seeing Things Clearly!

The majestic hall in front of him towered into the sky like an ancient behemoth, and uncountable runes surged around it. The aura of Heaven and Earth surrounded it in worship, and gave it the appearance of a sacred shrine.

Inside the hall, a middle-aged man, with an appearance somewhat similar to Gu Changge's, sat cross-legged in cultivation. Chaotic Spiritual Qi revolved around him, and the sounds of Heavenly chants and Great Dao rhythms faintly sounded from his surroundings.

His aura surged towards the Heavens, and pressed down on the world around him. He was like an ancient god who could split the sky with a single movement, and no one could estimate his true might.

As soon as he saw Gu Changge enter the hall, he showed a gentle expression which he only ever showed in front of Gu Changge. Before others, he always showed an expression of aloofness, as if he was a lofty deity looking down on all living beings. Even when he passed down his order, he only used his Spiritual Sense. Rarely did he open his mouth to speak.

He was Gu Changge's father, the current Patriarch of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family!

At the same time, he was also one of the most terrifying people in the Upper Realm, and stood at its very peak. A random order from him could shake the entirety of the Upper Realm, and dictate the life and death of innumerable souls.

It wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Patriarch of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family was an Immortal giant who looked down on the world from high above.

"Father, this son has returned."

Gu Changge arrived before his father, and stood with a submissive expression.

"Did everything go well? Your trip to the Lower Realm this time dissatisfied a lot of the Elders, and they were continuously asking about your whereabouts, and wouldn't stop passing certain remarks."

Gu Lintian said with a gentle smile, without a shred of fallacy in his expression.

The fact that Gu Changge had a Devil Heart wasn't known by many in the Ancient Immortal Gu Family. Only his parents, and some of the ancestors and very close people in their lineage[1] knew about this matter.

[1: a single family can have multiple lineages. One ancestor has 10 sons, and those sons have their own descendants, so that would make the family have 10 lineages.]

The matter of him having a Devil Heart was a sensitive topic. Since its first appearance in the Upper Realm, Gu Changge was the ninth known person to possess a Devil Heart, and the only one who was still living well.

The first eight holders of the Devil Heart — no matter their backgrounds or might — were known to have turned into evil demons who brought disaster to the world around them.

The people related to them never had good ends either!

The appearance of a Devil Heart was akin to an ominous sign. In the Upper Realm, holders of the Devil Heart were not just treated as the enemies of the world, but they were also avoided by the rest of the world like a plague.

Gu Changge's birth with a Devil Heart had stunned Gu Lintian for a while. Fortunately, he was quick to respond and immediately suppressed the information in the Family. Right now, only a few of his very close confidants knew about this matter.

Leaving everything else aside, just the fact that Gu Changge possessed a Devil Heart would be enough to invalidate his succession to the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's position of Patriarch. His talent meant nothing before that fact, and the hostility he would receive in the Family would be no different from what he would receive from the outside world.

The rest of the Gu Family's members would never allow him to be their successor!

Fortunately, during his early years, Gu Changge found a girl in the Family who possessed the Dao Bones. For Gu Changge's future, Gu Lintian decisively decided to dig out her Dao Bones to give them to Gu Changge, so as to cover up his Devil Heart.

They had successfully used this cover-up for more than ten years without anyone finding out the truth of the matter [that Gu Changge had a Devil Heart].

The Family Elders and others who knew about the incident [of them digging out the girl's Dao Bones] had already been exiled from the Gu Family, and even their cultivation bases had been suppressed and sealed.

Their once-prosperous lineage had gradually withered over time, and the matter was buried under the dust of time.

It's just that when he later tried to find the little girl, he realized that she seemed to have disappeared without a trace. Back then, they hadn't finished her off, and allowed an Elder from her lineage to take her away. When they inquired about her whereabouts, they realized that she disappeared soon after she left with that Elder.

Even after he investigated her whereabouts multiple times over the years, he came across nothing. After all, it was a shameful act. Although many of the Family's ancestors had turned a blind eye to the matter, and the girl's lineage had also slowly declined in the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, who could tell there weren't one or two ancient monsters from that lineage hidden in the depths of the Family's Ancestral Lands?

