#### Firmament 1491

### **Realms In The Firmament**

## Chapter 1491: Be My Guard!

Ye Xiao turned indifferent, too. "Bu Xiangfeng, do you really have to play this trick?" Bu Xiangfeng abruptly turned to Ye Xiao. He was surprised. "You know who I am?"

Ye Xiao coldly smiled and casually paced to the chair. He sat down and said, "Of course I know who you are. You put on a big show in the auction. I was there. I watched everything you did!"

Bu Xiangfeng laughed and said, "Kiddo, you are not stupid, but just audacious. You know who I am, yet you still do this to me. If your man didn't show up just now, you might have done your trick!"

Ye Xiao laughed and said, "I did all this only because I know who you are! Do you think I should fear you?"

Bu Xiangfeng took a deep breath. When he was about to say something, Ye Xiao continued to say, "It is still the same situation. Maybe I will die, and maybe you will die after me. Nothing changed. Whether I know who you are or not, it won't change what you have to face!"

"I knew, but I pretended not. I could get you killed. Now that we all know that I know who you are, why can't I still get you killed? I can't do things to hurt my own interests, can I?"

Ye Xiao coldly smiled and continued saying, "Who do you think you are scaring with your murderous qi? I know that you won't let us live, because we have seen the most awkward side of you... Well, since we are going to die anyway, why would we fear your murderous qi? Hilarious!"

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked.

'That's right. They know who I am, but it doesn't change anything!"I may have more to worry about, but they don't!'

'In fact, they can put down all disquises and be themselves!'

'In the end, this is still the same awkward situation for me. Nothing gets better at all.'

'Everything is on the table now, but it doesn't seem to bring me any good.'

'As this pretty boy said, they know who I am, so they are sure I can't bear the humiliation. No matter what they do, I would have to kill them. Why wouldn't they get me killed as an act of revenge?'

'That is an easy choice for them!'

'The appearance of the man in black clothes seems to reveal everything to everybody, but it gets me to a worse situation. If we pretend that he doesn't know me, he may give me the chance to go away. Now he won't.'

'I don't want to die!'

Bu Xiangfeng frowned.

'I don't want to die... I don't want to get hurt either."I have so many things to...'

"Pretty boy, I can see that you have a perfect solution in your smart head. I know you have it. Say it! How can we both survive this?" Bu Xiangfeng thought for a while, and couldn't think of a way. Eventually, he sat down on the chair and asked for Ye Xiao's help.

Ye Xiao didn't shout immediately, because there was another way to get it through. Bu Xiangfeng just couldn't get to an answer! He wondered how they could solve the problem perfectly!

'Why would they believe me, even if I promise I won't kill them?'

Bu Xiangfeng would choose to die together than to believe a man like himself!

'This pretty boy seems to be a cunning man! Does he have a solution? Even if not, it is good to buy some time.'

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Bu Xiangfeng, the Farewell Sword. You used to be Bu Gaofeng, from the Qianshan City of the Zhongyuan Area. You are from the East Sky. When you were a child, you became a disciple to a powerful man. When you learned everything he taught you, the village you lived in was infected by a pestilence. All the people in your family were killed."

"You were heart-struck. Because you were sad about not being able to see your family again, you changed your name to Bu Xiangfeng, which means 'never to meet'. Bu is your family name. Xiangfeng, which means 'to meet'. It sounds like you don't want to meet, but you actually dream for it. You want the reunion so bad... You want to get your family back... so you can meet them again."

"Your weapon was named the Farewell Sword when you changed your name! That was a true farewell. When your sword appeared, people died!"

Ye Xiao spoke out everything about Bu Xiangfeng, slow and loud.

Bu Xiangfeng humphed and said, "There are not many people who know these things about me, but some people do. It doesn't surprise me that much."

Ye Xiao nodded and continued to say, "When you left the village, nobody knows whether you left alone or with other people. I know that you have taken some people with you."

Bu Xiangfeng was indifferent, but he humphed.

"When a pestilence hits a village, it doesn't mean everybody in the village dies. When you got home, the pestilence had just hit your hometown. There should be more than half of the people in the village who were alive."

"According to the record, you have been living in thrift. No matter how much you earned, you never spent a lot... I have a question to a powerful and a decent man like you, what have you spent your money on?"

Ye Xiao coldly stared at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "I have thought about it... You never waste a coin, no matter how much you have earned. I think you have spent them on something mysterious... There must be a place, where you have some people or some things to take care of."

"I guess a man can only defeat his own desire when the responsibility tells him to." Ye Xiao was casually speaking, and Bu Xiangfeng was shocked. He was shocked. He was truly shocked!

'What he said... It was not entirely the truth, but it was unbelievably close. Most of it was true.'

"In the auction that was held by the Brotherhood Alliance's salesroom, everybody thought that you were intentionally provoking Master Xiao. I thought so too, but when you took out the Destiny Golden Lotus... I knew that you really wanted to have one of the two rare metals. It is known that the Destiny Golden Lotus is much more valuable than the two rare metals, but you still take it out for sale. You have your own reason to get one of the two rare metals!"

Bu Xiangfeng humphed and thought, 'Why does he know so much about me?" Why does he know everything?'

"It is not difficult to know that the eighty thousand purple spirit coins were truly all you had..." Ye Xiao blandly said, "You were going to spend all the money you have and give up one Destiny Golden Lotus for the metal. I guess the metal must mean a lot to you. I think you need the metal for something that is important to you. It must be your weapon, isn't it?

The Farewell Sword."

"Your weapon must be damaged, so you need the metal to repair it. If you can't get it fixed, you will be a lot weaker than you should be. You don't need your weapon when dealing with some small fights, but you definitely need it when fighting against some powerful opponents. If you have your sword fixed tonight, you wouldn't have to negotiate with a weak shrimp like me, would you?"

Bu Xiangfeng nearly dropped his jaw on the floor. He really wanted to open Ye Xiao's head and saw what his brain looked like. He wondered how Ye Xiao figured out everything!

In fact, he didn't know that he was just like another Ning Biluo to Ye Xiao. He was just like a Human Realm Upon Heavens version Ning Biluo. That was why it wasn't difficult for Ye Xiao to figure out what was behind him. A superior cultivator needed the rare metal so much, then he must need it for his weapon!

The most important thing about a weapon was that it must fit the owner. Ye Xiao already had the divine weapon, Stars Sword, but when the Monarch's Sword was back, it immediately became the prior choice, because the Monarch's Sword fit Ye Xiao the most.

Bu Xiangfeng had the same weapon. The first thing he should do was to find a block of rare metal to fix his sword. If he changed a weapon, he would be at least twenty percent weaker. If a superior cultivator got weakened by twenty percent, it was serious. If Bu Xiangfeng still got his sword in good condition, he could have killed one of the enemies with one strike. If so, he wouldn't have to do all these troublesome things afterward!

For a cultivator, power meant everything!

Ye Xiao said, "This is my thought. You are not in your full power, so you can't protect the people you want to protect anymore. That is why you want to fix the sword soon. However, because of Master Xiao, you missed the rare metals... You have been acting shamelessly tonight because you want to live. You want to live because you want to keep protecting those people. If you die, they die! Am I right?"

Bu Xiangfeng looked cold, and said, "Do you think you are so clever that you can see everything?"

"Of course, I am smart." Ye Xiao coldly smiled and said, "If I am not, I won't waste time to figure out what is hidden in your head. I will just kneel before you and beg for life. I guess I would have been killed if I did so. You wanted to kill me from the beginning. How would you leave a problem behind you? If my man didn't show up, I have no idea what would happen to me..."

Bu Xiangfeng humphed and said, "What else do you know? Just say it!"

Ye Xiao blandly said, "I know that there is a huge problem with your Farewell Sword."

Bu Xiangfeng rolled up both eyes and said, "You said it before, didn't you? Is this all you got? Are you going to keep repeating the same words again and again?"

Ye Xiao shook his head and said, "You are wrong. What I am going to say is the most important part. According to the record, when you got on the top three of the Itinerant Cultivator Power Ranking List, you were only at level nine of the Divinity Origin Stage. Your special martial art technique and your unknown power gave you that position. It was tricky."

Ye Xiao lowered his head and said, "It was about... two hundred years ago." Bu Xiangfeng humphed again like he didn't care at all.

Ye Xiao said, "At least in the recent two hundred years, there was no record of your improvement. I think your sword wouldn't be damaged if you didn't get any improvement.

"When a cultivator breaks the limit of the Divinity Origin Stage to enter the Saint Origin Stage, he has to have a fight of life and death. Only after a battle like that, fighting between life and death, one will break through the limitation."

"I think you have reached the top of the stage, so you found yourself a powerful opponent and put on a desperate fight."

