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Chapter 1321: Runaway

Wu Fa already knew that he was going to lose the fight; in fact, he knew he was going to get killed, so he decided to flee. It was never too late to take revenge as long as he was alive. However, he had never thought there were people watching the fight.

It was a different situation for him since people were watching. If what happened went to the public, he would have lost everything he had built up in those years. He had been sitting on the highest seat in the martial world for so many years that he wouldn't accept the humiliation!

The only thought he had, and also the only choice he had, was to murder the witnesses!

Before the power of his palm attack arrived, the suppression from him had already covered the entire area!

Wu Fa couldn't defeat Ye Xiao because Ye Xiao's unique martial art was the bane to the demonic power. Besides, there was an unbelievably powerful treasure—Golden Soul Bell. It was Wu Fa's fault to lose the fight.

However, except Ye Xiao and Xuan Bing, there was nobody who could survive from the palm hit of Wu Fa!

The palm hit was approaching, and the people hiding in the forest all held their breath.

They were not some ordinary people, so they all knew what the palm hit meant to them. Even if all of them fought together to block the palm hit, they would still be smashed to death!

What a horrible power! [We are going to die no matter what we do!]

However, at that critical moment.

"Wu Fa, I dare you not!" Ye Xiao shouted and threw out the golden bell. The golden bell shot over thousands of meters to hit Wu Fa's back.

If Wu Fa insisted on killing those people, he would have to take the golden bell attack. As a matter of fact, he might not be able to deal with the golden bell. He might get himself killed under the blast!

He was furious about it, yet there was nothing he could do. He had to stop the palm strike and made a quick turn to face the golden bell!

– Boom! –

Another blasting sound.

"Ah!" Wu Fa spat out another mouthful of blood and then started to shake like he got an electric shock. The next moment, the dark shadow flashed, and he disappeared in the forest.

Although he had made a quick decision to resist the blast from the golden bell, he still got severely injured. If he didn't seize the opportunity to flee, he might never have another one!

When he fell to the forest, the onlookers all clearly saw his face—a man with a sick pale face. His chest and mouth were stained by his own blood. Apparently, he had suffered a fatal injury, because he was staggering with a dispirited face...

Aside from that, they also saw the anger and the shame in his eyes.

However, he hadn't done anything else, just disappeared in the forest.

They knew that Wu Fa was hurrying to escape from Ye Xiao. That was why he didn't do anything to the onlookers...

Although these people were safe, the trees in the forest were destroyed...

All the trees in the effective area were turned into ashes...

The hundreds of people had been affected by half of the power of Wu Fa's unfinished attack. Over a hundred of them spat out a mouthful of blood, had their faces turned pale. Apparently, these people were severely injured.

Luckily they were all superior cultivators, among which there were many level-nine cultivators, so none of them died!

It was still a horrible thing that one unfinished palm hit could cause such a great impact to a bunch of powerful cultivators...

When they looked at Xiao Monarch after surviving the palm hit, their eyes were filled with respect...

[As the story tells... Xiao Monarch is indeed laughing upon all heroes!]

[What a powerful man!]

The golden bell was spinning and flying back to Ye Xiao. When it stopped in his hand, it was only the size of a small bell. After a while, it appeared as a small tower in his hand and then disappeared.

Ye Xiao took a deep breath.

The fight finally came to an end...

[I... I actually won. I defeated the world's most powerful cultivator, Wu Fa! Did I?]

He did win the battle against Wu Fa, but deep in his head, Wu Fa was still the invincible man everybody recognized. That was why he wasn't sure about it yet. When Wu Fa was escaping, Ye Xiao was still preparing to continue the fight. Although he had been winning it during the fight, he still kept his nerve intense, in case Wu Fa suddenly operated something unexpected! The truth was that Wu Fa had nothing else to do anymore!

[It turns out... it isn't that difficult to defeat the world's best, the most powerful cultivator in Qing-Yun Realm... At least not as difficult as I imagined...]

He finally loosened the nerve, but he then started to cough and spat out a mouthful of blood. He felt like the entire body was being torn apart. He had been supported by his desperate will to fight, so he hadn't felt anything even after he got severely hurt.

Now as the fight was finished, the wounds started to become painful. Luckily he didn't get any destructive injury in this fight, and the energy from the Boundless Space and the inner core of the fish had been supporting him. Otherwise, he should have died.

He wanted to stop Wu Fa and kill him though, but he just couldn't.

Ye Xiao seemed to have an easy victory in the fight against Wu Fa, but in fact, he won it only because of the support from all those incredible powers. Wu Fa should be one level more powerful than Ye Xiao in cultivation, as he was full demonized after Wu Tian died. Even though Ye Xiao's East-rising Purple Qi had entered the third level, it was still weaker than Wu Fa's current demonic power.

It was both advantageous and disadvantageous for Ye Xiao that Wu Fa's demonic energy improved. It made Wu Fa much more powerful than Ye Xiao in cultivation in one hand but made the East-rising Purple Qi work even better in the fight on the other hand.

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Chapter 1322: A New Legend

With the endless spiritual energy from the Boundless Space and the inner core of the Golden-scale Dragon Fish, holding the great support from the Golden Soul Bell and Stars Sword in both hands, Ye Xiao claimed the victory he deserved.

However, Wu Fa was a great cultivator after all. Ye Xiao couldn't kill him yet, so he just watched him flee!

[It's not today... Wu Fa. Next time, I will kill you. Next time, I will defeat you again with my real power! I will destroy you!] Ye Xiao looked indifferent and made a promise deeply in his heart.

It truly had irritated Ye Xiao that Wu Fa slaughtered countless innocent people.

[You will never be on my way!]

[You will be my step stand!]

[All that is left to you is the fate to be kicked away by me!]

He thought.

After that, he slowly got down to the ground.

In the forest, a crowd of people were watching him with respect and admire in the eyes...

That was right. They were worshiping Ye Xiao, the man who defeated the former world's most powerful man, who was also the new world's most powerful man!

[We just witnessed the new legend arise!]

In their expectant gaze, Xiao Monarch casually descended from the sky, with his long white clothes, on with there were some red stains.

The clothes floated in the air as if he was a god descending to the mortal world.

Everybody couldn't help wanting to kneel and kowtow.

The king descended!

His face looked pale, and there was blood on his mouth. Bloodstains were on his clothes, and the traces of a drastic fight were shown on his body.

However...

