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Chapter 741: Who is the So-called Ye Ling? Gu Changge's explanation

The Daoist 'One-Eyed' himself was a figure deeply rooted in the history of Heavenly Emperor Mountain. So, even though he met with Gu Changge with a friendly manner yesterday, it doesn't stop him from trying to trip him up at this moment. Moreover, he doesn't believe that Jin Chan would be like some reckless person. He must have some evidence to dare to confront Gu Changge just now. At this time, the Daoist 'One-Eyed' is surely looking to stir up trouble and see how Gu Changge handles it.

"What the Daoist 'One-Eyed' said is absolutely right. Why should Young Master Changge be afraid of these rumors?" Upon hearing this, the others in the central hall also showed keen interest. Especially the sect master of the Endless Fire Nation, who was an attractive man in a red robe with a blurred face and a fiery rune lingering at his brow, exuding a terrifying heat.

Some time ago, in front of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, one of the Dao Building experts from the Endless Fire Nation had her cultivation base destroyed by Gu Changge's subordinate, turning her into nothing. This incident caused a huge stir in the entire upper realm, with various immortal sects discussing it extensively. The Endless Fire Nation became the laughingstock of everyone, losing all of their face as an immortal force.

"As this matter concerns the inheritor of the Demonic Arts, I think it's best to have the Heavenly Lord confirm it again, to avoid causing a great disaster in the upper realm in the future," [Ed note: Heavenly Lord here was the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, Gu Changge's cheap master.]

"Since Young Master Changge is so confident, he must not fear our doubts and speculations." suggested the sect master of the Violet Sky Valley with a meaningful and playful tone. He wore a grand Daoist robe with wide sleeves, and his body seemed to be surrounded by starlight, as if the stars from various heavens were orbiting around him.

"How dare you! Considering Young Master Changge's current status, aren't you afraid that your words might incite chaos in the upper realm and trigger the Immortal War?" The face of an old emperor from the Peerless Immortal Dynasty frowned and he chastised the sect master of the Violet Sky Valley and the Endless Fire Nation.

The Gu Family and the Peerless Immortal Dynasty were united in marriage, and they shared both honor and disgrace. Naturally, he stood on Gu Changge's side.

“Indeed, in my view, you are all provoking Young Master Changge. Could it be that you want to stir up chaos in the upper realm and lead to the suffering of all living beings?” Another ancestor from the Grand Yu Immortal Dynasty spoke with a hint of mockery.

Apart from many influential figures with deep connections in the central hall, there were others who held real power in the upper realm. They were either the sect master of various sects or the heads of the prominent families, and any misstep could trigger a massive upheaval and earthquake in the world.

What they said now was naturally representing the different wills of the forces behind them. Some stood with Gu Changge, while others wanted to drag him into the abyss. The Golden Sun Goddess of the Supreme God Clan, at this moment, furrowed her brow slightly, sensing the challenges Gu Changge faced from various forces. She showed a hint of displeasure on her face and said, “As seniors, shouldn’t both of you feel ashamed for bullying such a junior in mouth?”

“Senior Jin Yang, your words are wrong. This matter concerns the inheritor of the demonic arts, which is a major issue involving the entire Upper Realm. How can you say we are playing with verbal bullying?” Hearing this, the sect master of Heavenly Emperor Mountain also opened his eyes, so deep and mysterious, as if with terrifying scenes of stars sinking and the moon collapsing within them. As a junior, he dared to speak this way to Jin Yang due to the support of the Daoist ‘One-Eye behind him.[Ed Note, Jin Yang is the name of the Golden Sun Goddess. In Chinese, Jin = Golden, Yang = Sun.]

“How dare you speak to me this way?” Golden Sun Goddess’s clouded old eyes narrowed as looking at him, and a terrifying aura spread out, causing many to feel uneasy and a soul-deep sense of fear as the surrounding void collapsed in an instant. However, at this moment, Gu Changge, who had been silently watching, suddenly raised his hand and interrupted her with a faint smile.

He said, “Senior Jin Yang, please calm down. This matter originated because of me, so please do not be angry by their words, it’s not worth it! Moreover, since everyone is so eager to know what Jin Chan asked, I don’t mind sharing the information with all of you.”

This last sentence was, of course, addressed to everyone in the central hall. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord heard and respected Gu Changge’s decision but still found it somewhat surprising. His earlier displeasure had, in a way, been a form of protection for Gu Changge because he felt that he held many secrets, including the identity of the so-called Inheritor of the demonic arts, and he wanted to avoid unnecessary trouble. But to his surprise, Gu Changge took the initiative to handle the situation which puzzled Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

“Young Master Changge is indeed straightforward, and I admire it,” the Daoist One-Eyed remarked with a faint smile, intending to watch the spectacle and see how Gu Changge would respond and handle the situation.

Inside the hall, the expressions of the people varied, showing surprise, schadenfreude, gloominess, and confusion.

“In that case, may I ask Young Master Changge if you are familiar with a cultivator named Ye Ling?” Jin Chan, without further ado, directly asked his question.

His eyes were clear and spirited, like a pristine lake. Despite wearing ordinary monk’s robes, he exuded an otherworldly aura. As he asked this question, a radiant Buddha figure seemed to form behind his head, with an aura of brilliant light.

The name Ye Ling had puzzled everyone in the grand hall. They searched their memories for any trace of this name. Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Six-Crowned King, Jiang Luoshen, and many other young supremes were all trying to recall if they knew this person. However, even including many background figures, both older and younger, none of them recognized the name Ye Ling, and it had never been mentioned before.

At this moment, Reincarnated Heaven Lord raised an eyebrow slightly, surprised by Jin Chan’s words. If he remembered correctly, Gu Changge had indeed mentioned to him before that the true successor he had chosen was a young cultivator named Ye Ling.

“Could it be related to this matter?” Reincarnated Heaven Lord cast a glance at Gu Changge and suddenly became curious about how Gu Changge would resolve this situation. It seemed that Jin Chan knew who the real successor of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was. If that were the case, Gu Changge’s claim as the chosen disciple would soon be exposed.

“I kindly ask Young Master Changge to clarify the confusion for me. Do you know a cultivator named Ye Ling?” Jin Chan spoke again, his gaze fixed earnestly on Gu Changge. He held substantial evidence in his hands, and if Gu Changge denied it, he had ways to make the Chana Ancient Buddha reveal the truth and expose Gu Changge’s lie.

“It seems that this person Ye Ling is not simple,” the Daoist ‘One-Eyed’ remarked with an indifferent expression, his smile carrying a deeper meaning.

“A cultivator named Ye Ling? I do indeed know someone by that name, but I’m not sure if the Ye Ling you’re referring to is the same one I know,” Gu Changge replied calmly, as he had anticipated that Jin Chan would inquire about this matter. He showed no change in his expression.

Jin Chan’s expression subtly shifted, as he didn’t expect Gu Changge to be so composed. He continued, “The Ye Ling I mentioned should be the same Ye Ling as Young Master Changge knows.”

“In that case, do you, Young Master Changge, know the identity of this Ye Ling?” He had previously conducted an investigation into this matter in the ancient immortal Ye family.

Ye Ling was a collateral disciple of the ancient immortal Ye family, with a mother who was a maid and a father who was the head of a collateral line. He was not treated well from a young age and had distanced himself from the family after his mother’s death, having no further connections with them.

This person was indeed the true disciple chosen by the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. Moreover, numerous signs had shown that the relics left by the Reincarnated Heaven Lord originally fell into his hands. The evidence and information Jin Chan had gathered personally were genuine.

Gu Changge nodded and said, “I’m well aware of it. When I was cultivating in the Ancient Immortal Continent, this person concealed his true identity, infiltrated the forbidden area behind the Heavenly Dao Immortal Palace on the back mountain, and entered the Ancient Immortal Continent. There, he stole the ancestral remains of various ancient clans and devoured their origin essence.”

“Later, I had a confrontation with him and almost killed him, but his occult technologies were astonishing, and he managed to escape from my grasp.”

“Furthermore, I suspect that he may still be alive today, hidden somewhere in the Upper Realm. It’s possible that he is the true inheritor of the demonic arts.”

Upon hearing Gu Changge’s words, the expressions of the people in the hall underwent a drastic change.

“What?”

“The real inheritor of demonic arts?”

Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Six-Crowned King, Jiang Luoshen, and other young supremes were taken aback, nearly losing their voices in shock. They had never expected Gu Changge to know the identity of the true inheritor of the demonic arts, including his name and origins. Gu Changge had never revealed this information before. How did Jin Chan come to know all of this?

“The inheritor of demonic arts?”

Jin Chan clearly hadn’t expected Gu Changge to explain it in this way. He furrowed his brow and said, “However, in my investigation, this person is not the inheritor of the demonic arts but rather the chosen disciple of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.”

He straightforwardly revealed the truth and didn’t want to continue concealing it. At this point, he wanted to see how Gu Changge would explain or defend himself.

When Jin Chan said this, it caused a massive commotion in the hall. Everyone was shocked and had a hard time believing it. Gu Changge was not the true disciple of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord? Was someone else chosen?

Then, how did Gu Changge come into possession of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s inheritance? Didn’t Gu Changge say earlier that this Ye Ling was the true inheritor of the demonic arts?

Jin Chan was not foolish; he dared to ask this question at this moment because he undoubtedly had solid evidence and certainty.

With this revelation, Gu Changge’s words seemed contradictory, leaving everyone perplexed, suspicious, and speculative. They felt that a thick fog had enveloped the situation. Many people shivered, finding it hard to accept, sensing that a significant event might unfold today.

The Daiost ‘One-Eye, Golden Sun Goddess, and others quickly regained their composure after the initial shock. They stared at Gu Change with highly complex expressions.

“So, there’s such a matter, and with this, this guy seems like the true inheritor of the demonic arts.”

The Daiost One-Eyed narrowed his eye and a cold smile formed on his lips, his interest growing even stronger. The sect master of Immortal forces like Violet Sky Valley and Endless Fire Nation

also had meaningful glints in their eyes, silently chuckling to themselves. They felt that today's events provided them with a significant opportunity. Even if Gu Changge tried to explain, it might be challenging for him to escape suspicion.

At this moment, after asking his question, Jin Chan didn't wait for Gu Changge's response. Instead, he turned to the silent Reincarnated Heaven Lord and asked, "I wonder if the Heavenly Lord is aware of this matter?"

It's possible that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord still didn't know that Gu Changge was an impostor and not the true disciple of him.

At this moment, everyone in the hall felt that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord might be genuinely angry and displeased. Some people began to take pleasure in the situation, thinking that Gu Changge had quite the audacity to deceive the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

"To inherit my legacy naturally means being my successor, I don't care how he got it."

"But before this, Gu Changge did inform me that he had acquired part of the inheritance from someone else."

However, at this moment, the words spoken by the Reincarnated Heaven Lord made Jin Chan's expression stiffen, as he seemed puzzled.

"What....."

The expressions of those who had been taking pleasure in the situation also suddenly froze on their faces. They wondered if they had misheard something. Why did the situation seem completely different from what they had expected?

The cold smile on the Daiost 'One-Eyed' face also froze suddenly, and his brows furrowed quickly.

Did the Reincarnated Heaven Lord already know about this matter? Did his previous anger stem from what Jin Chan had said?

Many people suddenly realized what was going on and were greatly astonished.

“We still hope that the Heavenly Lord can clarify?”

Even the Chana Ancient Buddha, who had remained silent until now, had to speak up, his tone tinged with a hint of probing. However, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord did not respond to him. His face grew slightly darker, causing an uneasy feeling to settle in the hearts of everyone present.

“What Brother Jin Chan suspected, I can also understand. Initially, the inheritance I received from my master did indeed include some from a cultivator named Ye Ling. However, it seems you have not fully understood my words,” Gu Changge explained calmly, addressing both Jin Chan and the others.

“The Ye Ling from back in time was not the same Ye Ling later.”

“The true Ye Ling, who possessed my master’s inheritance, had already been murdered by the true inheritor of the demonic arts. Therefore, part of my master’s inheritance did fall into his hands. Later, the inheritor of the demonic arts disguised himself as Ye Ling and infiltrated the Ancient Immortal Continent. After our confrontation, he fled with injuries, and I got inheritances belonging to Ye Ling at that time.”

At this moment, Gu Changge smiled faintly, explaining the origin of the inheritance, how he obtained it, and why Jin Chan had reason to doubt him.

With his words, a momentary silence fell upon the hall, dispelling the confusion that had hung in the air. Everything became clear. The true inheritor of the demonic arts had murdered the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s chosen disciple, taken his inheritance, and assumed his identity. Subsequently, he had encountered Gu Changge, been exposed by him, and lost the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s inheritance. Therefore, Jin Chan’s suspicion of Gu Changge being the demonic arts inheritor had no basis.

Chapter 742: He really want to cover the sky with one hand in the upper realm, a chess piece

In the central main hall, where all masters of various immortal sects had gathered, the atmosphere was solemn and oppressive. Many sect masters and elders were silent, their minds filled with various thoughts in response to Gu Changge’s words.

Even though Gu Changge’s explanation seemed reasonable and made sense, they couldn’t shake the feeling that it all appeared too natural, lacking any twists or surprises. It felt as though it was supposed to be this way, everything was too much of a coincidence.

The likes of Heavenly Phoenix Maiden and the Six Crowned Kings, who were considered young supremes, also had complex expressions on their faces. They hadn't expected the situation to take such a turn, and they were taken aback by this explanation. Furthermore, they had no evidence to prove that Gu Changge was lying.

Moreover, this place had many background figures present, including the Chana Ancient Buddha, who was well-versed in the mysteries of fate. If Gu Changge had lied just now, he would have surely sensed it. Yet, even the Chana Ancient Buddha remained silent, not uttering a word.

