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Chapter 731: The calm before the storm, wait for the world to come and worship you

Heavenly Emperor Mountain, Violet Sky Valley, and Endless Fire Kingdom have indeed maintained their ancient traditions and are often referred to as powerful immortal lineages. However, this doesn't necessarily mean that they have truly endured countless ages without perishing. Over the long years, these traditions have accumulated profound wisdom, gathered disciples, and expanded their territories extensively, earning the fear and respect of the world, that was why they were labeled as immortal sects.

But when compared to those real immortal forces that have genuinely endured endless cycles of existence, they fall far short in some respects, lacking any real comparison.

The recent events that transpired on the day of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction have only served to tarnish the reputation of these so-called immortal sects like Heavenly Emperor Mountain and etc..They were immortal sects that initially spread rumors that Gu Changge was the inheritor of a forbidden demonic art, and now that the true inheritor has emerged, suspicions surrounding Gu Changge have naturally been dispelled.

In the following days, they dispatched formidable experts to the location where Jin Yun met his demise, attempting to trace any traces of the inheritor of the demonic art. However, after killing Jin Yun and seizing his essence, the inheritor seemed to vanish into thin air, disappearing from the world, leaving many cultivators with doubts.

This led many to question whether the real inheritor of the demonic art might have been among the young supremes who had entered the ancient cave together. After all, figures like the Phoenix Maiden, Jin Chan, and the Six-Crowned King Jun Yao all had significant suspicions surrounding them, having appeared in the cave at the same time. When Jin Yun, the young supreme figure from Violet Sky Valley, met his end, they couldn't prove that they weren't present at the scene, adding further uncertainty to the situation.

As a result, the situation became increasingly complicated. Many young supremes who had ventured into that cave in search of opportunities began to keep a low profile, fearing that they might be mistaken for the inheritor of the demonic art and face retaliation from others.

The Upper Realm was vast, with countless mysterious and unknown places.

Even those Dao-Building experts who had reached the pinnacle of cultivation dared not claim to have explored all these uncharted regions. Many speculated that the true inheritor of the demonic art was either hiding in these mysterious territories or that their true identity was connected to certain powerful immortal forces, which allowed them to conceal their whereabouts and identity so effectively.

Following these events, Gu Changge's reputation soared even higher. Previously, even when falsely accused and suspected of being the inheritor of the demonic art and was hostile to, he remained undeterred. Instead, he emerged during the Absolute Heavenly Extinction to seek a solution for the well-being of the upper realm.

Such tireless and virtuous actions, repaying animosity with kindness, have garnered admiration and even worship from many cultivators. In some regions, voices have started to emerge, expressing the hope that Gu Changge could change the aloof and indifferent behavior of the various powerful immortal sects in the Upper Realm, because they often disregard the well-being of the common people. After all, even Hell itself was destroyed because of Gu Changge.

If he were willing to step forward at this moment, carrying the banner of justice for the Upper Realm, countless cultivators would undoubtedly rally to his cause. This development made powers like Heavenly Emperor Mountain, Violet Sky Valley, uneasy, sensing impending trouble. Many Dao-Building ancestors from different immortal sects drew closer, engaging in deep discussions and forming intricate plans.

The Upper Realm, once calm for so long, was now filled with turbulence, and it was clear that significant changes were on the horizon, far beyond the previous Longevity War and the Immortality Tribulation. And just at this moment, Gu Changge suddenly announced news that shook all cultivators and even all the forces. (Ed Note, Longevity War means the war between immortal sects caused by some treasure or medicine that can add life span. Immortality Tribulation means the cyclic riot in the entire Upper Realm, caused by the rise and fall of a certain immortal sect.)

He claimed to have a solution for the disaster of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction that had recently occurred. This news had an explosive impact, causing shockwaves throughout the entire cultivation world. As anticipated by Gu Changge, this announcement was like a meteor crashing into a deep sea, creating waves of astonishment and disbelief.

Everyone found it unimaginable that there might be a solution to the Absolute Heavenly Extinction scourge. After all, if it could be resolved so easily, why had it plagued the Upper Realm for so many years, prompting the establishment of the True Immortal Academy with the aim of cultivating a real immortal?

Could it be that Gu Changge now possessed the fight capability matched with a real immortal?

As soon as many people heard this news, the thought involuntarily crossed their minds, sending shivers down their spines.

If not for this, how could Gu Changge be so confident in making such a claim? However, the question remained; how did Gu Changge achieve this, and how did he possess Immortal Realm abilities in an environment where they were not supposed to exist?

Immortal Forces like Heavenly Emperor Mountain and Violet Sky Valley are deeply unsettled. In the current environment, Immortal Realm power would mean invincibility, capable of sweeping through the entire Upper Realm. Even if they exhausted all their resources, they would find it challenging to contend with such a force.

And just as the entire Upper Realm was in shock over this news, Gu Changge soon revealed another piece of information: the legendary figure of the Immortal Ancient Period, The Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation, was still alive and possessed the means to help resolving the Absolute Heavenly Extinction catastrophe.(Ed Note: we will change the term Immortal Ancient Era into Immortal Ancient Period and The Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation into Reincarnated Heaven Lord)

The revelation sent shockwaves through the upper world, leaving everyone awestruck. It was only at this moment that many people realized that Gu Changge was indeed the disciple of Reincarnated Heaven Lord. In other words, his master, who had lived from the Immortal Ancient Period until the present, was still alive, spanning countless ages and epochs.

When it came to Cultivation Base,Reincarnated Heaven Lord had surpassed the Immortal Realm in his era, making his power beyond the comprehension of current cultivators. His numerous legendary deeds and stories were still passed down throughout the Upper Realm to this day.

He was a living relic of an era—such a being actually existed? If Gu Changge wasn't lying, then Reincarnated Ancient Lord was undoubtedly the key to resolving the disaster of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction.

Once this realization settled in, the entire Upper Realm erupted in excitement. From common cultivators to ancient beings, everyone was focused on this matter, eager to discern whether it was

truth or falsehood. In such a critical moment, Gu Changge had no reason to deceive or conceal information, so it was highly likely that his announcement was genuine.

“Reincarnated Heaven Lord...How could he have lived for so long.”

“Could it be that he delved into the mysteries of reincarnation and comprehended the Dao of time?”

“The power of time is truly enticing. But no matter how remarkable Reincarnated Heaven Lord was in his prime, he must still abide by the rules of today that belong to us.”

In the forbidden area of many immortal sects and forces, terrifying powers that had long slumbered began to awaken, surging like an expansive sea, shaking the surrounding star realms and startling countless common beings.

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“Master, there must be visitors here today even without thinking!”

“Your name is far and wide, even today, your influence remains deep and indelible.”

“All we need to do now is wait for the various immortal sects to pay their respects.”

After parting ways with Jiang Chuchu, Gu Changge had returned to the Gu family, and transmitted these two earth-shattering pieces of news by the way. He hadn't informed Reincarnated Heaven Lord in advance. Now, seeing the somewhat displeased expression on his cheap master's face, Gu Changge couldn't help but smile faintly, offering an explanation.

Chapter 732: Became a tool man in a day, gathered in the divine city

Reincarnated Heaven Lord had clearly not anticipated that Gu Changge would be so brazen, revealing his existence without asking for his opinion, and even resorting to a fait accompli.(Ed Note, we will change Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation to Reincarnated Heaven Lord)

Of course, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had long foreseen that such a day would come. However, he didn't want to be so passive, feeling like nothing more than a tool in Gu Changge's hands.

“Why didn’t you talk to me first before that?” For he was no ordinary person, his emotions and anger remained hidden. Despite his profoundly somber heart, his face swiftly regained its composure, and he asked with a somewhat mild smile.

“My master, I thought this matter would affect the entire Upper Realm’s situation, and your traces would inevitably become known to the world sooner or later, so I thought it best to disclose it earlier,” Gu Changge replied with a smile.

He knew full well that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord must be feeling extremely unhappy. However, while within the territory of the Gu family, he had no choice but to swallow his frustration.

What’s more, Reincarnated Heaven Lord must have studied and comprehended the mysterious runes from the ancestor artifact of the three wells of Absolute Heavenly Extinction during this period of time.

Furthermore, during this time, he must have had a genuine desire to uncover the secret and make it his own. Therefore, he had probably sensed the little tricks he had played.

So even if he had too much dissatisfaction in his heart at this time, he could only swallow his anger and pretend that he got nothing. Even though he felt very unhappy at that moment, he had to hide his anger and act as if he hadn’t gained anything.

From the very beginning, Gu Changge had calculated Reincarnated Heaven Lord intentionally, leaving obvious flaws in those runes. Even leading the Gu family, making him cautious and restraining any covetous thoughts, was part of the plan.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord would naturally think that he was being cautious due to his strength not being enough against him, so using the power of his family to intimidate him. As a result, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord would inevitably underestimate him and eventually consider taking action against him.

Subsequently, he might attempt to lure him away from the Gu Family, maybe even to some ancient universe far from the Upper Realm.

“My disciple, thinking of me in this way, truly warms my heart.” Seeing Gu Changge’s explanation, his expression momentarily faltering, but he quickly regained his composure, appearing genuinely pleased.

Only Reincarnated Heaven Lord himself knew how much he wanted to slap his opportunistic disciple, Gu Changge, to death at this moment. He once ruled over numerous epochs in the Upper Realm, and in the Anciently Immortal Era, he was a renowned powerhouse, feared and respected by all.

How had he fallen to the point of being calculated and used as a tool by others?

At this moment, he could only remind himself to endure it. Patience was crucial for grand schemes. He was deeply intrigued by the many secrets hidden within Gu Changge.

“Master, your understanding of your disciple’s intentions warms my heart,” Gu Changge smiled and continued, “In that case, I will give the order now. In seven days, in the Divine City, you will appear there. At that time, you will discuss the resolution of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction calamity with the various forces of the Upper Realm.”

Upon hearing this, Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s face stiffened once again. He hadn’t expected that Gu Changge had already arranged everything. He had no room to refuse.

Soon, various pieces of information regarding him spread like wildfire, thanks to Gu Changge’s careful arrangements. The news of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord appearing in the Divine City in seven days to discuss how to solve the Absolute Heavenly Extinction scourge with immortal forces caused a tremendous stir. It was like a meteor crashing into the deep sea.

Many cultivators who had doubted whether he was still alive now widened their eyes and prepared to head to the Divine City to investigate.

The entire Upper Realm was in an uproar. The Supreme God Clan, the Grand Yu Immortal Dynasty, the Peerless Immortal Dynasty, the Hidden Ancestral Clan, and numerous other hidden immortal forces were all mobilizing. They sent beings at the level of their ancestors or even their deepest reserves, tearing through the fabric of the universe or piloting ancient interstellar warships to descend upon the Divine City. They were eager to meet this mythical figure from the Ancient Immortal Era.

In terms of seniority, Reincarnated Heaven Lord was even older and more ancient than the Ancestor of the Human Ancestor Hall. Only those who truly understood the significance of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord continued existence could comprehend what this meant.

The Upper Realm was filled with excitement and anticipation. Every day, streaks of divine rainbows crisscrossed the skies as they rushed toward the Divine City.

Even the younger generation was equally interested. Despite knowing that the inheritor of the demonic arts likely lurked in the shadows, they had no fear. The Divine City stood tall and majestic, an immortal tower falling into the world, bathed in radiant light and mist.

The Divine City was a mesmerizing sight, with numerous islands and celestial mountains rising and falling, silver waterfalls cascading, and stars dotting the sky. It resembled an ancient and timeless world of its own.

Countless palaces and pavilions were nestled within the city, and even the city gates stood like pillars that could hold up the universe, exuding an aura of ancient grandeur.

There weren't many cities in the Upper Realm worthy of being called "Divine Cities." Once, Gu Changge and several other powerhouses had besieged one such Divine City along the path Red-Clothed Demoness took after emerging from the Abyss of Demons. That city had nearly been destroyed in that epic battle, with large sections of its walls collapsing into ruins, countless runes shattered and permanently erased. [Ed note: Abyss of Demons usually called as the prisoner for demons.]

The current Divine City, however, was different. It was adorned with endless runes on its walls, shining brilliantly. Even in broad daylight, it was dazzling, as if it were situated in the depths of the universe.

Within the city, there were world-suppressing artifacts floating above, emitting countless streams of radiance, their aura terrifying and awe-inspiring. Except for those Dao-Building experts, no one dared to act recklessly here.

In recent days, the city gates had been wide open, and numerous ancient warships, flying boats, and dragon carriages had descended upon the city. Almost all the prominent figures of the Upper Realm had gathered here.