"I don't know who your opponent was, but I am sure you didn't get easy on that. You have once disappeared for fifty years in the world. That may prove my point."

Ye Xiao blandly looked at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "Don't deny it. I have read everything about you on the ranking lists. It must be correct."

"I knew it! I knew those f\*cking ranking lists would ruin something someday! You should mind your own business and focus on your own cultivation! Why don't you just keep improving yourself instead of studying those stupid ranking lists? You are doing no decent works!" Bu Xiangfeng fiercely said.

"No decent works? What? You know what, if I didn't do that, I might have died now. If that's not decent work, at least it keeps me alive!" Ye Xiao said with a smile.

"You did get to know something, so what? I don't think you know everything!" Bu Xiangfeng gritted his teeth."

"There is the truth, and there are evidence, also some traces... I can definitely make a firm conjecture. For example, if you didn't get severely wounded, and you did breakthrough to a new level... it wouldn't take you fifty years to recover... In those fifty years..."

"What about the fifty years?" Bu Xiangfeng was a bit shocked by the young man's deduction. He was not just shocked, but also terrified."

"In those fifty years, you must be working on the Farewell Sword, weren't you? After that great battle, you were improving fast." Ye Xiao casually said.

"..." Bu Xiangfeng had no words to say. 'Did you really just quess? Didn't you follow me or something?'

"Other than that, I can be sure about two other things. First, you didn't fix your Farewell Sword. Second, you have been improved greatly in those fifty years. You became level two of the Saint Origin Stage."

Ye Xiao said, "That's the biggest secret about you!"

Bu Xiangfeng abruptly raised up his head and looked at Ye Xiao. In his eyes, there was fear and murderous intent!

It was his biggest secret!

Bu Xiangfeng was sure that nobody else knew it! He believed no one knew his secret!

'How? How did he... Is he a monster?'

'No, if he is a member of a monster clan, he wouldn't be this clever!'

"Why so shocked? I said it. There are truth and evidence. It isn't difficult to dig deep enough to what is hidden behind the scene. Think about it. If you didn't succeed in the improvement, you wouldn't come to the City of Chaos so hastily, and you wouldn't give up so much just to get the rare metal."

Ye Xiao said, "Because you have too many things to care about, so you have to be powerful. You won't spend the money like you did if you don't have to. There are two possible reasons that you would do that. First, you can't fix the Farewell Sword by yourself. Second, the sword does not fit you anymore. It is full of flaws after you reached a new level."

"If the Farewell Sword didn't get damaged, you might be able to improve it by refining it with

your own energy. However, it must be quite badly damaged. What you did could just recover it from the damage, but it didn't fit you in the fight anymore... It is difficult to use its true power now. Hmm. You are so desperate, because you can't use your Saint Origin Stage power on the sword, and it was going to break soon! Once you pour too much energy into the sword, it will break into pieces. The connection between the weapon and the owner was the most important."

"The Farewell Sword has been fighting with you for so many years, and it fits you so well... You don't want to give it up. That's why you came."

"You want to fix the Farewell Sword."

"But you got disappointed. You didn't get what you want! "You don't have enough money!"

"You didn't get the two rare metals because of Master Xiao, who also desperately needs the metals. You were angry about it. You knew that it was almost impossible to have the chance to get another Feather Bronze or Brocade Steel again. You were angry, and also in despair..."

"It looked like you were teasing Master Xiao, but the truth was... Master Xiao was so wealthy that he was definitely going to have the thing that you needed... Neither of you has done anything wrong. You both just wanted to get the things you needed! However, what you did brought you a horrible enemy! Master Xiao! He is just a vertical bamboo flute player, but in fact, he is unfathomable."

"I wouldn't bother to guess what happened tonight because it was obvious. The guardians came out because of a fight in the city. You were in the fight for sure, and you were fighting against the people of Master Xiao."

"You came to this city and didn't get what you wanted, but messed with a man who turned out to be so powerful. You have plunged yourself into big trouble."

Ye Xiao's cold eyes stared at Bu Xiangfeng, and he said, "You don't want to die, so you are here... It is such a coincidence, but I never like it this way."

"Don't stare at me like that. I have thought through everything. I don't fear what you might do to me in the City of Chaos. I don't fear, so I do whatever I want to do."

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "There are always accidents, no matter how confident I am. To make sure I will be safe, I did what I did. I realized that you really did not want to die. You fear death more than I do... You have a reason not to die. Even if you know that I won't shout, you don't want to take the risk. You will stop me! You will beg me! You will get down before me."

Ye Xiao blandly looked at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "Why would I fear you? Especially when everything is on the table, why would I fear? You should think about how to ask me for a chance to live!" Bu Xiangfeng sat down on the chair.

He had gathered a strong murderous qi on him, but the murderous qi was weakened bit by bit. Now there was none left. Bu Xiangfeng was frustrated.

"I have never thought that there is actually somebody who can make such a conjecture with only a few traces... This is impressive..." Bu Xiangfeng made a long sigh. "You are just a young man."

"I am impressed." He meant it.

"Impressed? I believe you truly mean it. However, when this is over, you will kill us. Won't you?" Ye Xiao said with a smile.

"Of course, I will." Bu Xiangfeng took a breath and said, "I really don't want to kill you if I have a choice, but you have to die."

"Because you showed your face to us, and we have seen the disgraceful side of you? Because I know your secret? As long as we are alive, you won't feel safe. I think that is a fair reason. I would do the same if I were you!" Ye Xiao said.

"It is good that you understand." Bu Xiangfeng humphed and coldly said, "Living in the world, one has to do many things. No matter what he has done, he should do it for the first desire that is unchanged!"

"That's honest." Ye Xiao thought for a while and then nodded. "My first choice is to shout as loudly as I can to draw over the guardians, who will kill you immediately. It will get me and my man killed, but you will die too. That is at least what I can do. What do you think? Do I dare?"

Bu Xiangfeng seemed to be quite upset, and he said, "It is truly your best choice. Otherwise, you will only have peace for one night. After tonight, I will hunt you down and kill you. It is better to die while killing the enemy, rather than to wait for death! I can understand it! If I were you, I would make the same choice!"

"It is difficult to be friends, but it is also difficult to be enemies. I think that is exactly what we are!" Ye Xiao smiled.

"How can you smile? I, Bu Xiangfeng never admired anybody, but I have to admit that I do admire you. If you can live, maybe you will stir some great disturbance in the world someday! What a shame!" Bu Xiangfeng said in a deep voice.

It meant he had made up his mind to kill Ye Xiao after the crisis was over. No matter what Ye Xiao did,

no matter he would call for the guardians or not, Bu Xiangfeng would kill him. In other words, Ye Xiao was dead! Bu Xiangfeng might escape the guardians, but Ye Xiao was surely going to die!

Ye Xiao suddenly said, "I know you are not a man without a conscience. I know you won't twist the truth. You are quite humble to me, so I guess I should give you a chance."

Bu Xiangfeng coldly humphed and said, "I can easily kill you. What makes you think that I need you to give me a chance? You have only one last second to make a choice! I am going to kill you now!"

"Wait!" Ye Xiao pointed two fingers up and said, "The longer it takes, the better situation it is to you. You know that, don't you? As long as the guardians are gone, there is nothing I can do to hurt you. Since I don't hurry, why do you? You don't have to send us both to hell so soon!"

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked, and he said, "What do you mean? Are you going to give up the only chance that can get me killed? Will you wait for tomorrow and let me kill you?"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "You are not the only one who wants to live a long life. I am too. I don't want to do it now, because I am trying to figure out a solution that can save both of us!"

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked. He automatically withdrew the murderous qi. Apparently, he did want to have a solution to save both sides as well.

After all, he wasn't in full power, so he was not sure he could escape the guardians after killing Ye Xiao!

At the very least, even if Ye Xiao was just playing tricks, the longer it took, the better it was for Bu Xiangfeng. No matter what happened next, Bu Xiangfeng could surely accept it.

Ye Xiao didn't hesitate, so he said, "There is a simple way that can solve this problem. Just don't kill me! Don't think that I am bragging. I am not powerful, but I am rich. I can move. I can move to wherever I want to live. I can go and live around the guardians.

"I think you understand this. Money doesn't mean anything, but sometimes money solves all problems. I can get somewhere to live under the protection of the guardians, and trust me, it won't be difficult. You won't get to kill me, but I may become the biggest problem that tortures you in your heart. You can't kill me."

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked.

After a while, he gritted his teeth and said, "You are terrible! Money does solve many things!"

"I don't think I have a choice. I have to do it to save my life. Other than this, I can't think of

another way. Your life doesn't mean anything to me, so I won't exchange my life just for your death. That is such a stupid deal for me!"