Did this not imply that everything Gu Changge had explained was indeed true? At this moment, they were uncertain about their emotions—whether it was regret, disappointment, or a sigh of relief.

“Had the real Ye Ling long been killed by the inheritor of the demonic arts?” Jin Chan was extremely puzzled as he didn't expect this from Gu Changge, his voice filled with disbelief. Clearly, he had not anticipated his explanation. He paused for a moment, his brows furrowing further.

In truth, he had never personally met the true inheritor of the demonic art. However, based on various signs, it was indeed likely that the true disciple of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had been killed and no longer existed in this world. This was why Jin Chan had so many doubts, especially considering Gu Changge's possession of the inheritance and relics of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

Previously, he hadn't even considered the possibility of Gu Changge's explanation.

“Or perhaps Gu Changge anticipated that I would ask this question, so he prepared this explanation in advance?” Jin Chan still didn't fully believe in all of this. His expression darkened, no longer as serene as before.

He felt like he was trapped in a nightmare, his once pure and compassionate heart tainted. He couldn't approach things as he had in the past. If this matter couldn't be resolved, his cultivation would come to a standstill, let alone reaching a higher level of realms.

“Could it be that Brother Jin Chan still has doubts about my words?”

Upon hearing this, Gu Changge continued to smile faintly, his expression unchanged. The others in the hall fell silent, refraining from speaking further. Even individuals like the Daoist 'One-Eyed', the Head of the Violet Sky Valley, and the sect master of the Endless Fire Nation did not speak, choosing to observe the situation quietly. After all, Gu Changge had already provided his

explanation, and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had confirmed it personally. If they continued to question and doubt, they might inadvertently offend the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, which would be more trouble than it was worth.

“What you’ve said, Young Master Changge, is merely your perspective. The truth of the matter remains unknown,” Jin Chan spoke in a composed tone, but there was a hint of reluctance in his words.

“It seems, Brother Jin Chan, that you are quite dissatisfied with me. Regardless of how I explain, you refuse to believe,” Gu Changge smiled and then turned his gaze to the Chana Ancient Buddha. “Since Brother Jin Chan doubts my words, why don’t we ask the Chana Ancient Buddha to investigate and see if I was lying just now?”

Gu Changge knew that the Chana Ancient Buddha had a profound understanding of destiny and could even perceive one’s past and future. Judging whether someone was lying would be effortless for him. However, Gu Changge wasn’t concerned because destiny was shrouded in mist, and even the most skilled individuals couldn’t easily discern it. Besides, trying to investigate him might result in a severe backlash.

When the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had attempted to investigate Gu Changge’s origins before, he had almost suffered a tremendous backlash. Despite his efforts to conceal this point, Gu Changge could still tell that he had briefly turned pale during that encounter.

Hearing Gu Changge’s words, the people in the hall couldn’t help but be intrigued, their gazes shifting to the Chana Ancient Buddha.

Golden Sun Goddess was particularly interested and remarked, “Since Gu Changge had spoken so confidently, Chana Ancient Buddha, do you still have reservations?”

She didn’t doubt the Chana Ancient Buddha’s abilities. It was just that since Gu Changge had spoken so boldly, it must mean he was certain of the truth.

“Amitabha, what Young Master Changge has said may not necessarily be untrue, and I cannot easily confirm its veracity,” the Chana Ancient Buddha replied, joining the conversation as he held his hands in prayer. Despite his Destiny technologies, determining the absolute truth about an ordinary person’s past, present, and future was not too difficult

, when it came to Gu Changge, the Chana Ancient Buddha couldn't detect any traces of destiny. If there were any, they were as elusive as wisps of mist. However, even these wisps of mist were challenging for him to decipher.

“What?” Jin Chan was completely astonished and bewildered by the Chana Ancient Buddha's statement. He couldn't understand why the Chana Ancient Buddha had suddenly changed his stance. Previously, even he had believed that Gu Changge had many secrets and uncertainties about him. Why does the sudden change occur?

“Hehe, even the Chana Ancient Buddha says so. Naturally, we won't have any more doubts. We also understood Jin Chan's original intention, though his manner is somewhat rash.” the Daoist ‘One-Eyed’ chimed in at this point, laughing as if he had no connection to the earlier skepticism. Instead, he seemed to be shifting the blame onto Jin Chan.

The sect master from the VioletSky Valley and the Endless Fire Nation, and others, remained silent. The rest of the people in the hall had varying expressions, shaking their heads inwardly. They had expected a dramatic reversal but found that Jin Chan's suspicions were unfounded. Gu Changge had not shown any signs of deceit.

“Let's put an end to this matter today. My insights are not to be questioned by a junior like you, little monk,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord said, his face showing a hint of irritation as the dust settled on the issue.

He glanced over the people in the hall and spoke with a tinge of annoyance, as if he were genuinely displeased with what had transpired. It had to be said that as a creature who had lived for countless years, he was a master of acting. If Gu Changge didn't know his true thoughts, he might have been convinced that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was genuinely angry.

In this sense, there was indeed a kind of master-disciple relationship between Gu Changge and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord when it came to their acting abilities.

“Sorry, sorry, Heavenly Lord,” Jin Chan quickly responded. “We hope the Heavenly Lord will not be angry. It was our shortsightedness to question Young Master Changge just now, not a doubt in your judgment.”

The people in the hall felt uneasy as they saw the Reincarnated Heaven Lord's apparent anger. Even the Daoist ‘One-Eyed’ felt a bit anxious, despite his self-confidence. In the current era, he was not very fearful of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

However, people's curiosity remained, and the shadow of doubt lingered. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord had existed since the era of myths, and nobody knew the extent of his abilities in the present world.

"Brother Jin Chan, do you have any more questions or doubts?" Gu Changge asked with a faint smile.

Jin Chan's face appeared somewhat defeated. He had held onto quite a bit of evidence suggesting that Gu Changge wasn't the true disciple of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. However, it now seemed utterly unnecessary. Not only had Gu Changge voluntarily admitted to this fact, but the Reincarnated heaven Lord was also aware of it.

"In today's matter, I was too impulsive. I hope Young Master Changge won't hold it against me," he sighed inwardly, suppressing his feelings of reluctance and apologized to Gu Changge.

Gu Changge's expression remained unchanged, and he waved his hand, saying, "I am not one to bear grudges. I understand your intentions, Brother."

At this moment, it was clear that Gu Changge wouldn't blame Jin Chan. However, that didn't mean he would let him off easily.

Seeing Gu Changge's seemingly reasonable and unconcerned attitude, the people in the hall were somewhat surprised. They had expected him to exact a heavy price from Jin Chan, as he had done in the past.

The Chana Ancient Buddha also breathed a sigh of relief and joined in, "Thank you for your magnanimity, Young Master Changge. After today, I will make sure that Jin Chan reflects on his actions and doesn't venture out into the world for a few years."

In reality, the Chana Ancient Buddha sensed Gu Changge's intentions clearly; he had a keen sense of foreboding to the future danger that might involve the people close to him. By appearing to rebuke Jin Chan, he actually wanted to protect him and prevent any potential accidents.

Gu Changge smiled and didn't say anything more. Afterward, the conversation shifted away from the topic of the inheritor of the demonic art, and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord answered questions about the secrets of the mythological era and the truth behind the absence of immortals in the future.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord, like a wise sage, shared his knowledge with the group, leaving them in awe. They felt as if they had learned of a momentous event that had occurred in the distant past, a secret hidden from the later generations. It might have been related to the Forbidden Era or something entirely different.

Finally, the meeting concluded, and the background figures from various immortal forces did not overstay their welcome. After expressing their gratitude, they departed. News of today's events quickly spread through the Divine City, causing a significant stir.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord did indeed exist in the world, and he promised to resolve the Absolute Heavenly Extinction scourge. Countless cultivators and beings were overjoyed upon hearing this news, some even moved to tears, expressing their gratitude towards the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. At that moment, his reputation soared to unimaginable heights.

However, many people also remembered Gu Changge's "efforts" in this matter and considered him and his master as saviors of the current era. Immortal forces like the Endless Fire Nation, Heavenly Emperor Mountain, and Violet Sky Valley faced severe criticism and were burdened with reputational damage.

Some cultivators decided to document this event in history books for future generations – Gu Changge, who had performed countless good deeds, had been wrongfully accused of being an inheritor of the demonic art. This not only hurt Gu Changge's heart but also the hearts of countless beings...

Jin Chan repeatedly questioned Gu Changge in the main hall, which caused him to become infamous for a while. Even the highly respected Chana Ancient Buddha's status plummeted in the eyes of many due to this incident. As for others, who ever framed Gu Changge, simply walking on the streets without being pelted with rotten eggs and spoiled spirit fruits was considered fortunate.

"Could it be that this was Gu Changge's intention all along? To manipulate the hearts of countless beings for his own purposes?"

"It's truly ruthless and terrifying."

The Daoist 'One-Eyed' from the Heavenly Emperor Mountain wore a dark and uncertain expression. He had noticed Gu Changge's sinister intentions through recent developments in the upper realms. He no longer believed that Gu Changge was acting in the best interests of the entire

upper realm and upholding justice. Instead, he believed that Gu Changge was using the beings of the upper realm as gunmen without knowing it.

This manipulative approach was chilling and heart-wrenching.

“It probably won’t be long before he has complete control over the entire upper realm, and that’s when he’ll truly become an all-powerful figure.”

For the Daoist ‘One-Eyed’, the desire to eliminate Gu Changge grew stronger by the minute. He quickly composed himself and issued a Supreme Order, summoning the high-ranking members of the Heavenly Emperor Mountain to discuss this matter thoroughly.

Meanwhile, on the other side, Gu Changge and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, this pair of master and disciple, were discussing the current situation in the upper realms.

“It seems that things are developing just as you calculated...”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord spoke with a hint of emotion, feeling that he had underestimated Gu Changge. Not only did Gu Changge possess immense power, but his methods were also incredibly formidable, subtly influencing the entire upper realm.

At this moment, even if Gu Changge were truly an inheritor of the demonic art, ordinary cultivators would likely doubt it and be unwilling to believe it. This was the brilliance of Gu Changge’s methods.

“You overpraise me, Master. Today, in the central hall, your cooperation was essential.”

Gu Changge smiles modestly, appearing humble.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord had only seen the surface of Gu Changge’s intentions, while deeper down, Gu Changge had another plan in mind. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord would never have imagined that, from the very beginning, he was just another pawn in Gu Changge’s game.

“As your master, I was just stating the facts, as we are bound together in this endeavor,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord nodded and smiled.

He wanted to gain Gu Changge's trust to uncover the secrets hidden within him. This small matter was effortless for him.

Gu Changge smiled and said no more. However, he seemed to remember something and with a slightly serious expression, added, "Regarding the Absolute Heavenly Extinction scourge, I'll trouble you, Master. During this time, I'll do my best to expand the situation and increase your influence to its peak."

"You can rest assured. This is a small matter for me, and it won't take much time," the Reincarnated Heaven Lord assured with a smile.

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The Reincarnated Heaven Lord did not disappoint Gu Changge. On the second day after uttering these words, he decisively set off towards the Absolute Heavenly Extinction.

A vast and boundless gray fog originating Absolute Heavenly Extinction swept in from a distant place, shrouding every corner of the celestial universe. Countless cultivators and beings watched in shock, despair, and astonishment.

However, a divine light that pierced the heavens, as if tearing apart the cosmos, descended directly into the depths of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction. At that moment, it was as if the heavens and earth were splitting apart, and chaos was being born anew.

Innumerable divine lights and immortal radiance were blinding and dazzling, illuminating the depths of the upper realms. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord appeared in the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, wearing a feathered robe and a starry crown. He exuded an otherworldly aura, his divine body towering thousands of meters high, reaching the sky and spanning the distant.

He moved, summoning a massive bronze cauldron that landed deep within the Absolute Heavenly Extinction with a resounding thud. It was massive and majestic, surrounded by countless runes that pressed down with immense force.

Boom!!!

The sound of the cauldron was deafening, creating terrifying ripples that spread endlessly. At that moment, countless cultivators and beings heard the vast and mighty vibrations, like colossal waves crashing towards them, threatening to engulf the entire universe.

The Absolute Heavenly Extinction began to collapse and rupture, and gray mists surged forth from within. For ordinary cultivators and beings, this gray mist was an unimaginable calamity and apocalypse. Each wisp of mist had the power to corrode and consume space, extinguishing all life.

However, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord effortlessly extinguished the dense fog with a casual wave of his robe, and the chaotic energy billowed away. The great cauldron hung in the sky, surrounded by soaring divine radiance, and even ancient ancestral inscriptions and sacrificial texts manifested on its walls.

Subsequently, these manifested patterns came to life and plunged into the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, seemingly intent on completely eradicating the degenerative beings within and restoring peace and tranquility to the heavens and earth. The fluctuations there were too terrifying, even from a distant vantage point, the awe-inspiring aura reached them.

The entire starry domain was in turmoil, with stars trembling as if they were about to fall.

From ordinary cultivators to those who had achieved Dao-Building experts, all could feel the vast and terrifying presence, causing their souls to quiver and shiver.

“Is this the true power of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord today? It’s truly terrifying. How did he achieve this?”

“In this era, how can he unleash such power?”

Many Dao Building experts wore solemn expressions as they manifested in the depths of the sky, observing the disturbances in that part of the universe.

Their hearts surged with waves of astonishment, and they gained a clearer understanding of the strength of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

“This is wonderful!”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord is truly going to resolve the scourge of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction for us.”

“How many forces and sects had this calamity consumed? How many lives had it extinguished? Today, it can finally come to a complete end.”

“The great kindness and benevolence of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord will be remembered for a lifetime and passed down to future generations. Let us and heirs always be grateful!”