After all, all the ancient monsters of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family were buried in the Ancestral Lands. Unless they dug them out, they wouldn't know whether the other party was dead or just in seclusion.

"I succeeded."

Gu Changge responded with a smile, and recalled just how much love and care his parents showered him with.

As was the norm with the various cliches and tropes, the parents of the Favored Children of Heaven either didn't care about their kids, or thought that their kids weren't good enough, and ignored them. The parents of the villain, on the other hand, always doted on their villainous kid and showered them with all the love that was possible in the world.

The so-called 'kill the young and the old shall come'[2] wasn't all bogus talk. How else would the villain's entire family accompany them to their grave?

[2: In normal novels, once the Protagonist kills the young villain, the villain's parents come to avenge him. Once the parents are killed, the grandparents follow. So on and so forth. At one point, the Protagonist gets tired and slaughters the entire family of the villain, and not even their mutts and sows escape the calamity.]

"Take that out so I can have a look. For now, you won't be able to control the weapon of the former Devil Heart master."

Gu Lintian said.

"Understood."

Gu Changge responded, and then made a mental command. Immediately, the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] disappeared from the System's Weapon Storage.

[Hum!]

The Void trembled, and a terrifying, murderous aura that seemed to desire the destruction of the Heavens and the Earth spread in the surroundings. Out of thin air, the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] appeared in front of Gu Changge.

However, right at that moment, its originally terrifying might subsided and turned into a small, flickering flame as if someone had suppressed it. Gu Changge could see it flicker like a candlelight that would go out as soon as it met a gust of wind. The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] conveyed its terror to him as it trembled in his hands.

"Father, you scared it."

Gu Changge said helplessly.

At the same time, he released his Spiritual Sense to calm the scared little Halberd. Unfortunately, it wasn't easy to erase the Halberd's fear for an existence as mighty as Gu Lintian. When its consciousness was born, the Halberd had thought that it was the mightiest in the world, but after it came across Gu Lintian, it realized that it was like a small boat standing before a surging ocean.

"It seems that you chanced upon another Fortuitous Opportunity down there. I didn't feel anything when you took it out of thin air. That's good! Your mother and I can rest assured, and I won't need to listen to her continuous nagging all day long."

"It's also good that this thing doesn't have any evil intentions towards you, or there would be no need to keep its consciousness. A soulless Artifact is much better and can bring about a lot of peace of mind..."

Gu Lintian nodded with a smile, and then withdrew his Spiritual Sense after probing it enough.

Although the [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] had an extraordinary origin, and was the weapon of the previous master of the Devil Heart, it was nothing in front of an existence like him. Even if it recovered to its prime, a single thought from him would be enough to suppress it.

But since it was now Gu Changge's weapon, he couldn't be bothered about it. Gu Changge had a lot of other secrets as well, but he never asked him about them. He was alright with Gu Changge keeping secrets even from him.

Still, if something threatened his child's well-being, then he would definitely protect him at all costs, and wouldn't allow anything or anyone to harm him.

Gu Changge responded with a nod. He wasn't a heartless man, and understood well how much the people around him cared about him. Although he was a villain, it didn't mean he would be an unfeeling ingrate — it just meant that he was destined to be against the Favored Children of Heaven.

"Your cultivation has increased by leaps and bounds after this trip to the Lower Realm, so I don't think any geniuses from other forces will be able to contend against you..."

Gu Lintian couldn't help but praise after he probed his son's current cultivation. Back when he was around Gu Changge's age, he had only just reached the Conferred Lord Realm, but Gu Changge was already at the peak of the Conferred Lord Realm...no, he was half a step into the Conferred King Realm.

There were many Young Supremes in the Upper Realm, but he doubted there were any at the same level as Gu Changge.

"Father, you flatter me!"

Gu Changge responded with a smile, but didn't refute his father's words. After all, he had spent 5000 Destiny Points to raise his cultivation to the peak of the Conferred Lord Realm. With his might, he could easily flatten even existences of the False God Realm with a single slap.