Nobody felt anything different about it. They just felt it scary.

A powerful man walking out of a battle was supposed to look like that.

Xiao Monarch had been fighting against two men at the same time, including Wu Fa, the world's most powerful cultivator! He won the battle against the two incredible men!

One of the brothers died while the other ran away! What a great victory!

The wounds on Xiao Monarch were not wounds, but honor!

For five thousand years, Wu Fa had been sitting on the chair of the world's highest position! Nobody had ever dared to watch him in the eyes!

Not to mention pulled him off.

Now, Xiao Monarch had done it! He created a new legend!

The legend began!

Everybody realized that the new chapter of the history of the Qing-Yun Realm had been revealed!

It was such a great honor for these men to witness the beginning of the great new era!

It was such a great topic to pick up after a meal with some friends in the future!

It was good enough to have a story like this to tell!

They were thrilled.

They were excited!

If Han Bingxue were here, he would probably shout jealously, 'I will rip the mouth of whoever dares to say I am pretentious! I am not pretentious, am I? Look at my boss Xiao! He is an expert of pretentiousness! I am nothing!'

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Ye Xiao had shocked the world!

"It is our great honor, Lord Xiao Monarch!" The superior cultivators who had watched the fight gathered together in front of Ye Xiao.

In the forest, in the open field which was cleared by Wu Fa just then, people were paying their respects to the new dominator of the world!

Over a thousand men, who were all above level seven of Dao Origin Stage, bowed deeply with full respect.

Many of them looked pretty scared with a pale face.

[What would Xiao Monarch... do to us?]

Many people had seen Xiao Monarch before, so they were confused. [He is Xiao Monarch, Ye Xiao... But... He doesn't seem to be the Xiao Monarch I can remember. His appearance, height, aura... He even has a totally different face!]

[This is...]

However, the next moment, they all gave themselves a perfect explanation. [Xiao Monarch must have done something extraordinary to return from death. He has to change his face to a better one... It is reasonable!]

[For Xiao Monarch, such a great figure in the world... it must be a piece of cake to do a rejuvenation. It is reasonable.]

[We can't deny... that Xiao Monarch has a pretty good-looking face...]

[That's handsome...]

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"Guys, you have had a long day." Unexpectedly, the new world's most powerful cultivator, Xiao Monarch was warm and friendly.

Only a few words, he had touched deeply these people's hearts.

[Wu Fa had never talked to people so nicely!]

[This man is so approachable and nice!]

"Well, look who's here..." Ye Xiao smiled, "There are several familiar faces in the crowd... Mu. Qian. Oh, wait. Is that Peng Zhifa? Good for you guys. Do you still remember me?"

Ye Xiao had met those people in the previous life, but that was all. He never had any business with those people.

However, now he actually spoke their names. They were touched, and couldn't help shedding tears, sobbing, "Lord Xiao Monarch... You... You actually remember us..."

That moment, the emotion was rising and filling their hearts like a flood. They felt like they could die for Xiao Monarch for he remembered their names.

Hundreds of the others looked at these men with jealousy. It made these men feel proud...

[Lucky bastards. Xiao Monarch actually remembers their names...]

The men felt like it was the most glorious moment in their lives!

“How could I forget about you... We are old friends.” Ye Xiao’s response had risen the heat up to a new level.

[Xiao Monarch said... that we are old friends.]

[Old friends!]

[Friends!]

They nearly cried because of the excitement.

They were more willing to die for the great Lord Xiao Monarch now.

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Chapter 1323: Approachable

“How come so many of you are hurt?” Ye Xiao frowned and asked with concern, “Were you hurt by the palm strike of Wu Fa?”

The wounded men all nodded with warm tears in the eyes.

[Lord Xiao Monarch cares for us... I don’t feel that pain anymore...]

“Here... I have some dan beads... Hmm. One, two, three, four... One hundred and twenty-seven of you...” Ye Xiao thought for a while, took out a jade bottle from the space ring, and said, “Peng Zhifa, come over here. Spread the dan beads. One for each... These are my collections. You will never get another!”

The crowd was shocked by Xiao Monarch’s kind concerns and gifts.

“Xiao Monarch, you are being so nice to us...”

Peng Zhifa jumped out and laughed, “Don’t worry, my lord! You can count on me...”

For Peng Zhifa, it was such an honor to be pointed out by Xiao Monarch and to told what to do. At this moment, the sarcoid on his face seemed to shine colorful lights.

Ye Xiao remembered his full name because of that sarcoid. He didn’t remember the full names of the others... He could only remember the family name of some people...

It was not always a bad thing to be ugly. What mattered was to be unique.

It was unique to have a sarcoid that was bigger than one’s head!

Peng Zhifa took over the bottle and started to give the dan beads to others.

When he opened the bottle, a cloud of fog rushed out. After a while, the entire forest was filled with a pleasant scent. Whoever smelled the scent was spirited up.

Peng Zhifa was shocked.

The others were all shocked.

These people were all superior cultivators, experienced men in the martial world. They didn't know what level the dan beads were, but they knew they must be above some pretty high level!

Peng Zhifa's eyes were blank. He stared at the bottle and hesitated for a while, turned around and talked to Ye Xiao cautiously, "My lord... Perhaps... You gave me the wrong bottle."

Ye Xiao smiled, "No, I didn't. Luckily, I have collected enough for you all. Just focus on curing the wounds first. Dan beads are never as valuable as human lives!"

"But... These are the legendary dan bead with dan fog... Nobody had ever seen such valuable dan beads in Qing-Yun Realm for many years. How could you... give all these many to us..." Peng Zhifa's lips were shaking. Although he wasn't asked to give away his own stuff, he was shaking like it was his loss.

"No way, my lord. These dan beads are too precious. Just take them back." The others stared at the bottle and said, "It's true that we are wounded, but it would be such a waste to use these dan beads on us..."

Ye Xiao waved a hand and said, "Come on, guys... Just take them. No matter how valuable they are, you guys are more important... Do you want me to shamelessly take them back? Come on."

Unlike Erhuo, Ye Xiao didn't give away lots of supreme dan beads. In fact, he was telling the truth that these were his special collections.

Erhuo was unbelievably good at making dan beads now. It was less than one of a thousand dan bead it made was lower than the supreme level. The dan beads with dan fog were made when they were still in the Land of Han-Yang.