Countless cultivators and beings watched in astonishment and gratitude. They were thankful from the bottom of their heart and fell to their knees, bowing in reverence toward the direction of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

The surging mist, suppressed by the bronze cauldron, no longer spread outwards but instead began to contract and collapse. It seemed as if invisible hands were pushing it towards the depths of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction. It was a breathtaking and awe-inspiring scene.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s body, towering thousands of feet high, seemed to stretch the heavens and earth apart. His massive hand descended, spanning the boundless space and sealing Absolute Heavenly Extinction once again.

The bronze giant cauldron floated in the air, surrounded by endless divine radiance, and with a resounding boom, it descended towards the Absolute Heavenly Extinction. Instead of erasing the mist entirely, he chose a gentler method to prevent its further spread.

“This Absolute Heavenly Extinction is truly mysterious and enigmatic. I can only stop it for a thousand years. If there is no other solution after a millennium, it may resume.”

“At that time, if I am still here, I can seal it again. However, this is not a long-term solution.”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord looked at the many cultivators who had gathered around, and with a hint of regret in his voice, he explained.

Hearing this, the people around couldn’t help but feel a chill in their hearts, and their expressions became more serious.

They had initially thought that this time, they could completely resolve the calamity of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, but now they realized that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord could only seal it once more, and even that seal would last for only a thousand years.

If they couldn't find a way to solve it within a thousand years, the Absolute Heaven Extinction would return and erupt once again.

"We understand. Thank you, Heavenly Lord, for your intervention."

"The Heavenly Lord has prevented this calamity from spreading again, and a thousand years is enough time for us."

"We will definitely find a solution within this thousand years and not let your efforts go in vain."

Soon, the crowd reacted and understood that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had done his best, and they expressed their gratitude with clasped hands.

The figure of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord returned to its original size, and his once-clear face now showed signs of paleness and weakness, as if sealing the Absolute Heavenly Extinction before him had consumed a considerable amount of his energy.

He waved his hand and said, "Fortunately, the upper realms are on the brink of upheaval, with many opportunities on the horizon. Who can say what will happen in this thousand years..."

As the gray mist retreated, the vast expanse of the territory finally revealed itself before the eyes of the onlookers, evoking deep trepidation and fear. Everywhere one looked, there were desolate lands, permeated by roiling malevolent and deathly energies.

Terrifying chasms stretched across the landscape, stars had fallen, and the scene was one of devastation, like a forsaken ancient cosmos, broken and lifeless.

"The scourge of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction had finally come to a halt, even if it's just for a thousand years," a senior cultivator who had arrived remarked with mixed emotions, exhaling a sigh of relief from his heart.

“Thank you, Heavenly Lord, for intervening and alleviating this calamity for all living beings.”

From various directions, many divine lights had also arrived, and those who witnessed the awe-inspiring scene expressed their gratitude with clasped hands.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord, with a slightly weakened appearance, gently waved his hand and said, “It’s a pity it couldn’t be completely resolved.”

With those words, he did not linger, and a blurred passage appeared in the void before him. With a single step, he swiftly disappeared.

Those present watched this scene and couldn’t help but feel a deep sense of admiration. This was a true virtuous and righteous individual, seeking the well-being of all living beings without expecting anything in return.

“No wonder he is the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. His great kindness and benevolence are on par with Gu Changge,” many people commented, and the news of this event quickly spread to various sects as if it had grown wings, causing a tremendous sensation.

The scourge of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, which had plagued the upper realms for years, was finally sealed.

Countless cultivators and beings rejoiced and celebrated, and in various places, temples and sculptures were erected in honor of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, who was worshiped day and night.

Many sects and forces sent their people as emissaries to express their gratitude to the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. After all, they had heard that he had consumed a considerable amount of energy to seal the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, and they wanted to establish a friendly relationship and show their appreciation.

Gu Changge, of course, was among the first to hear the news. As for the so-called thousand-year seal, he saw it as a minor trick of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. He believed that he had the means to completely resolve the scourge of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction.

The statement of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was just an excuse. In short, it was because the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was too shrewd, trying to make Gu Changge trust him while also keeping Gu Changge off guard.

“Acting as if he had consumed a considerable amount of energy, isn’t this his usual tactic?” Gu Changge smiled faintly and then crushed a jade slip in his hand, turning it into a flurry of dust all over the sky.(Ed Note, jade slip, a long, narrow strip of jade used as a magical item for transferring, recording and reading information. Based on the Bamboo Slips used in ancient China.)

Jin Chan had already left the Divine City and was on his way back to the Buddha Mountain. Although he had protection from Dao Building experts around him, the Chana Ancient Buddha was not among them; he remained in the Divine City, apparently having something to discuss with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

Without background figures by his side, was he still safe? After all, Gu Changge had no intention of letting him off easily, considering the provocation that had taken place in the central hall.

He also had no intention of dispatching his loyal followers, like Alpha or Ah Er, to deal with the Jin Chan, but three dark Dao-Building experts.

“To deal with Jin Chan and three dark Dao Building experts should be enough,” Gu Changge quickly issued orders and sent out three dark Dao Building experts.

The Dark Heaven Court had recently descended into the upper realm, and they had over a dozen Dao Building experts among their ranks. Killing a young supreme being or even a sect leader from the Immortal Sect would be well within their capabilities, provided the target wasn’t carrying a powerful immortal weapon.(Ed Note, Dark Heaven will change to Dark Heaven Court, it’s a term of force/sect that happened in c1022 before.)

To ensure nothing went wrong, Gu Changge also bestowed a secret Forbidden treasure to the three.

After dispatching the three dark Dao Building experts, Gu Changge didn’t stop there. He sent a message to Lan Yifei of the Dao Immortal Alliance, instructing him to find an opportunity to act.

There were quite a few young supreme beings in the Divine City, and Gu Changge had no intention of allowing things to remain peaceful here.

He didn't mind adding a bit more chaos to the mix.

However, at that moment, an unexpected figure suddenly arrived, taking Gu Changge by surprise.

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"Who should I choose this time?"

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Divine City, Lan Yifei received the message and looked at the jade slip in his hand with mixed emotions. He then gently crushed it.

He didn't dare to disobey Gu Changge's order.

He had initially thought that this time, Jin Chan might produce some crucial evidence, exposing the truth that Gu Changge was the true inheritor of the demonic arts. Unfortunately, it seemed that he had fallen short, as Gu Changge had prepared a countermeasure.

Even the Chana Ancient Buddha couldn't determine whether what Gu Changge had said was true or false.

"The Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, the Six Crown King... none of them are to be underestimated."

"It seems I'll have to focus on the other young geniuses..."

With a sigh, Lan Yifei left the courtyard and swiftly disappeared into the Divine City.

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Meanwhile, in the northwest direction of the Divine City, a radiant glow of light suffused the air, and the spatial energy in the area began to fluctuate. A teleportation array was situated there, exuding spiritual energy and giving off vast ripples as if it connected to an endless expanse of the starry sky.

A group of monks with a high cultivation realm followed behind Jin Chan, bowing respectfully. “Jin Chan, the Chana Ancient Buddha has foreseen that your return journey to the Buddha Mountain will not be easy. He wishes for us to accompany you and provide protection along the way.”

Jin Chan nodded and replied, “The Chana Ancient Buddha has already informed me of this matter. I will be extra cautious. Thank you, elders.”

As he spoke, he held a shimmering relic in his palm, concealed beneath his monk’s robe. This relic was a gift from the Chana Ancient Buddha, containing a strand of the Buddha’s Dao Rule, possessing formidable power.

Jin Chan was the hope of the Buddha Mountain’s future, which was why the Chana Ancient Buddha had foreseen a great danger approaching him and advised him to return to the Buddha Mountain and remain there for several years.

The journey back to the Buddha Mountain was also fraught with uncertainties, and Jin Chan felt a sense of unease. He couldn’t help but wonder if Gu Changge would be lenient with him.

During their encounter in the central hall, he had openly questioned Gu Changge and even provoked him in public. Such behavior, based on Gu Changge’s previous character, was unlikely to be easily forgiven.

“I hope Gu Changge doesn’t have the audacity to act recklessly,” Jin Chan thought to himself. While he appeared calm and composed on the surface, there was a subtle glint of determination in his eyes.

Buzz!!

The teleportation array soon activated, emitting waves of light, and the fluctuations of spatial energy filled the surroundings. Jin Chan and his companions stepped into the array, and their figures quickly blurred and disappeared.

This large-scale teleportation array could traverse numerous star domains, crossing billions of miles in the blink of an eye, as if traveling through a cosmic tunnel.

Boom!!

However, in the middle of the teleportation, a terrifying disturbance suddenly erupted in the void, as if someone was forcibly tearing through this pathway.

The violent fluctuations caused the expressions of Jin Chan and his companions to change drastically.

“Be careful! Someone is forcibly disrupting this spatial passage...”

“Quick, protect Jin Chan!”

A tall monk with the Supreme Realm spoke urgently. However, before he could finish speaking, the void in front of them suddenly collapsed, spreading numerous cracks like a shattered mirror. The terrifying and overwhelming aura dispersed, sweeping over everything like ocean waves.

Dao Rules shattered, Dao order dissipated.

Following that, a black giant hand pierced through heaven and earth, tearing down with unstoppable force, as if it could easily crush the sun, moon, and stars.

Puff!!

The monk who had just spoken couldn’t even react in time and was slapped into a bloody mist by the black hand, vanishing completely.

“Be careful, it’s an attack by Dao Building experts!”

The remaining monks’ faces turned pale, and they activated their Buddhist treasures, emitting a radiant Buddhist light to counter the attack. However, their cultivation was far from sufficient for this level of threat. The Buddhist light around them shattered instantly. Just a touch of the aura caused them to cough up blood and disintegrate, their remains disappearing into the void.

The two with the highest cultivation barely preserved their lives, but they were severely injured, gasping for breath.

“I am ordered to take your life.”

The black hand tore through the spatial passage. Three figures appeared behind it, descending with an air of indifference. They were shrouded in black mist, making it difficult to see them clearly. These figures were as tall and terrifying divine mountains, giving off an immense oppressive force that felt suffocating.

Their killing intent almost turned the heavens and the earth disintegrating.

“Three Dao Building experts!”

The composed and calm expression on Jin Chan’s face had disappeared, replaced by a look of gloominess. Beneath his robe, his palms were clenched, veins pulsating.

He had known all along that Gu Changge wouldn’t let him go easily. However, he never imagined that Gu Changge would go to such extremes, sending Dao Building experts to assassinate him, and not just one, but three Dao Building experts.

How had Gu Changge managed to do this, and how did he have so many Dao-Building subordinates?

Facing the scene before him, even the Immortal Sect Leader would despair!

Chapter 744: The Buddha’s disciple was killed by someone, something disturbed the ChaNa Ancient Buddha

Three Dao Building experts dressed in black, standing amidst the starry sky, exuded an overwhelming aura that felt like raging waves about to engulf everything, pressing down on the heavens until they seemed on the brink of collapse.

It was a scene that instilled despair in anyone, leaving even the most accomplished beings trembling in fear.

“Who could be so merciless to target the disciple of Buddha like this?”[Ed Note, disciple of Buddha here points to Jin Chan.]

“They’ve sent three accomplished Dao Building experts to confront us. In the current upper realm, who could possess such terrifying capabilities?”

Two surviving cultivators, who had narrowly escaped death, looked upon this scene with expressions filled with dread and hopelessness.

Even if their abbot from Buddha Mountain were to appear at this moment, their chances of survival would be more or less ominous.

The mere presence of the three Dao Building experts sufficed to suppress any cultivator in their vicinity.

“Are you here on behalf of Gu Changge?” Jin Chan forced himself to remain calm and asked in a solemn tone. At this moment, he felt as if his body was about to explode, every inch of his skin on the verge of rupturing and spilling blood. The flame of his soul flickered, dangerously close to extinguishing.

Apart from Gu Changge, he couldn’t fathom who else could deal with him in this manner. However, Jin Chan couldn’t comprehend how Gu Changge had managed to dispatch three Dao Building experts.

Judging by their aura, the three experts before him didn’t resemble the ancestral figures of the Ancient Immortal Gu Family. Instead, they seemed more like the enigmatic Heavenly figure associated with the recent turmoil in the Dark Heavenly Court.

Upon hearing this question, the three black-clad Dao Building experts gazed at him with cold indifference, offering no response, as though they were looking at a dead man.

Boom!!

Without any further ado, one of them unleashed a devastating attack, their aura blanketing the heavens. A massive hand descended from the sky, akin to a terrifying continent wrapped in chains of Dao rules, annihilating everything in its path.

The profound fluctuations were as if the very heavens and earth were collapsing, plunging the entire world into darkness.

“Jin Chan, you must escape!” At that moment, a resounding voice echoed from the void.

An old monk emanating brilliant golden light materialized, revealing his quasi-emperor cultivation. A thousand-foot Buddha phantom loomed behind him, and his voice resonated like ripples, as if he aimed to shield the guardian of Jin Chan from the impending strike.

Undoubtedly, he was the hidden guardian of Jin Chan, choosing to risk his life and intervene in a desperate attempt to secure a slim chance of their survival.

However, facing a genuine Dao Building expert, the quasi-emperor level of cultivation proved to be inadequate.

In just an instant, he couldn’t withstand that overwhelming aura and spewed out blood. His entire being shattered like porcelain, his body exploded into countless patterns, all dyed red with blood.

“Ants, attempting to save him,” the Dao Building experts who had struck coldly remarked, devoid of any emotion in their gaze.

As his palm descended, it covered the old monk before them. With a splattering sound, the old monk burst into a myriad of blood mist, joining the fate of the previous monks, utterly defenseless.