Many cultivators were shocked to find that some of the leaders of the Immortal Sects were respectfully accompanying elderly individuals with white hair and clouded eyes. Their reverence was palpable.

This discovery left them astounded and terrified. They realized that these elderly individuals' cultivations were unfathomable and beyond imagination, even surpassing many Dao-Building experts.

"I didn't expect the background figures from various Immortal Sects to gradually appear in the world..."

"These might be Remnant Immortals or individuals nearing that realm." (ED, Remnant Immortal = incomplete immortal)

Countless cultivators within the Divine City were shaken, and their hearts were filled with shock and turmoil.

After the news of Reincarnated Heaven Lord's imminent appearance spread, no one could remain still any longer.

Boom!!

The void trembled as a massive ancient warship descended from the sky, its banners waving prominently with the words "Supreme God." It landed deep within the Divine City. [Ed note: Supreme God varies among different belief systems. It typically refers to the highest, most powerful, often the singular deity or divine being and supernatural entity which is above all others] .

The Supreme God Clan's formidable beings had also arrived.

Standing on the warship was an elegant and dignified golden-haired woman with a breathtakingly beautiful face. Her eyes seemed to radiate two golden suns, exuding a fierce and formidable aura. Every cultivator who met her gaze couldn't help but bow their heads in reverence.

Princess Jiang Luoshen of the Supreme God Clan had a deep connection with Gu Changge in the Supreme God's Tomb. Later, she had been captured by Gu Changge and brought into the Demon World, where they had spent some time together.

Although she hadn't appeared in the Upper Realm for a long time, many cultivators hadn't forgotten her. After all, she was the audacious woman who dared to scold Gu Changge back then, even though it seemed she had suffered terribly at his hands later on. But this didn't diminish her unparalleled charm in the eyes of many. Her golden hair flowed smoothly, as if it had a layer of

golden light coursing through it. Her perfectly sculpted features exuded an air of cold, aristocratic dignity, as if she looked down upon everything.

Her presence in the Divine City this time caught many cultivators by surprise, especially the younger generation. However, the older generation was more concerned about the elderly woman with golden hair who accompanied Jiang Luoshen.

This elderly woman had a hunched back, occasionally coughed, and held a dried tree branch of an unknown tree in her hand. Although her face appeared kind, there was a terrifying aura emanating from her that made one's heart race. It was as if she weren't an ordinary old woman but a ferocious beast with boundless power, capable of tearing the heavens apart with a mere wave of her hand.

Jiang Luoshen carefully supported her as they made their way into the Divine City, followed by numerous powerful experts of the Supreme God Clan.

This scene attracted the attention of many, and they speculated about the identity of the elderly woman. It was the older generation, those with some knowledge of ancient secrets, who had a sudden change in expression and sucked in a cold breath.

Some of them muttered in disbelief, "Could she be that legendary one from the Supreme God Clan..."

In the days that followed, the Peerless Immortal Dynasty and the Great Yu Immortal Dynasty, both immortal dynasties, also had their formidable beings appear.

Although the current Empress of the Peerless Immortal Dynasty, Yue Mingkong, hadn't shown herself, they had sent a substantial number of powerful representatives.

Chapter 733: All the background characters appear, no one is innocent

In the midst of the divine city, a gathering of influential figures from various immortal sects and traditions sparked tremendous waves. The appearance of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was like a signal, causing anxiety among the powerful forces of the upper realms. They had to bring forth individuals with profound backgrounds to assert their authority.

During this time, many of the younger generation found their radiance completely overshadowed. Because these figures of profound background had once shone brightly in their youth, and perhaps even more so, they had left enduring legends despite the passage of countless years.

The divine city buzzed with excitement, with cultivators from all races bustling through its streets. Every palace and pavilion was filled with people engaged in discussions about the significant events unfolding in the upper realms in recent days. Occasionally, the rumbling of ancient warships echoed in the sky above.

Prominent figures from various races arrived, riding divine chariots, surrounded by divine light, and accompanied by the roars of auspicious beasts as they descended into the heart of the divine city. Among these dignitaries, the young powerhouses like the Six Crown King and the Jin Chan maintained a quiet demeanor, devoid of their previous sharpness and arrogance.

In the assembly of cultivators of the Buddhist Mountain, a benevolent-looking, white-eyebrowed old monk drew particular attention. He wore a tattered monk's robe and held a dull prayer bead. Yet, his entire being seemed to exude an astonishing sense of Buddhahood. Even the ordinary cultivators in his vicinity were influenced, becoming more serene.

Jin Chan silently followed behind him, showing immense respect for the white-eyebrowed old monk.

“Chana Ancient Buddha... is it not said that he passed away sixty million years ago?” As soon as members of the older generation from other factions laid eyes on this elderly monk, their expressions abruptly shifted, almost as if they couldn't believe it.

Chana Ancient Buddha, as they called him, was one of the very few individuals in the Buddhist Mountain worthy of the title of Buddha, and the sight of him was exceedingly rare.

His comprehension of destiny, one of the six supernatural powers in Buddhism, had reached an incredible level.

What was destiny?

It meant having the ability to know the destinies and actions of oneself and all sentient beings in the Three Realms and the Six Paths for countless eons. In other words, the white-eyebrowed old monk could simply take one look and understand the actions and destinies of any cultivators or living being, possibly even foreseeing their past lives and future fates. It was an enigmatic and unfathomable ability that left people in awe.

Of course, such a power undoubtedly came at a significant cost, although the price varied from person to person.

“I never expected even the Chana Ancient Buddha to reappear. With his immense supernatural abilities, it’s likely that no secrets can remain hidden in this place,” remarked one elder.

“Perhaps we can finally root out the inheritor of the demonic arts this time. Those young supremes here in the divine city must be cautious and not reveal any suspicious intentions,” one cultivator remarked.

“This time, the divine city is truly a gathering of extraordinary talents. We still don’t know what kind of individuals will appear...” Various cultivators discussed fervently, their eyes filled with astonishment and incredulity.

Of course, many were also keeping an eye on the members of the Gu family, hoping to learn of Gu Changge’s whereabouts. After all, this divine city gathering was initiated by Gu Changge himself, yet he had not shown up, leaving many to speculate. Was there another plan or scheme behind his delay?

Boom!!

However, at that moment, in the eastern direction of the divine city, rolling clouds of dark magic suddenly appeared, resembling a massive, all-encompassing fog that surged forward. Terrifying figures concealed within, with wings that shook the skies, emanated iridescent light, resembling ancient demons and fiends.

Among them, there was one particularly unique demon, a face covered of white hair, appearing to be in his early thirties, towering in stature, clad in ancient human clothing. His eyes were a stark gray, carrying endless age and wisdom, while above his head, a pair of jet-black horns stood out prominently.

He materialized with the surging demon clouds, appearing just outside the divine city like a domineering Demon King ruling over the world. The horrifying aura cascaded down, causing countless cultivators and beings within the divine city to tremble with fear and nearly prostrate themselves in that direction.

The white-eyebrowed old monk, who had just entered the city, also known as Chana Ancient Buddha, opened his previously narrowed eyes. There was a hint of surprise as he turned to look outside the Divine City.

“This fellow has also shown himself?” He smiled and spoke, seemingly familiar with the formidable Demon King outside the Divine City.

“Do you know that person, Ancient Buddha?” Jin Chan, standing beside Chana Ancient Buddha, asked with some curiosity.

Chana Ancient Buddha continued to smile as he replied, “Naturally, I know him. He is the famous Bull Demon King. Do not underestimate him.”

“One of his ancestors was related to the Forbidden Era...”

“Character of The Forbidden Era...” Jin Chan’s expression darkened. Anything related to the Forbidden Era was not to be taken lightly or discussed lightly.

The appearance of the Heavenly Demon King in front of the divine city likely had some connection to the Demon Mountain.(Ed Note, Heavenly Demon King is the respectful title to some powerful demons.)

After all, the current lord of the Demon Mountain, the Red-Clothed Demoness, is truly a figure from the Forbidden Era, the one who escaped from the Demon Burying Abyss. Up to this point, even Jin Chan still had doubts that the resurgence of the Red-Clothed Demoness from the Demon Burying Abyss was actually orchestrated by Gu Changge. Anyway, the catastrophic confrontation against the Red-Clothed Demoness caused the fact that the Demon Mountain became the righteous cultivators’ public enemy.(Ed Note, Demon Mountain is the name of a force, Buddha Mountain is the same.)

During that time when they besieged the Red-Clothed Demoness, the various expert forces and traditions of the upper realms suffered heavy losses. Ultimately, it was the Buddh Mountain who had to compensate for many losses to quell the anger of the masses.

Later, Jin Chan contemplated it carefully and came to the realization that there was undoubtedly some inexplicable connection between Gu Changge and the Red-Clothed Demoness. When the Divine Stone Conference was held in Kunwu City, the Red-Clothed Demoness appeared there and exchanged many cryptic words with Gu Changge.

“Amitabha, what secrets is Gu Changge hiding...”

“If, Chana Ancient Buddha, you were to meet Gu Changge, could you gain some insight? I can’t help but feel that he may bring endless calamities to the upper realm.”

Jin Chan clasped his hands together and sighed.

The momentary Chana Ancient Buddha did not respond to the question but merely looked kindly. His gaze suddenly deepened.

The arrival of the Demon Mountain’s people had made many cultivators in the divine city feel uneasy. After all, the figures concealed within the surging demon clouds were all renowned demons and ferocious leaders with fearsome reputations.

The Heavenly Bull Demon King had once struck terror into the hearts of immortal sects from various directions. Many people believed that he had already passed away in this world, but unexpectedly, he had pledged allegiance to the Demon Mountain and came to participate in this divine city gathering.

Three days quickly passed, and the divine city continued to buzz with excitement. In an area filled with palaces and pavilions, where courtyards exuded tranquility, silver waterfalls cascaded, and the environment was elegant, many young supremes gathered for a small reunion, with the aroma of wine wafting through the air.

Numerous spiritual fruits glistened with a tempting radiance, and the surroundings were filled with the fragrance of spiritual flowers and herbs. A meandering stream flowed gently, emitting a misty and ethereal aura.

The environment here was extraordinary, located deep within the divine city. Those young supremes who could enter this place had no simple backgrounds; they were at least the true disciples or successors of renowned immortal sects.

At the entrance of the courtyard, numerous extraordinary mounts and attendants with formidable cultivation levels prostrated themselves, surpassing the ordinary younger generation outside by far.

“Brothers, do you think we’ll truly get to see the Reincarnated Heaven Lord this time, or is it all just a show of grandeur?” A somewhat plump-looking rich young man at the banquet, holding a folding fan, asked with a smile while lightly fanning himself.

His name was Wang Shun, and he was the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, a consortium of great wealth and commerce. Despite his seemingly carefree demeanor, he possessed astonishing talents in the world of trade, with hardly anyone in his generation able to match his wealth. So, despite his modest cultivation, no one dared to underestimate him, as no one knew how many magical treasures and life-saving methods he possessed. Some even jokingly referred to him as the “Little Wan Bao Heavenly Monarch..”[Ed note: Wan Bao Business Alliance is the name of the Business organization through which the cultivators got the cultivation resources by business transaction.]

“Since Young Master Changge dares to spread such news, it’s unlikely to be false unless he dares to deceive everyone.”

“The consequences of such deceit would likely be too much for him to bear.”

“I think the Reincarnated Heaven Lord is probably still in the world, just waiting for representatives from various sects to come and pay their respects to him.”

Another young supreme gently shook his head, displaying a profound understanding of the situation.

“Brother’s words make sense; I share the same opinion.”

At this moment, a mild and composed voice was heard from outside the courtyard. A refined-looking man with a transcendent demeanor entered. His presence drew the attention of many heavenly beauties in the vicinity.

The newcomer was Lan Yifei, the chosen one of the Dao Immortal Alliance. He had also come to the divine city on behalf of the Dao Immortal Alliance.

“Greetings, brother Lan.”

Seeing Lan Yifei’s arrival, many young supremes in the area stood up, showing a more respectful and attentive demeanor. After all, he was undeniably one of the prominent figures among the younger generation, on par with individuals like the Six Crown King, the Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, and the Jin Chan. Ordinary young supremes paled in comparison when standing before him.

Following Lan Yifei's appearance, the Six Crown King, Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, and others also arrived one after another. It seemed like they had coordinated their meet-up in advance, wanting to gather in this place. As a result, the other young supremes had to make room for them, moving to the edges of the gathering.

Surprisingly, Wang Shun, also known as the "Little Wan Bao Heavenly Monarch," was quite curious and approached, seemingly interested in overhearing the conversation between the Six Crown King and the others.