As Ye Xiao said, there wouldn't easily be another after they were used up. The dan beads were already unimaginably powerful for people in Qing-Yun Realm, but for Ye Xiao, they were nothing. Most of the dan beads Ye Xiao had were supreme dan beads!

Since he arrived in the Qing-Yun Realm, he had collected lots of treasures, so there were lots of supreme dan beads were made. The dan beads with dan fog were truly useless for him... Now at least he could use them to earn people's trust.

Those men all felt grateful for the dan beads. Each of the wounded men took one dan bead.

[The great dan bead with dan fog!]

[The myth!]

[I haven't seen such powerful dan beads in my life! Nobody in Qing-Yun Realm has ever seen such powerful dan beads!]

[Now I have one in my hand!]

[This is good. This feels so good! It doesn't even seem real!]

None of them did eat the dan bead at once. They all took out a jade bottle and carefully put the dan bead into the bottle, and then put the bottle away in their space rings.

It was such a waste to use such powerful dan beads to cure their wounds now.

[I am going to be okay after some days. If I eat this dan bead, I will never get another...]

[Besides, this is not only a great dan bead. It is a gift from the great Xiao Monarch. It means a lot!]

Many of them made a decision—to keep it as a family hereditary treasure!

The others, who were unharmed, watched the lucky ones with jealousy in their eyes. [A bunch of lucky bastards! The great Xiao Monarch actually gave them such great treasures just because they got scratched...]

[Damn... Why wasn't I get hit?]

[Why am I so good? Why am I not hurt?]

[This is ridiculous. When Wu Fa rushed over, I should never have moved away! If I didn't move, I would have one dan bead of my own now!]

Although they were all jealous, none of them dared to think about snatching the dan beads.

They were the gifts from Xiao Monarch after all. Nobody dared to snatch them! Xiao Monarch was the world's most powerful cultivator in Qing-Yun Realm now!

Nobody wanted to risk their lives for some dan beads, no matter how good the dan beads were!

Two powerful figures got defeated by Xiao Monarch in the fight!

These people witnessed it...

No matter how bold they were, they would never dare to do anything offensive in front of Xiao Monarch.

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Chapter 1324: Join in the Fun

A bottle of dan beads was gone. Ye Xiao didn't particularly count how many people were injured, or how many dan beads he had given them, so the number of the dan beads wasn't exactly correct. Three dan beads were left in the bottle in the end.

Peng Zhifa humbly walked back and said, "Lord Xiao Monarch, I am sure each of us has taken one. The rest of the dan beads... Please take them back."

Ye Xiao looked at the bottle and then waved his hand, "Peng, we are old friends. You should know that I am a generous man. Only three dan beads, how could I ask you to give them back? Just keep them to yourself. Thank you for doing the job for me."

"Wait... What? No... I can't take it..." Peng Zhifa was so shocked that his lips started to tremble. He couldn't allow himself to be such a greedy man, so he kept refusing it.

"Just keep it." Ye Xiao sighed, "Peng, I don't have many old friends now... Keep the dan beads in case you get into any troubles. You never know what would happen in the martial world... It is full of terror... A few dan beads to you, maybe we will meet again in the martial world someday!"

Peng Zhifa almost shed tears, "Thank you, lord Xiao Monarch!"

He carefully put away the jade bottle and thought, [We only met each other once back in the old days, yet he treated me so well. I feel proud in front of these people...]

[An honorable man dies for a bosom friend!]

[I will give up my life anytime the monarch needs me!]

The others were all touched by the scene.

[Xiao Monarch, such a great man, never needs to give anybody anything to earn their loyalty! Only one look in the eyes or a casual word should do the work!]

[Yet he actually gave the friend he has only met once those valuable treasures.] It reminded them how Xiao Monarch sacrificed himself to take revenge for his best friend, Li Wuliang. That was why he was still famous in the martial world even after he died.

Even though he wasn't in the martial world, the martial world still had his fame! What an honorable man!]

Now as he returned to the world, even more powerful than before, yet was still so approachable, unlike the arrogant and shameless Wu Fa... Wu Fa was nothing...

Only Xiao Monarch!

He fought against the three factions for his brother! He died for his brother!

His sincere heart was as bright as the moon and the sun!

Even when he was at the top of the world, he was still nice and friendly! That was the true imposing manner of the world's most powerful cultivator!

After that, it was time to make some serious introduction.

"Lord Xiao Monarch, I am Shining Chengfeng from the northwest."

"Lord Monarch, I am Meng Songzhi from Tian Gan Ling."

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Ye Xiao nodded with a smile, didn't look arrogant at all.

"Lord Monarch, I am Ge Zhenfeng from Ge Clan. We reside not far from here. Please accept my respect." The great ancestor of Ge Clan humbly stood out. He was no doubt the highest ranking cultivator among these people.

However, he didn't even dare to say much in front of Ye Xiao, not even to mention how he was grateful for Ye Xiao to save his clan!

The leader of the Ge Clan meant nothing to Xiao Monarch... He could wipe the Ge Clan out with a blow!

He didn't want Ye Xiao to think that the Ge Clan was complaining about how the fight nearly ruined the clan!

Ge Zhenfeng just stayed aside, waiting in the line, trying not to look arrogant.

When it was his turn, he finally stepped out proudly.

“Ge Clan...” Ye Xiao looked at him, smiled, and said, “The nine great clans shock the world. I heard of your fame long time ago. Master Ge built up a great clan from nothing. What a great model for the young generations.”

“I am flattered.” Ge Zhenfeng honestly said, “Ge Clan is nothing compared to Xiao Monarch.”

Ye Xiao thought and said, “I think Ge Clan is not far from here. Am I right?”

Ge Zhenfeng was glad to hear it, but hesitated, and said, “Yes. That’s right! It is only one thousand miles away... I wonder... I wonder if Ge Clan has the honor to... Well... Lord Xiao Monarch...”

He wanted to invite Ye Xiao so much. After all, if the new world’s most powerful cultivator went to Ge Clan and had a cup of tea there, it would be a boost to Ge Clan’s reputation!

Ge Clan might even seize the opportunity to climb up beyond the other clans!

Ge Clan, friend to the world’s most powerful man!

Such a great honor, wasn’t it?

The others were also looking at Ye Xiao, didn’t dare to interrupt!

Before Ye Xiao replied, nobody dared to say anything.

The more powerful a man was, the more merciless the man could be. They had no idea whether Ye Xiao would turn hostile!

Ye Xiao had already climb up the position of a god after defeating Wu Fa!