All Dao rules and Dao orders shattered into ashes as the world collapsed.

Although there was only a single step between quasi-emperors and Dao Building experts, the disparity in cultivation was insurmountable. One was on the ground, the other in the heavens, rendering them incomparable.

“It seems Gu Changge doesn’t hold back when dealing with me, he will suffer retribution sooner or later” Jin Chan spoke through clenched teeth, his usual calm and serenity replaced by a sense of deep bitterness. He firmly believed that all of this was undoubtedly orchestrated by Gu Changge.

Many monks responsible for his protection had met their gruesome end here, their remains obliterated, leaving nothing behind. The three Dao Building experts sealed off all avenues of escape.

This grudge was truly insurmountable!

But he also knew that today, he was likely to meet his end, let alone seek revenge in the future. The foretelling of the Chana Ancient Budha was correct; he indeed faced a great calamity with no hope of survival.

“Is there anything you wish to convey?” The black-clad Dao Building expert asked, “This question is from our master behind us, who wishes to inquire of you.”

“Hehe, well done, Gu Changge,” Jin Chan remarked bitterly, realizing the truth behind everything. Gu Changge’s true identity was far more complicated than being a mere heir to a demonic legacy.

“Even the Dark Heaven Court is connected to you.”

“Until you are eliminated, there will be no peace in the upper realm.”

Hearing these words, Jin Chan laughed bitterly. He now understood the true identity of Gu Changge, which went beyond being an inheritor of demonic arts.

As he spoke, he clenched the relic he held in his palm, which had been given to him by the Chana Ancient Buddha as a life-saving card, containing an Ancient Buddha’s avatar.

In the moment the relic shattered, towering Buddha images erupted, resonating with vast Buddha chants, sweeping across all directions.

“How dare you be so insolent!”

In the next moment, an awe-inspiring Chana Ancient Buddha appeared at the scene. With long white eyebrows cascading down to his shoulders, he wore a serene and tranquil expression. He held a purple-golden alms bowl, and with a single stern rebuke, he transformed into a terrifying ancient mountain that pressed down upon the three black-clad Dao Building experts.

Witnessing this horrifying scene after, he then suddenly displayed a fierce expression. His initially lean figure rapidly expanded, morphing into a wrathful Buddhist Vajra, aiming to subdue the demon.

Although it wasn't the true Chana Ancient Buddha in this place, there was a certain connection between his avatar and his noumenon.

"Three Dao Building experts, it seems you do have some strength," the Chana Ancient Buddha said as he scanned the three black-clad Dao Building experts. His face showed no hint of compassion as he chose to take action.

As a figure of great importance within Buddha Mountain, his strength was naturally far superior to that of ordinary Dao Building experts. However, at this moment, he was merely an avatar, not his true self. So, he could only do his utmost to guide Jin Chan away from this place.

"Our master foresaw this long ago," the three black-clad Dao Building experts remained cold and emotionless, as if they had anticipated this.

One of them even directly summoned a rusty ancient mirror, its edges stained with colorful bloodstains, surrounded by wisps of black mist. The mirror emitted countless beams of light that scattered into the void, creating a dazzling display, intertwining with cosmic laws like a vast sea.

Gu Changge had long foreseen that the Chana Ancient Buddha would leave Jin Chan a life-saving treasure. That's why he had granted this forbidden weapon to the three of them.

This ancient mirror was a formidable weapon acquired by Gu Changge during to exterminate the Hell It was imbued with curses and tainted by the blood of beings, possibly even from genuine immortals.

Buzz!!

The ancient mirror floated in the sky, shrouded in black mist, gradually becoming clear and transparent. Its radiance descended like strands of primordial chaos, crushing the very fabric of the void.

In the next instant, a terrifying battle wave erupted in this place, as if it had turned the heavens and earth upside down. The stars in the surrounding celestial regions trembled and shattered, turning into cosmic dust.

All of this left Jin Chan feeling hopeless. He had hoped that by using the treasure bestowed by the Chana Ancient Buddha, he would have a slim chance of survival. However, since Gu Changge was determined to kill him, he wouldn't give him any opportunity to escape.

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Meanwhile, in the distant Divine City, Gu Changge took a sip of wine and engaged in an unexpected conversation with an unusual figure.

The Heavenly Bull Demon King was a towering figure and dressed in ancient human clothing. His vitality was astounding, like a furnace walking the world.[Ed Note, vitality = life force, Yin and Yang are opposite, vitality is deemed to Yang, so it means hot.]

He had come with many powerful demons and monsters from the Demonic Mountain to pay a visit and was now conversing with Gu Changge in a courtyard.

"This is the message from the Lord of Demonic Mountain, and I am here to deliver her message to Young Master Changge," the Heavenly Bull Demon King said, bowing respectfully and maintaining a respectful attitude.

As a figure of immense importance on par with Daoist 'One-Eyed', the Golden Sun Goddess, and the Chana Ancient Buddha, he didn't dare to be presumptuous in front of Gu Changge. At this moment, he was keenly aware of his own unease. Cold sweat covered his back, and he only wanted to leave this courtyard as soon as possible.

If it weren't for Red-Clothed Demoness Chan Hongyi's personal order to deliver a message to Gu Changge, he would never have willingly chosen to be alone with him. The invisible pressure felt like a hand around his throat, suffocating him.

Facing a supreme figure from a forbidden era, anyone would struggle to remain calm.

"I understand, and thanks for your message, Demon King," Gu Changge replied, setting down his wine glass and smiling. Then, he asked with interest, "However, why are you afraid of me?"

The Heavenly Bull Demon King's face slightly changed, and tiny beads of sweat appeared on his forehead. He was known for his ruthless and unfeeling demeanor in front of others, treating sentient

beings as insignificant. He rarely spoke casually. But today, not only did he notice it himself, but many powerful demons and monsters behind him also sensed his unease.

Indeed, he was afraid of Gu Changge.

“Did Chan Hongyi say something to you?” Gu Changge continued, unfazed by the Demon King’s silence. He smiled faintly and then retrieved a prepared invitation from his pocket.

He knew that the Heavenly Bull Demon King’s ancestry had a connection to the forbidden era. However, he didn’t know that the Demon King’s ancestors had once witnessed the true form of the Demon Lord and left behind a painting. [Ed Note, Demon Lord point Gu Changge here in Ancient Immortal Era.]

So, Gu Changge had this suspicion.

“If that’s the case, please deliver this invitation to her,” he continued.

In Gu Changge’s view, this marriage invitation was bound to be sent to the Demon Mountain sooner or later. However, he was somewhat surprised that Chan Hongyi would actively send someone to request it.

From Su Qingge’s words, Gu Changge had learned that Chan Hongyi might make a move on the day of his wedding with Yue Mingkong.

As for how she would choose to act, Gu Changge couldn’t predict at this moment, but he had come up with several strategies.

“Yes, I will certainly not disappoint Young Master Changge’s trust. I will take my leave now,” the Heavenly Bull Demon King replied. After receiving the invitation from Gu Changge, he intended to say goodbye immediately.

He was worried that staying here any longer might lead Gu Changge to discover something. His ancestors were too distant in the past, and some things were hidden away, lost in the river of history, becoming taboos not to be spoken of. Moreover, if Gu Changge were to find out and deduce that he knew his identity, what would be the consequences?

However, just as the Heavenly Bull Demon King was about to leave the courtyard.

Boom!!

A terrifying wave suddenly emanated from a Buddhist temple in the western direction. All the cultivators and beings in the Divine City felt this suffocating and dreadful wave, causing their expressions to change drastically.

Gu Changge raised an eyebrow slightly, a smile of anticipation on his face. However, the smile quickly vanished.

He looked surprised and said, “This direction seems to be where the people of Buddha Mountain reside temporarily?”

“What’s... happening?”

“Is the Chana Ancient Buddha angered because of something?”

The Heavenly Bull Demon King furrowed his brow and directed his gaze towards the direction of the temple. They could see a white-eyebrowed ancient Buddha standing in the void, radiating boundless Buddha light, but with an expression of anger, resembling a wrathful Buddhist Vajra.[Ed Note, Buddhist Vajra is a kind of guardian deity in Buddhist.]

“What could have caused the Chana Ancient Buddha to suddenly become like this?”

“Has something significant occurred?”

Many cultivators quickly realized the situation and hurriedly flew into the sky, heading in that direction. Prominent figures from various sects also appeared, their expressions filled with shock and bewilderment as they rushed over.

“Why would the Chana Ancient Buddha be so furious?”

Daoist ‘One Eye’, Golden Sun Goddess, and other background figures from the Divine City also appeared in the sky, gazing at the Chana Ancient Buddha with puzzled expressions.

Their speed was exceptionally fast, and they almost arrived at the temple in an instant, planning to inquire about what had happened.

Gu Changge naturally knew the cause of the Chana Ancient Buddha's anger. However, at this moment, he was going to join the scene. After all, no one had any evidence to prove that he had acted against Jin Chan.

Seeing Gu Changge heading in that direction, the Heavenly Bull Demon King hesitated for a moment and then followed suit.

"I wonder why the Ancient Buddha is so enraged?" In the residence of Buddha Mountain's people, many temples were situated. Beams of divine light quickly converged from all over Heavenly Domain in the sky, with prominent figures from different sects arriving. Seeing all this, they couldn't help but voice their inquiries.

The Chana Ancient Buddha stood in the void, his white brows erect, devoid of the usual compassion. His eyes were filled with a thick fury, and terrifying scenes appeared, making people tremble with fear. While he was usually compassionate and serene, when angered, he appeared like a monster ready to vanquish all.

"Jin Chan has been harmed on his way back to Buddha Mountain," he said in a deep voice, his killing intent surging, his voice sounding as if it came from the depths of the Ninth Underworlds.

Especially when the other party completely destroyed his strand of avatar, no matter how he deduced it, he couldn't figure out who was responsible. With the Avatar destroyed, he had no knowledge of what had happened on the other side, only sensing that Jin Chan's life card had been extinguished.

Normally, Buddha Mountain had no enemies. Who would want to harm Jin Chan for no apparent reason? While he had a premonition that Jin Chan would face danger on his way back to Buddha Mountain, he didn't expect it to be so perilous. Even the protective treasure he had bestowed upon him proved useless.

The rest of the Buddha Mountain's monks who accompanied Jin Chan also perished together, their bodies and spirits annihilated.

“What? Jin Chan was killed?”

Hearing this, everyone who came over was stunned.

“How is that possible? Who would have such audacity to do this at a time like this? Isn’t this provoking Buddha Mountain?”

Even Daoist ‘One Eye’ and Golden Sun Goddess furrowed their brows.

Jiang Luoshen, Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, Six Crowned King, and others who had come with their elders were almost suspecting they had misheard.

Just a while ago, they had seen Jin Chan in the central hall. But in the blink of an eye, he had suffered a treacherous attack and perished on his way back to Buddha Mountain.

Everything had happened so quickly, as if it were a dream.

“Who would have a grudge against Jin Chan? Who would choose to harm him at this time?”

These doubts arose in everyone’s minds, and almost simultaneously, they thought of a figure that made them shudder involuntarily.

The Chana Ancient Buddha’s face also turned solemn, and in an instant, he thought of a certain individual, gradually suppressing his own murderous intent.

After all, when he was in the central hall, Jin Chan had openly challenged and questioned this individual, sowing the seeds of resentment.

At this moment, not far away, a figure was quickly descending. He wore a black robe, his figure tall and slender, his features handsome and refined, exuding an otherworldly charm.

It was Gu Changge.

“I wonder what has happened to disturb the Chana Ancient Buddha and make him so angry?” He wore an expression as if he were unaware of what had transpired and spoke with a hint of surprise in his voice.

Chapter 745: Dao field of Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation

“I wonder why the Chana Ancient Buddha became so angry?” Gu Changge rushed to the scene and seemed unaware of what had happened, displaying a surprised and puzzled expression as he asked.

The rest of the powerhouse who had arrived first had various expressions upon hearing this, including shock, confusion, and even some curiosity. In the eyes of many, within the vast Divine City, aside from Gu Changge, there was no one else who had any grudges with Jin Chan. Now that Jin Chan had been tragically killed, Gu Changge naturally became the prime suspect.

Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, the Six-Crowned King, and other young supreme beings frowned, suspecting that Gu Changge might be harboring ulterior motives and had come here just to join in the commotion. However, they had no evidence to prove that Gu Changge had killed Jin Chan, and it was even less likely that Gu Changge had personally committed the act since he was still present in the Divine City.

“Young Master Changge, do you perhaps not know?” A senior from the Immortal Great Sect sighed lightly as he explained, “Jin Chan was killed on his way back to Buddha Mountain.”

After all, Jin Chan was a prominent figure among the younger generation and was slated to take over Buddha Mountain in the future. His death under mysterious circumstances could not be left uninvestigated.

Upon hearing this, Gu Changge was also stunned, appearing genuinely surprised and taken aback. “Who would be so audacious as to kill Jin Chan in the presence of Chana Ancient Buddha?” he furrowed his brow, seemingly having trouble believing the fact.

The Daoist ‘One-Eyed’, Golden Sun Goddess, and others remained aloof and observed silently. Seeing Gu Changge’s reaction, they refrained from commenting further. They couldn’t be certain that Gu Changge was behind all of this.

It stood to reason, Chana Ancient Buddha would definitely bestow life-saving cards upon Jin Chan. It would require someone at least at the level of a Dao Building expert, or someone with cultivation surpassing that of the victim, to swiftly kill him in Chana Ancient Buddha’s presence.

Chana Ancient Buddha, with an emotionless expression, looked at Gu Changge and asked, "I'd like to ask, Young Master Changge, where were you before and during this incident?"

Gu Changge raised an eyebrow upon hearing this and replied, "I have been in the Divine City during this period, and I was just discussing matters with Heavenly Bull Demon King a moment ago."