Ye Xiao put down one of his two fingers that were pointing up, and said, "Of course, it is not quite a satisfying solution for you. You may still want to kill me first. I can give you one thing in return if you keep me alive... I can give you one thing that you want."

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked. He looked at Ye Xiao and said, "What? What could you give me?" "You want a perfect Farewell Sword, don't you? I can fix it, and I can enhance it! It will become

the true divine weapon." Ye Xiao sounded indifferent, but what he just said was explosive.

"..." Bu Xiangfeng started to breathe heavily.

He stared at Ye Xiao and couldn't believe what the man just said.

"You don't believe me, because you don't think I have the power. Do you know why I am rich?" Ye Xiao blandly said, "Simple. The five rare metals that were sold in the auction of the Brotherhood Alliance's salesroom belonged to me... I got all my money from the five metals!"

Bu Xiangfeng widely opened his eyes in shock and said, "You? Was it you?"

"Yes, I am the owner!" Ye Xiao smiled and said, "I got the rare metals, which means I know how to get more. We were enemies, and our lives are both in danger at the moment. I don't need to lie. I hate liars, and I am definitely not one."

Ye Xiao looked at Bu Xiangfeng with confidence. When he talked, he sounded so proud and certain.

Bu Xiangfeng was shocked again. This must be a special day for him because he was shocked so many times.

"What do you think you can do for me?" Bu Xiangfeng stayed quiet for a while and asked.

When Ye Xiao started talking, the Dark Evil Spirit started to have a weird expression on his eyes.

It was admiration... It was obedience...

As the Dark Evil Spirit looked at Bu Xiangfeng, the expression changed too.

When Ye Xiao started to talk, the Dark Evil Spirit started to feel relieved when he looked at Bu Xiangfeng.

'Just listen... Just keep listening to the young master... Listen to him, and we will all be safe...'

When Ye Xiao said half of the words, the Dark Evil Spirit felt totally relieved. When he looked at

Bu Xiangfeng, he thought, 'We are safe now. What a horrible man!'

When Bu Xiangfeng showed his murderous qi, the Dark Evil Spirit was surprised. 'How is this possible?' The young master is good at persuasion. How could he fail this time? Was he too playful?'

When Ye Xiao started to talk about enhancing the Farewell Sword, the Dark Evil Spirit was thrilled up.

He thought, 'He still got the great persuasion technique! He is invincible! This is not an exception! This man is going to be fooled! This is it...'

When he heard Bu Xiangfeng asked what Ye Xiao could do for him, the Dark Evil Spirit already thought that Bu Xiangfeng was not an enemy anymore. 'Well, he is with us now. Boss Bu, please do take care of me...'

"It is easy to do this, but I need your word... and I need protection. Well, I need a guard." Ye Xiao seriously looked at Bu Xiangfeng and sincerely said, "After what just happened, I realized I am insecure."

"You..." Bu Xiangfeng jumped up and pointed at his own nose and said with uncertainty, "You... You... You young man... You... You are only at level three of the Faery Origin Stage! How dare you want me, the Farewell Sword, Bu Xiangfeng, to be your guard? Are you sure? Are you out of your mind? What is wrong with you?"

He seemed to be utterly humiliated and started to desperately fly into a rage.

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# Chapter 1492: Ye Clan's Blood; Red Sky!

Ye Xiao was calm. He looked at Bu Xiangfeng and blandly said, "Why are you so emotional? Aren't you ridiculous? I am only at level two of the Faery Origin Stage, so I am weak. Why do you think I need a guard? I need somebody to keep me safe! If I am as powerful as the five sky kings, do you think I would need a guard?"

Ye Xiao looked at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "Are you kidding me? Or are you trying to raise your price?"

'Are you kidding me?'

'Or are you trying to raise your price?'

Bu Xiangfeng was blank.

That was exactly what he wanted to say to Ye Xiao, but it had been said by Ye Xiao first. He couldn't believe Ye Xiao could be so confident!

However, he felt that Ye Xiao was right!

Why would he want Bu Xiangfeng to be his guard if he was more powerful than Bu Xiangfeng?

Because Bu Xiangfeng was more powerful, he could keep Ye Xiao safe. That was a simple truth. How could Bu Xiangfeng be shocked by such a simple truth?

"Besides... I am offering a chance for you to get help." Ye Xiao said, "If you are my man, I won't tell the others about the awkward truth about you. Doesn't it relieve you a lot?"

"Relieve me? If I am your man, you won't need to worry about being killed by me! That's the truth!" Bu Xiangfeng was a bit blank in the head, but he knew what was happening.

"Well, if we want to live, we have to give up something. Everything comes with a price. Nobody can take all the advantages and give nothing. As long as you stay on my side, I won't tell anybody about the ugly side of you." Ye Xiao was happy. "The Farewell Sword, the third most powerful man in the Itinerant Cultivator Power Ranking List, and one of the top one hundred names in the Hongchen Ranking List has held my leg from behind. I guess nobody would want to hire you if they knew about this. I am doing you a favor..."

"Stop!" Bu Xiangfeng blushed and interrupted Ye Xiao.

"Puff!"

The Dark Evil Spirit finally burst into laughter. He couldn't hold it anymore...

"Master, you are so overwhelming. It is not true that nobody can take all the advantages. If this works, you absolutely take all the advantages..."

The Dark Evil Spirit admired Ye Xiao so much. He nearly got down on his knees. After that, he saw the murderous intent in Bu Xiangfeng's eyes, so he stopped the thought of kneeling down, but still couldn't stop shaking in laughter.

Ye Xiao said, "Old Bu, I can promise you one thing. If you become my guard, you can do whatever you want to this man. Look what he just did to you! Can you really stand it? I wouldn't endure it if I were you!"

He pointed out the Dark Evil Spirit and didn't blink. "You can vent your anger out everyday... It must be pretty good..."

"What?" The Dark Evil Spirit was shocked.

'Come on, boss. You can't do this to me...'

'I am your Old Dark, now he is your Old Bu. Are you going to push your Old Dark away for Old Bu?'

Bu Xiangfeng humphed and stared at the Dark Evil Spirit. Apparently, what Ye Xiao said had moved him.

The Dark Evil Spirit nearly cried. 'Holy hell... What have I done? I laughed! That is all! I couldn't hold it! Besides, I didn't do anything? It wasn't me who did all this! Why does he look at me like that?'

"One more thing, my guard gets paid quite well. You have been traveling in the martial world alone. The most you did was to complete some tasks that got paid."

Ye Xiao asked.

"Yes." Bu Xiangfeng proudly said, "I never do dishonorable things."

'Fool!'

Ye Xiao cursed in his head, but clapped with both hands and said, "Then why won't you be my guard? You just get paid to protect me, and that is all. I will give you money. I will give you much more than you deserve. You worked for others from time to time for the reward, why can't you work for me? What are you thinking? Is your head soaked? Why are you so foolish?"

Bu Xiangfeng felt like his head was in a mess like it was all soaked inside.

Everything Ye Xiao said seemed to be true, but he personally couldn't agree. He couldn't find any words to argue, so he felt confused. 'Am I really out of my mind?'

"Old Bu, are you misunderstanding something? I just let you be my guard. I may need you to do something else, but I will ask you to do it and respect your decision. You are not my slave! You must understand that. I know why you hesitate..."

Ye Xiao said, "Look, I am rich. I don't care about money, do I? You can absolutely make a lot of money from me, can't you? I won't mistreat you. How much do you think you should get as a guard, I will give you double! That is a profitable job... Are you still going to turn it down? Are you still hesitating? Really?"

Ye Xiao asked, "Are you sure you are sober? Isn't our brain soaked?"

Bu Xiangfeng rubbed his head and couldn't think of a word to answer. He was lost in thoughts and said, "Double? Really?"

"Yes, of course! Double! How can I lie about that? A deal is a deal!" Ye Xiao said, "I knew you would accept it! You did! How could you not? It is quite profitable. We are like a family now..."

Bu Xiangfeng was blank, and he said, "A family... That's right... We are..."

Suddenly, he was back to his own mind. He shouted with anger, "What family are you f\*cking talking about? I did not accept it!"

Ye Xiao frowned and said, "Didn't you ask for a double payment?"

Bu Xiangfeng was angry. "I was just asking."

"I know, and I have answered it. I gave you the price you asked for..." Ye Xiao rubbed his head and said, "Are you going against your own words? Do you want more money?"

'Going against my words? More money?'

Bu Xiangfeng was a bit dizzy now. 'Did I say yes? Did I go against my words? Did I ask for more money?'

"Old Bu, we must have a conscience. I have promised that I will fix your Farewell Sword. You know it requires a block of rare metal, which may cost me a fortune..."