The Wan Bao Business Alliance was one of the top merchant guilds in the Upper realms, and regardless of the faction or sects, they were usually given some face.

"I heard that the heir of the demonic arts is among you?" Just as Lan Yifei, the Six Crown King, and others were engaged in lively conversation, a voice interrupted.

A clear, icy voice rang out. Brilliant golden light shone from outside the courtyard, as if a resplendent sun was illuminating the path. A tall and exquisitely beautiful woman, dressed in golden armor, with flowing golden hair, and an aloof expression on her fair and delicate face, appeared. She exuded an aura of nobility that made her seem unapproachable. It was Jiang Luoshen of the Supreme God Clan.

Upon receiving the news, she had also arrived at the scene to find the true inheritor of the demonic arts. As her gaze scanned the many young supremes in front of her, it seemed to carry a peculiar force, as if she could discern the real heir.

The arrival of Jiang Luoshen instantly brought silence to the area, and the other young supremes looked at her in astonishment.

"It's just a rumor, isn't it, Princess Luoshen?" At this moment, the Six Crown King, with a faint smile, broke the silence.

Jiang Luoshen's golden eyes fell on him coldly and replied, "Rumor or not, it depends on the person."

Her attitude was quite arrogant and hostile.

“If Princess Luoshen doubts us, feel free to take action and test us,” the Six Crown King replied with a calm and composed tone.

Jiang Luoshen narrowed her beautiful eyes and fixed her gaze on him. However, with so many hidden talents and powerhouses in the divine city, she didn’t dare to be reckless and only snorted coldly.

“I heard that Princess Luoshen and Young Master Changge have some love history together. Is it possible that you’ve come here to defend his honor?”

“But it seems like you’ve mistaken the target. The true inheritor of the demonic arts is definitely not among us,” the Heavenly Phoenix Maiden chimed in with a faint smile, as if she had discerned Jiang Luoshen’s intentions.

Jiang Luoshen neither confirmed nor denied this, maintaining her usual cold and aloof demeanor.

Though she had been tortured by Gu Changge for a period of time before, based on her understanding of him, he had nothing to do with the inheritor of the demonic arts. The rumors suggesting Gu Changge was the heir seemed more like someone deliberately trying to pin the blame on him.

The recent incident involving Jin Yun’s fall of the Violet Sky Valley indirectly supported her perspective.

“After meeting the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, I will invite the Chana Ancient Buddha to investigate everything clearly. By then, we will know who the real inheritor of the demonic arts is.”

“Princess Luoshen, could it be that you can’t wait even a few more days?” Jin Chan shook his head slightly and openly addressed the matter in front of everyone, no longer concealing it.

No further explanation was necessary regarding the profound mystique of the Chana Ancient Buddha. With his intervention, this matter could naturally be resolved effortlessly. Unless the heir of the demonic arts was so powerful that even the Insightful Chana Ancient Buddha couldn’t discern their identity.

Upon hearing this, many of the young supremes in the courtyard were momentarily stunned, and some couldn’t react.

“Chana Ancient Buddha...”

However, Lan Yifei’s eyes seemed to brighten slightly as he suddenly thought of something. If the Chana Ancient Buddha could truly reveal Gu Changge’s true identity, he would also be able to see that I am not acting of my own will before.

It seemed that there was a hidden path guiding him in this mysterious situation.

“Chana Ancient Buddha? Jin Chan, do you think that with him backing you, I would fear you? Regardless of which one of you is the inheritor of the demonic arts, I only knew that you were all involved in fanning the flames in recent times.”

Jiang Luoshen, on the other hand, seemed less concerned about it. There was a cold glint in her golden eyes, and her voice was icy. Her Supreme God Clan and many background figures came to Divine City at this time, so naturally, there was no need to be afraid of the Chana Ancient Buddha. Her focus was not so much on who the inheritor of the demonic arts was but on the injustices and slander that Gu Changge had endured recently. To her, none of the young supremes present were innocent in this matter.

Chapter 734: Gu Xian’er’s strength, the tentative responses of all parties

Jiang Luoshen’s icy demeanor made many young supreme beings in front of her feel slightly uncomfortable and awkward. Even the Six Crown King Jun Yao and the Heavenly Phoenix Maiden couldn’t help but feel a bit uneasy. Considering what occurred in front of Absolute Heavenly Extinction, it’s clear that Gu Changge had no connection to the inheritor of demonic arts. Despite knowing that the rumors were deliberately spread by major sects to tarnish Gu Changge’s reputation, they chose to remain silent and observe.

“Until we capture the true inheritor of demonic art, we cannot jump to conclusions,” said Lan Yifei of the Dao Immortal Alliance, shaking his head slightly. His refined and affable demeanor was accompanied by a gentle smile. He exuded an aura of transcendence that was hard to ignore, as if his every breath and movement were merging with the entire world.

“Yes, I agree. Who knows if the attack on Violet Sky Valley’s Jin Yun was a ploy to confuse us by the true inheritor of demonic art?” Another voice chimed in, “Moreover, there are many secret technologies in this world, not to mention the mysterious forbidden demonic art. Who can truly ascertain that the one who killed Jin Yun is indeed the real inheritor of demonic art?”

“How could these two incidents be so coincidental, conveniently clearing Young Master Changge of suspicion?” Hearing Lan Yifei’s words, the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, who had been watching from the sidelines, suddenly spoke up. He lightly waved his folding fan and his words carried a hint of amusement.

As the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, he possessed abundant resources and a formidable group of subordinates. Even in this gathering, his words held significant weight. With this statement, the expressions of many young supreme beings changed, and the Heavenly Phoenix Maiden’s eyes flashed with a crimson glow.

Wang Shun’s words were simple, they essentially informed everyone that Gu Changge still had lingering suspicions. After all, the timing of these two incidents was simply too coincidental.

But who dared to question Gu Changge? It was worth noting that not only the younger generation but even the older generation and most of the Dao-Building ancestors were cautious and remained silent about this matter. One of the Dao-Building ancestors from the Endless Fire Nation had been struck down outside the Absolute Heavenly Extinction with a single palm, erasing the achievements of thousands of years of cultivation overnight.

This incident had caused a great uproar in the upper realms. But the Endless Fire Nation could only remain silent and dare not seek revenge for this Dao-Building ancestor.

Gu Changge’s power had become so terrifying that even the great Immortal Sects had to endure in silence in the face of such matters. How could a mere Wang Shun dare to speak such words?

“What are you saying?” Jiang Luoshen’s beautiful eyes narrowed suddenly, carrying a dangerous intent as she locked onto Wang Shun. A terrifying aura emanated from her, radiating a radiant golden light that distorted the surrounding space. Witnessing this scene, many young supreme beings in the vicinity displayed expressions of unease. Even the Six Crown King felt a slight heaviness in his heart, not expecting Jiang Luoshen’s strength to have reached such a level.

“Princess Luoshen, there’s no need for this. Since Young Master Changge is not the inheritor of the demonic arts, why fear the criticisms of others?” Wang Shun smiled lightly, appearing playful as he raised an eyebrow at Jiang Luoshen. His tone was filled with curiosity as he continued, “Princess Luoshen, your behavior might actually play into the hands of those with ulterior motives. Young Master Changge sits upright and remains untroubled by such minor criticisms. Your perspective might be a bit too narrow.”

He truly lived up to his position as the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, displaying a deep understanding of human psychology. With just a few words, he managed to completely stymie Jiang Luoshen, causing her beautiful eyes to grow colder, and a murderous intent began to pervade her presence.

“Do you dare speak to me like this?” Her words were icy, and even in the face of the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, she showed no fear. Instead, she exuded an aura of superiority and authority, as if she could strike down Wang Shun at any moment.

Seeing this, the people in the courtyard all changed their expressions and began to move away, sensing that a major conflict might erupt here. The Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, the Six Crown King, and others furrowed their brows but remained silent.

Jiang Luoshen, as the princess of the Supreme God Clan, held a revered status, terrifying talent, and had even dared to confront Gu Changge in the past. Her strength was not to be underestimated, and bluntly put, she was more than capable of outshining many of the current young talents in the upper realms.

“What’s the matter? Does Princess Luoshen intend to kill me?” Wang Shun still smiled faintly, seemingly unconcerned, as he exuded an air of confidence.

Both the Wan Dao Business Alliance and the Wan Bao Business Alliance were among the top merchant associations in the upper realms, extending their influence across various worlds in the upper realms. Their usual interactions were fraught with conflicts and competition, each hoping to supplant the other. Furthermore, Gu Changge himself had numerous connections with the Wan Dao Business Alliance.

Wang Shun had long known about the intentions of various immortal sects to take action against Gu Changge and their inclination to collaborate with the Wan Bao Business Alliance. This was why he now openly displayed his enmity towards Gu Changge. The two sides had long stood on opposing sides.

Jiang Luoshen had lustrous golden hair and a slender figure, with a face as beautiful as delicate marble. Her expression was cold and frosty as she said, “Do you dare say those words in front of Gu Changge?”

Her words left no room for mercy; she was essentially implying that Wang Shun only dared to criticize Gu Changge behind his back and lacked the courage to say it to his face. It was a humiliation aimed directly at Wang Shun.

Upon hearing this, Wang Shun's face stiffened momentarily, showing a hint of discomfort. However, he quickly regained his composure and said casually, "I merely stated a fact. Princess Luoshen, if you find any fault in what I said, feel free to point it out."

"Do you truly think I wouldn't dare to kill you?" Jiang Luoshen's eyes revealed an even stronger killing intent, with no attempt to hide it.

"You're nothing more than a treacherous rat who can only backstab others in secret. I doubt you have the courage to appear in front of Gu Changge."

At that moment, a clear and melodious voice came from the other side. A young woman in green attire appeared, her features exquisite and flawless, with eyebrows like distant mountains and eyes that shone with a subtle, translucent luster. She exuded an astonishing ethereal aura, her beauty unrivaled, as if she were crafted by the hands of a divine creator, untouched by worldly impurities.

She walked gracefully from outside the courtyard, her figure slender, her skin as fair and delicate as snow. Perched on her shoulder was a large, listless big red bird with drooping eyelids.

It was none other than Gu Xian'er, the young princess of the Immortal Gu family. She had also arrived in the Divine City.

"This is... this is...!"

"She's here too. Does that mean Young Master Changge is here as well?"

The appearance of Gu Xian'er instantly caused a great commotion and discussion in the area. Many cultivators were astonished, seemingly not expecting her to show up.

The Six Crown King, Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Jin Chan, and others furrowed their brows and glanced behind Gu Xian'er, as if expecting Gu Changge to make an appearance.

Jiang Luoshen's beautiful eyes briefly landed on Gu Xian'er, but she soon withdrew her gaze without any change in her demeanor. She naturally recognized Gu Xian'er, as they had crossed paths in the Supreme God's Tomb. One of her clan's junior members had been murdered by Gu Changge on the spot while attempting to snatch a treasure from Gu Xian'er.

Due to past conflicts, she had also become an enemy of Gu Changge, but she had been suppressed by him and forced to serve as a maid for a period of time. Even she hadn't expected Gu Xian'er to appear in this place.

"Could it be that Gu Changge has also come..."

Jiang Luoshen turned her head and looked towards the courtyard's entrance, but she didn't see any sign of Gu Changge, which left her feeling slightly disappointed.

"Gu Xian'er..."

Wang Shun, too, recognized Gu Xian'er and knew her identity, and his expression became quite unnatural. It wasn't that he feared Gu Xian'er, but rather he was concerned about Gu Changge being behind her.

With so many powerful individuals gathered in the Divine City and various hidden aces revealing themselves, Gu Changge had yet to make an appearance. No one knew what he was up to.

"Don't look; Gu Changge isn't with me."

"If you fear him so much, why criticize him behind his back?" Gu Xian'er remained calm, as if she had seen through Wang Shun's thoughts with a single glance. Her indifferent demeanor, spoken in front of all the young supremes, was more humiliating than Jiang Luoshen's words from earlier. Especially with her serene and ethereal presence, it was difficult to refute her.

"Gu Xian'er, do you think everyone fears you because of Gu Changge?"

Wang Shun's complexion turned even uglier as he snapped his folding fan shut with a loud clap and asked in a deep voice. When Gu Xian'er heard these words, she merely gave him an indifferent glance, as if she couldn't be bothered to engage in conversation. "I'm curious to see your abilities. This vast divine city isn't something your Gu family can control single-handedly," he added.

As the young leader of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, who in the younger generation would dare to insult and humiliate him like this, one after another, in front of everyone?