Of course, Gu Changge also knew that he had a lot more cards up his sleeve about which his father knew nothing about — Immortal-Devouring Demonic Art was one of those. It wasn't that he didn't trust his father, but that it was something that was better kept hidden. The less people who knew about it, the safer he would be.

"The [Eight Desolate Demon Halberd] is the weapon of the previous holder of the Devil Heart. Although it isn't enough to reveal the fact that you also have a Devil Heart, try not to use it unless absolutely necessary, before you have taken charge of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family..."

Gu Lintian advised Gu Changge. He wasn't worried about someone taking away the weapon from Gu Changge — after all, someone who dared to rob their Gu Family's stuff wasn't yet born in this world — but worried that the matter of him having a Devil Heart might come out because of it, and that would lead to Gu Changge receiving a lot of backlash from inside and outside the family. Although Gu Changge was the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's Young Master, his position as the next Patriarch wasn't yet set in stone.

The weapon was good, but the identity of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family's future Patriarch was even more important.

Once that was settled, those old fogies wouldn't be able to do anything. Even if the fact that Gu Changge was a holder of the Devil Heart came out, they wouldn't be able to do anything but accept him as their Patriarch.

In fact, Gu Lintian had already developed a step-by-step plan for Gu Changge's future, and he was now only waiting for him to slowly take reign of the Family.

"Contrary to my thoughts, it seems that you have finally started to see things clearly..."

Suddenly, Gu Lintian noticed the [Spirit Nourishing Jade] on Gu Changge's person, and instantly felt Yan Ji's breath from it. Although his face still showed his usual indifference, he felt relief in his heart.

"Father, you are misunderstanding..."

Gu Changge was first stunned, but then he laughed out loud, and explained Yan Ji's origins to Gu Lintian.

Of course, he didn't say anything about provoking discord between Ye Chen and Yan Ji. If he hadn't found the entire thing interesting and needed to squeeze Ye Chen's fortune dry, he wouldn't have bothered about her. After all, stealing the Favored Son of Heaven's Master right in front of his eyes was a matter of great exhilaration.

Now that he had returned to the Upper Realm, he wasn't in a hurry to decide what to do with Yan Ji. However, there was the fact that she was also from the Upper Realm, so he reckoned that she might know about a lot of hidden opportunities.

"She is from a race that is born from the Innate Flames of Heaven and Earth. I had thought her kind had already perished, but since you like her, there's no harm in letting her stay by your side."

Gu Lintian said. He recognized Yan Ji's origins in a single glance.

Her race born from the Innate Flames of Heaven and Earth was once the strongest race among the many godly races, and their children were born with mighty cultivation right from the get go.

Unfortunately, all of them had long disappeared from the world.

Judging from her appearance, she seemed to be in her twenties, while Gu Changge was also young, so he had no objection in her staying by his side.

"She should have been in the Great Sacred Realm at her peak, so her talent isn't to be looked down upon..."

Gu Lintian said.

'No wonder her Fortune Value is so high...she turned out to be at the Great Sacred Realm.'

Gu Changge finally understood her situation to some extent.

When Yan Ji was at her prime, she was a behemoth of the Great Sacred Realm! She was someone who could easily go anywhere in the Upper Realm, crush stars in the palm of her hands, and travel through the Universe with ease.

In the Ancient Immortal Gu Family, God Kings could be said to be many, while Sacred Realm cultivators could be regarded as true masters in the various lineages. As for Great Sacred Realm cultivators? They could easily become Elder-level figures in the Family.

Having said that, he felt that he earned massive profits on this trip down to the Lower Realm.

"Go to the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace as soon as you are free. The number of people criticizing you for your half-year long disappearance isn't small over there. Moreover, you also need to settle the matter of becoming their heir..."

As Gu Lintian mentioned this matter, his eyes turned deep, and terrifying scenes flashed past his pupils. It was as if the Universe was about to collapse as all the stars shattered and fell one by one.

At this moment, he resembled a supreme being who could dominate the entire Universe.

"Please rest assured, Father! This child is bound to come out on top in the fight for the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace's position of heir."

Gu Changge assured him.

His father was an ambitious man, and so was he. Sooner or later, the Heavenly Immortal Dao Palace will belong to their father-son pair.