Ye Xiao looked at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "I will fix the Farewell Sword for you, pay you twice the money you deserve, provide residence and food for you, and you won't need to spend one yellow spirit coin

ever... Isn't it such a good job? It is much better than killing people in the martial world just for some coins! You can't raise the money just because I like you! We should have a bottom line, shouldn't we?"

Bu Xiangfeng didn't feel right when he listened to what Ye Xiao said, but he couldn't tell what was wrong. All Ye Xiao said was the truth, but he just couldn't feel right!

'What is wrong? I do not want to raise the money at all!'

'But... It seems I am raising the money... Am I greedy?'

'I have this feeling myself, how could he not?'

'Am I raising the money now?'

'Oh my god. I am not raising anything. I haven't even thought of it... How did things come this way?'

'Why would I become a shameless bastard like this?'

"Fine. I like you, and that is why you win again. Look, after I fix your Farewell Sword, and you have earned enough money, you can leave as you wish. I won't be willing to let you go, but I will have to. How about that...?"

Ye Xiao paused and said, "Besides, staying with me, you can keep me from speaking about your embarrassing history! Isn't it good?

"It is such a wonderful thing for you! You get the money, avoid all risks, get a good reputation, and do an easy job... Everything is going to be perfect on your side... Why are you still hesitating?" Ye Xiao was a bit angry. "Do you think it is disgraceful to be my guard? I have been lowering myself again and again. Why can't you just be satisfied?"

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### Cold atmosphere!

Bu Xiangfeng was totally blank in his head. He actually felt ashamed for himself. 'He has promised so much for me... It will be too improper to keep turning it down... But... I just don't feel right about it. Why?'

'Am I asking for too much?'

"Say it. What do you want from me? Just say it, and I will do the best I can... I must be out of my mind. Why would I like you so much..." Ye Xiao teased himself.

"Well, I... I didn't mean it. You are right, but I am not asking for more... I am not... Really..." Bu Xiangfeng said, without confidence.

"Of course I am right." Ye Xiao said, "You become my guard, and we both win. Think about it, doesn't it solve the problem now? I think you can understand me..."

Bu Xiangfeng rubbed his head an said, "Well, yes. I do understand... But... Are you sure you can fix my Farewell Sword? Are you sure you can get another piece of rare metal to enhance my sword?"

Ye Xiao was angry, and he said, "Do you not believe me? Do you think I am pretending?"

"No, no, no... I believe you..." Bu Xiangfeng said, "I just feel weird... I... How... Why would I get a job tonight? I do take all the advantages... I see... I understand..."

The Dark Evil Spirit nearly spat out water in his mouth, but he held it down and coughed.

He couldn't believe the man was actually fooled so badly like he was serving for the man who sold him to the devil!

"Well, I am glad that you understand it." Ye Xiao looked more peaceful now. He gently said, "Since we are like family now, I don't think I should hide anything from you. Here. It is a contract, proved by the City of Chaos. Let's sign it, and become truly one family. You know... We trust each other, but still... That is what law exists for... You can understand me..."

He got the contract a few days before.

As long as they signed the contract, in the City of Chaos, nobody dared to break it... The guardians would punish those who break contracts... If Bu Xiangfeng broke the contract, he would be more severely hunted by the guardians.

Ye Xiao took out the contract and grabbed Bu Xiangfeng's finger to sign with a fingerprint.

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After that, Bu Xiangfeng sat on the chair.

He looked at the red point on his finger, and his head was blank.

'Did I... Did I just sign the contract?'

The contract suddenly flashed with a red light, like it was responding to Bu Xiangfeng's thought. After that, the contract flew out and disappeared.

The contract had gotten into effect!

"Wait! That wasn't right!" Bu Xiangfeng suddenly jumped up and said, "That is wrong! Doesn't it mean I belong to you for some days?"

Ye Xiao rolled up his eyes and said, "Time flies. When the contract is due, you can still do whatever you want. What could be wrong?"

"Well, that's right." Bu Xiangfeng rubbed his head and asked, "How long is it? A few months, right? I heard so."

"Heh heh. Old Bu, contracts for Divinity Origin Stage cultivators are mostly short-term."

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "I am a Faery Origin Stage cultivator, so I kind of took advantage on that contract..."

Bu Xiangfeng didn't feel right, so he asked, "Advantage? How many years?"

"Well, just ten years. Like a blink." Ye Xiao smiled and said.

"F\*ck!" Bu Xiangfeng was totally numb.

'What the... How is that like a blink? Ten years? To be your guard for ten years? I have just sold my  $f*cking\ life!$ '

"Relax! I will keep raising your pay. Don't worry about money." Ye Xiao said, "Are you satisfied now?"

"I am not worrying about money..." Bu Xiangfeng was freaking out. "You know my secret, so I have to kill you... But... I became your guard, and I have to work for you for ten years... I was going to kill you, and now I have to protect you... How did this happen to me?"

Ye Xiao warmly said, "How can you still think about killing me? I have been so nice to you. How could you do that to me? What do you want? Just say it... I have trusted you with my life, yet you still think about killing me. Isn't it too improper? Fine. We will live for a long time. You will get to understand my sincerity someday... It has been a tough night. I am going to get us a full table of good food and fine liquor. Let's drink for our destined encounter..."

"We are a family now, and we should celebrate it!"

Ye Xiao looked like he was pretending to smile, but he was truly happy in his heart!

The Dark Evil Spirit had witnessed everything, and he admired Ye Xiao to the highest point now. He nearly got down on the floor to show admiration!

'That was amazing!'

'That was unbelievable!'

'He actually got a Saint Origin Stage cultivator, Bu Xiangfeng willingly become his guard just by talking. They even signed a contract... He owned the superior cultivator for ten years... I have seen everything... every detail... but... I still feel like I am in a dream.'

'Why does it feel like a dream to me?'

Ye Xiao held his drink and felt emotional all of a sudden. He got the first of the followers by lying, the second by saving his life, third by... cheating?

Was he going to keep doing it to recruit more people? He just felt so weird about it.

They had drunk a lot, and Bu Xiangfeng was a bit numb in the head.

He wasn't drunk yet, because he had a large capacity for liquor. He kept pouring liquor into his mouth with a miserable look. He just couldn't think it through...

'What is it?'

'Wasn't it too fast?'

'Why would I follow this young lord? He likes me... I... I quess I don't hate him... That is not the point...'

'I was hunted... and I fought back and hurt one of the enemies. When I was going to kill that man, the guardians showed up... I escaped... I encountered a young master... It must be destiny... I became his guard... I signed a ten years contract...'

'How weird...'

'I must be drunk...'

He had drunk a lot, but he wasn't drunk yet. He felt drunk because he couldn't understand how things would end up this way...

He got drunk for what happened, not for the liquor!

After a long time...

Bu Xiangfeng finally accepted it. Something came up in his heart.

"You have hired me now... I..." Bu Xiangfeng rubbed his head and said, "May I ask, what is your name?"

"Hah hah hah hah..." The Dark Evil Spirit burst into laughter.

'He was cheated... He was fooled to be a guard... He even signed the contract... Yet he doesn't know the name of the man he sold himself to...'

'This is unbelievable...'

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"Hah hah hah hah..." An old man was laughing at somewhere else, whose hairs had all turned gray. He had watched what had just happened.

It was such an enjoyable thing to watch a show like that...

The old man knew that he could live a happy life with just one single joke...

In the old man's hand, there was a jade pendant.

In the middle of the pendant, there was a small bit of red light.

"Why is the red light becoming weaker and weaker? What is happening? What is it?" The old man frowned. After a wild laugh, he was back to reality.

He did not do anything to Bu Xiangfeng, because he was interested in the story between Ye Xiao and Bu Xiangfeng. He wanted to see what would happen. If Ye Xiao and Bu Xiangfeng started a fight, the old man would show up and get involved.

However, unexpectedly, it became such a hilarious joke of Bu Xiangfeng!

It was more unexpected than a sharp twist of a story!

He had thought of many possibilities, but he never knew that it would develop like that...

He didn't now show up, because he was curious, and also because of the dimming red light in his hand.

There was only one jade pendant like that in the entire City of Chaos!

At the moment, Ye Xiao was speaking. "Old Bu, I should have told you. My name is Ye. Ye Xiao."

'My name is Ye!'

The old man who had been watching them from far away was shocked when he heard Ye Xiao's name.

'My name is Ye!'

The name and the dimming red light of the pendant made this old man tremble, even though he had lived for so many years, and should have been calm and steady to face all surprises.

After a while, his eyes moistened.

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About one hour earlier.

The old man heard the guardians alert. He did not want to get out for it, but it had been too long since he last showed himself.

He had been sitting in meditation in a sanctum, waiting for what he should wait for...

Suddenly, a voice sounded in his head.