Today, he had been humiliated successively by Jiang Luoshen and Gu Xian'er in front of all the young supremes. If he continued to remain silent and endure, he might never be able to regain his face again.

Moreover, Wang Shun didn't believe that, in a place where so many formidable figures from various immortal clans and backgrounds were gathered in the Divine City, Gu Changge would dare to act recklessly.

"In that case, you can give it a try."

Gu Xian'er glanced at him indifferently, her demeanor still cold, showing no signs of being affected by external opinions. Although Gu Changge often bullied her, it didn't mean she would allow others to slander or insult him in her presence.

"Very well." Wang Shun smiled coldly.

Boom!!

In the next moment, a golden-red radiance burst into the sky, overwhelming the entire celestial dome. Various magical artifacts floated and swirled within the radiance, including a golden cauldron, a black Dao sword, a red sacred furnace, a purple-gold pagoda, and a pitch-black prayer bead, all emitting dazzling light, creating ripples that seemed capable of shattering everything.

Wang Shun truly lived up to his title as the "Little Wan Bao Heavenly Monarch," possessing an unimaginable array of magical artifacts. With his first move, he revealed his extravagant wealth and power. Each of the magical artifacts was intertwined with Dao marks, exuding immense power that even a Grand Sacred Realm cultivator would hesitate to confront.(Ed Note, Wan Bao means a lot of treasures in chinese.)

Gu Xian'er remained unfazed, merely issuing a light shout as her dainty fist, hidden beneath her sleeve, descended forcefully. A hazy golden radiance enveloped her fist, as though it was forged from immortal gold, and it struck in a very simple and inelegant way, taking a stark contrast with her elegant temperament.

Boom!!

A terrifying shockwave spread out, and under Gu Xian'er's punch, all the magical artifacts in front of her shattered and disintegrated. The Dao marks on them were erased, and if it weren't for the protective formations in the Divine City, this place would have been torn apart.

Seeing this, the people in the courtyard were shocked and surprised, hastily retreating to the surroundings. Initially, they had expected Jiang Luoshen to take action against Wang Shun, but they never anticipated Gu Xian'er to step in. Furthermore, nobody had expected Gu Xian'er's strength to be so astonishing, especially given her younger age compared to everyone present.

However, her formidable presence already had the Six Crown King and others frowning, perceiving her as a formidable opponent.

Soon, the two engaged in a fierce battle within the courtyard, with runes flashing and brilliance dazzling. Intense fluctuations surged like raging waves, and although divine weapons were summoned one after another, Gu Xian'er quickly shattered them into fragments, dispersing them in all directions.

Wang Shun's complexion was exceptionally grim, not expecting himself to be no match for this young girl. If it weren't for his numerous magical artifacts, he feared he wouldn't even be able to withstand a single strike from her.

Boom!!

In the next moment, radiant runes suddenly condensed behind Gu Xian'er, interweaving into a sea of purple-golden light, falling like a torrential thunderstorm.

She raised her delicate hand, and the boundless sea of thunder descended as though she controlled the tribulation of heaven itself, exuding an aura of destruction that was truly terrifying.

The faces of many young supremes present changed, and even the Six Crown King and others had their pupils contract.

"This is the long-lost Heavenly Thunder method..." Jin chan said with a serious expression.

"Not good....."

Watching this scene, Wang Shun's face turned pale, and he realized it was too late to react. He could only summon a silver battle robe, trying to defend against it.

However, the falling thundersea had a terrifying impact within his area, causing devastating damage. His battle robe shattered and exploded, sending him tumbling backward, coughing up blood and covered in soot.

"So powerful."

"She truly lives up to the name of the little princess of the Gu Family. Her aura reminds me of the young master Changge from back then."

"I feel like she's already on par with the Six Crown King and the others..."

The onlookers were astonished and filled with admiration, their reactions filled with shock. While they had known that Gu Xian'er had an extraordinary background and was deeply loved by Gu Changge, they had never seen her truly demonstrate her strength.

Lan Yifei, on the other hand, wore a contemplative expression. He had been observing Gu Xian'er's demeanor from the beginning. Perhaps it was just his imagination, but he felt that Gu Xian'er had looked at him several times just now, as if she were trying to confirm something.

"You're too weak... You don't even qualify to catch Gu Changge's eye."

Gu Xian'er didn't pay too much attention to her easy victory over Wang Shun. Her expression remained calm as she glanced at him, as if stating a simple fact.

"Don't get too cocky... If it comes down to a life-and-death battle, I have a hundred ways to kill you."

Wang Shun's face turned ugly as he struggled to get up from the ground. He was covered in soot, and blood continuously sprayed from his mouth. He hadn't even summoned many of his forbidden weapons, fearing unexpected consequences. Deep down, he still didn't want to become a deadly enemy of Gu Changge.

But he hadn't expected Gu Xian'er to be this formidable.

“Kill me?” Gu Xian’er suddenly raised an eyebrow lightly, as if she was confirming something.

Buzz!!

But in the next moment, the void trembled lightly, and a gray-clothed old man suddenly appeared beside Wang Shun. He stared at Gu Xian’er expressionlessly, a flash of killing intent passing through his eyes.

His aura was that of a quasi-emperor, unmistakable and overwhelming, as if he could crush the entire space around him.

All the young supremes’ expressions changed dramatically, feeling a suffocating sensation, as if their physical bodies were about to collapse. Even though they had powerful guardians behind them, these guardians wouldn’t appear unless their lives were truly at stake.

They felt that this sudden appearance of a quasi-emperor expert wasn’t accidental. Perhaps it was a test from various immortal factions in the Divine City to gauge Gu Changge’s response. After all, the fluctuations caused by Gu Xian’er’s battle with Wang Shun were impossible to hide from the powerful individuals within the city.

“Young Master, calm down. The current Divine City can not be stirred by conflict. I hope you consider the bigger picture,” the gray-clothed old man said in a low voice, looking at Wang Shun’s disheveled appearance.

“But...” Wang Shun knew the identity of the gray-clothed old man in front of him, but he was still extremely unwilling. He had lost face in front of everyone today.

“How can I swallow this anger?” He clenched his fists tightly.

“Small grievances must be set aside for greater plans. Young Master, you must understand...” the gray-clothed old man whispered, “Today’s events will be repaid in full in the future.”

“If you can’t swallow this anger, then let me help you with it,” a calm male voice suddenly sounded from the void outside the courtyard.

Immediately after, a gigantic golden hand descended from the sky, collapsing the void, and with a thud, it directly pressed down on Wang Shun.

Chapter 735: It's not as simple as humiliation, is it because you want to die?

This palm strike descended like a colossal hand of heaven crushing a tiny ant. Overwhelming pressure crushed down, surging and raging, and it instantly turned Wang Shun into a mist of blood, obliterating his form and spirit. He didn't even have time to react, and his protective Divine weapons were instantly reduced to countless tiny fragments.

This sudden turn of events shocked all the young and talented cultivators present. They stared wide-eyed, their faces filled with astonishment and disbelief. Who would be so audacious as to, in the Divine City, in front of everyone, palm Wang Shun to death? Weren't they afraid of incurring the enmity of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, inviting endless vendettas?

Furthermore, this occurred in the Divine City, where all the young and talented cultivators gathered. The entire courtyard became eerily silent, with a silence so profound that one could hear a pin drop.

"Young Master..."

The gray-clothed old man with quasi-emperor cultivation watched everything in stunned silence. He seemed frozen, unable to react.

In front of his eyes, was it true that Wang Shun had been directly slapped to death by someone?

"Truly audacious!"

At this moment, it seemed like there was a surge of anger coming from deep within the Divine City. A terrifying pressure, like a vast sea, surged forth, almost suffocating.

The Wan Bao Business Alliance also had powerful figures among its ranks, but in this time, only one Dao-Building ancestor had appeared. Even though he had witnessed everything with his own eyes present, he did not dare to come forward to seek justice for young leader Wang Shun.

Is this a warning to us with such a dominant attitude, Gu Changge?

The strongest individuals from various factions looked at the situation with different expressions. The battle between Gu Xian'er and Wang Shun had been observed by many of them.

However, they did not intervene, but rather tacitly allowed it to continue. After all, Gu Xian'er was the little princess of the Ancient Immortal Gu family. It was unimaginable that she wouldn't have protectors by her side to ensure her safety.

So, when the quasi-emperor expert of the Wan Bao Business Alliance appeared to stop the conflict, it was also with their silent agreement.

They weren't worried about any unexpected outcomes. Their goal was merely to test Gu Changge's reaction and the stance of the Gu family. The result was that Gu Changge had indeed shown up, but it was at the expense of the Wan Bao Business Alliance, as their young leader had been easily slapped to death by Gu Changge in front of everyone.

Unfortunately, even in the face of this situation, the Wan Bao Business Alliance dared not seek justice from Gu Changge; their Dao-Building ancestor here could only swallow their grievances.

"Gu Changge..."

"He had finally appeared."

The Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Six Crown King, Jin Chan, and many other young supremes gazed at the sky's edge with solemn expressions. They were all too familiar with this clam tone and knew for certain that it was Gu Changge who had appeared in the Divine City. Moreover, in the current Upper Realm, aside from Gu Changge, there was probably no one else with the audacity, dominance, and recklessness to match.

Lan Yifei's eyes flickered briefly, and his expression quickly returned to normal.

"Gu Changge had come?"

Both Jiang Luoshen and Gu Xian'er turned their eyes to the edge of the sky. Their emotions became extremely complex. Especially for Gu Xian'er, just a moment ago, she had considered using the Gu family's token to order the quasi-emperor expert in front of her to withdraw. But she never expected Gu Changge to show up at this moment, and with such authority, to slap the young leader of the Wao Bao Business Alliance to death.

In the past, she would have been incredibly moved and delighted. But times had changed. Everything she had encountered recently, along with witnessing Lan Yifei kill Jin Yun in their secret cave, seizing his origin essence, had made her start to doubt Gu Changge.

“If it’s really him, showing up in the Divine City, isn’t that walking into a trap?”

“Or perhaps I’m just overthinking.”

Gu Xian’er’s expression became complicated, and her slender hand beneath her sleeve involuntarily clenched tightly.

“It’s Young Master Changge!”

At this moment, someone in the courtyard finally broke the silence. All eyes turned uncontrollably toward the sky above the Divine City.

At the edge of the sky, Gu Changge’s figure appeared. He stood tall and straight, his face like jade, exuding an aura of elegance and nobility. His black robe was embroidered with celestial constellations, radiating a faint, mysterious light. He seemed to be alone, moving with incredible speed, and in an instant, he descended from the sky and walked into the courtyard.

“Gu Changge...”

“Our Young Master had no grievances with you. Why did you resort to such ruthless means?”

The gray-robed elder from the Wan Bao Business Alliance, seemingly just realizing the situation, looked at Gu Changge with intense sorrow, hatred burning in his eyes. He trembled all over, his eyes reddening due to the overwhelming hatred.

Gu Changge casually glanced at him and said with a faint smile, “Wasn’t he unable to swallow his anger? I helped him out of goodwill. What’s wrong with that?”

Seeing Gu Changge’s dismissive attitude, as if he didn’t care about the life or death of their young master, the gray-robed elder’s face turned incredibly ashen and humiliated.

“Gu Changge. Just because you have power doesn’t mean you can arbitrarily decide life and death for others,” he nearly gritted his teeth.

No matter what, their young master was destined to succeed the Wan Bao Business Alliance, and his status was highly regarded, earning the respect of many elders within the union. Yet, in the blink of an eye, he had been treated by Gu Changge as if he were nothing more than a stray cat or dog that could be killed at will. This was no longer just an insult; it was a slap in the face to the Wan Bao Business Alliance, a trampling of their dignity.

“Are you suggesting I should pay with my life for his death?” Gu Changge asked, his tone indifferent. “I’m standing right here today. If you have the capability, come and take my life.” Gu Changge smiled lightly, appearing unfazed.

“You.....”

“Do you think my Wan Bao Alliance was easy to bully?”

Upon hearing these words, the gray-robed elder’s face turned from ashen to a deep shade of maroon purple. Clearly, he was seething with anger and humiliation. After cultivating for so many years, it was the first time he had encountered someone so audacious. To be openly mocked and scorned in front of everyone, anyone would find it hard to bear.

“Or perhaps you’re looking for death?”

Hearing this, Gu Changge’s expression remained casual as he glanced at the elder.

The gray-robed elder’s expression stiffened, turning incredibly pale. He had intended to say something, but he swallowed his words in an instant. He felt a terrifying murderous intent rushing towards him, making him feel as if he were suffocating, his very soul trembling.