He was the god!

The only god in Qing-Yun Realm!

Ye Xiao thought for a while and cracked a smile, “Well, I am indeed a bit tired after the fight... I was thinking maybe I should find a place to rest... Ge Clan is quite near us. Master Ge is providing timely help to me.”

Ge Zhenfeng was so excited that he started shaking, “Lord Xiao Monarch’s arrival will be our greatest honor!”

Ye Xiao turned to the others and said, “Guys, it must be our fate that brought us together. If you are available, why don’t we all go to Ge Clan and join in the fun? Ge Clan is going to hold a feast. Let’s go have fun, and drink up their liquor! What do you think?”

Xiao Monarch asked everybody to go, then nobody dared to say no.

[We will give up everything else to go to Ge Clan!]

[Besides... Listen to the monarch... We are going to have a feast... We are going to have a drink with the great Xiao Monarch!]

[I... I... This is such a great fortune!]

[I will go even if people die in my family today...]

[This is a once-in-life opportunity to drink with the world's most powerful man!]

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Chapter 1325: The Horrible Organization

“Great idea, Xiao Monarch! Let's go! Let us all go!”

“We always want to build up a good connection to Ge Clan! Now it is the time. Thank you so much, Xiao Monarch! And I appreciate Ge Clan's invitation!”

“That's right! Ge Clan must spend quite some money in return for Xiao Monarch's kindness!”

“We must drink with the great Lord Xiao Monarch until the end of our lives!”

“I usually don't drink, but today, I will give up my life to drink with Lord Xiao Monarch!”

“I am allergic to alcohol, but I will drink it up today!”

“The wind blows to the east. The drums sound in the battle. Who is going to drink to the death!”

“To the south and the north I have traveled, when I drink, I grab a bottle!”

“I will not go home before I am stewed. In fact, you know what, I won't go home even when I am stewed...”

“Nobody walked out the gate of Ge Clan before drinking up one thousand shots!”

“Hahaha...”

The crowd burst into waves of laughter. Ge Zhenfeng was so happy, and he kept thanking Ye Xiao, “Thank you. Thank you! Thanks for coming, Lord Xiao Monarch. Thank you, guys. It is a great honor to Ge Clan. Even if we have to spend every penny, we will bring up enough liquor for everybody... Please, follow me.”

As he spoke, he led the way in front of the crowd. The others all humbly made way for Ye Xiao and then followed him. Everybody was so excited.

Ge Zhenfeng gave an order to two superior cultivators from the Ge Clan, and the two men flew away immediately. They must be moving the fastest they had ever be.

“Be full prepared!”

“Good liquor! Good food! Bring all up!”

“Make sure the whole clan looks good...”

“Make sure every inch was clean...”

“The guest rooms... Get them ready!”

“Prepare something particularly for the monarch... Sure thing...”

“No matter what! I don’t care if we will go broke! We have to hold a good feast for everybody!”

Ge Zhenfeng told his men these orders through mind connection.

“Go home now! Get everything ready before we arrive!”

“If anybody doesn’t get their job done well before we arrive, you know what will happen... Even if the great monarch doesn’t get mad, I will rip your skins off!”

“Go now! Quick!”

The two superior cultivators flew out hundreds of miles quickly, yet the voice of their great ancestor kept vibrating their eardrums.

It was killing their eardrums!

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When Ge Clan got the message, the entire house was in a disturbance.

On the other side...

“Master Ge, I don’t know Ge Clan well. May I ask how the situation is for Ge Clan?” Ye Xiao and Ge Zhenfeng were in front of the crowd, so they started to talk.

“Thanks for asking, Lord Monarch. Ge Clan is one of the nine great clans. We may not really be qualified to sit among them, but we are capable enough to feed ourselves... Please, Xiao Monarch. You should stop calling me master... I...”

Ge Zhenfeng was a bit anxious, but then he sighed, “Qing-Yun Realm was in chaos. We wanted to stay away, but the storm will hit us all eventually... Nobody knows what will happen next...”

He spoke honestly.

Ye Xiao nodded, “Ge Clan has a thousands of years history and an incomparable wealth. I am sure it won’t be difficult for you to stay away from the trouble.”

Ge Zhenfeng’s eyes lit up. He was an experienced old man, who could always hear the true meaning behind other’s word.

He said, “We may be lucky enough to stay in peace, but... It’s hard to say... The hidden flows... The secret organization... Sima Clan has been wiped out... Nobody knows when the danger will come. Sometimes it just hit you unexpectedly.”

He was honest about it. The battle between Ye Xiao and Wu Fa nearly got Ge Clan wiped out if Ye Xiao didn’t kill Wu Tian in time!

Ge Zhenfeng appreciated Ye Xiao’s kindness, but he had been scared quite much earlier!

“That’s right. When the storm comes, nobody can stay outside.” Ye Xiao nodded, with anxiety in the eyes.

Ge Zhenfeng sighed and said, "I am just curious... Where do those people come from... What kind of people can be so vicious and evil... I heard that every single person, including children, was killed in Sima Clan... It is... unforgivably vicious..."

He then looked at Ye Xiao with inquiring eyes.

He was indeed a cunning old man. He knew that Ye Xiao must be in the opposite side to the secret organization, even though he might not return for it. He was sure Xiao Monarch would become the savior of the world!

Ye Xiao looked serious all of a sudden and said, "I do know more than you guys, but I don't know enough. I have no evidence to possibilities yet."

He paused and then said, "So far as I know, it is going to be the biggest crisis in Qing-Yun Realm in the past tens of thousands of years."

Ge Zhenfeng was shocked, and his face turned pale immediately.

Since Xiao Monarch said so, it meant the world was going to face something really horrible.

"Those people are under the table. They always wear black clothes and mask their faces... They have a lot of superior cultivators. If I am right..." Ye Xiao paused and continued, "They have thousands of level nine Dao Origin Stage cultivators!"

Ge Zhenfeng's eyes slightly popped out, and he staggered. He said, "Thousands of level nine Dao Origin Stage cultivators!"

"It is the most conservative estimation. They should have more than we can think of!" Ye Xiao said, "I have no idea how many cultivators below level nine they have... I have fought against somebody from this organization earlier and killed hundreds of them. However, I haven't met anybody beyond the middle range. I am sure they have a huge amount of capable figures..."

Ge Zhenfeng was totally numb.

He was shocked by what he had just heard, even though he was such an experienced cultivator in the martial world.