"Oh... It has been one hundred thousand years..."

"One hundred thousand years!"

The old man abruptly sat up and opened his eyes. Two streams of lights shined up.

The next moment, he stood up and stepped out of the room

When he stood up, the entire City of Chaos fell into silence.

People thought that the guardians had made the city silent, but the power that brought silence to the city was from under the ground and beyond the clouds!

When the old man stepped out of the sanctum, he had stepped on the floor. He flew up to the sky fast, and then returned to the floor. He had grabbed a jade pendant from the altar.

The spiritual energy hit the jade pendant, and it became white—like the color of the snow.

In the middle of the jade pendant, there was a black dot.

"Ye Clan's Blood; Red Sky!"

The white-beard old man held the jade pendant with both hands like it was some sacred item for him. The next moment, he had rushed up to the sky again and looked down back to the city.

All he had to do was to focus, and he could find Bu Xiangfeng. It was impossible to hide oneself from the old man.

As he got to the sky again, he started to fly down again fast. He was going to grab the man who dared to have a fight in the City of Chaos and punish him hard. To make chaos in the City of Chaos was a flagrant crime!

When he was close to the inn where Ye Xiao stayed...

He felt something hot around his chest.

The heat made this great cultivator lose control. His heart even stopped for one second. He fell to the ground in the rolling dust!

He stopped himself and grabbed the thing that created the heat. It was the jade pendant. The black dot in the middle of the jade pendant had actually become red.

The old man was shocked.

"Ye Clan's Blood; Red Sky! One hundred thousand years, against the firmament! Why is the red color so dim?" The old man looked at the jade pendant. He had seen how bright the color used to be before.

'What is wrong with it...?'

'I can't even tell...'

'The Ye Clan... Our blood has become weak... Or is this guy not a lineal descent from us?'

The old man was confused. As he got closer to the window, the blood in the middle of the jade pendant became lighter. After that, it stopped turning lighter.

"It is right that the sensation gets stronger when it gets closer to the target..." The old man rubbed his own head and said, "He is definitely one of us... it can't be wrong... Why is the blood so light? Why?"

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# Chapter 1493: The Sky Turned Red!

"What the... What is going on?" Because of what happened, the old man who had always been calm and steady was freaking out.

After that, he watched everything happened in the room...

The top-class superior cultivator who was much more powerful than Ye Xiao and should have taken the initiative actually caved in after some words Ye Xiao had said. In the end, Bu Xiangfeng even became a guard to the young man. If the old man did not witness this, how could he believe it...?

Things happened fast. It made the old man laugh so hard that he nearly choked.

"Holy hell... He indeed carries the name of Ye. With just a few words, he has done such a great job. He is indeed a descent from a glorious clan..." The old man almost fell down because he laughed so hard.

At the moment, from far away, somebody was moving over to the room.

Behind that man, there were two other people chasing him. It seemed that the two of them were going to attack the room soon.

The man who was moving in the front actually didn't realize he was followed, and he directly got into the window. Apparently, he was with the owner of the room.

The old man frowned and waved a hand.

The two men who were chasing after the other man felt a soft but solid energy screen rising up, blocking them away from the room.

The two of them were both shocked. As they looked around, they saw the old man with a white beard standing before their eyes. They were shocked and hurriedly got down on their knees. "Great... Great Ancestor... Why... How... How come you are here in person?"

The two men were utterly frightened.

They never expected that what happened actually had disturbed their Great Ancestor, who had been staying in isolation!

Wasn't reality pretty scary?

What confused the two guys most was the truth that their Great Ancestor was hindering their work. They couldn't understand why.

"I got this. Off you go. Leave them alone." The old man blandly said.

"But..." One of the guards said, "That man has killed everybody in the Sun Family of the west city in one night... He has broken the law in the city... If we walked away now..."

"So what? I said leave them alone." The old man blandly said, "From now on, the City of Chaos will fall into chaos again. The death of one family doesn't mean anything!"

"What?" The two guards were frightened.

Apparently, what the old man said was pretty scary!

The old man showed them a smile and said, "Sometimes it is not a good thing to keep a place in peace for a long time. Chaos is the essence of the martial world. From now on, we don't need to worry about the city anymore. Let's hand over the City of Chaos to the hands of chaos again!"

The two guards, who were here to chase Bai Long, got stricken. They were blank.

'What is going on...?'

'Are we... Are we going to let the city become ungoverned?'

'Nothing like that ever happened in so many years.'

'Why?'

'Suddenly, it happens. How?'

'Isn't it too much a surprise?'

The guardians had devoted so much for the order in the City of Chaos and eventually made the city a peaceful place. However, they were going to just drop it...

The old man understood why the two guards would be so shocked, but he didn't want to explain more. He just gave an order and said, "Tell them to withdraw all our men immediately. Tell the nine elders to come to me. Tell them one thing."

"What should we tell them?" The two men held their breath. They knew something big was going to happen.

"Tell them, the time is up. The sky will turn red soon!"

The old man just finished his words and then disappeared instantly.

"The sky will turn red soon?"

The two men apparently didn't know what it truly meant. They were baffled...

However, the old man was gone. They couldn't ask him about it anymore.

Even if the old man was still there, the two of them wouldn't dare to ask anyway.

In fact, even the clan masters of their own clans didn't dare to recklessly ask questions when the Great Ancestor was talking.

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Ye Xiao, Bu Xiangfeng, and the Dark Evil Spirit were enjoying the final part of the feast.

The Dark Evil Spirit was so excited that he drank too much this night.

What they drank was not some ordinary liquor. It was the Drunk God—a liquor specially made for the high-level cultivators in the Human Realm Upon Heavens. One could never push out this special liquor out of their body by spiritual energy. The Dark Evil Spirit was so happy, so he drank a lot and got drunk.

Not only him, but also Bu Xiangfeng had drunk too much.

Ye Xiao was the only one who was still sober, with a pair of sharp and clear eyes.

It was the end of the feast.

Ye Xiao raised the drink and said, "Let's finish the last drink and call it a day. There are a lot of chances to continue the joy."

The three of them drank.

Bu Xiangfeng laughed and said, "People always say that it is good to be drunk. Well, if I know I am drunk, I am not that drunk. Well... In fact, I do feel muddle-headed... but I feel good about it... I think this is why it is so good to be drunk... It's good to be drunk."

The three of them smiled at the same time and drank for this enjoyable time.

When they were about to drink up the liquor, there was the sound of cloth sharply flickering the air. After that, a voice sounded outside the Dark Evil Spirit's room. "Dark, are you in there?"

The Dark Evil Spirit was muddled-headed, but as he heard the voice, he was back to his mind. He said in a low voice, "It is Bai Long!"

Ye Xiao raised up his head, and he looked confused.

He didn't expect Bai Long to come so soon.

It was especially not a good day for him to come this day!

Yet he did.

'Whv?'

Ye Xiao nodded to the Dark Evil Spirit, and the Dark Evil Spirit opened the door and said, "Bai Long, my master is over here."

Bai Long took a deep breath and said, "Thank you."

After that, he walked over and got into Ye Xiao's room.

Ye Xiao was confused, "Brother Bai, it is late at night. Are you okay?"

Bai Long walked into the room and suddenly got down on his knees. "Bai Long here, I can't express my gratitude to you, young master. Thank you for saving my life!"

Ye Xiao laughed and said, "That's not a big deal. Don't mention it. Why did you do this?"

Bai Long kept staying low on the floor and said, "Master, I have never met anybody like you in my life. I am impressed. You have saved my life. I have no idea what I can do to return your favor. I know that you are a generous man... Today, I am here to beg you for a position as your follower... Please accept me."

Ye Xiao was shocked.

'Is it really this easy?'

He had done a lot of things to get Bai Long over, but he was still surprised that Bai Long would cave in so soon.

"Brother Bai, you..." Ye Xiao was confused. "Why?"

Bai Long smiled bitterly and said, "The Sun Family... I killed them all... and sent their servants and maids back home..."

Ye Xiao was shocked.

That was out of his expectation. Although Ye Xiao didn't like the Sun Family at all, the clan master of the Sun Family had saved Bai Long's life after all. A decent man did not kill an old friend. Even though Bai Long decided not to serve the Sun Family anymore, he didn't need to go extreme on the case. If he could do such things to the Sun Family, he might do the same thing to Ye Xiao someday! That was why Ye Xiao was shocked!

"It is complicated. How difficult it is to figure out a man's thoughts." Bai Long made a sigh and started to tell Ye Xiao everything.

"Bastard! A whole family of bastards!"

After Bai Long told his story, Bu Xiangfeng raged up in shouts. He was actually the most enraged among the three men. He kept both eyes widely open and said with angry shouts, "How can such disgusting and filthy bastards live in the world! They deserved death!"