“To test my attitude, of course, a price needs to be paid, right?” Gu Changge said with a faint smile.

Many young supremes and cultivators in the vicinity were tongue-tied and shocked by the scene. Even a quasi-Emperor expert who was on the verge of breaking through to the Dao-Building realm, had to endure this humiliation and dare not make any reckless moves.

However, many were also curious at this moment, particularly about Gu Changge's earlier mention of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. Where was he? Could he already be in the Divine City but had yet to reveal himself? Or perhaps everything Gu Changge had said was just a ruse to draw everyone to the Divine City?

Chapter 736: The temptation of the background characters, brother, please stay

The gray-robed elder was drenched in cold sweat, his face turning pale, trembling uncontrollably in place, consumed by fear. At this moment, he finally realized that if Gu Changge dared to take action and kill the young leader of the Wan Bao in front of everyone, even as they were within the Divine City, he wouldn't care about a quasi-emperor powerhouse like him.

Although the Quasi Emperor realm implied standing at the pinnacle of the Upper Realm and overlooking vast territories, even Dao-Building beings had the risk of falling in the present era. What could he possibly count to in this situation?(Ed Note, the Dao-Building should be the next realm after the Quasi Emperor.)

Regret filled the gray-robed elder's heart. Where had he summoned the courage to utter such words to Gu Changge just moments ago? How could he have dared to speak in such a manner?

The onlookers in the courtyard witnessed the fearful expression of this quasi-emperor powerhouse, and their emotions grew increasingly complex.

"Gu Changge, I hope you're well," Jiang Luoshen, on the other hand, took the initiative to greet him, looking at Gu Changge with her beautiful eyes.

Gu Xian'er cast a glance at Gu Changge and then quietly averted her gaze, returning to her icy and ethereal demeanor in front of others. She had no desire to speak with Gu Changge in public.

Gu Changge turned to Jiang Luoshen, smiling and saying, "It's been a while, Luo Shen."

Seeing that Gu Xian'er was ignoring him, he decided to do the same.

This girl always wore a cold and frosty expression in front of others. It was her signature look.

Jiang Luo Shen gave him a faint look and said, "It seems we're not that close, are we?"

Apart from her parents, no one addressed her so intimately. Most people referred to her as Princess Luoshen.

Gu Changge smiled faintly and replied, "What do you think?"

His words seemed to carry a hidden meaning, causing a faint blush to appear on Jiang Luoshen's face. She then feigned nonchalance and gave a light hum in response.

Observing this, Gu Xian'er's eyes narrowed slightly as she glanced at Jiang Luoshen, but she quickly looked away, concealing her emotions.

She was aware of Jiang Luoshen's identity. They had encountered each other at the Supreme God Tomb in the past. However, she didn't know if anything had happened between Jiang Luoshen and Gu Changge afterward.

The current scene made her feel strangely uncomfortable, especially when Gu Changge chose not to speak to her and instead exchanged pleasantries with Jiang Luoshen. It ignited an inexplicable sense of jealousy within her.

"Gu Changge, don't you care about the slanderous accusations others are throwing at you?" Jiang Luoshen was never one to shy away from trouble.

Having witnessed Wang Shun being casually slapped to death by Gu Changge just moments ago, the quasi-emperor expert in front of them had also caught the attention of Jiang Luoshen. Her golden eyes slightly narrowed, revealing a dangerous curiosity.

Upon hearing this, the gray-robed elder tensed up, his face growing even paler. He felt a chill creeping over him and silently cursed Jiang Luoshen in his heart.

"Indeed, if it's dirty water, there will naturally be a day to wash it clean. After all, I am inclined to do good and dislike conflict, which should be understandable," Gu Changge replied with a faint smile. "Unless someone actively seeks death, I will still show restraint."

Jiang Luoshen gave him a faint look and said, "The words coming from your mouth don't sound like the Gu Changge I know."

However, she had already witnessed Gu Changge's shamelessness before, so his words weren't entirely surprising. After all, saying something and actually doing it were two different matters.

Observing this, the onlookers began to speculate and discuss the situation. Many young men couldn't help but feel envious. After all, Jiang Luo Shen had just defended Gu Changge's honor, implying something between them. Would she have done so without some unclear relationship between them?

Seeing that Gu Changge was still ignoring her, Gu Xian'er couldn't help but cast an annoyed glance at him. She wanted to grab his collar and ask him some questions.

"Ahem..." However, at that moment, a light cough came from a distance.

"In all things, harmony is of utmost importance. It is better to be lenient to others. Young Master Changge, why hold onto this matter so stubbornly?"

"Indeed, the Wan Bao Business Alliance has made many mistakes, but they have already paid the price."

An old man with a hunched back appeared, his body thin and frail, dressed in a shabby Daoist robe. He had one eye that was half-blind, with only the white of the eye remaining. So weak, he seemed like he could be blown away by the wind at any moment.

However, the person following behind him was shocking everyone present, causing many cultivators here to change their expressions in disbelief.

"The Lord of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain!"

A cultivator exclaimed, deeply shaken. The Lord of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain was a massive figure with dazzling gem-like eyes that emitted a peculiar radiance. His figure appeared blurry and ethereal, with pulsating light and Dao-Order intertwining around him, exuding a terrifying aura of oppression. Undoubtedly, he was not a member of the human race, although his appearance resembled a human, even down to his silvery-white skin.

The true master of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain was a figure of unparalleled cultivation, deep and unfathomable, holding dominion over the vast Heavenly Emperor Mountain. With a single command, he could bring about the upheaval and destruction of countless worlds and sects. Such a person, now following behind the old Daoist in tattered robes, appeared unusually respectful.

In addition to the Lord of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain, other formidable beings were present, their cultivation immeasurable, akin to the depths of an abyss. They looked at Gu Changge without showing any emotion on their faces, seeming cold and indifferent. However, deep within their eyes, there was a profound sense of wariness.

“This person should be the Daoist ‘One-Eye’ of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain. It is said that his original form is a one-eyed dragon, has reached the Dao-Building realm countless epochs ago and is the lineage guardian of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain...”

An elder among the cultivators noticed the situation and couldn’t help but speak softly, recognizing the identity of the one-eyed Daoist. In terms of seniority, the Lord of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain was considered his junior. In terms of cultivation, Daoist “One-Eye” far surpassed him, so it was quite normal for him to step behind the one-eyed Daoist.

“Senior ‘One-Eye’...”

The quasi-emperor expert from the Wan Bao Business Alliance saw the appearance of the one-eyed Daoist and displayed an expression of pleasant surprise. He couldn’t help but respectfully speak. At the same time, he breathed a sigh of relief in his heart, as it seemed he had found support.

He previously intervened to stop Gu Xian’er from harming Wang Shun, clearly indicating that someone was guiding the situation from behind. Now that the one-eyed Daoist had appeared, if there seemed to be a certain connection.

“Young friend Changge, you has reached such an extraordinary realm at such a young age; it truly makes me envious.”

The Daoist ‘One Eye’ approached with a smile and took the initiative to speak, as if extending an olive branch to Gu Changge.

“Senior, you are right; indeed, harmony is of utmost importance.”

Gu Changge looked at the Daoist 'One Eye' and showed a friendly expression, giving a faint smile. "I am not unreasonable; I also believe in the value of reconciliation."

A quasi-emperor expert was insignificant, as well "killing such a ant" was not Gu Changge's intention here.. Moreover, Gu Changge's current goal was these real formidable figures like "One-Eye". The grand scheme he was about to set in motion was meant to capture these figures from various races and sects. These Dao-Building individuals had reached the pinnacle of Dao cultivation and were only a step away from becoming Immortals, commonly referred to as Remnant-Immortals.

The appearance of the Daoist 'One Eye' created a tremendous commotion, and many cultivators turned into streaks of divine light as they flew toward the scene. After all, most of the formidable figures present in the Divine City had yet to reveal themselves. Many cultivators speculated that they might be waiting for the arrival of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

The presence of the Daoist 'One Eye' from the Heavenly Emperor Mountain today seemed more like a signal to many observers.

In this current era, the upper realms are undeniably flourishing. Not only are there exceptional talents shining like stars, but also many ancient figures are making appearances one after another. In the past, those who achieved the Dao-Building realm would rarely reveal themselves. However, things have changed, and their power was not enough to deal with the current situation; it now requires individuals with higher power to emerge.

"Have you heard, young one, that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord will appear in the Divine City? Can you confirm if this is true?" The Daoist 'One Eye' asked with a remarkably friendly demeanor, smiling as he inquired.

His question mirrored the doubts in the minds of many, who were eager to meet this legendary figure.

Upon hearing this, Gu Changge smiled and replied, "Indeed, it's true. My master will manifest in the Divine City tomorrow. At that time, all of you esteemed seniors can go and meet him."

Receiving such a definitive answer, the excitement and joy in the hearts of those present were evident, dispelling their doubts. The Daoist 'One Eye' nodded in agreement, saying, "If that's the case, then I can rest assured."

“Let’s look forward to the arrival of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord tomorrow.”

With that, he glanced at the quasi-emperor expert from the Wan Bao Business Alliance, then turned and led the people of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain away, not lingering in this courtyard. It seemed as if they had come here solely to obtain a definite answer from Gu Changge.

Watching the departure of the Daoist ‘One Eye’ and the others, Gu Changge smiled faintly, his eyes displaying a hint of curiosity, but he did not voice his thoughts.

He could tell that the one-eyed Daoist was eager to test his current strength. However, as a figure representing the Heavenly Emperor Mountain with a profound background, bullying a junior weaker than him at this moment would not be acceptable. Moreover, this wasn’t just a test for the Heavenly Emperor Mountain; other major forces like the Violet Sky Valley and the Endless Fire Nation were also observing him from the shadows.

The entire upper realm was likely eager to know the extent of his cultivation. The hat of being the inheritor of the Demonic Arts was becoming increasingly precarious, especially with his current cheap master, who was crucial in dealing with the impending disaster of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction. So, no force dared to really take a move on him.

“Gu Changge, I...”

After the crowd from the Heavenly Emperor Mountain had left, Gu Xianner, who had been waiting for Gu Changge to speak first, finally couldn’t hold back and spoke up.

“If you have something to discuss, wait until we’re alone,” Gu Changge replied, glancing at the girl. He noticed the undisguised resentment in her eyes and couldn’t help but smile faintly, reaching out to ruffle her hair.

“You.....”

Gu Xian’er gritted her teeth, growing frustrated and swatting away his wandering hand. Many questions and concerns she had wanted to discuss were forced to stay unsaid. She had been eager to confirm the visions she had seen in the Lake of Transcendence, but upon returning to Peach Village, she refrained from asking anything out of fear that it might disrupt the peaceful atmosphere there.

However, she hadn't expected Gu Changge to quietly leave without even a word to her. This had left Gu Xian'er nursing a deep resentment.

Later, when she learned that Gu Changge had appeared near the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, she hurried to the scene. Along the way, Da Hong sensed a promising treasure hidden in a forthcoming cave, so she decided to explore it.

To her surprise, inside that cave, she stumbled upon evidence of the so-called inheritor of the Demonic Arts being responsible for the murder of Jin Yun. The so-called inheritor of the Demonic Arts had made statements filled with numerous inconsistencies, suggesting that the real inheritor was someone else entirely.

All the evidence and indications seemed to point toward Gu Changge actually being the rumored inheritor of the Demonic Arts. This thought left Gu Xian'er deeply conflicted and unsure of what to do. If Gu Changge had indeed concealed his identity, how should she react? Should she pretend not to know? Should she continue pretending not to know? Or should she still pretend not to know?

On the surface, Gu Xian'er appeared calm and aloof like an immortal being, but inside, she was becoming increasingly agitated, yearning to draw her Dao sword and pierce a few holes in Gu Changge if he had indeed deceived her.

If he had truly deceived her...

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Later on, many young supremes in the courtyard, including the Six Crown King, the Phoenix Maiden, Jin Chan, among others, approached to greet Gu Changge. Despite her reluctance, she put on a facade of warmth and politeness.

Gu Changge, seeing this, smiled faintly and patiently exchanged pleasantries with them. The news of his appearance in the Divine City would undoubtedly spread rapidly today, and that was precisely what he had hoped for. The bigger the commotion, the larger the ripples it could create, which would work to his advantage in his future plans.

"Gu Changge, rest assured, my ancestor has great expectations for you. If anything unexpected were to happen in the Divine City, she will stand by your side."

Before taking his leave, Jiang Luo, with her divine and penetrating gaze, fixed her eyes on Gu Changge's face and uttered this word. The "ancestor" she mentioned was no ordinary figure; it was the elderly woman who had accompanied her into the city that day, leaning on a cane. This elderly woman was also a significant figure within the Supreme God Clan, possessing immeasurable cultivation that surpassed even the Daiost 'One Eye' who had appeared earlier.