He knew that Xiao Monarch would never lie or exaggerate anything!

The secret organization must be horribly powerful!

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Chapter 1326: Kill More! Spare None!

"I have captured some superior cultivators of them and tried to force them to talk... However, no matter how I tortured them, they just wouldn't tell me anything. All I got were their dead bodies in the end... Nobody said anything! They all were determined to die when they were captured... They started to try to destroy themselves even their souls... I stopped some of them, but they wouldn't talk. No matter how I tortured them, they wouldn't talk... Horrible..."

Ye Xiao sighed and continued, "Master Ge, this secret organization must be the most horrible organization in the history of Qing-Yun Realm! I believe there will not be any stronger organization in the future. Time will prove me right!"

Ge Zhenfeng felt terrified all of a sudden. His face turned pale, like a piece of blank paper.

Ye Xiao and Ge Zhenfeng were talking in front of the crowd. It wouldn't be difficult for the others to hear what they were talking, but none of those people dared to do so. After all, Ye Xiao was in the highest position in the world now. They wouldn't dare to ruin the chance to build up a connection to Ye Xiao. Curiosity sometimes killed. They all understood it!

However, they all noticed one weird thing on the way. The bloodstains on Ye Xiao's clothes were fading away bit by bit.

His white clothes should be broken and smudged because of the fight, but after a while, his clothes became clear like new.

Aside from that, they also noticed that the spiritual qi in the world was howling and moving over to this place crazily. Ye Xiao was the destination of all the moving spiritual qi...

When the spiritual qi approached his head, he absorbed it into the body...

The enormous spiritual qi kept rushing over. It shocked everybody because of its quantity and quality. After all the qi entered Ye Xiao's body, not a bit of it leaked out at all. How horribly powerful he was!

Ye Xiao's face was turning roseate instead of pale.

The others were all surprised and amazed.

[It this what the world's most powerful cultivator looks like? Look how he absorbs the spiritual qi from the world! He could totally cultivate whatever martial art he wants easily!]

Over a thousand people behind Ye Xiao seemed to stay inside somewhere with no spiritual qi at all.

Because of Ye Xiao, they couldn't reach any spiritual qi in the air anymore.

How powerful he was!

When they were shocked and amazed, Ye Xiao and Ge Zhenfeng's conversation was heard by the people behind them!

The first part of the conversation was mostly chitchat. The other didn't dare to act offensive, so they tried not to hear what they were talking.

Ye Xiao knew what the others would think, so when he started to talk about the secret organization, he intentionally spread out the message to them all. The others were also superior cultivators, so they understood why Ye Xiao would let them hear. That was why they started to try to listen to the conversation. Now they all knew about the secret organization, thanks to Ye Xiao.

They all knew what terrible things the secret organization had done in the martial world.

Almost all of them felt scared for what might happen next as if any of them could be the next victim of the horrible attacks.

As they heard Ye Xiao's words, they finally realized how horrible the organization actually was. It was such a huge organization. None of them talked, but they all took a deep cold breath.

Now they really felt that it was more and more dangerous to live in the martial world.

"Those people... They are vicious and overwhelming. They are not only powerful but self-sufficient. Producing superior cultivators, training new members, earning money and resources, they are good at these all... They are perfect in almost all aspects..."

"Normally, when they deal with a clan like Sima Clan, the first choice should be taking in the clan, not to destroy it. After all, a powerful clan like Sima Clan is a big help for any organization. As one of the nine great clans, Sima Clan had abundant connections in the martial world and variety of ways to accumulate wealth..."

"Yet this organization directly destroyed the Sima Clan!"

"This organization isn't after something regular. They will kill not only those who are against them but also those who may yield to them!"

Ye Xiao blandly said in a deep voice.

It seemed difficult to understand, but what he said was meaningful. These cultivators were all experienced martial artists, so they clearly knew what Ye Xiao meant. If a force like Sima Clan was like nothing to the secret organization, the entire Qing-Yun Realm meant nothing to it! The organization wouldn't accept anybody even if anybody yielded to them!

In another word, the organization might very possibly want to destroy the entire martial world and become the only dominator in the world!

Ge Zhenfeng's face turned even darker.

He understood that Ge Clan was not stronger than Sima Clan.

Sima Clan got wiped out within one night, then what about Ge Clan?

He was a bit hopeless about it!

Besides, he understood why Xiao Monarch wanted to tell him that. It was a warning. Xiao Monarch was warning Ge Clan that they should not even think about surrendering, because it wouldn't be accepted.

The organization was going to sweep all the native forces in the Qing-Yun Realm and become the only one! Nobody had a choice!

Nobody in Qing-Yun Realm was useful to the organization! Everybody was only a threat to them!

"It seems... When the war begins, we will have to fight to the end of our lives." Ge Zhenfeng made a long sigh.

He seemed to look older all of a sudden. He even became less excited about having the world's most powerful man to come to visit his clan.

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Chapter 1327: Arrived at Ge Clan

Ge Zhenfeng was not the only person who was frustrated. After hundreds of miles, everybody behind Ye Xiao felt depressed after hearing what Ye Xiao had said. None of them felt overjoyed anymore.

Ge Zhenfeng knew that Xiao Monarch wouldn't threaten these people, because he didn't need to...

Just like the secret organization, Xiao Monarch also didn't need the support from a force like Ge Clan.

No matter Ge Clan stood on which side, it wouldn't matter to Xiao Monarch, who was in a cloud-piercing high position in the martial world.

The king of tyrannosaurus would care about the death or life of an ant or the intention of a cat or a dog. Ge Zhenfeng, with the entire Ge Clan, was just like a little dog to Ye Xiao. They meant nothing to a powerful man like Ye Xiao!

What else could Ge Clan choose then?

However, Ge Zhenfeng didn't know that Ye Xiao told them these things for his own purpose.

The secret organization was so powerful that even Ye Xiao felt feared for fighting against it.

Ye Xiao and his men could only be sure to survive, not to even slow the organization's pace.

Since he couldn't do it on his own, he would have to get together all the possible forces. He was sure that the organization was against all the local martial world forces in the Qing-Yun Realm. The secret organization had the power and confidence to stand opposite to the entire world!

That was why all the cultivators in Qing-Yun Realm automatically stood on the same side against the secret organization. However, not all cultivators, especially not those in the most powerful sects realized this point!