Bai Long looked frustrated, and he said, "They should die, but... I have done a traitor's work."

Bu Xiangfeng said, "How does that make you a traitor? Bai Long, you have done more than enough for them! You don't need to feel bad at all!"

Bai Long bitterly smiled and said, "I can't say. Now I am homeless. There is nobody in the City of Chaos that I can pledge loyalty to... After killing the Sun Family, I am wanted by the City of Chaos... I am here to see you, young master, hoping that you will accept me. If you take me, I will come and serve you with my life after the time I have to do in jail. If I am sentenced to die... This must be the only chance I have to show my respect and gratitude..."

Bu Xiangfeng looked at Ye Xiao, waiting for Ye Xiao's response. He obviously hoped Ye Xiao would accept Bai Long.

Ye Xiao thought for a while and said, "I have done a lot of things, trying to be friends with you, Brother Bai. Now that you are here, treating like a close friend to you, I won't turn you away. From now on, we are a family!"

"The law in the City of Chaos... If they don't come here for you, we should just pretend nothing happened. If they come..." Ye Xiao thought for a while and said, "Let's talk about it later."

In fact, he kept thinking about how to get Bai Long away from the guardians.

Bai Long was so glad. "Thank you, master! Please, don't worry. Once they come to get me, I won't do anything to get you harm."

The Dark Evil Spirit knew how things had been for Bai Long in the Sun Family, so he wasn't surprised about the result. However, Bu Xiangfeng barely knew anything, and he didn't know whether it was the right thing to do to be Ye Xiao's guard.

A Divinity Origin Stage cultivator paid a visit to a Faery Origin Stage young master with respect and admiration. That was rare, and Bu Xiangfeng didn't understand.

'What is so good about this young man? He is weak, yet his followers are powerful. First Old Hei pledged loyalty to him, and then I did. Now Bai Long is here to follow him. Is he really such a great man?'

'How come I can't feel it?'

Bu Xiangfeng was filled with righteous indignation for what happened to Bai Long. He kept saying comforting words, but couldn't understand why Bai Long would come to follow Ye Xiao, just after he killed the entire Sun Family.

The Dark Evil Spirit knew it, so he told Bu Xiangfeng about everything in a low voice. Bu Xiangfeng heard the story and started to feel admiring Ye Xiao. It was truly difficult for a man to do such a great favor for others.

It was the Seven Returns Dan in supreme level!

Bu Xiangfeng thought that it was enough to even pay for himself...

Since Ye Xiao could give Bai Long such a treasure before he promised to join Ye Xiao, he must be capable of giving Bu Xiangfeng the rare metal he needed. It was not just a saying!

When Bu Xiangfeng looked at Ye Xiao, he had a different feeling now.

He was a bit thrilled.

He never had this feeling before.

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That night.

The nine prime elders of the nine clans in the City of Chaos, who had been retired for a long time, gathered together in a secret place with the other elders from their clans. The meeting lasted for a whole night.

Nobody else knew what they were discussing in the meeting, but the next morning, the entire city fell into chaos.

It was not just a disturbance in the city. It was true chaos!

The chaos came from the government, from the guardians. Everybody who got the message was shocked... Nobody knew what to do...

"From now on, the City of Chaos will return to chaos. The nine governor clans will no longer maintain the order in the city."

"The martial world returns to the martial world. The City of Chaos is a part of the martial world!"

"No more prohibition on fights!"

The sudden news exploded in the City of Chaos, and spread to the entire Limitless Ocean!

Since the City of Chaos was built, the prohibition on fights had never been broken.

It had become the first order in the City of Chaos!

The guardians of orders in the City of Chaos was known as the most mysterious figure in the world.

Nobody knew who the guardians were, what their names were, what organization they belonged to...

The only thing people knew about them was their incredible power.

Behind these guardians, there were some even more powerful guardians behind them. If the guardians were in trouble, the superior guardians would show up immediately.

They always caught the lawbreaker or killed them!

No exception!

That was how the City of Chaos was so strictly governed!

When the city was in peace, the guardians would be like the froth under the sunshine. They would disappear and never showed themselves as the guardians to the public.

For over a hundred thousand years, it stayed the same!

The guardians in the City of Chaos were a group of special people, who were the law enforcers of the city. They had the highest power, but they never abused it. That was why the City of Chaos was always peaceful, the most peaceful area in the Human Realm Upon Heavens.

However, now it was going to end. The most peaceful area in the world was gone! "Have you heard? The first prohibition is canceled..." "Yes, I just did. What happened? Is there a strong enemy coming? Or is it something else?" "I have no idea... It just got canceled without any precaution..." "That's so weird..." "Did anything go wrong?" "Of course, something did go wrong! Why do you think the prohibition got canceled if nothing happened?" "I heard an extremely powerful force was going to invade the City of Chaos. A top-class superior cultivator got slaughtered... The guardians were all killed..." "What? Is it real?" "I heard it... I think it is mostly real. Otherwise, why is the first prohibition canceled?" "Shhh... Who on earth has the capability...?" "I truly have no idea... It must be some super-powerful force..." "We don't know how powerful the guardians really are, but for now, in this city, as long as I am powerful enough, I can do whatever I can. Am I right?" "I think you are! That is what it is now." "We can fight? We can do whatever we want?" "Yes, you can!" "Can we take other's places? Can we take anything from others by force?" "Yes, you can!" "Can I eve do rape and loot?" "Why not? As long as you have the power, you can rape a pig if you want..." Holy hell... That is great!" A big change hit the city. Rumors spread in the City of Chaos.

The forces that had set their branches in the City of Chaos immediately realized how serious it was.

After the message was confirmed, the powerful forces all sent their people over to the city.

They all realized one thing. If the prohibition was canceled, the city became a gold mine to be excavated!

It was a city of treasures!

It had been in peace for one hundred thousand years!

The rich citizens in the city were all unbelievably wealthy.

However, these treasures didn't attract any top-class cultivators. The other cultivators might want them, but they didn't dare to take any reckless act, because they didn't know whether the guardians were still there or not.

There had been some people who wanted to break the law in the city, but all of them ended up dead!

However, now the city had dropped the prohibition itself.

Whoever conquered the city, owned the wealth of the city!

At least a big part of it!

It was a huge city, with hundreds of million residents who had lived in peace for a hundred thousand years...

It was such a great resource.

It was such a slice of big fat meat!

Only one person got shocked when the message spread over.

It was Bu Xiangfeng!

He was quite unfortunate because right after he signed the contract with Ye Xiao, the City of Chaos canceled the prohibition.

Bu Xiangfeng looked at the sky and stayed wordless.

'What if I waited... What if I just got over one night and made a decision today... If I didn't sign it, I would still be free in the city... I should have gone...'

'It is my destiny that fools me... I have just signed the ten years contract...'

Bu Xiangfeng wanted to cry.

'This is too much... You can't play me around like this...'

Ye Xiao and Bai Long were happy to hear it though because they didn't need to worry anymore!

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The City of Chaos had truly fallen into chaos.

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**Chapter 1494: Chaotic Storms** 

Many people had come to the City of Chaos to take up residence because they wanted to live in peace and safety. When they heard the news, they were frightened, so they asked around to confirm it. However, they realized that all the guards in the city were gone in one night.

There was nobody enforcing the law anymore.

The governor's house was locked!

There was friction among those powerful forces that had been getting along so well before. It seemed that they had started fighting for territories.

The peaceful City of Chaos was going to fall in the chaos of fights.

Many people started to rob others...

People who were clever knew that the forces were attempting... However, it was real now. Nobody cared.

Among the forces... there was one force that was shocking the world.

The House of Chaotic Storms!

In fact, the House of Chaotic Storms did not make any attempts. As they moved, they did it with unstoppable attacks. Many of their men who were wearing clothes with the patterns of clouds on their chest and rain on their back rushed in the City of Chaos like whirlwinds. Since they entered the gate of the city, they started to eliminate their enemies.

From the west gate of the city to the central part, they had lifted the flags of the House of Chaotic Storms.

It claimed their ownership of these places.

At first, people in the city were not so sure yet, so when they saw the cultivators of the House of Chaotic Storms crowding into the city, they quite enjoyed it. Some even gloated about it.

'If the guardians are pretending this, trying to find out the offenders, the House of Chaotic Storms will be doomed.'

The House of Chaotic Storms rose utterly fast, and it had become one of the three most powerful forces in the Limitless Ocean. However, if there was a war between the House of Chaotic Storms and the Defender Department of the City of Chaos, the House of Chaotic Storms would definitely lose it. In fact, the Defender Department might not need to send all their men out before the House of Chaotic Storms fell!

However, as the House of Chaotic Storms pushed further and further, nobody from the Defender Department showed up. People started to worry.