"Could it be that Chana Ancient Buddha suspects I sent someone to kill Jin Chan?"

As he explained, the Heavenly Bull Demon King, accompanied by numerous powerful demons, also arrived at the scene. In truth, there was no need for Gu Changge to speak, as many in the Divine City were already aware of the situation. After all, the Heavenly Bull Demon King had left his temporary residence and made his way to Gu Changge's abode without concealing his presence. The Daoist 'One-Eyed', Golden Sun Goddess, and others with terrifying senses naturally understood all of this. However, they couldn't discern the specifics of the conversation between the Heavenly Bull Demon King and Gu Changge.

"It's not that I want to have such suspicions," Chana Ancient Buddha replied, still wearing an expressionless face. "It's just that, aside from Young Master Changge, I can't think of anyone else who would harm Jin Chan."

Chana Ancient Buddha still said expressionlessly and was not relieved by Gu Changge's explanation.

Gu Changge simply smiled faintly at these words. "If everyone believes that I'm the prime suspect in killing Jin Chan, had the Chana Ancient Buddha ever considered whether I would be so foolish as to take such a risk and suspicion upon myself? In my view, this is nothing more than the work of malicious individuals trying to frame me."

His explanation was straightforward and composed, without any signs of unease. Hearing this, many people had a moment of realization and found his reasoning quite plausible. Indeed, it made sense. Considering Gu Changge's usual behavior, he didn't seem like someone so recklessly impulsive. If he had a grudge against Jin Chan, why not wait for a more opportune moment to act? Why choose this particular time when everyone knew about their enmity? Attacking at this juncture would only make him the prime suspect, and it would be challenging for him to clear his name. At this moment, couldn't he explain everything clearly?

Even those who knew Gu Changge well, like Heavenly Phoenix Maiden and the Six-Crowned King, began to doubt that he was not behind this incident. It seemed more likely that someone was deliberately orchestrating this, muddying the waters, and pinning the blame on Gu Changge.

“If that’s the case, it does seem like a plot by some sinister individuals.”

“Even if Young Master Changge had a significant grudge with Jin Chan, it doesn’t make sense for him to attempt an assassination at such a critical moment.”

“After all, with Jin Chan meeting with such a misfortune, many would immediately suspect Young Master Changge.”

Elders and senior figures from various sects and immortal forces nodded in agreement, finding Gu Changge’s explanation reasonable. Chana Ancient Buddha also understood that Gu Changge’s words made sense. However, these words alone weren’t enough to completely absolve Gu Changge of suspicion.

“The Young Master Changge also cannot prove that you didn’t send someone to kill the disciple,” Chana Ancient Buddha’s expression darkened slightly as he spoke.

Gu Changge seemed to have anticipated this response, and he simply smiled and said, “Well, Chana Ancient Buddha also doesn’t have any evidence to say that I dispatched powerful individuals to kill Jin Chan, right?”

These words left Chana Ancient Buddha in silence. Although he was proficient in the Dao of destiny, he couldn’t deduce anything conclusive about Gu Changge, let alone confirm him as the murderer of Jin Chan. Given the current circumstances, this matter would have to be left unresolved due to the lack of concrete evidence. Chana Ancient Buddha also couldn’t afford the consequences of taking action against Gu Changge.

However, if they simply let the matter rest, Chana Ancient Buddha wasn’t sure if they could ever uncover the true culprit.

“It seems Chana Ancient Buddha has come to a realization. In my opinion, the most crucial thing now is to go to the place where Jin Chan was killed and see if we can find any clues there.”

“Your aimless search will only allow the real culprit to escape. Of course, if Chana Ancient Buddha still believes I’m the prime suspect, feel free to come to me with any concerns or doubts.”

Gu Changge smiled and said his piece. Afterward, seeing Chana Ancient Buddha’s continued silence and lack of further suspicion, he turned and left the scene.

The others were unsure of what to say. Their original purpose in coming here was to understand the true reason behind Chana Ancient Buddha’s anger. As for whether Gu Changge had sent someone to kill Jin Chan, it wasn’t their primary concern.

“If this individual was not eliminated ; there will be no peace in the Upper Realms otherwise,” the Daoist ‘One-Eyed’ said as he watched Gu Changge’s departing figure, his eyes growing even darker.

He had at least seventy percent certainty that Gu Changge had indeed sent someone to kill Jin Chan.

In fact, Gu Changge’s calm and composed demeanor, even personally appearing before Chana Ancient Buddha, was enough to dispel many people’s doubts except Daoist ‘One-Eyed’.

And, if this matter was discussed by someone else, no one could reply in such a calm way like he does, so who would dare to do such a thing?

Soon, news of Jin Chan’s murder began to spread like wildfire throughout the Divine City. Initially, many suspected Gu Changge’s involvement, but upon considering his calm and composed demeanor at the time, they began to believe that someone was deliberately framing him, much like the previous rumors about the Demonic Arts Inheritor. As a result, many cultivators started to advocate for Gun Change, seeking to clear his name and vindicate him.

While the ashes of the Jin Chan from Buddha Mountain had not yet cooled, the investigation for the true culprit was in full swing. However, at the same time in the Divine City, another significant event occurred that sent shockwaves throughout the upper realm.

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During the time of Jin Chan’s death, another incident which was not big and not too small occurred in the divine city. A young supreme being fell victim to the Inheritor of the demonic art, with their

essence stolen. The body was discovered in their courtyard the next day. This news triggered another wave of shock and disbelief among countless cultivators.

The Divine City was home to numerous powerful individuals, with several background figures overseeing it. People couldn't fathom how the Demonic Arts Inheritor had the audacity to kill a young supreme being right in front of everyone without anyone noticing.

Various rumors and speculations began to circulate, with everyone searching for the Inheritor of the Demonic arts among the younger generation in the Divine City. The four imposing city gates of the Divine City were sealed immediately, preventing any cultivators from leaving or entering. The atmosphere was tense, and fear ran rampant.

Despite everyone's efforts, the outcome remained the same – no one could find any concrete leads. Even a background figure attempted to use their formidable spiritual awareness to scan the entire Divine City but still yielded no results.

The fallen young supreme being, though not on par with figures like the Six-Crowned King and Heavenly Phoenix Maiden, was still a terrifying young talent in their own right, possessing unique attributes. After this incident, many of the young geniuses became even more vigilant and fearful of the Demonic Arts Inheritor. How could they let their guard down when someone dared to hunt them down so brazenly in front of ancient beings?

"Did Gu Changge arrange for Lan Yifei to act again? What is his true purpose? Clearly, with his cultivation level, he doesn't need the essences of these young talents," pondered Gu Xian'er, who had yet to leave the Divine City.

She had naturally received news of this latest development, and her confusion deepened. She had previously refrained from asking Gu Changge about his motives, assuming he had a different plan or purpose. However, she now began to suspect that he was purely attempting to divert attention of everyone in the upper realm away from himself and onto the Demonic Arts Inheritor. His actions seemed to align with the future visions she had witnessed in the Lake of Reincarnation, causing Gu Xian'er some concern.

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"After resolving the matter with the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, the Upper Realms should have some peace for a while, shouldn't they?"

On the other side, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, who had helped resolve the issue with Absolute Heavenly Extinction, had returned to the Divine City. Naturally, he had some intentions of “claiming credit” and wanted to gain more of Gu Changge’s trust. As Gu Changge’s master, he shared certain similarities with Gu Changge in terms of character, such as using any means to achieve their goals.

“Thank you, Master, for your assistance. It’s only natural. With this, both of us have gained more prestige in the Upper Realms,” Gu Changge responded as he leisurely watered the plants in his courtyard. “When the time comes, we can raise the banner of justice high, rally support from across the majority, and make an impact.”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord, dressed in his Daoist robe, exuded an aura of elegance and wisdom. He smiled and stroked his beard, saying, “I never expected that, after countless epochs, I would encounter such a satisfactory disciple like you.”

As he spoke, he seemed to recall something, showing a contented expression, then followed by a tinge of regret as he shook his head. “Speaking of which, besides leaving behind a token of inheritance, I haven’t really taught you much. I haven’t even personally imparted any Dao Technology to you. It’s quite shameful.”

“Between us, although we have the title of master and disciple, we don’t have a true master-disciple relationship. I haven’t taken you to my Dao field. Many jade slips, immortal insights, and ancient treasures that I obtained in the past are all still over there in the Daoist field, still untouched...”(Ed Note, Dao field, the place where cultivators live and cultivate daily, it’s equal to cultivator’s house.)

He appeared quite regretful, as if he felt sorry for not fulfilling his role as a master.

Gu Changge listened to this with a faint smile, as if he had been waiting for this moment. However, he still showed a surprised expression and said, “Master, you still have a Daoist field? I thought that for so many epochs, you were actually in some place in deep slumber rather than cultivating.”

He had long been intrigued by the secrets of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, but he had refrained from asking too many questions, fearing that it might alert the Reincarnated Heaven Lord prematurely.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord nodded and said, “During these long years, I did sleep at times, but I also practiced meditation and cultivate for the pursuit of higher levels of realms. The Dao field was not far from here, and considering your impending wedding...”

He intentionally mentioned that he had left behind many valuable items in the Dao field, including ancient jade inscriptions and immortal insights, to pique Gu Changge's interest. He hoped to lead Gu Changge there eventually, as the Gu family was immensely powerful, and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord didn't have absolute certainty in taking action against Gu Changge within this universe without being detected by the formidable Gu family.

Thus, he had been gradually gaining Gu Changge's trust, planning to guide him to another universe.

Considering Gu Changge's inherently greedy nature, the mention of a Dao field holding numerous treasures and immortal inscriptions would undoubtedly pique his interest.

"Master, you are mistaken," Gu Changge replied. "The wedding plans can wait. In my opinion, the cultivation path and our master-disciple relationship are of paramount importance. I have enough time to spare for this."

Gu Changge's response didn't disappoint the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. He had gathered enough insights into Gu Changge's character during this time to understand that Gu Changge didn't place a high value on romantic relationships. He viewed the union with the Peerless Immortal Dynasty as a strategic move to consolidate his power and didn't seem to be driven by strong personal emotions.

"I am pleased to hear your dedication, my disciple," the Reincarnated Heaven Lord said, his eyes showing genuine interest. He believed that Gu Changge was primarily focused on strengthening his own position, and his loyalty was more towards his goals than personal relationships.

"Since you have such determination, I'm delighted as your master. However, if you truly intend to accompany me to the Dao Field, you should inform the Peerless Immortal Dynasty first," the Reincarnated Heaven Lord advised, showing concern for Gu Changge's situation. "It's better to inform them to avoid any misunderstandings."

He was concerned that if Gu Changge didn't notify the Peerless Immortal Dynasty and the Gu family of his whereabouts, it might lead to complications if something unexpected happened. However, he also knew that Gu Changge was unlikely to reveal his plans to others, especially when it concerned his personal Daoist field, which held numerous opportunities and treasures.

Gu Changge was so greedy, how could he allow this matter to leak out?

“This was a minor matter, no need to inform them,” Gu Changge responded with a smile, as he didn’t want to disappoint the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, dismissing the suggestion of informing the Peerless Immortal Dynasty and the Gu family. He preferred to keep his whereabouts hidden.

Chapter 746: Telling a big lie, the relationship between master and disciple turn hostile

Indeed, Reincarnated Heaven Lord did not disappoint Gu Changge. When he mentioned the secluded Dao Field, Gu Changge knew he intended to lead him there. So, the following steps were straightforward—pretend to be clueless and follow the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s words. It happened to pique Gu Changge’s curiosity about his master’s long-held secrets.

In this universe, any confrontation with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord would cause significant disturbances and potentially lead to unnecessary trouble. Reincarnated Heaven Lord wanted to find a remote place to deal with Gu Changge, but for Gu Changge, it was also an opportunity to deal with Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

This situation played right into Gu Changge’s intention. After they discussed their plan, they quickly set off from the Divine City, tearing through the fabric of the space and heading towards the remote regions of this universe.

The upper realm was vast beyond measure, and many immortal sects were established in its central regions. These peripheral areas held numerous unknown risks and terrors, with incredibly scarce resources. As a result, various sects and forces showed little interest in the surrounding territories and did not send powerhouses to claim them. These areas were often infested with star field bandits who engaged in dark and illicit activities.

They would intercept passing merchant caravans or target cultivators who ventured into these regions for practice. In these desolate areas, there were often rifts in space that connected to other universes. To cross these terrifying rifts, one needed either an extremely strong physical body or a multitude of protective divine artifacts capable of withstanding spatial turbulence and various regular spatial storms.

Ordinary cultivators dared not attempt this, and even those who had attained Dao-building realm were unlikely to take such a huge risk and venture into other universes. In other universes, hidden forces with deep foundations rivaled even the immortal sects. If a great war erupted in those universes, even Dao Building experts were at risk of falling.

“I’m quite curious about why the Master chose such a Dao field, which is so far from the central region of the upper realm?”

With their current cultivation level, Gu Changge and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord did not need to worry about the dangers of tearing through the fabric of space.

Gu Changge couldn't help but ask with genuine interest during their journey. Reincarnated Heaven Lord, thinking that Gu Changge might have doubts, narrowed his eyes and smiled, "Mainly, it's to avoid the central area of the upper realm. I'm concerned that someone might discover the Dao field during my seclusion and attempt to harm me before. In the path of cultivation, many unforeseen dangers will happen."

"Just like I am not sure whether my enemies or old friends from my era are still alive today."

"If my old enemies were to find my Dao field, wouldn't it be hazardous for me during my seclusion?" This explanation seemed reasonable. However, Gu Changge didn't believe it. Throughout their journey, their path had become increasingly remote, far from the known territories of the upper realm.