"Then I must express my gratitude to the Supreme God Clan for their kindness," Gu Changge replied with a slight smile.

Soon, the talented cultivators from various clans began to leave the courtyard. Even young supermes like Jin Chan and others had already bid their farewells and did not linger.

"Brother Lan, please stay a moment," Gu Changge suddenly spoke, halting Lan Yifei, who was preparing to depart.

Upon hearing this, Gu Xian'er, who had harbored resentment in her heart and had been mentally stabbing Gu Changge with a small needle, suddenly jolted awake. She fixed her gaze on the scene with a subtle intensity.

Normally, Gu Changge and Lan Yifei didn't appear to have any prior acquaintance or interaction. So why did Gu Changge suddenly call him over?

For the average person witnessing this scene, it might not raise any suspicions. However, Gu Xian'er had personally witnessed Lan Yifei secretly attacking Jin Yun from the Violet Sky Valley and understood that he was the rumored inheritor of the Demonic Arts. She also knew that Lan Yifei was not acting of his own accord but was a pawn manipulated by someone else. There was a puppet master behind him.

Chapter 737: Xian'er's anger and disappointment, he actually told her long ago

Gu Changge, he still doesn't know that I've personally witnessed Lan Yifei killing Jin Yun...

Gu Xian'er's emotions suddenly became incredibly complex, with various thoughts flashing through her mind.

If it's true as she suspects, how should she interact with Gu Changge?

"Long time no see, Young Master Changge."

“I wonder why you asked me to stay alone? Is there something you need from me?”

On the side, Lan Yifei was momentarily taken aback but quickly caught on, maintaining a natural demeanor as he respectfully inquired.

He actually guessed Gu Changge’s intention.

Still, he found it a bit peculiar in his heart because Gu Xian’er was present too.

Could it be that

Gu Changge isn’t worried about Gu Xian’er knowing the truth, or has Gu Xian’er known all along?

So when she entered this courtyard just now, did she intentionally give him a meaningful look?

Various thoughts raced through Lan Yifei’s mind, but his expression remained unchanged. He was humble and composed, giving no indication of any anomaly.

“It’s actually not a big deal. It’s just that recently, many geniuses have gathered in the Divine City. I’m concerned that inheritors of demonic arts might run rampant, so I wanted to remind Brother Lan to be careful.”

“After all, Brother Lan’s physique is quite attractive to inheritors of demonic arts.”

Gu Changge smiled faintly, suggesting something with his words.

Upon hearing this, Lan Yifei’s heart trembled, but his face remained composed. “Thank you for the reminder, Young Master Changge. I will be more cautious.”

He understood the implied meaning in Gu Changge’s words—it was an order for him to take action in the Divine City.

Currently, many young supremes had converged in the Divine City, making it an opportune time for inheritors of demonic arts to strike.

However, the risks of this undertaking were exceedingly high. Many background figures were present in the Divine City, and Lan Yifei wasn't confident in his success.

Moreover, after the incident with Jin Yun from Violet Sky Valley, various immortal sects were closely monitoring their respective disciples, fearing unexpected incidents.

Lan Yifei couldn't easily choose the right moment to act.

Afterward, he took his leave, bidding farewell without lingering.

Unlike other immortal sects, the Dao Immortal Alliance didn't have powerful figures coming to the Divine City. Lan Yifei couldn't afford to be as casual as other young supremes; he needed to be cautious in many matters.

Once Lan Yifei left, only Gu Xian'er and Gu Changge remained in the courtyard.

Gu Changge's faint smile disappeared as he sat down on a nearby stone bench.

"You seem to be hiding a lot from me, young lady. What did you want to say to me today?" he asked, taking a sip from the nearby tea cup, seemingly indifferent.

Gu Xian'er hadn't expected Gu Changge to take the initiative like this, questioning her about what she was hiding from him. The expression on her face immediately darkened, no longer displaying her usual cold charm.

"Gu Changge, shouldn't it be me saying this to you?" she retorted, her gaze locked onto his face. She had only harbored suspicions before, but after hearing what Gu Changge and Lan Yifei had said today, she was now very certain.

What infuriated Gu Xian'er even more was that Gu Changge was pretending to be completely unaware of it all, and he even started asking her questions first.

Hearing this, Gu Changge raised an eyebrow and then put down his tea cup. He carefully examined Gu Xian'er, who seemed genuinely angry and incredibly serious, far from joking.

“What’s going on? Why such a sudden outburst?”

In truth, Gu Changge had a faint idea of what was happening. He had noticed the expression on Gu Xian’er’s face when she looked at Lan Yifei earlier, which seemed to carry an inexplicable meaning.

“At this point, are you still not planning to tell me the truth? Gu Changge, you’ve truly disappointed me,” Gu Xian’er said, her clear eyes filled with undisguised disappointment.

“The truth? Are you referring to a specific truth? It seems like I’ve told you everything I should,” Gu Changge replied, still smiling faintly.

Gu Xian’er was completely infuriated by his casual and nonchalant tone. Her eyes turned ice-cold, and she exuded an aura of frostiness.

“Gu Changge, don’t think I don’t know about the identity you’ve been hiding all along. Why did you lie to me and keep things from me? Were you afraid I’d go against you, make enemies with other factions? Or do you simply not trust me, fearing I might expose everything?” Her tone was icy and filled with disappointment.

The matter of the inheritor of demonic arts was indeed of great importance, and the fewer people who knew about it, the lower the risk of exposure for Gu Changge. But for Gu Xian’er, she would have rather given up her immortal bones to help Gu Changge resolve the issue of the demonic heart.

However, Gu Changge chose to keep it hidden from her, even now, refusing to reveal the truth. This made Gu Xian’er feel that she wasn’t trusted by him.

He still seemed to be on guard against her.

“Are you talking about... the Forbidden Demonic Arts matter?” Gu Changge seemed to have just realized, wearing an expression of sudden understanding.

He had indeed guessed that it was related to this. However, he had no idea how Gu Xian’er had discovered it.

“You finally admitted it.” Gu Xian’er stared at him with bright eyes, trying to see any change in Gu Changge’s expression.

Gu Changge, hearing this, chuckled somewhat awkwardly and then shook his head. “I remember telling you about it a long time ago, but you didn’t believe me back then.”

Gu Xian’er was left momentarily stunned by this revelation. Many of the questions she had wanted to ask Gu Changge were suddenly held back.

“You told me a long time ago?”

“Why don’t I have any memories? It’s impossible for me to forget something so important.”

She furrowed her brows and began to recollect. Gu Changge’s candid and straightforward attitude, without any explanation or defense, had caught her off guard.

What she cared about wasn’t Gu Changge’s identity as a inheritor of the demonic arts; it was how Gu Changge treated her. But if Gu Changge had indeed told her about this, she would certainly remember.

Gu Changge smiled faintly. “Do you remember a suitor named Zi Yang Heavenly King? And do you remember he had a senior brother named Qin Wuya?”

“Zi Yang Heavenly King?” The name seemed to trigger some recognition in Gu Xian’er, and her beautiful eyes widened. Memories of that time suddenly flooded back into her mind.

Zi Yang Heavenly King and Qin Wuya, who were considered her senior brothers in her past life. They had fetched water from the Reincarnation Lake, hoping she would drink it and regain her memories from her previous life. They had even revealed to her that Gu Changge was the real inheritor of the demonic art.

They had warned her that sooner or later, Gu Changge would catch her and devour her essence and everything she had. Back then, Zi Yang Heavenly King had even used his divine eye ability to show her a fragment of her future, her destiny.

Then, Gu Changge arrived and took down both of them. When she had questioned him about this matter, he had calmly admitted it without offering any explanation.

“Indeed, you told me a long time ago...” Gu Xian’er finally realized.

Chapter 738: The inheritor of demonic art is actually by my side, I don’t want you to become like that

At this moment, numerous images from that time all flashed through Gu Xian’er’s mind, causing her to freeze in her tracks. Then, she looked at Gu Changge’s enigmatic expression and a faint blush appeared on her fair and lovely face. Her gaze became somewhat elusive, and her small hand, hidden beneath her sleeve, kept fidgeting. She was indeed feeling a bit embarrassed.

It turned out that a long time ago, Gu Changge had already admitted to being the inheritor of demonic arts. Back then, Gu Xian’er had even mentioned to Zi Yang Heavenly King and Qin Wuya that if such a situation were to arise in the future, she would willingly accept it.

With this realization, Gu Xian’er’s anger began to dissipate. Instead, her face flushed as she wondered why had she come storming over to confront Gu Changge in the first place?

However, she still had some questions and didn’t understand that she clearly heard Gu Changge’s confession back then, so why hadn’t she taken it seriously?

“I thought at the time... that you were just joking. Who would have thought you were telling the truth?” she said, her tone mixed with frustration.

“And back then, you didn’t explain it at all. Without any evidence, how could I believe you?” Gu Xian’er stared at him, her gaze challenging.

In response, Gu Changge shrugged and said, “So, you blame me for not explaining it clearly? It was actually your own fault for being so naive.”

“You didn’t make it clear at the time, so how can you blame me for the misunderstanding?” Gu Xian’er attempted to look stern, though she was clearly annoyed.

She couldn’t understand why, despite the gravity of Gu Changge being the inheritor of demonic art, she was more concerned about his attitude to her than his identity.

Hearing this, Gu Changge chuckled and said, “I had no idea you were even more clueless than I thought. Why did you suddenly come here today to ask me...”

“You are the inheritor of Demonic arts.”

“Why did you do this? You’ll be facing enemies from all around in the future.”

At these words, Gu Xian’er suddenly fell silent, her emotions inexplicably sinking. While she did have some resistance to the fact that Gu Changge was the inheritor of demonic art, her greater concern was for his safety in the future and her fear of the visions she had seen in the Reincarnation Lake.

Previously, she had never thought that the rumors circulating lately would accidentally turn out to be true.

It was simply unbelievable.

The inheritor of demonic arts is right here with me?

“Why... why am I able to accept the fact that you are the inheritor of demonic art so easily...”

“Clearly, at a time like this, I should have killed you to rid the upper realms of this menace.”

Gu Xian’er’s bright eyes suddenly lifted as she looked at Gu Changge, as if she were murmuring to herself. Her tone was low, and she seemed almost unable to believe it herself. After all, she was a person of such integrity. How could she accept that someone so close to her was the inheritor of demonic art?

The inheritor of demonic art was known for their wicked deeds, causing calamities in the upper realms. How many cultivators and prodigies had died miserably at their hands, robbed of their essence? Countless cultivators and living beings wished to kill the inheritor of demonic art and cleanse the world. Yet, her current state of mind was exceptionally calm. Perhaps... is it because the visions she had seen in the Reincarnation Lake had prepared her mentally?

“If there comes a day when the world turns against me, I don’t want you by my side.” “At that time, I hope it’s you who will finally plunge the sword into my heart to end my life.”

Seeing Gu Xian'er seemingly trapped in inner conflict and confusion, Gu Changge sighed softly and gently shook his head. He reached out to pinch her delicate nose, his voice unusually tender.

When Gu Xian'er heard this, she suddenly became still, her lovely eyes fixedly gazing at Gu Changge. Even when he seized the chance to playfully pinch her nose, she remained unfazed. These words reverberated in her mind as though they held some sort of enchantment.

"You... what are you saying..." "Why would you suddenly say something like this?"

As she grasped the meaning behind Gu Changge's words, Gu Xian'er couldn't help but murmur, her heart filled with inexplicable sadness.

Based on the scenes she had witnessed in the Reincarnation Lake, if that was indeed the future, it would be far more cruel than the present. The entire upper realm would tremble in fear under the shadow of Gu Changge. Whether it was her, Yue Mingkong, or the rest of the Gu family, they had no future to look forward to.

On that day, a dark mist shrouded the heavens of the upper realms, and living beings suffered. The World wailed in agony. Gu Changge sat on the dark throne, coldly overlooking the sky, but there was no one by his side.

"Because I said a long time ago that if such a day were to come, I would rather have you personally end me," he explained softly.

"Girl, You haven't forgotten those words, have you?" Gu Changge's expression was exceptionally gentle.

Gu Xian'er couldn't quite handle his gaze. She forcibly shifted her eyes away and said somewhat disdainfully, "I... I wouldn't kill you..."

"Don't overthink it. I just thought your blood is black, and it would stain my hands."