Ye Xiao had realized it, and he was trying to unite all the forces he could see possible unity. Right behind him, there were over a thousand Dao Origin Stage cultivators!

If these people could work together, including the powerful and wealthy Ge Clan, it would be a substantial power.

Besides, every single one of these men had a bunch of more people behind them.

None of these people was weak, as long as they could all be united!

They could become the main force to fight against the secret organization.

That was why Ye Xiao would talk to them and try to be nice to them.

He wasn't truly that leisurely to give away a lot of dan beads and gather over a thousand men to visit a clan that he hadn't known before, was he?

He wasn't that valuable.

After the conversation, they had approached the Ge Clan.

Looking at the hundreds of miles wide huge manor, Ge Zhenfeng felt like it was something that would die soon.

If the disaster hit Ge Clan, the great clan that he had built up...

Maybe his clan would be destroyed within one day...

Three rows of people were standing in front of the gate to greet the guests.

About one thousand of Ge Clan members standing in lines, quietly waiting. Everyone stood with their chest up.

Apparently, the two cultivators had successfully delivered the message.

They had heard about the fight in which Xiao Monarch returned to the world to fight against Wu Fa and Wu Tian, and they knew that the brothers were defeated—Wu Fa escaped and Wu Tian died.

Wu Fa became former the world's most powerful man!

Ye Xiao was the world's most powerful man now! The best in the Qing-Yun Realm...

Now that Qing-Yun Realm's new god was leading a big crowd of people to Ge Clan, what an honor to Ge Clan!

The message had caused a blasting shock in Ge Clan.

Ge Clan was indeed a great clan in Qing-Yun Realm, within such a short time, they had efficiently finished all the arrangements.

All they needed to do now was to wait for the great Lord Xiao Monarch's arrival.

After a while, the men waiting outside Ge Clan all saw a crowd of people approaching in strides. Two men were leading the way— one was their great ancestor Ge Zhenfeng. In fact, Ge Zhenfeng was not the leader. He was just humbly pointing out the way for the other man, who was the real leader of the crowd!

It was a young man in white clothes, with a good-looking face, casual and elegant.

He was tall, wearing white clothes which were like snow.

He looked like a god descending to the mortal world.

Ge Clan's ladies were hiding behind the wall of the yard, sneakily watching the young man. Although they didn't dare to talk aloud because of the solemnness, they were shocked and curious.

"Elder sister... Is that Xiao Monarch, who laughs at all heroes in the world?" A Dream Origin Stage girl talked to a white-dressed lady through mind connection.

"I guess so..." The lady nodded and talked back through the mind connection, "It is said he is hundreds of years old. Why does he look so young? And handsome... It doesn't seem to be the same as the story tells..."

Then she actually blushed.

"How handsome!"

The ladies all had the same comment, while every single one blushed as if a flower blossomed on their faces.

Each of them thought, [If my future husband is just this handsome... imposing... powerful...]

[Oh... I can't think more of it...]

Women loved men like Ye Xiao! It wasn't surprising!

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Under the watch of all those people, Xiao Monarch and the crowd of people had arrived at the gate of Ge CLAN.

"Warm welcome to the great Lord Xiao Monarch!"

The current chief of the Ge Clan led everybody else to bow to Ye Xiao, nearly hit their heads on the floor.

They acted so humbly because Ye Xiao was a man they should show respect!

"Please, guys... I must have disturbed you, which I shouldn't have. This is too much for what I deserve... I feel embarrassed and panic." Ye Xiao sincerely said, "Sorry to trouble you..."

"No, no, no!" The clan chief of Ge Clan was so excited that his face turned red, "Lord Monarch, it is our great honor that you would come... Please, Monarch, come in and have some tea!"

"Thank you." Ye Xiao gently smiled and walked into Ge Clan.

As he entered the place, the others all noticed that somebody was watching behind the wall. Because Ye Xiao was there, none of them dared to say anything. However, everyone had looked over the wall with a pair of sharp eyes.

Over a thousand Dao Origin Stage cultivators gazed together... The suppression shocked the world.

Behind the wall, it burst into a wave of screaming.

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Chapter 1328: Small Gifts

The Clan Chief of Ge Clan walked over to the wall and got mad immediately. A bunch of young ladies of Ge Clan were watching the crowd of men under his daughter's lead.

He had repeatedly told the ladies not to come out and peek, in case it ashamed the clan and irritated the guests. However, they just didn't listen.

Not to mention Ye Xiao, the most respected guest they had ever had, all the Dao Origin Stage cultivators were influential figures in the world. Ge Clan's girls were peeking behind the wall as if the men were some playthings—how disrespectful!

“All of you! Go back inside now!” The Clan Chief was so angry that his face turned all red, with the flame of anger rising in the eyes. If not the guests were right there, he would rage up immediately. Soon he lowered down the voice and said, “You will know what you have just gotten yourselves into after this is finished! You bunch of impertinent bastards! Go away now!”

The ladies were all so frightened that they couldn't stop apologizing.

Ye Xiao hurriedly tried to ease the dispute, “Master, there is no need to be so harsh. It is reasonable that they are curious about the guests. It won't hurt to be watched anyway... Besides, it is my fault to interrupt the day. It would be impolite to just come with nothing... We are a lot of people coming to enjoy the feast. I guess I can give the ladies some small gifts to represent the gratitude of us all... Guys, what do you say?”

The others all yelled to agree.

They all knew Ye Xiao was trying to ease the embarrassment. Besides, it was obvious that Ye Xiao wanted them to make some noise. How could they not to shout out loud? They had to do it for him!

“Great! Great idea!”

“It must be much better than the gifts we can take out...”

“That's right! Curiosity is in our nature. It is reasonable. There is no need to be angry, Clan Chief Ge...”

The clan chief's face turned red, and he couldn't say a word to respond.

Ye Xiao suddenly flashed.

The over ten ladies all felt something appeared in their hands.

As they looked down, they saw a jade bottle in the hands of each. Inside the bottle, it was a dan bead.

They weren't scared anymore, but curious. [What is it? How good is it to be Xiao Monarch's gift?]

They were all members of Ge Clan, which meant they were not ignorant people. They realized that the dan beads must be unusual, but none of them ever thought about the dan bead in some legendary level. After all, such dan beads should only exist in tales!

“It's embarrassing to say. Ladies, you are all beautiful. The dan beads I gave you will only make you look a bit more beautiful...” Ye Xiao smiled, “Ladies always care about their appearances... The dan beads I just gave you cannot extend your lives, but it can keep you in youth... Not that will make you look young forever, it's just... It will make you look young for one or two hundred years, I guess... It shouldn't be difficult.”