They stood at the edge of a desolate universe now where the vast chaos energy surged forward, colliding with numerous dilapidated stars, turning them into a cosmic dust storm. Little vitality was left in this place, and no traces of living beings had ever existed here.

Yet, Reincarnated Heaven Lord's chosen Dao field was still distant from this place, with who knows how many other universes to traverse along the way.

"Reincarnated Heaven Lord must have a significant plan in mind; otherwise, he wouldn't choose such a remote location," Gu Changge murmured.

"Those universes are likely even older, completely isolated from the central region of the upper realm, with no possibility of connection," he continued, squinting his eyes as various thoughts flashed through his mind. Suddenly, he had a daring speculation.

"Could the Reincarnated Heaven Lord be using some ancient universes as his personal gardens? In that case, no one, apart from himself, would be aware, and no one could interfere with his actions within those hidden gardens. His power is even terrifying and surpassing that of the Remnant Immortal after all. "

The farther from the center of the upper realm, the more fragmented and broken the Dao rules and Dao order became, making it increasingly difficult for cultivators to break through higher levels of realms.

In those universes, the birth of becoming Dao Building experts might consume all the resources and luck of this universe.

“If I were Reincarnated Heaven Lord, I would indeed choose to do this, accumulating resources and luck for myself through those universes,” Gu Changge mused, starting to understand and guessing a little bit about how the Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation accumulated his fortune.

Reincarnated Heaven Lord and Gu Changge continued their journey in the following days, tearing through various universes. Reincarnated Heaven Lord remained cautious, concealing his aura and traces, fearing that if Gu Changge left secret signals behind during the journey, Gu Family’s powerhouses could detect it and start searching for it.

Finally, after passing through several desolate and lifeless universes, they entered a universe teeming with vitality. This universe was vast and ancient, home to various races across star fields.

However, as Gu Changge’s divine sense swept through, he did not detect the presence of a Dao Building expert, nor could he sense any traces of their existence.

“The resources in these universes may not be sufficient to support Dao Building experts’ birth. Perhaps there used to be, but someone harvested them,”

Gu Changge pondered.

He had been searching for suitable ancient universes to plant the Era Tree, so that to set a trap to target the upper realm.

In these ancient universes, he saw an opportunity. Reincarnated Heaven Lord had not disappointed him. He grew more determined to kill the Reincarnated Heaven Lord and uncover the secrets he had hidden for so long.

“These universes are too remote from the central region of the upper realm. The tradition of cultivation has even been severed, and the spiritual energy of heaven and earth was scarce, with broken Dao rules. It’s challenging for Dao Building experts to be born here,” Reincarnated Heaven Lord explained, thinking Gu Changge might not fully understand.

Of course, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord knew well why no Dao-building experts had been born in these ancient universes. After getting the secret of becoming immortal, he had specially left a Dao

avatar behind the immortal gate to harvest the Dao fruits of Dao-building experts born over countless years in these ancient universes.

This secret was something he would never disclose to Gu Changge, because it involved the opportunity for him to achieve the Immortal King in the current era. Before that, the runes he got from the six ancestors in the Absolute Heavenly Extinction also involved an equally important secret.

“It’s a pity that such ancient universes find it difficult to give birth to Dao Building experts,” Gu Changge said with a hint of regret.

Reincarnated Heaven Lord nodded in agreement. “Indeed, even if their resources can support the birth of Dao Building experts, it doesn’t necessarily mean that the inhabitants of these universes can truly reach this realm.”

Gu Changge smiled and said, “I suppose you wouldn’t choose to establish your Dao field here.”

“Of course not,” Reincarnated Heaven Lord replied, nodding. With a wave of his sleeve, he continued to tear through the barriers of the universe, heading toward another universe.

On their journey, they encountered more and more ancient universes. Each of these universes was brimming with vitality, yet none of them had the presence of Dao Building experts reigning over them. Some of the ancient universes showed faint traces of the existence of Dao Building experts, but those traces were fading away. Even their remaining weapons had lost their divine power and could no longer exert the universe-shaking might that it once possessed.

As Gu Changge witnessed these situations, he became increasingly clear about Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s true intentions – He had long eliminated the genuine Dao Building experts born in these universes, whose traces had been completely erased.

Boom!!

However, an earth-shattering and terrifying battle unfolded as they passed through a particular universe. The entire universe was involved, countless stars trembled, and a vast army descended upon the starry skies, seemingly intent on invading a specific region.

When Reincarnated Heaven Lord sensed all this, his expression changed slightly, and a hint of regret and frustration flickered in his eyes. However, he quickly regained his composure. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord hadn't expected that, by chance, Gu Changge would witness this scene during their journey. Before that, he forgot to use the predictive technique and was not aware that it was time to harvest this universe.

"It seems something is happening here," Gu Changge mused, feigning a puzzled and surprised expression as he stood at the edge of the universe, gazing at the unfolding events.

Reincarnated Heaven Lord remained expressionless and shook his head, saying, "I am not sure."

The universe before them was collapsing, its Dao rules and Dao order breaking apart. Amidst the chaos, there was a deafening battle cry, and the fighting intention reached the heavens. With their life forces tearing through the skies, many powerhouses let out desperate roars as they fought an unknown and indescribable figure from a different dimension. Countless figures fell and shattered, turning into a sea of blood mist all over the sky.

"Kill! Kill this terrifying monster!"

All the powerhouses and living beings were roaring, burning with a radiant light surrounding them. They fought against the figure standing in an unknown dimension. But that figure was too massive, appearing as if it were forged from immortal gold, standing at the end of heaven and earth. Its golden radiance shone brightly, its features blurred and indistinct, with only a pair of cold and merciless eyes that exuded an icy disdain for all living things.

It resembled the human race but possessed three heads and six arms, each head different, resembling dragons and phoenixes. Its six arms were long and slender, each wielding various divine weapons, adorned with colourful fur, sending shivers down the spine of anyone who beheld it.

With a single sweep of its arm, the entire universe collapsed and crumbled, fragmented and broken.

Countless powerful individuals roared and exploded, their bodies and souls obliterating, dissipating into nothingness. However, even in such despair, some charged forward, disregarding their lives. Even if they could only inflict a negligible injury on the terrifying monster, they would spare no effort, driven by the single-minded desire to vanquish this monstrosity. Their only thought was to annihilate this dreadful creature.

The Dao Building experts at the forefront wielded their weapons and advanced, but their bodies burst into pieces before they could even come into contact with the terrifying monster. In terms of cultivation, they were only at the early stage of the Dao Building realm and had no hope of matching the power of the monstrous being with Remnant Immortal realm, making any resistance futile. The gap between the two was too big, and there was no possibility of confrontation.

“So, this monster is the guardian of the immortal gate, devouring the Dao Building experts of this universe as sustenance...”

“When did the secret of becoming an immortal and the existence of the immortal gate start spreading in these universes? It’s an audacious deception, leading everyone to pursue it.”

Gu Changge watched this brutal battle with keen interest, then scanned the situation with his divine sense, instantly understanding everything.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s expression remained unchanged as if he hadn’t heard Gu Changge’s words. He knew he couldn’t stop Gu Changge from discovering the truth. After all, Gu Changge’s abilities had reached a level where he could easily deduce and investigate such matters with a thought.

At this moment, Gu Changge had uncovered the secret, and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord saw no longer need to hide it.

“There are many things, my disciple, that you don’t need to understand in such great detail,” Reincarnated Heaven Lord said calmly, his previous friendliness replaced with a hint of killing intent.

Gu Changge smiled faintly and replied, “So, Master, are you not planning to continue taking me to your Dao field now? It’s a pity. I really want to see what treasures you’ve hidden there. Everything you said before seemed just a ruse to deceive me. You indeed have other plans.”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord squinted his eyes, discerning the mockery in Gu Changge’s words. He suddenly felt that he had underestimated Gu Changge. He hadn’t realized that Gu Changge had been calculating from the beginning.

Gu Changge was far from as greedy or straightforward as he had assumed. Throughout this journey, if it weren’t for the revelation of the deception behind the immortal gate, he might have continued to be deceived by Gu Changge, unaware that Gu Changge had been playing the fool all along.

Suddenly, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord felt a chill run down his spine. Since he sensed something was wrong with the runes of the ancestral divine Artifact of Absolute Heavenly Extinction from the beginning, it meant that Gu Changge had been deliberately cooperating with him all the time.

“Doesn’t that mean Gu Changge has manipulated me since then? Have I been used as a tool? Including making appearances in the Divine City, building up prestige for Gu Changge, and helping him resolve the scourge of the Absolute Heavenly Extinction?”

Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s expression turned somewhat unpleasant. “You are my excellent disciple, calculating me from the beginning.”

“It seems that you understood too late, Master...”

“But I must thank you for solving so many issues for your disciple, even bringing me here.”

Gu Changge smiled faintly. He had initially planned to wait until the Reincarnated Heaven Lord revealed his true intentions or took action. However, the timing was not out of his plan now. This place was incredibly remote from the center of the upper realm, with numerous desolate universes in between. Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s demise here wouldn’t cause any ripples or suspicion.

Chapter 747: Everything is already predetermined, what a poor guy

“I think I’ll continue to keep in the dark and be used by you if you don’t expose your true face.”

“But! Do you really think that I wouldn’t dare to kill you?”

Upon hearing Gu Changge’s words, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s face turned incredibly cold. Within the depths of his eyes, terrifying images appeared, causing the surrounding starry field to collapse and crumble.

He was extremely furious and decided to eliminate Gu Changge in this universe without any mercy.

Rumble!!!

The entire universe trembled, on the brink of being torn apart. The immense pressure felt like the wrath of the heavens, capable of destroying everything.

Under this force, the entire universe cracked and large spider web-like fissures appeared.

Countless cyclones and chaotic Qi swept from distant places, forming storms that seemed to herald the end of the world.

Now that Gu Changge and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had torn off all pretenses, he no longer concealed his intentions. His killing intent manifested as tangible real divine weapons that rang out, piercing through this universe.

“Why, Master, must we resort to violence against each other?” Gu Changge smiled faintly and gestured, causing the void in front of him to split open, revealing a terrifying black hole that devoured all the light and Dao order in the world.

At this moment, he naturally wanted to kill the Reincarnated Heaven Lord and take all of what he owned. Moreover, he thought this place as the perfect location to bury the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

“I’m curious to see what you’re capable of, to be so audacious and daring to plot against me,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord said with a calm face. His robe radiated light, and one by one, divine runes of the Dao flew out, summoning various Heavenly soldiers—Dark Sky Sword, Golden Ancient Bell, Bronze Emperor’s bell—these were all divine weapons that had manifested in mythological times.

They were not mere illusions but solid manifestations, possessing vast and terrifying power. Each Heavenly soldier radiated boundless light, like blazing suns, continuously releasing their power as they charged towards Gu Changge.

In addition to this, behind the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, a terrifying black-and-white millstone emerged. Intense vitality and death energy intertwined and pervaded the surroundings. Fragments of shattered time floated in the air, crashing down with thunderous force, causing the entire universe to continuously rupture. As it was unable to withstand this aura.

This millstone the Wheel of Life and Death, possessing the power of reincarnation. Even a single wisp of its aura contained the potential for world-ending destruction.

It had to be said that as a character from the mythological era, even in the current era, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord possessed incredibly terrifying abilities. No Dao-building expert or cultivator could possibly withstand his current powers; they would be pierced through, body and soul annihilated.

“Even a real Remnant-Immortal wouldn’t stand a chance against him.”

“You cut off your cultivation level from the true immortal realm, that is why your strength surpasses that of remnant-Immortals by a considerable margin,” Gu Changge observed the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, his eyes also flickering with black and white hues.

He could clearly see the strands of Immortal Dao rules manifesting around the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. Though they were not complete, they were undeniably real. These Immortal Dao rules solidified into slashing blades and heavenly swords, converging from all directions with incredible force.

Under the Immortal Realm, all were insignificant, even Dao-building experts and cultivators were merely slightly larger ants.

“What does it matter even if you’ve figured it out? It’s merely the Immortal realm. For me, it’s merely nothing. You can never comprehend my aspirations,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord sneered, his attacks becoming even more ruthless as the Wheel of Reincarnation continued to descend.

Simultaneously, he unfurled a tattered banner, instantly expanding it to cover the entire universe, obscuring the sun and sky, emitting a profound and ancient iron-blooded aura.

The banner was tattered, with holes in some places, stained with colorful blood that had never dried up, even in the present day. It revealed the rotation of countless stars and created its own world, endless and horrifying.

The colorful blood was terrifying, reflecting the multitude of heavenly universes. Just the aura it emanated caused the universe to burst open, and chaotic Qi surged to the edges of the world.

“The Iron-Blooded Battle Flag once bore the blood of an Immortal King. Consider it an honor that I’ll use it to obliterate you,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s gaze was icy, as he had already regarded Gu Changge as a dead man.

He possessed numerous treasures on his body, though he couldn’t unleash their true power. But in his eyes, killing Gu Changge was more than achievable. No matter how powerful Gu Changge was, he was still a junior, and it’s impossible that his accumulated foundation could match his own. Moreover, he believed that his skills far surpassed Gu Changge’s.

“The flag once stained with the blood of an Immortal King, but Alas, time has rotted it away,” Gu Changge sighed, his expression unchanged.

Black Dao runes floated around him, resembling a surging sea of darkness, suddenly converging into a dark Immortal Furnace. From it erupted scorching dark divine flames, countering the pressure from the Iron-Blooded Battle Flag.

While his cultivation might indeed be inferior to the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s, in terms of power, Gu Changge didn’t believe that there was anyone in the upper realm who could challenge him.

“Even though it’s decayed, it’s enough to kill you.”