But even she didn't know why her words had suddenly become so awkward and stammering. Despite her words, she couldn't help but think at this moment. Could it be that he has

anticipated all of this a long time ago and has prepared for it, hence why he says those words?

“Gu Changge, tell me honestly, is the forbidden demonic art related to the Demonic Heart?” Gu Xian’er suddenly thought of this and her expression became serious as she asked.

Gu Changge fell into a brief silence at her words. It seemed like it was somewhat related to the Demonic Heart, but the connection wasn’t significant. He didn’t bother explaining it further, as it would lead to a complicated explanation.

“It seems like I guessed right,” Gu Xian’er said when she noticed Gu Changge’s silence. Besides the explanation involving the Demonic Heart, she couldn’t think of any other possibilities. It appeared that the issue of the Demonic Heart had not been resolved from the beginning, despite Gu Changge’s claim that he could suppress its malevolence.

“Don’t make wild guesses,” Gu Changge said calmly, shaking his head. “The forbidden demonic magic may be terrifying, but it’s still controlled by a person.”

“So... some of these actions were your own intent?” Gu Xian’er looked at him and asked.

Gu Changge nodded. He didn’t deny this aspect. Apart from the incident when he was a child and looted Gu Xian’er’ Dao Bone against his will, his current actions were mostly driven by his own will, free from external influences.

Thinking of the visions she had seen in the Reincarnation Lake, Gu Xian’er suddenly wanted to ask Gu Changge about them. However, those images were still too terrifying for her, filled with many unknowns. At least from her perspective, the current Gu Changge wouldn’t be capable of such actions. It seemed more likely that in the future, he would be dominated by the Demonic Heart, becoming as ruthlessly indifferent as he had been in his childhood.

“Do you ever feel uncomfortable now?” Gu Xian’er gazed into Gu Changge’s clear eyes, her tone tinged with worry and concern.

Gu Changge was slightly taken aback but then realized she was probably still concerned about the Demonic Heart. “I don’t feel any discomfort. You don’t need to worry, you little troublemaker,” he smiled and reassured her.

“If someday you suddenly feel uncomfortable, you must tell me in advance... I don’t want you to become like that,” Gu Xian’er lowered her gaze, her expression returning to its previous cold demeanor, but her tone remained somewhat downcast.

At this moment, she suddenly noticed that Gu Changge's hand had been resting on her face the whole time. Feeling a bit embarrassed, she made a disgruntled noise from her nose and turned to leave the courtyard.

"What has this girl seen?" After Gu Xian'er left, the gentle expression on Gu Changge's face vanished. He frowned, deep in thought.

In the past, Gu Xian'er would never have spoken to him in this manner, and her behavior today was highly unusual. Moreover, when she learned of his identity as the inheritor of demonic art, she accepted it calmly and easily, without the expected outrage. She didn't even ask him to stop what she saw as his "wrongdoings."

This was a stark contrast to the Gu Xian'er he knew—greedy of money, frugal, and somewhat arrogant but always holding to a strong sense of justice.

"Alpha, keep an eye on this girl for a while," Gu Changge instructed the empty space behind him. "If she exhibits any unusual behavior, stop her promptly."

"Yes, My Lord."

Alpha's figure materialized briefly and then quickly disappeared into thin air. He didn't inquire about Gu Xian'er discovering Gu Changge's true identity, as Gu Changge could figure that out himself. It was probably due to a slip-up on Lan Yifei's part. While killing Jin Yun, Gu Xian'er might have stumbled upon it, and Lan Yifei remained unaware. After all, Gu Xian'er's several masters had extraordinary backgrounds, and they bestowed her with various treasures and techniques that could perfectly conceal her aura, making it not surprising at all.

Chapter 739: The rare and strange man in the world, did he notice something wrong?

The one-eyed Daoist from Heavenly Emperor Mountain appeared in the Divine City and inquired about the Reincarnated Heaven Lord from Gu Changge, and this matter was not deliberately concealed. Moreover, many cultivators and prodigies witnessed this scene. So, this news quickly spread throughout the Divine City.

The Young Master of the Wao Bao Business Alliance, as an unfortunate fellow, elicited both sighs of sympathy and schadenfreude from many people. It wasn't a wise choice to provoke someone at will, and he had chosen Gu Xian'er of all people, who had a deep relation with Gu Changge.

Then, the price was his life, and in the end, the appearance of the one-eyed Daoist saved his guardian, the gray-robed old expert with quasi-emperor realm from Wao Bao Business Alliance.

Many people had already guessed the fate of the gray-robed old man at the time – he was likely slapped to death by Gu Changge. His survival was purely due to good luck and happenstance.

This incident stirred up discussions among cultivators everywhere. Of course, what everyone cared about most was the possible appearance of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. This matter had been spoken by Gu Changge himself and was naturally deemed authentic.

“I’m really looking forward to it. If the Reincarnated Heaven Lord is willing to take action, then the catastrophe of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction will surely be easily resolved.”

“Perhaps the birth of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord is the beginning of an unfolded radiant world. So many prodigies and influential figures are gathering in the Divine City. It’s an age that has never been seen in thousands of years. I’m fortunate to witness this event in my lifetime.”

“This grand event, it all started because of Young Master Changge... From ancient times to the present, there hasn’t been a young person who has achieved his level of accomplishment, has there?”

In restaurants, inns, markets, palaces, and temples, cultivators and creatures of all kinds were discussing this matter. Whenever Gu Changge’s name was mentioned, everyone wore expressions of admiration and reverence.

After the incident in the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, practically no one doubted the connection between Gu Changge and the inheritor of demonic art, and many of the previous rumors had been debunked.

The main reason for this change was the caution of various immortal sects toward the possible appearance of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. If anyone tried to tarnish Gu Changge’s reputation like they did before, they would have to provide substantial evidence.

Gu Changge’s resolute attitude also served as proof that anyone attempting to test him would pay a heavy price – Wang Shun was a good example.

Soon, time passed in the blink of an eye.

The next day, in the central hall of the Divine City, prominent figures from various immortal sects and powers, including the Supreme God Clan, Demonic Mountain, the Endless Fire Kingdom, Buddha Mountain, and the Heavenly Emperor Mountain, all appeared in unison.

Jiang Luo Shen was bathed in a golden aura, standing beside an elderly woman with golden hair who held an unknown branch.

She no longer exuded the cold, arrogant nobility she displayed in public but instead radiated a clever and obedient demeanor, giving off a completely different impression.

The elderly woman had a small stature, her face covered in wrinkles, and her eyes appeared cloudy. However, all the cultivators in the central hall, even the other prominent figures, dared not underestimate her. In her youth, the golden-haired lady had been known as the Golden Sun Goddess, born from a pure-blooded Golden Crow transformation. She possessed terrifying innate talent, outshining all others. Countless prodigies and heroes had fallen at her feet.(Ed Note, Golden Crow is a legendary animal, in saying, it's the personification of sun.)

In terms of strength, she surpassed any of her peers, but she never took any of them seriously. Even now, there were people from her generation who couldn't forget her.

Although she appeared extremely elderly now, with her current cultivation, restoring her former peerless beauty was as simple as a thought. The branch she held in her hand was said to be a genuine branch of the Divine Mulberry Tree, with boundless uses and comparable to a primordial treasure.(Ed Note, primordial treasure/artifact is formed by nature, non intelligent creatures made, it has great power, almost the same with immortal weapons.)

On the other side of the central hall, Jin Chan also accompanied the Chana Ancient Buddha of Buddha Mountain, his hands clasped together, his expression serene, unaffected by the outside world.

The Chana Ancient Buddha still had the appearance of boundless compassion, with drooping white eyebrows. A faint Buddha light seemed to permeate around him, inspiring devoutness in anyone who gazed upon him.

Additionally, the Bull Demon King from the Demonic Mountain stood with many demonic beings on the other side. He was clad in ancient human clothing, his eyes gray-white, exuding boundless age. Two jet-black horns above his head were particularly prominent.

He, along with the many demons from the Demonic Mountain, stood silent, emanating an atmosphere of extreme coldness. What made him terrifying was the power of his life force, akin to an endless sea. Strands of chaotic energy flowed from his mouth and nose, back and forth, as if suppressing the very fabric of space. Ordinary Dao-Building experts dared not stand too close to him.

As for the Daoist ‘One Eye’ from Heavenly Emperor Mountain, he maintained a distance from everyone, including Gu Changge. His expression was calm, akin to an enlightened old Daoist, his face gleaming like jade.

Representatives from the Great Yu Immortal Dynasty, Peerless Immortal Dynasty, Violet Sky Valley, and the Reincarnation Lake—all the prominent figures from various immortal sects and powers—had gathered in the central hall, waiting in silence.(Ed Note, Gu Xian’er once saw some images from a lake named Reincarnation, here, Reincarnation Lake is an immortal sect.)

Outside the hall, many prominent figures observed the situation, closely monitoring the events inside. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord, a legendary figure from the mythological era, was like a character from ancient history, a part of the long river of history. Now, he was finally about to appear before the world, stirring up excitement and anticipation in everyone’s hearts.

“Everyone, I apologize for the wait,” a faint smile echoed from outside the hall.

In the midst of all the expectant gazes, Gu Changge finally appeared and entered the hall. He had a tall and upright figure, refined features, and wore a flowing black robe adorned with patterns of sun, moon, stars, mountains, and ancient seas. His smile was elegant, exuding an aura of nobility and mystery.

At this moment, even the prominent figures couldn’t help but feel a slight tremor in their hearts as they sensed the aura that made them wary.

“Ancestor, this is the Gu Changge I mentioned to you,” Jiang Luoshen, with a smile in her bright eyes, leaned over and whispered softly to the blond old woman beside her.

While the prominent figures had heard about Gu Changge and his deeds, seeing him up close for the first time brought a different feeling. They couldn't help but think that he truly lived up to the numerous rumors.

"He is indeed a rare and extraordinary young man. Even I can't see through him," the golden-haired lady, known as the Golden Sun Goddess, replied with a gentle shake of her head.

Her eyes, much like Jiang Luoshen's, emitted a golden glow when fixed upon Gu Changge, dispelling the previous cloudiness.

In terms of bloodline, she and Jiang Luoshen were quite similar. However, Jiang Luoshen hadn't reached the level of ancestral regression like her. Jiang Luoshen still had a long way to go. (Ed Note, the more obvious ancestral regression means the closer to their ancestral bloodline, and they will get more power and talent.)

The entire Supreme God Clan had a deep connection with the ancient Golden Crow Race from their earliest days. The Supreme God will itself have evolved from the true essence of the sun.

"Greetings, Young Master Changge," everyone in the central hall courteously greeted Gu Changge after realizing his presence.

Meanwhile, the Heavenly Bull Demon King, with his green-tinged eyes, fixated on Gu Changge with a look of disbelief. His usually cold and indifferent demeanor crumbled, and he seemed to be struggling to comprehend something extraordinary.

Originally, his expression was utterly indifferent, even when he noticed all the influential figures in the vicinity; he couldn't be bothered to engage with them. However, at this moment, he was trembling slightly, as if confronting a truly horrifying event that left him unable to regain his composure.

"Demon king, you..." All the monsters behind looked at him, and now they all sensed his unusual condition. Their expressions shifted subtly, and they couldn't help but express concern as they inquired.

Even the prominent figures like the Chana Ancient Buddha, the Daois 'One Eye, and the Golden Sun Goddess and many other background figures also sensed the abnormality of the Heavenly Bull Demon King's demeanor and turned their attention to him, their expressions varying.

Their powerful spiritual senses naturally allowed them to perceive the shock and turmoil in his heart at this moment. This piqued their curiosity and even left them somewhat puzzled.

Could it be that there was something extraordinary about Gu Changge that had caused this reaction in the Heavenly Bull Demon King? Or had the Heavenly Bull Demon King sensed something amiss?

However, in the next moment, these thoughts dissipated from their minds as they sensed that the Heavenly Bull Demon King was looking at another figure behind Gu Changge.

Behind Gu Changge, a Daoist of medium stature also entered the hall, stepping forward gracefully. He wore a feathered robe and a starry crown, his look carrying a kind and gentle smile. His face bore the marks of time, yet it was clear and serene, as if fragments of time were swirling around him, as if he did not belong to this world.

“Reincarnated Heaven Lord...”

At this moment, almost no introduction was needed. Everyone in the hall instantly recognized this figure as the legendary being from the age of mythology. The aura and presence emanating from him were unmistakable, and it was absolutely impossible for them to be fake.