At this moment, the House of Chaotic Storms had occupied the entire west part of the city!

They had taken the initiative in a beautiful, perfect way!

In fact, the House of Chaotic Storms didn't stop at taking only the west part of the city. They were moving toward the east, the south, and the north of the city too. They even destroyed the buildings around the streets to expand faster. They were obviously taking down the entire west city. They wanted to turn the west part into a city inside the city, a city that only belonged to the House of Chaotic Storms.

The guardians didn't show up, even though the House of Chaotic Storms had gone this far. The other forces finally realized that it was real.

They started to take their moves with fights and conflicts. The next three days, the entire City of Chaos became a slaughterhouse which was full of blood. There was no peace anymore.

Luckily, all these forces followed one latent rule, not to hurt the local people or any other ordinary people.

Nobody showed mercy to the enemies who were taking their territory. In the battle between cultivators, showing mercy was to push oneself to death. The sky turned red because of the blood.

The House of Chaotic Storms was recognized as the force that had benefited the most, so far in the chaos. They had occupied the entire west city and stopped expansion in the end. Instead, they started to strengthen the order inside their territory. They gathered all the small sects, businessmen, heads of small organizations in the west sect, and claimed their ownership of the place.

They had kicked out the shops that belonged to other forces and suppressed the small sects that were trying to take more profits from the city.

The House of Chaotic Storms had killed quite a lot of people, not less than any other forces did.

"Obey our orders. Pay in time. We will guarantee your safety. Your life will be just as easy as the old days."

That was the House of Chaotic Storms wanted everybody to know. It wasn't quite a clear rule after all.

For the small forces in the city, living the same peaceful lives as before was the best situation they could hope for. However, nobody was stupid. The first thing the House of Chaotic Storms wanted was obedience. That was quite an uncertain term... What exactly should they do?

That was a game of words really.

To obey orders meant that they would have to give as much as they could to the House of Chaotic Storms. Nobody knew how much it would be. In other words, if they couldn't give the amount that the House of Chaotic Storms wanted then, they violated the order. If they violated the order, there was no peaceful life for them.

Everybody knew how the House of Chaotic Storms slaughtered the native gangs. "Kill the gangs. No mercy." That was the order.

Everybody was shocked and scared. What else could they do except submitting?

The House of Chaotic Storms had taken full control of the entire west city. What they did next was to make rules in their territory. Everything had a procedure as they started the administration in the city.

All they had to do was to follow the procedures.

Some people in the House of Chaotic Storms didn't understand. "Why do we just take the west city? We have time, and we have power. We can even take the entire City of Chaos if we want, and the other forces wouldn't even have time to do anything to stop us. Maybe they would attack us... but we would have at least taken half of the City of Chaos. Why did we stop at just a quarter of it? How do we claim the ruler of the city if we just control a small part of the city?"

Not just one or two people had the question. Many of them had the same thought.

The leader, a high-level cultivator, decisively refused to keep expanding.

"It is the Great Leader's order! There will be no further explanation."

In an elegant courtyard, a young man in white clothes was lying in a rocking chair, with two extremely beautiful women waving fans for him.

"Master, we are in quite a promising situation. Why do we stop at one-fourth of the city?" The woman on the left asked.

"That's right, Master. We could have occupied more places. Aren't we losing a great opportunity?" The woman on the right was confused too."

The young man in white clothes showed a bland smile and said, "Too much is as bad as too little. Asking too much sometimes brings you a great loss."

He seemed to be quite patient and explained it to the ladies.

In fact, he always treated the two ladies better than the others. He wouldn't explain a word to others, but would definitely tell everything to the two ladies.

After all, these two ladies meant much more to him!

"Wan'er, Xiu'er, we have stayed in the lower realm for so many years, but you two haven't learned much in strategy. That is such a pity. Those people in the lower realm are weak in cultivation, but their cunning minds could make up your flaws. You two should have learned about it long ago!"

Wan'er was surprised. "Master, you have said the same words to us a lot. For us, absolute power means everything. Even though we were restrained in the lower realm, we were still absolutely dominant. Why do we have to play cunning tricks when we don't have to? It is disgraceful!"

Master Bai smiled bitterly and said, "Come on you two. It was such a good chance for you to improve your minds, yet you wasted it. It is like walking across a mountain of treasures with empty hands. You two still haven't realized what you missed, and still insisted that foolish absolute power theory. Did you forget what happened between Ye Xiao and us? You two are much more powerful than Ye Xiao, yet he played you around like you were two dolls in his hands!"

Xiu'er interrupt and said, "That is not true, Master. It was an urgent situation, and we caved in only for our own interest. After all, what we got, in the end, is a great gain. We were not fooled by Ye Xiao!"

Master Bai looked at the two ladies in shock, and then said, "It turns out you two think that we have taken a big advantage out of it! Really?"

Master Bai always felt ashamed to talk about it because he had lost too much. However, he never thought that the two ladies thought they had obtained so much.

The wise man, Master Bai was shocked.

Wan'er was also surprised. "What? Of course, we did! We got all those supreme dan beads that hadn't shown up in the world for centuries. That was such a great advantage we took. The Nine Turns Heart Dan! The marvelous Agerasia Dan for Xiu'er and me. Aren't these all great things we got from that thing? Do you have different opinions?"

Master Bai was shocked. He couldn't think of a word to say anymore. After all, he was a wise man, and he didn't want to lie. After all, he had indeed obtained a lot from Ye Xiao, so he didn't know how to deny it!

However, he wasn't going to talk about this anyway. He wanted the two ladies to learn more strategies, but the conversation went to an unexpected way!

After a while, Master Bai said, "I just want to say that you two are able to take care of things on your own now, but sometimes you must do things in a smarter way.

"The the Defender Department has canceled prohibition in the City of Chaos. It must be real. For a hundred thousand years, nobody ever spread rumors like that ever. It was the most forbidden thing to say in the city. If somebody said it, then it must be true.

"That is why I would get everybody in the House of Chaotic Storms to go and occupied the city as fast as we can."

"That is gaining the initiative by striking the first blow. When the others were still wondering, we already got our position.

"However, we can't be too greedy. Now that we have taken down the entire west city, that is enough for now. If we fought for more, the other forces would fight us together. We may need to give them some places that we spent so much to be occupied... That would be a great loss.

"To be more specific, we took a move first, so we got the initiative. In fact, because we were the first and the only one, we might get attacked by the Defender Department. We got not only the opportunity but also the risk.

"We moved, and the Defender Department didn't. We are lucky. The west city belongs to us because we are lucky. The other forces won't like it, but there is nothing they can do. We took the west city, yet didn't expand, because we were showing the other forces some respect. I won't take everything.

"You are right about absolute power though. We aren't some regular force. We are powerful, and we are influential. For the days to come, the other four zones of the city, the east, south, north, and center will be in a disturbance. Fights and chaos will boil in those areas. Only the west city, our territory will be the safest and most peaceful area in the city."

"That is why we should stop. We showed them respect, and they would at least show respect to us in return. The west city will not be targeted in the coming future."

"If anybody dares to attack us, we can go defeat them with the help from other forces..."

Master Bai blandly smiled and said, "Taking initiative is so important. A small difference makes a totally different result! We are one huge step ahead of the other people!"

"We took a move before everybody else did because we believed the message was real. We took the west city before everybody else started to fight for territories. Before they get their territories, we should bring peace and order to our territory. When they start to work on it, we have done it. When they are still fighting, we have already started to run the west city."

"We took one step ahead, and we are faster than them in every step to come. That brings us a great advantage."

"Who has finished the administration, who stands firmly in this city."

"It is the only way to expand efficiently to move after standing firmly on the ground... It is a world under the rule of nature now. We accumulate power. The more power we get, the easier for us to win the battle against others."

He paused and said, "We will expand, but not now. We haven't control what we got yet."

Wan'er was confused. "There is still one thing I don't understand. If somebody attacks us, why would the other forces help us to fight the enemy? They should just watch us fight, shouldn't they?"

"They will help us because we only took the west city. We aren't greedy. The other forces trust us."

"If anybody dares to attack us, it means the enemy shows no respect to us. If they show us no respect, they show no respect to nobody else... If we are defeated, the rule of respect is broken. The other forces will be the next targets for our enemy."

"The other forces will understand it, so they will help us. They are helping themselves if they help us. To fight by our side is the best choice for them."

"I see." The two ladies nodded. They didn't really understand it, but they weren't totally blank after all.

'If the Master says so, it must be right!'

Master Bai seemed pleased. As he looked at the two ladies, his eyes were soft. He thought, 'The two girls wasted such a great opportunity to enhance their minds in the lower realm. They don't have mature minds. I shouldn't tell them too much. They should learn it by themselves.'