“If you’re sensible, hand over the Origin Runes you obtained from the Absolute Heavenly Extinction, and I may spare your life with your body intact,” the Reincarnated Heaven Lord declared as his feet moved rapidly, the Iron-Blooded Battle Flag billowing behind him, and the Wheel of Reincarnation hovering above his head, rushing towards Gu Changge.

Gu Changge responded with a faint smile, raising his palm for greeting effortlessly. Countless Dao rules and orders swirled around him like an ocean, directly resisting the Iron-Blooded Battle Flag, creating a terrifying spectacle that shook the river of time.

Boom!!

The clash between the two sent shockwaves that had long surpassed the confines of this universe, sweeping across the surrounding worlds, causing space to rupture and the universe to collapse.

All the cultivators and beings who had previously united to confront the monstrous beings of the Immortal Gate couldn't help but tremble with fear. They felt as if their souls were freezing. This level of power far exceeded their imagination, even surpassing the monstrous beings within the Immortal gate.

At this moment, they even felt like true Immortals had descended upon them.

“What’s happening? Why do I suddenly feel that an ultimate being is battling there?”

“Even the legendary River of Time has manifested...”

They trembled and fell to their knees, their souls quaking with extreme fear.

Unfortunately, Gu Changge and the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had already moved beyond the confines of the universe, their figures becoming blurry, as if they were battling within the river of time itself.

Surrounding them was nothingness and a chaotic sea, with boiling rules and fragments of the Great Dao floating around, creating a horrifying spectacle.

“I’m actually quite curious about what other secrets you have besides raising these Dao-building experts and cultivators to be devoured by you,” Gu Changge said with a faint smile. “Where have you hidden the Dao Fruits you’ve accumulated all along?”

He then threw a punch, and a surge of golden light filled the space, colliding with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. Vast waves of power radiated outwards, like exploding suns.

Around him, an endless primal divine light emanated, as if three thousand ancient worlds were rising and falling, vague yet supremely lofty. The radiant silver light resonated, unleashing a vast and magnificent force that obliterated everything before him.

Rumble!!

It was as if the power of the entire universe descended, reaching a terrifying peak, even causing the chaotic Qi to rupture.

“Puff.....”

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord spurted out blood, flying backward. There were traces of spasms in the arm that clashed with Gu Changge, accompanied by the sound of bones cracking. Blood sprayed, staining his robe crimson.

His expression gradually darkened. He hadn't expected that even the Iron-Blooded Battle Flag, tainted with the blood of an Immortal King, couldn't harm Gu Changge. Although the flag's power was severely restricted due to the environment of the world, it was still not something that a Dao-building expert or cultivator could resist.

Around Gu Changge, it was as if an invisible field existed, capable of absorbing and nullifying all attacks directed at him, as if nothing could touch him, as if he were immune to all of the Dao technologies in the world.

“Who are you really? Are you just testing me?” At this moment, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord finally sensed that something was amiss and spoke with a low growl.

Unless he unleashed his true Immortal power, he wouldn't be able to deal with Gu Changge. Their strengths in this battle had already reached the pinnacle that the world could bear. Furthermore, he felt that Gu Changge was probing his abilities and hadn't yet revealed his true strength.

A sense of unease began to creep over him, consuming his mind. The Reincarnated Heaven Lord couldn't believe it. He had survived from the mythological era to the present day, with numerous schemes and astonishing abilities, yet he couldn't handle someone like Gu Changge. It was as if Gu Changge were an abyss of terror, the more he knew, the more fearful and anxious he became.

“It's quite dull that you only realize this now, since you didn't say anything, I have to investigate it myself.” Gu Changge said, shaking his head as the faint smile on his face faded.

He had been testing the Reincarnated Heaven Lord all along to thoroughly understand his abilities, not to completely eliminate him. After all, the Reincarnation Heaven Lord was an excellent puppet in Gu Changge's eyes.

“What do you mean?” The Reincarnated Heaven Lord stared intently at Gu Changge, and the black-and-white aura from the Wheel of Reincarnation above his head formed a cycle, eternal and unending, enveloping and protecting him completely.

That sense of unease and anxiety washed over him again. It was as if there was an invisible net closing in on him.

In the next moment, a terrifying black light cleaved through from the front, as if it shattered eternity, ruptured the heavens, and slashed across the cosmos and the river of time. All traces were extinguished in the wake of this strike, turning into dust.

Puff!!

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord couldn't believe it. He stared wide-eyed, unable to react in time. He felt a sudden chill in his forehead, as if something cold had pierced through his head.

“What... what is this....??”

His voice came in fits and starts, his consciousness already enveloped and devoured by endless silence and fear.

At this moment, he suddenly recalled the moment from the Forbidden Era when a similar strike had crossed the heavens and worlds, as grand and terrifying as this one, annihilating everything, breaking all.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord's heart was filled with shock, disbelief, and extreme dread. How could this be? How could Gu Changge possibly be that person?

Unfortunately, at this moment, his life force was dissipating, and there was no one to answer his questions. Even though his soul was incredibly resilient and had been tempered over countless ages, it now bore numerous cracks and was beginning to disintegrate like fragile porcelain.

Gu Changge held the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd, pointing it southward, walking slowly. In an instant, he traversed the entire cosmos. His expression remained unchanged, but he looked at the Reincarnated Heaven Lord with a hint of pity.

“Speaking of which, you are quite fortunate to die beneath the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd. After all these years, this is the first time I’ve truly wielded it...”

During his time in the central region of the Upper Realm, Gu Changge had never truly unleashed the power of the Eight Desolate Demon Halberd or demonstrated its overwhelming demonic might. It was, after all, a weapon capable of destroying worlds.

Even now, Gu Changge couldn’t fully unleash its true power. Thanks to the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s plan, he had brought Gu Changge to this remote area where the shockwaves of their battle wouldn’t reach the center of the upper realm, alerting the cultivators there.

Everything had been predestined from the beginning, but the Reincarnated Heaven Lord remained completely unaware, mistakenly believing that victory was in his grasp.

“You are a pitiful fellow. In that case, I shall accept everything you have.”

For Gu Changge, these divine souls were not only nourishment but also repositories of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s many secrets. Additionally, within the soul palace of these divine souls lay the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s accumulations and reserves from all these countless years: Dao immortal scriptures, immortal weapons, Immortal Medicine Seeds, fragmented immortal treasures, immortal elixirs, and sacred roots of immortality, among many other good things.

What was commonly referred to as a “Dao Field ” was essentially here. After his death, all of these treasures would naturally become Gu Changge’s. As for the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s physical body, Gu Changge casually collected it, intending to refine it at a later time. Currently, what he cared most about was the Dao Fruits that Reincarnated Heaven Lord collected countless years.

In the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s plan, these Dao Fruits were crucial to his breakthrough to the Immortal King’s realm. When the Reincarnated Heaven Lord originally cultivated the Path of Reincarnation and delved into the river of time, he reached a point where further progress seemed impossible. Achieving the position of an Immortal King appeared to be an insurmountable challenge.

Therefore, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord resorted to the drastic measure of self-severing from the Immortal Realm and reducing his cultivation base to pursue an alternative path toward the Dao Fruit of an Immortal King.

“All the Dao Fruits he has accumulated are contained within each of his Dao avatars, and these Dao avatars are scattered throughout the vast ancient cosmos, in great numbers.”

“In this case, there are quite a few Dao Fruits, and for me, they represent a shortcut to rapidly advance my cultivation level after breaking through to the Immortal Realm, saving me from many difficulties.”

Gu Changge's thoughts turned, and he looked towards the ancient cosmos they had passed through with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord. When he thought about it, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had indeed bestowed upon him a great gift.

Gu Changge's gaze then shifted, and a Dao Treasure Vessel appeared in his hand. A boundless black radiance enveloped it, swallowing up the dissipating divine soul of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord.

Chapter 748: Refining the Ancient Heavenly Lord of Reincarnation, trying to interfere with the long river of time

Gu Changge began to sort through the many gifts left by the Reincarnated Heaven Lord for him. Among them, the most precious were the Dao Fruits that the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had accumulated over countless ages in various ancient cosmos. Besides these, there was also the body that exceeded the level of a Remnant Immortal.

As for the various Immortal scripture relics, incomplete immortal artifacts, and other things hidden in the space of the soul palace, Gu Changge considered them to be less important compared to these two crucial items.

In the next few days, Gu Changge began to refine puppets in the depths of this depleted universe.

In the following days, Gu Changge started to refine a puppet deep within this desolate universe.

Rumble!!

Terrifying Dao Building experts burned with an incredibly high temperature, emitting billions of scarlet rays, causing the entire universe to collapse. Vast expanses of Dao runes enveloped the body of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, resembling a blazing and majestic sun.

This place had turned into a horrifying sea of fire. Even if Dao Building experts entered, their form and spirit would be annihilated in an instant, reduced to ashes.

Compared to crafting a puppet from ordinary Dao Building experts, the body of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was much more challenging to refine. The difficulty level was on a completely different scale.

The physical strength of an average Dao Building expert's body could be likened to an egg, while the body of the Reincarnated Heaven Lord was more akin to iron and stone. They were incomparable.

Gu Changge could craft a puppet of Dao Building experts in a relatively short time, but he spent a significant amount of time just erasing the runes within the Reincarnated Heaven Lord's body.

If he wanted to refine himself into a perfect puppet, it was necessary to ensure the seamless integration of the original aura with the current one, preventing any conflicts between the two auras that might cause the body to shatter.

Another crucial factor was the Reincarnated Heaven Lord's exceptionally long cultivation history. Even though his divine soul had dissipated, traces of his aura and presence remained within this body.

Gu Changge's task was to completely erase these traces and imbue the body with his own runes.

Rumble!!

Over the next half month, a terrifying atmosphere permeated the area, and chaotic energy roiled. Black Dao runes floated and interwove, illustrating the profound mysteries of life and death and the cycle of reincarnation.

The entire universe trembled, and the surrounding stars were reduced to dust, swept away by the dissipating aura, turning into ashes in an instant.

A Daoist with a feathered robe and a starry crown sat cross-legged at the center of the universe, seemingly breathing in harmony with the sky and earth. Every inch of his flesh, bones, and organs had the aura of reincarnation flowing and intertwining, with the black and white dual energies continuously forming a self-contained party.

“I’ve finally succeeded, I didn’t expect refining this puppet would take so long.”

“But the gains are not small. This Reincarnated Heaven Lord puppet can definitely pass as the real thing.”

Gu Changge shook his head, waved his sleeves, and stored the Reincarnated Heaven Lord puppet away. Unless someone was very familiar with the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, they wouldn’t be able to distinguish the difference between this puppet and the original.

During the battle with Gu Changge, the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s body hadn’t been torn apart. There was only a terrifying crack at the center of his brows, cleaved open and unhealable by the Eight Desolation Demonic Halberd.

However, while refining this puppet, Gu Changge had already removed the destructive aura that remained within the wound, allowing the crack to heal completely.

“Next is to find the Dao Fruits accumulated by the Reincarnated Heaven Lord and look for a suitable world,” Gu Changge continued his actions without pause, tearing open a cosmic tunnel, and disappearing from this universe.

Having absorbed and devoured the Reincarnated Heaven Lord’s soul, Gu Changge could precisely sense the locations where the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had left behind his contingencies in various ancient universes.

Although the Reincarnated Heaven Lord had perished, this Dharmic body of his still existed in the world and hadn’t disappeared. These Dharmic bodies varied in strength, with the strongest being comparable to Half-Immortals, while the weaker ones were on the level of Dao Building experts.

For Gu Changge, collecting these Dao Fruits wasn’t a troublesome task. It just required a bit of time. Fortunately, his speed was quite fast. After exploring several universe regions, he quickly found the locations of these Dharmic bodies and chose to devour them.

After swallowing these Dao Fruits, Gu Changge didn’t choose to refine them immediately. Like the Reincarnated Heaven Lord, he planned to refine them after breaking through to the Immortal realm. Dao Fruits were different from Origin Energy. While Origin Energy could enhance one’s

cultivation, Dao Fruits could assist in realm comprehension and various insights, making them more versatile.

Gu Changge was currently at the late-stage of a Dao Building expert's strength and was only one step away from the threshold of Immortal Realm. To continue increasing his cultivation, he simply needed to devour a Remnant Immortal's Origin Energy, so there was no need to refine the Dao Fruits immediately. Their true value would be revealed later.

During the process of collecting these Dao Fruits, Gu Changge also discovered a very suitable ancient universe for his future plans.

That universe region was incredibly vast and ancient, with a history that, in Gu Changge's eyes, could rival the Upper Realm. It was home to many life domains, with numerous stars and large planets teeming with life. Several powerful and ancient races occupied vast territories and referred to themselves as royalty, with ancestors who had achieved the Dao Buildings expertise. Even in the present day, they possessed Dao Building experts weapons that could suppress their heritage, and their longevity exceeded that of the surrounding universes. This was largely due to the presence of many Dao Building experts who had been born here.

Some enormous and ancient forces had established themselves as sects or aristocratic families. They, too, had ancestors who had achieved the Dao Building expertise, and their family heritage ran deep, with Dao experts weapons that could be revived at any time.

While the rules in this universe were highly fragmented, it did not hinder its ancient and long-standing heritage. Many Dao Building experts had been born here. Even today, some of the ancient royal families and sects still had quasi-emperors, sealed within the divine origin, awaiting a great world to achieve the Dao expertise.

"The laws of heaven and earth in this universe are incomplete, but not suppressive," Gu Changge observed as he surveyed the situation with his spiritual sense. "However, life materials are extremely scarce. They can only support a Dao Building expert's life for a hundred thousand years. To extend their lives, they either use imperial medicine to live another life. Some even choose to commit self-slaughter, forsaking their fate, and hide in certain areas with special rule conditions to establish their own prohibited zones."