The others were all shocked and made a light exclamation!

“Ah!”

The ladies were all shouting out because of being overjoyed.

To stay young!

That was the dream of all women in the world.

[We sneaked out and violated the strict order, yet we won't be punished—instead, we got our dream come true?]

All the ladies almost fainted out.

The thousands of others all looked pretty envious.

These women were so lucky...

Everybody looked at Ye Xiao as if he was truly a god.

[Xiao Monarch actually just give them such valuable things... He has given so many dan earlier beads already...]

[Xiao Monarch is unfathomable indeed...]

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Xiao Monarch was indeed unfathomable now. He was high in the show at the moment. The Agerasia Dan beads were definitely powerful enough to make a lady look young for one or two hundred years. The dan beads were at least in the level with dan fog. In fact, they were some defective goods. When Ye Xiao let Erhuo make some Supreme Agerasia Dan beads, he told it not to absorb anything from the dan beads during the production. Well, Erhuo made the supreme dan beads, but also had some defective dan beads produced at the same time!

The ultimate level Supreme Agerasia Dan beads were the best because of the concentration of the dan qi. Meanwhile, the defective ones were much worse than they should be. They might look good but were only at the level of dan glow.

However, they were still better than the normal Agerasia Dan! They were still legendary treasures in Qing-Yun Realm!

At least for the ladies, they were something they all dreamed for!

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The same afternoon.

Almost all the ladies in Ge Clan were crazy.

In fact, every single one of them went crazy!

The girls who sneaked out to peek actually got such valuable dan beads...

However, those who strictly obeyed the rules got nothing! It was unfair!

Those who didn't get the Agerasia Dan beads were all so jealous that their eyes turned red for it.

All the women cared for their faces!

Nobody didn't care for their appearance!

The ladies all regretted. [Why didn't I sneak out with them? Why was I so obedient?]

[Why? Why didn't I get it?]

[Ah!]

Their eyes all turned blue, because red eyes couldn't express their jealousy better!

No one of the ladies who had the dan beads saved the dan beads!

They all knew that it was dangerous to keep the dan bead.

The best way to deal with the dan bead was to swallow it immediately!

Nothing should be worried about anymore!

They didn't need to worry about their face anymore!

It seemed nothing could go wrong in their lives... Well, even if things would go wrong, nothing was more important than staying young!

That was why they all immediately swallowed the dan beads...

When the other women stared at them enviously, these ladies all kept their chests up like a proud peacock.

[Humph! We have it! You don't!]

[We ate them! You don't have the chance to snatch any!]

[This is our fate... This is our moral quality... This is... Everything good!]

They were so obviously showing off, which undoubtedly drew them much hate from the others. It did nearly cause a disturbance though.

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Chapter 1329: Please Hold Justice for Us

Ge Zhenfeng secretly gave an order to the entire Ge Clan with irresistible and sharp words!

"Whoever dares to ask Xiao Monarch for Agerasia Dan beads... will get their legs broken, faces ruined, and get expelled immediately!"

The truth proved that Ge Zhenfeng was an experienced man with foresight.

Nobody should underestimate the eager of women for agerasia. If Ge Zhenfeng didn't give the order, Ye Xiao would be surrounded by a bunch of crazy pinky ladies...

It couldn't stop their eagerness though.

Outside the yard of the room Ye Xiao stayed, girls, ladies... were all watching him with yearning...

[We want agerasia too... Sob, sob...]

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A great feast was held that night to celebrate the arrival of a crowd of 'good friends'. Ge Clan had never held a bigger feast ever before.

Ye Xiao was having a good talk with people, laughing and drinking. The others were all having a good time.

In the middle of the feast, Ge Zhenfeng took some people to come and toast to Ye Xiao. Ye Xiao didn't refuse any of them. Instead, he smiled and showed them his gratefulness. Finally, things seemed to be in peace again.

Suddenly, the silence spread away. After a while, the entire hall was in silence.

"Today, as the great Lord Xiao Monarch is here, I have a few words to say to you all." Ge Zhenfeng got a hint from Ye Xiao. That's why he was bold to say it out.

In fact, he was in the highest position among the people except Ye Xiao, so Ye Xiao figured he was the right person to do the speaking!

The others responded, "No need to be so courteous, Master Ge. Just go on."

"That's right. We are all listening to your golden saying."

Ge Zhenfeng cleared the throat and said, "As you all know, Qing-Yun Realm has been in the disturbance. A calamity is going to hit the martial world. We are all great cultivators. You all know this is true."

The others all looked solemn.

The men wearing black clothes had been quite active in the world for quite some time. Some clans and sects had been wiped out within days. Sima Clan was not the only case.

The black terror had spread to the entire Qing-Yun Realm.

The significant and influential sects weren't involved yet, but everybody knew that many people from the great sects were missing.

Everybody started to worry.

The men knew that those people would never surrender, or to draw over anybody, just like Ye Xiao and Ge Zhenfeng said. They just killed!

The secret organization was against all the forces in Qing-Yun Realm. It was true!

That was why everybody held the breath and listened to Ge Zhenfeng concentratedly.

"Those people have risen up their weapons. It is impossible that we can hide away and hope for survival. The only way to survival is to fight them and defeat them. However, we... We have no information about

those men. We don't know where they are from, what organization they are, what their background is, what sects are they from... We know nothing about them.

"The only thing we know is that the sword is right over our necks. Nobody knows when it will chop down mercilessly!"

Ge Zhenfeng looked pretty sad, "We have nothing to do about it. I can't deny the fact."

Nobody talked. It was still silent.

Everybody was solemn and lost in thoughts.

"Even if we want to make an initiative attack, we have no idea how to do it." Ge Zhenfeng looked worried and grieved, "Are we going just to sit and wait for the end of our lives?"

The others were still silent, but cast their eyes on Ye Xiao with hope.

Ye Xiao smiled and thought, [Well, a bunch of smart asses. None of my dan beads are wasted.]

Ge Zhenfeng totally understood what Ye Xiao wanted and decisively took the chance to speak for Ye Xiao.

Now he had made it clear to everybody else.

Although everybody had already known it, somebody had to say it out first.

"Guys, we all have families. I guess most of you are not alone at the moment... I have Ge Clan. If the vile organization starts the war... my clan... I have spent thousands of years to build this clan. It will be destroyed!"