Chapter 740: The Heavenly Bull Demon King’s thoughts, wanting to backstab Gu Changge

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord was a figure from mythical times, and very few people have ever seen his true appearance from ancient times to the present. However, when they saw the Daoist’s figure appearing behind Gu Changge and entering the central hall, everyone could be absolutely certain that this person was indeed the rumored Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

The Dao rhyme he exuded seemed innate, coexisting with the world, and every move he made contained an unimaginable expanse of heavenly power. This was particularly evident to several individuals with profound backgrounds, giving them a palpable sense of awe, even a heart-pounding sensation that seemed to originate from the depths of their souls.

“We pay our respects to you, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord,” said the one-eyed Daoist and ChaNa Ancient Buddha, showing profound respect as they bowed to the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. The other powerhouses in the central hall followed suit, paying their respects to him.

Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Jin Chan, Six-Crown King, and many other young supremes also brimmed with reverence as they carefully observed this mythical figure. Surprisingly, it was the previously agitated Heavenly Bull Demon King who took a deep breath and forced himself to calm down, shifting his gaze away from Gu Changge.

The others assumed that he displayed such a demeanor because he had seen the Reincarnated Heaven Lord appear. However, only he knew the truth. His blood-related ancestor had been a terrifying figure from the Forbidden Era and had witnessed the true form of an unspeakable forbidden existence. This blood-related ancestor had paid a terrible price to create a portrait of that being.

That portrait had been passed down within their clan and had been handed down through generations. Naturally, the Heavenly Bull Demon King had seen that portrait before, which was why, when he saw Gu Changge, he was overwhelmed with turbulent emotions. He would have never believed that there could be two individuals so strikingly similar.

In his eyes, Gu Changge's demeanor and behavior were an exact match for the person in that portrait. It was as if the person in the portrait was none other than Gu Changge. This realization left the Heavenly Bull Demon King in shock.

Especially in recent times, there had been rumors circulating among the upper realms that Gu Changge was actually a reincarnation of a supreme being. When he connected these two pieces of information, the Heavenly Bull Demon King couldn't help but be astounded.

"The Gu Changge before me is undoubtedly closely connected to the figure in that portrait. His origins are unimaginable, unfathomable..."

"The records in the ancient scriptures indicate that the great world catastrophes and the ruptures in the eras are all related to that figure."

Various thoughts raced through the Heavenly Bull Demon King's mind, but he maintained a cold and impassive demeanor on the surface.

Having lived to his age, the Heavenly Bull Demon King had let go of many things and had a very open-minded perspective. Previously, like many other background figures, he had been curious about Gu Changge. His greatest curiosity had been about how Gu Changge had achieved such an extraordinary and unimaginable level of cultivation at his age. However, after today's revelation, the Heavenly Bull Demon King dared not harbor any more curiosity or speculations.

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When the Reincarnated Heaven Lord appeared in the grand hall, he didn't display any impatience or displeasure. Instead, he wore a gentle, welcoming smile and spoke willingly, "There's no need for excessive courtesy. Those of us on the path of cultivation have already walked a challenging journey. If we still bind ourselves to worldly constraints, wouldn't that be restricting our progress?"

"Regarding the matter of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction scourge, Changge had already discussed it with me beforehand."

"Now that it has emerged in this era, I will naturally take action to resolve this calamity, ensuring peace and tranquility for the common people of the world."

He spoke concisely and to the point. Before coming to the Divine City, he and Gu Changge, this master-disciple pair, had already planned how to present this matter to the outside world. The outbreak of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction in the upper realms was, in a way, connected to him and Gu Changge.

Of course, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had his own motives. After all, he had just manifested in this world and needed to employ various means to build his reputation. Moreover, there were secrets about Gu Changge that had piqued his interest. This "small matter" naturally fell within his scope of action.

"The Heavenly Lord's willingness to intervene in resolving the Scourge of Absolute Heavenly Extinction was truly an honor for all living beings. On the behalf of all living beings, express our gratitude to the Heavenly Lord."

"The immense grace and benevolence of the Heavenly Lord, I believe, will be eternally remembered by all living beings. They will build shrines and temples in your honor and offer eternal worship."

Upon hearing this, the one-eyed Daoist from Heavenly Emperor Mountain couldn't help but show a heartfelt sense of gratitude. He bowed and expressed his thanks with great sincerity. The other Background figures followed his example, expressing their gratitude to the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

However, many of them had come here not because of the Catastrophe of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction but because they wanted to confirm whether the Reincarnated Heaven Lord truly existed in this world. At their current level of cultivation, the calamity caused by the scourge of Absolute Heavenly Extinction wouldn't harm them. What they were truly interested in was the path to take beyond their current realm. They wanted to seek guidance from the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

After all, being trapped in their current realm for many years without any signs of progress or possibility of advancement, suddenly hearing that an existence surpassing the immortal realm still existed in this world from the mythical era was exhilarating and thrilling for them.

On the other hand, the choice of why the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had manifested in this era was a matter worth contemplating and scrutinizing for them. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord was highly perceptive, and he knew well what the various background figures were thinking. However, the key to reach the immortal realm was something even he couldn't explain; it depended on the appearance of an immortal gate. How could he provide a definite answer to everyone?

As the conversation continued, the crowd asked questions and sought advice from the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, obtaining valuable insights. This included the question of why the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had remained in this world instead of the rumored immortal world?

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord's response mirrored what he had discussed with Gu Changge during their time at the Gu family. He had explained that when he was exploring a mysterious realm, he had encountered unexpected danger and became trapped within it. After regaining his senses, countless ages had passed, and the world had undergone immense changes.

Later, he had used a secret technique to contact the current disciple, Gu Changge, who had assisted him in breaking free from his captivity and returning to the outside world. This explanation had been pre arranged by him and Gu Changge. Even the ChaNa Ancient Buddha, who had deep knowledge of the destiny and research of Buddhism, couldn't determine its authenticity.

Regarding the timing of the immortal gate's appearance, his response was the same—there were no concrete messages or prophecies, and they would have to wait.

After listening, the crowd indeed felt somewhat disappointed, but they had no choice and dared not ask further questions, fearing to offend the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. In terms of cultivation, he had unquestionably surpassed the so-called immortal realms during his peak. As for his current strength, it was impossible to determine.

Even the thinnest camel was larger than a horse, especially when it came to a figure from mythical times.

“I am Jin Chan. I have had the honor of meeting the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. However, there is one matter that remains unclear to me. I hope that Heavenly Lord can enlighten me.”

But at that moment, an abrupt voice suddenly rang out in the central hall. Even the background figures present there frowned in slight displeasure. At this moment, they were engaged in conversation with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord and had no room for a junior to interject. Even the leaders of many immortal sects remained silent and respectful on the sidelines. Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Six-Crown King Jun Yao, Jiang Luoshen, and others were equally surprised by Jin Chan’s audacity. In this situation, they dared not speak and could only watch from the sidelines.

“It seems this fellow had some prior plan...” Gu Changge squinted his eyes and suddenly became more interested. He felt that Jin Chan’s timing for speaking was directed at him.

Seemingly I didn’t directly kill him in the Demon Burying Abyss causing him to misunderstand something.

“Jin Chan, what matters that makes you have to trouble the Heavenly Lord?” ChaNa Ancient Buddha hadn’t expected Jin Chan to speak at this moment, but he raised an eyebrow and calmly inquired without anger. After all, Jin Chan was the next Buddha Lord of Buddha Mountain and held a significant position. Even in the eyes of someone with a profound understanding of destiny like the ChaNa Ancient Buddha, Jin Chan’s future was filled with numerous unknown variables, and he possessed great opportunities. Therefore, he didn’t blame Jin Chan for the breach of etiquette at this time.

“Ancient Buddha, what Jin Chan wishes to inquire about is related to the inheritor of the demonic art and also to the disciple of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord,” Jin Chan said with folded hands. Despite the attention of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord and everyone in the central hall, he remained composed, exuding a serene Buddhist nature. While speaking, he glanced at Gu Changge briefly and then withdrew his gaze nonchalantly.

“The inheritor of demonic art? The disciple of the Heavenly Lord?” Upon hearing this, the Golden Sun Goddess and the one-eyed Daoist became immediately interested. Their gazes shifted to Gu Changge, especially Golden Sun Goddess, who had a profound interest in him. She always felt that this young man harbored many secrets, each capable of triggering significant waves of change.

“It seems that Jin Chan, you have quite a few suspicions about me, even though you never found the real inheritor of the demonic art,” Gu Changge remarked with a faint smile, appearing nonchalant and unconcerned. He paid no attention to the gazes of anyone.

Jin Chan softly said, “At this time, Young Master Changge still remains remarkably composed. I truly admire your cultivation of inner peace.”

“Is that so?” Gu Changge chuckled and didn’t explain further. “In life, there is always a price to be paid for everything. Since you insist on this path, you should have already considered the consequences, right?”

He stated this matter-of-factly, without any hint of aggression or threat. However, the people in the central hall felt a terrifying sense of impending doom wash over them, making them almost suffocating. Many of them couldn’t help but recall what had happened yesterday when Wang Shun had been killed with a single palm strike by Gu Changge after attempting to test him.

While Jin Chan was undoubtedly powerful, compared to the current Gu Changge, he was like an ant in front of the moon—insignificant and minuscule. The Heavenly Bull Demon King felt a chill in his heart, and cold sweat inexplicably trickled down his back. At this moment, he became even more certain about his earlier speculations.

The Lord of the Demon Mountain, Chan Hongyi, the infamous Red-Clothed Demoness in the eyes of the world, was indeed related to the forbidden demonic arts, and she had significant connections with that figure from the past. The reason the Heavenly Bull Demon King chose to pledge allegiance to Chan Hongyi was also due to this.

During their time in Kunwu City, Chan Hongyi had appeared and spoken many enigmatic words to Gu Changge. No one knew why, and no one could fathom the meaning behind her words. However, at this moment, everything became clear in the eyes of the Heavenly Bull Demon King.

“What you wish to inquire about, Jin Chan, I can deduce for you with Destiny technology. There’s no need to trouble the Heavenly Lord,” ChaNa Ancient Buddha said, shaking his head gently. He was aware of the incident concerning the Hanging Buddha Temple in the Demon Burying Abyss, the heavy losses suffered by Buddha Mountain due to Gu Changge’s calculations, and the blame placed on them for releasing Chan Hongyi, the Red-Clothed Demoness. Later, during the battle to besiege Chan Hongyi in the Divine City, many monks sent by Buddha Mountain had perished, with almost none surviving.

Jin Chan, having grown up in Buddha Mountain since childhood, found it difficult to accept these events. Although he often appeared indifferent on the surface, he harbored deep-seated grudges and resentment in his heart. Now that he had found an opportunity, he naturally chose to attack Gu Changge. Only Buddha Mountain knew the truth, so even ChaNa Ancient Buddha felt that Gu Changge's actions back then were not as simple as merely dealing with the loose seals and formations in the Demon Burying Abyss.

"In this matter, Jin Chan wishes to hear the Heavenly Lord's verdict. After all, Young Master Changge is the successor of the Heavenly Lord. He must have a reason and rationale for choosing him," Jin Chan said, maintaining his composed and respectful demeanor, with hands folded in prayer.

Over the years, Jin Chan had investigated many things and finally discovered some clues. This included the source of Gu Changge's inheritance from the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. He believed that Gu Changge was not the true chosen successor of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord but had acquired this portion of the inheritance through other means. The true successor of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord might have long fallen victim to Gu Changge's schemes.

In this regard, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord remained unaware, concealed behind a veil of deception. So today, in front of everyone, Jin Chan intended to expose this matter and reveal Gu Changge's true nature.

As for the matter of the heir of the demonic arts, even though Jin Chan lacked substantial evidence, his intuition kept telling him that there was a significant issue with Gu Changge.

"Are you doubting my judgment in choosing a successor?" At this moment, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, who had remained silent all along, suddenly spoke. While he still wore a faint smile on his face, the discontent in his words was apparent. Regardless of the circumstances, Gu Changge was now officially his disciple and successor. To be questioned in such a manner by a young junior in front of everyone was a slight. Even though the Reincarnated Heaven Lord maintained his composure, he couldn't help but feel humiliated and disrespected.

A sense of terror between all the leaders of immortal forces permeated the hall, and it felt like a divine mountain pressing down on their heads, causing them to break out in cold sweat. The leaders of various sects and schools cursed Jin Chan internally. How could a mere young junior dare to speak so audaciously?

"I implore the Heavenly Lord to calm your anger. I believe the disciple of Buddha Mountain didn't intend to provoke you deliberately," the one-eyed Daoist spoke, trying to mediate the situation.

While his words seemed conciliatory, they carried a hint of mockery, suggesting that Jin Chan wanted to create trouble for Gu Changge.