Gu Changge tore through the barrier of this universe, stood in the air, and looked down on the situation with his divine sense. From his perspective, this situation perfectly matched the characteristics of the Dharma-ending period.

The Immortal road was collapsing, the destiny was severed, and the lifespan of Dao Building experts had sharply decreased, only allowing them to live for a hundred thousand years. In contrast, Dao Building experts in the Upper Realm could easily live for tens of millions of years, provided they didn't suffer any major injuries. The various Immortal forces, Longevity Families, Longevity medicines, and Immortal Trees further extended their lifespans. If all else failed, they could retreat to the depths of their clans, avoiding the Declines of Heaven and Man, and survive by enduring.

“Given the circumstances, I'll choose this universe.”

Gu Changge decided. His figure slowly emerged from the depths of the universe, and he blended seamlessly with the void.

Even if Dao Building experts were before him, they wouldn't be able to detect his presence. The heaven and earth in this universe 's will tried to resist his arrival, but as the Dao runes manifested around him, they turned into terrifying black holes that devoured all rules and matter. The will of this universe region withdrew, no longer approaching him.

“If I want to establish a layout in this universe, I'll need to start from the other end of the river of time and spread a big lie or alter the past.”

Gu Changge mused, exploring this universe for a long time.

Gu Changge's gaze shifted as he explored the river of time in this universe. The river of time in different universes varied. Although they eventually converged, along the way, they branched into countless smaller streams of time. With Gu Changge's current level of cultivation, he couldn't interfere with the massive, main river of time that was running through heavens. However, the river of time in some shattered universes was different.

These smaller streams of time were influenced by the fragmented laws of those universes. Even if someone traveled through them or attempted to alter the past, as long as their cultivation and strength were terrible, they could withstand the backlash and the consequences of karma.

Chapter 749: Using the past to change reality, Zi Wei Dynasty

Gu Changge's idea was quite simple. Since he intends to establish his influence in this particular universe, he must make this universe work for him.

The Reincarnated Heaven Lord treated those universes as his backyard to accumulate Dao fruits for his grand ambitions. However, Gu Changge's goal is limited to this current universe. Therefore, he doesn't plan to weave an enormous lie. Instead, he planned to start shaping the world from the other end of the river of time to alter the present.

Gu Changge aimed to plant the Epoch Tree in this universe and ensure everyone knows about it. To do so, he must ensure that even those who have existed in this universe's history realize it. He intends to transform everything that never existed into reality.

He cannot completely alter the memories of everyone in this universe, so the best approach is to change the past, influencing the present. Although this may have severe consequences and could result in significant backlash and karma, Gu Changge doesn't want to miss this rare opportunity.

"The Fateful Immortal boat of Xiao Ruoyin and the Time-space Monument he obtained initially can both be put to use now... Using the time-space Monument to determine the nodes and then traveling through the river of time with the Fateful Immortal Boat should prevent getting lost." [Ed note: Good Fortune Immortal Boat appeared in c528-c550 before, but now we have changed this term to Fateful Immortal Boat.]

"All I need to do now is find a suitable space-time node and make changes for the future."

Gu Changge moved through the starry expanse, his divine sense sweeping through, searching for ancient civilizations and stars to quickly understand the history of this universe.

The most straightforward approach is to find the oldest civilizations. In this universe, there are no beings beyond the immortal realm. After the Forbidden Era, there was a gap in power, with most Dao-building experts a new era had begun. So, Gu Changge isn't concerned about being detected and interfered with by past immortal powerhouses while he traverses the river of time.

Soon, Gu Changge notices a vast and vibrant life aura ahead. It is an immensely expansive region of life, with numerous ancient life-bearing planets scattered throughout the universe, emanating rich vitality.

"Zi Wei Dynasty... There was once an entity known as the Emperor Zi Wei who established the Zi Wei Dynasty, making it one of the oldest forces in this universe. Even today, they hold sway over vast territories, all bow before them."

"Emperor Zi Wei is a cultivator about to enter the quasi-emperor realm..."

Gu Changge's divine sense sweeps through, effortlessly comprehending everything. With a single step, he blurs through the void, traversing countless distances, and suddenly appears within the palace of the Zi Wei Dynasty.

All the powerhouses in the palace were completely unaware of his presence and aura. The Imperial Guard formation outside the palace showed no signs of disturbance either.

The air was majestic inside the palace, resplendent with golden brilliance and veiled in spiritual mist. A dense purple aura enveloped the area, forming a purple dragon of fortune that coiled around the grand hall. Above, countless stars seemed to float and circle, resembling a magnificent Heaven palace.

A man in purple robes sat cross-legged in meditation with closed eyes. He wore a purple-gold crown and exuded a regal air, his aura imbued with imperial dominance. This was the current Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty, who had reached the pinnacle of the Supreme Realm. However, he remained oblivious to Gu Changge's arrival, engrossed in his efforts to break through to the quasi-emperor realm.

“Wake up.....”

Gu Changge had no intention of wasting time. He waved his sleeve, rousing the meditating Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty.

In fact, he could have chosen to delve into the Emperor's mind directly to uncover the universe's hidden secrets. However, Gu Changge preferred a more straightforward approach—letting the Emperor search for him. This way, he could deduce the spatial coordinates of the past by studying the universe's history, akin to navigating a river of time.

The river of time resembled an ancient history book, recording the past of this universe. To determine specific nodes within the river, one needed to trace its location based on the universe's history. Furthermore, Gu Changge was required to thoroughly understand this universe first so he could logically integrate a non-existent event into the past.

“Who are you.....”

Soon, the meditating Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty awakened. He initially looked puzzled but widened his eyes in astonishment, his gaze filled with fear as he stared at Gu Changge.

He had never imagined that a cold and emotionless young man would suddenly appear before him. At this moment, the Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty even doubted if he was dreaming.

He was one of the most powerful figures of his time, just a step away from entering the quasi-emperor realm. The Zi Wei Dynasty possessed a Dao Building expert artifact that could be revived anytime. How had this young man suddenly and silently infiltrated his palace?

Even more horrifying for the Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty was that he couldn't sense Gu Changge's presence or aura. Although he stood right before him, it felt like trying to discern an endless void or a bottomless and terrifying abyss.

"If you don't want to die, then follow my instructions obediently," Gu Changge said with cold and profound eyes, wasting no time on idle chatter. He pointed directly at the Emperor's forehead, pouring his numerous demands now into his mind.

"Senior...Pr-p-please, rest assured, I will make the necessary arrangements."

The Emperor of the Zi Wei Dynasty said, his voice trembling with fear. He felt as if his head could be pierced by Gu Changge's finger at any moment, causing it to explode.

Although Gu Changge appeared young, his true strength was undoubtedly terrifying and boundless, surpassing the Emperor's understanding. The Emperor couldn't fathom why such a threatening presence had come to the Zi Wei Dynasty and made such peculiar demands?

Chapter 750: The dark fault that once appeared, determining the time node

In the following days, Gu Changge remained within the palace of the Zi Wei Dynasty, meditating in seclusion, awaiting news and secret records from the Emperor Zi Wei. He wasn't in a hurry time-wise and planned to wait until he had a complete understanding of everything in this universe before starting to make his moves. The Emperor Zi Wei dared not reveal Gu Changge's presence or mention it to anyone else.

Despite having only reached the peak of the Supreme Realm in his cultivation, he could sense the vast and boundless terror emanating from Gu Changge, as if it could devour all of time. Even the resurgence of Dao Building expert's artifacts couldn't come close to one-tenth of this terrifying

presence. In front of Gu Changge, it seemed like all the heavens and universes were on the verge of collapsing.

Such a figure could obliterate the entire Zi Wei Dynasty with just a thought. How could he dare to offend him?

“Senior, these are all the hidden ancient records I could gather. I haven’t concealed anything,” the Emperor Zi Wei said cautiously as he placed various inscribed jade slips in front of Gu Changge. He not only brought all the records documented by the Zi Wei Dynasty but also expended great effort to acquire records from other major powerful forces in the hope of satisfying Gu Changge.

“You may leave,” Gu Changge said, opening his eyes with a cold and indifferent expression, nodding in approval.

“Yes, senior.”

The Emperor Zi Wei replied, relieved, and quickly withdrew. However, he didn’t slack off and continued sending people to collect various hidden ancient records. He didn’t know Gu Changge’s exact purpose for doing this, and he didn’t dare to inquire.

“After the Forbidden Era, there’s almost a buried ancient history with no records or traditions left,” Gu Changge murmured to himself while slowly flipping through the ancient records.

“The subsequent forces and traditions have developed based on the inscriptions and records unearthed.”

After the Emperor Zi Wei left, Gu Changge continued to slowly review these historical records. What interested him the most was the existence of the Dark fault in this universe’s history. After the Forbidden Era, all heavens collapsed, and every universe was greatly affected. Reaching a prosperous era of cultivation after that required an extremely long time.

This lengthy period became a gap in the historical records. Without the emergence of a cultivation era, there were naturally no Dao Building experts born. The impact on this universe during that time was evidently severe, and the years of the Dark fault extended far beyond tens of millions of years, spanning multiple epochs.

After that, this universe slowly began to recover its vitality.

“So, if the coordinates of the time-long river’s nodes appear after the end of the Dark fault, then I can start making plans...” Gu Changge nodded, feeling a little dazed.

However, there was one thing he hadn’t confirmed: whether ancient cultivators existed during that Dark fault period. After all, there were no records in the texts. If he were to traverse the river of time and be detected by those ancient cultivators, it might have far-reaching consequences, affecting the future and causing a tremendous karmic backlash, leaving terrifying Dao Building experts injuries.

“Perhaps I can give it a try. Even if there are cultivators in that Dark fault, as long as I eliminate them, it won’t affect the present. At least for now, there are no ancient cultivators in existence...” Gu Changge concluded as he closed the various ancient texts and began pondering other matters.

The Zi Wei God Dynasty had an incredibly long existence, almost a large ancient history after the forbidden era, spanning a vast territory and ruling over millions of star domains in its surroundings. Within the dynasty were numerous masters, and deep within it, there were even Dao Building expert’s artifact and quasi-emperor figures who were sealed in the imperial treasury.

While the Zi Wei Dynasty had only produced one Dao Building expert thus far, the existence of quasi-emperor’s realm was too numerous to count. In many ways, this situation seemed like a curse for many superpowers in this universe. For descendants, breaking through to the level of a Dao Building expert was nearly impossible, regardless of their physique. Once they reached the peak of the quasi-emperor realm, they were already at their limit, unable to advance further.

Many people speculated that it was because their ancestors’ bloodline was too dominant, and they were unable to break free from the path their ancestors had walked, thus becoming trapped.

“One superpower can only produce one Dao Building expert ... This is because the luck and Dao fruit have already been plucked by someone else, essentially blocking that path. If descendants want to break free, the only way is to forge a new path,” Gu Changge contemplated.

However, with the protection of ancestral blessings, no one had the courage to blaze a new trail.

Gu Changge wasn’t surprised by this. From a certain perspective, it confirmed his suspicions. The will of heaven and earth in this universe was severely damaged, and it was no longer capable of replenishing the missing Dao fruits. Therefore, there have been no new Dao Building experts born in this universe in recent years.

“This works out perfectly. It can be explained that the growth of the Epoch Tree requires absorbing the luck of one universe, which is an irreversible process...” Gu Changge mused.

With these thoughts in mind, Gu Changge hesitate no longer. One by one, Dao runes flew out, imbued with the essence of time rules and immortal spirit loomed.

A vast fluctuation emanated behind him, and an infinite and mysterious river appeared with a rushing sound. Time fragments danced within it, and chaotic energy billowed down, as if descending from the ends of heaven and earth, exuding the profound mysteries of the world.

This river was extremely indistinct, not very clear, as it was just a small branch of the river of time. Since Gu Changge had not yet broken through to the Immortal Realm, he couldn't fully control the rules of time, which prevented the complete materialization of the river of time.

However, for him now, it was enough to determine a node within the river of time. Just because the fateful immortal boat, Gu Changge didn't need to personally traverse the river, thus avoiding the unimaginable karmic backlash.

Soon, a mysterious blue inscription appeared in his palm, exuding a rich aura of time and space. It emitted a faint light, filled with mystery.

“Space-time Monument. Once the spatial node is determined, it can be used to locate it within the river of time,” Gu Changge murmured. His eyes glinted as he focused on the river of time, pinpointing certain nodes and sensing the vast aura emanating from that place.

This process had to be carried out carefully; choosing the wrong node would result in a wasted effort.

The Dark fault and the Forbidden Epoch were closely related. Gu Changge's eyes shimmered as he perceived the hidden threads of causality, instantly determining a small node within the river of time.

The Time-Space Monument turned into a streak of light, smashing into that node, then rose with a loud rumble and plunged into the river.

In front of him, the river had already broken apart, revealing a terrifying discontinuity. The scene on the other side of the river was obscured, only the endless flow of the river was visible, creating terrifying waves.

“That should be the place,” Gu Changge confirmed.

Buzz!!

The next moment, the fateful Immortal Boat appeared, enveloping Gu Changge in a rich green light. He transformed into a streak of light and darted towards the river of time.

A vast fluctuation rose from the sky and then swiftly disappeared like a shooting star. The terrifying illusion of the river of time also gradually dissipated, as if it had never appeared.

“What just happened? Why does it feel like my mind is about to shatter...”

“The senior suddenly disappeared.”

The Emperor of Zi Wei, sensing the aura of this place, rushed here, trembling with fear.

He was horrified to the extreme, almost disintegrating under the remnants of the wisp of aura. He knelt on the ground, trembling uncontrollably.

In his innermost sense, he had a foreboding that something in the entire world was about to be rewritten and reversed.