Ge Zhenfeng looked pretty sullen.

The others' faces all turned dark at the same time.

Many of them were prime masters of some sects or clans. What Ge Zhenfeng said truly had concerned them.

[What the war starts... Ge Clan will be ruined. What about ours?]

[Aren't we going to face the same situation?]

[The nightmare... How do we face it?]

[Do we watch our clan, the people that we care, die in front of us?]

[We don't want to wait and die, but what can we do?]

[After all, the secret organization was way too powerful. Does it even mean anything to resist it?]

Ge Zhenfeng looked a bit angry, so he talked louder, "The secret organization is powerful. We have to admit it. They may have a potent force that can rule the entire Qing-Yun Realm. But aren't we together powerful too? How many superior cultivators do we have? As long as we can be united, as long as we don't give them the chance to break us one by one, I don't think anybody can fight against the joint force of the entire Qing-Yun Realm!"

“However, we need a man to lead. We need a leader, who can gather us together to resist the approaching crisis!” He suddenly turned around, knelt down to Ye Xiao and said loudly, “The great Lord Xiao Monarch is right here! He is the most powerful man in Qing-Yun Realm. The true one! Cultivation was not the reason why he is the best. He is generous, heroic, righteous, honest, brave, kind, merciful...”

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Chapter 1330: Unforeseen Event Again

“Besides, Xiao Monarch had fought against that evil organization many times. He knows them more than all the others do!

“So, I, Ge Zhenfeng, humbly request for the great Lord Monarch’s support... Please, stand out for us! Be the brightest and toughest flag for the world! Please lead us to fight the war and destroy the evil organization! Please save our homeland!

“Great Lord Xiao Monarch, you have been living like a divine dragon, out of the business of the martial world. However, the story of you has never stopped spreading in this world. No matter how powerful the organization is, they can never threaten your safety... However, we are begging you, Lord Monarch! For the sake of all livings in the world, swing your sword for us! Only under your command, we can fight against the enemy!”

Ge Zhenfeng was really lighting up a bright light in the darkness for the others!

The crowd of people were all enlightened.

[Master Ge is right! Xiao Monarch is kind and powerful. He is our hope! If he stands out to lead us, we can have the chance to defeat that evil organization!]

[Most importantly, Xiao Monarch is such a capable man! He has just defeated Wu Fa! He is a legend to us!]

In fact, some of them had thought of the same idea. However, they also knew that the isolated cultivators hated to get involved to something unrelated to them. Ye Xiao was typically an isolated cultivator. They assumed that he wouldn’t mess with the organization. Besides, they believed the organization wouldn’t bother to deal with the isolated cultivators. Xiao Monarch could just walk away from the war. No matter what happened, he didn’t need to set foot in the mess. However, Ge Zhenfeng was speaking out the hope in all these people’s hearts!

How could they not be touched as now their hope was lit up!

“Please, great Lord Xiao Monarch! Help us... Please hold justice for us!”

All of them bowed.

Everyone looked so sincere as if they were worshipping a god!

Ye Xiao made a sigh to the sky, speechless, pretended to be having difficulty. In fact, he was enjoying the feeling. [Ge Zhenfeng, is quite a cunning fox. Only a few words and he actually got what I wanted to say. At the right time, he spoke out the right thing and made the right scene. Well, he is also quite honest. He

is telling the truth about me... generous, heroic, righteous, honest, brave, kind, merciful... I can't deny it! Although I was not in the world, the world never forgot my name!]

It was such a perfect starting scene, and he should continue the show next...

After a while, he pretended to worry about the vexatious situation. He blandly said, "Please, get up, guys."

However, the cultivators were still kneeling.

They thought the great Xiao Monarch was going to say no to them.

[It seems... he is not going to give us the expected response... He seemed to be pretty angry about the secret organization. He talked like he was going to fight the vile organization himself! What happened? What do we do if he doesn't agree? Is our hope going to break?] They were all nervous.

They all understood though. They thought Xiao Monarch was angry about the secret organization, but Xiao Monarch never said it. Everybody had a personal formula for doing things.

[Xiao Monarch is the greatest cultivator in Qing-Yun Realm. Even if all the people in the organization fight him together, he can still escape as he wants.]

[Nobody could kill such a powerful man who is like a dragon to the world.]

[The secret organization is powerful indeed, but not a threat to Xiao Monarch.]

[If he agrees to lead us, he will have to consider much more and work much more. After all, he will have to fight the organization to the end.]

[Nobody knows what the result will be.]

[If Xiao Monarch can live a leisured life, hanging around the world like a dragon, why would he risk his life for us?]

They asked themselves the question and got the same answer. Because it was too much to ask Xiao Monarch for, they all felt upset and frustrated.

However, they couldn't give up the last hope they got, so they just kept getting down on the knees.

"Lord Xiao Monarch, if you refuse... We will die in those people's hand sooner or later. I would rather die here in front of you. You saved our lives from the demonic Wu Fa anyway. Just take it as we are returning our lives to you."

Somebody kept doing kowtow, moaning with tears.

Ye Xiao was going to say yes, but he hated to be forced by others, so he was a bit hesitating...

However, the sound of a dash rang up in the air. Somebody rushed into the hall like a shooting star. "Chief, a battle is ongoing in the south of Qing-Yun Realm. A group of overwhelmingly powerful men who wear black clothes attacked Sikong Clan. The two sides are both fighting pretty drastically. Sikong Clan has lost many people. Their place is ruined. Sikong Nan, their Clan Chief nearly died... Their place has become a ruin now!"

Apparently, this people had been in shock after he learned the information about the battle. He kept slipping out the words in a hurry with gasps, but then he realized something was unusual in the hall. “What... What is going on?”

Before he finished, he spat out a mouthful of blood and fell back down to the floor.

He had been moving as fast as he could after he learned the message. He didn’t stop even for once on the way. First, it was Sima Clan, and then Sikong Clan—the two clans were both among the nine great clans, just like Ge Clan.

The nine clans weren’t so friendly to each other, but now they were facing the same enemy.

Nobody knew who would be the next target.

This man had been consuming all the energy he had to get home. Now that he had told everybody what he wanted to say, so he finally relaxed. That was why he finally couldn’t hold it up, only fell into unconsciousness.

Everybody in the hall was shocked when they heard the news. Each of them showed a pale face all of a sudden.

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