When the House of Chaotic Storms was making rules in the west city, Ye Xiao was taking his move too.

Ye Xiao and his men went to talk to the leadership of the Brotherhood Alliance about the big piece of land they were going to purchase in the city, while the Brotherhood Alliance was in a troublesome time.

All the forces were fighting for territories. The war had begun.

In the City of Chaos, at least two hundred forces were trying to take their own territories.

The Brotherhood Alliance didn't get initiative in the battle. If they moved even later, they might get nothing in the end.

When the battle began, what was most important?

It was cultivators!

What mattered next was weapons, resources, and money!

Dan beads and weapons, everything cost money!

When the Brotherhood Alliance needed, Ye Xiao showed up and wanted to buy the land!

Wasn't he here to give the Brotherhood Alliance money?

The Brotherhood Alliance was surely overjoyed!

### **Realms In The Firmament**

# **Chapter 1495: Good Move**

In the City of Chaos, a piece of empty land was not as valuable as before. When the forces had done dominating the territories in the city, the price of land would definitely drop. Ye Xiao was definitely an important client to the Brotherhood Alliance at the moment.

Qiu Luo had been negotiating with the Brotherhood Alliance about the price for three days. He had figured out the floor price. Now that things were going to change soon, and he wasn't going to cut the price. The Brotherhood Alliance was absolutely overjoyed because they could still sell it for as much money as they had asked for. It was at war, and they needed as much money as they could get, so the deal was done!

It was sold for one hundred and fifty thousand purple spirit coins.

Ye Xiao bought a huge piece of land that was three hundred and seventy-five mu, including over ten mansions, a wood, a pond, and some shops. Native people were living inside the area...

Ye Xiao gave an order, and the Dark Evil Spirt and Bai Long moved out together. They started to give the native people money so they moved out of the area in return.

It was a chaotic time in the city. Peace was no longer with them. Most of the native people wanted to run away, leaving this place. When a space ring full of white spirit coins appeared before their eyes, they couldn't refuse it!

It was quite an easy job to move the residents away. Other than the money, Ye Xiao promised the residents safety when they left the city. That was why it became so easy.

Nobody would resist it.

People knew that this city had become a place of war. Different forces would fight to seize ownership. It was a battle that wouldn't end in a short time. When the superior cultivators fought, ordinary people could easily get killed. It wasn't a rare thing.

No matter how they did not want to leave their homeland, they had to run for peace and safety. Life mattered the most. Running away from danger was the priority.

As long as they left, their houses would be taken.

Even if they would return to this city, it was difficult to claim their houses back. Why not just sell them for money? It was much better to carry more money with them! That was a more realistic choice!

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Ye Xiao had cleared out the headquarters of the Monarch's Hall before noon. It cost him only half a day.

Over three hundred and seventy mu of land, there were only five men in it.

Ye Xiao waved his hand and gave the order. "Rebuild!"

What he meant was to build the wall to enclose the land first, and then build what they needed inside.

He was going to enclose the three hundred and seventy mu of land with the one hundred high walls to cut off the connection between the Monarch's Hall and the outside world.

Because he bought the land from the Brotherhood Alliance, they provided protection as additional service.

After all, they had received a great deal of money. Before the construction finished, they should provide protection to keep their client safe...

However, the Brotherhood Alliance had made a clear time limit. "We will only keep you safe for three months!"

Three months.

The Dark Evil Spirit, Bai Long, and Qiu Luo all weren't satisfied. 'How are we going to finish anything in just three months?'

Bu Xiangfeng had a different view though. 'That is too much!'

'With me here, the Brotherhood Alliance is not deeded!'

'You should all know who I am!'

Ye Xiao felt that it was roughly enough.

To rebuild the area, the Brotherhood Alliance helped Ye Xiao recruit workers, and Ye Xiao paid the money. The entire City of Chaos was at war, but this area, behind the back of the Brotherhood Alliance, was in safe construction... That was quite a miracle.

After the construction work started; Qiu Luo, the Dark Evil Spirit, and Bai Long were in charge of supervising the construction in the area. Ye Xiao and Bu Xiangfeng were standing on the highest fork of the tallest tree. They were having a conversation.

"The city suddenly fell into chaos. What is in your mind? Are you still thinking about a peaceful life in the world?" Bu Xiangfeng said with a smile."

"Xiangfeng, please. When you talk to me, call me Master. Shouldn't you at least show some respect to your boss? I am giving you money after all. That is a basic rule." Ye Xiao rolled his eyes up.

"Fine. I can call you Master as you want, but do not call me Xiangfeng ever again. You are not that close to me. Now, tell me, what is your plan? As your guard, I need to know what to do next!" Bu Xiangfeng looked at Ye Xiao, who seemed to be a useless young man.

"Okay, then I will call you Old Bu." Ye Xiao said. He called him Bu Xiangfeng, Xiangfeng, and Old Bu from time to time. Now Bu Xiangfeng made the choice for him.

After signing the contract, Bu Xiangfeng spent quite some time to calm down himself. As he truly realized what had happened, he finally figured out that he was tricked! Ye Xiao had tricked him!

'Why would I be fooled by this young man?'

Therefore, in those few days, he was mad at Ye Xiao. He would seize every opportunity to satirize Ye Xiao. Ye Xiao seemed to be an honest man, but he always told lies when he talked. It was not easy to hide the lie in the truth as he did!

Ye Xiao humphed and blandly said, "I will make my move when I get a good opportunity."

"Opportunity? I know that the situation seems to be clear, but I don't think anybody could get an opportunity!" Bu Xiangfeng raised up his eyebrows and said, "This city has become a target to all the forces. It is quite unique as a city in the Limitless Ocean... You will have to compete against the super powerful forces that have lived for thousands, tens of thousands, even hundreds of thousands of years... Do you really think you would still have an opportunity?"

Ye Xiao squinted at him and said, "It is not your position to call. I will get the opportunity and seize it. You don't have to believe me, but you can stay and watch my glory arrive!"

Bu Xiangfeng shook his head and said, "Stop being a windbag! You can't get me with your beautiful talks anymore. You can fool me once, but you actually dream about having me as your guard for my entire life! Cut it off! Be realistic!"

Ye Xiao smiled and raised up one finger. "Old Bu, just watch me. I will do it... You will beg to stay in the Monarch's Hall!"

Bu Xiangfeng laughed and said, "Good! I will wait! I will beg you... I will beg for a position to serve you! Really? Will I hold your foot and cry for the position? Hah hah hah..."

Bu Xiangfeng laughed so loudly as if he just heard about the most ridiculous joke in the world.

Ye Xiao was calm and didn't feel angry.

This conversation was such a prediction that would eventually be verified someday...

(Author's Note: Well, I don't think I should spoil it further!)

"Old Bu, tell me what you got these days. Did you see anything interesting?" Ye Xiao blandly asked.

The world was full of danger these days. How would he recklessly go out when he was so weak at the moment?

He just stayed inside his own place and tried to improve. He was waiting for the city to return to peace.

When the other forces finished fighting for territories, the real game started.

Everybody knew it.

That was why none of the true powerful figures showed up in the battles!

"The City of Chaos... has become a city in true chaos now." Bu Xiangfeng sighed. "I have lived so many years in the martial world but never seen a chaotic situation like this..."

"Over one hundred and eighty forces of the first two hundred were here. Over two hundred out of the five hundred most powerful ones are here... Even those who are below two hundred came to try their luck..."

"When I went out, I could see people fighting with their weapons held tightly in hands everywhere. As I walked further, there were always dead bodies on the floor. This place will be full of dead bodies for sure..."

Bu Xiangfeng twisted his mouth and said, "However, I didn't see any high-level cultivators. All that fight in the battles out there are all weak shrimps like you."

He looked at Ye Xiao and said, "You made a wise decision. People like you out there are almost all dead."

Ye Xiao was awkward.

'He does not show me any respect at all... I haven't seen anybody disrespect their masters like this...'

'A guard...'

'Holy hell!'

Ye Xiao was annoyed, but he pretended not. In a low voice, he calmly said, "Is anything settled?"

"Yes. Of course." Bu Xiangfeng said, "The House of Chaotic Storms that had recently risen to the top three most powerful forces in the Limitless Ocean had taken the full initiative this time. They took the first move and now had controlled the entire west city. They had obtained great success. The Brotherhood Alliance, which had been almost ruling the city for years hadn't reacted earlier than the House of Chaotic Storms. They were decisive, and also lucky."

He praised and said, "The leader of the House of Chaotic Storms is definitely the best of the best! He has such sharp and profound eyes! I am impressed!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "The House of Chaotic Storms... How is it going to stir the chaotic storms in the Human Realm Upon Heavens if he doesn't keep his eyes sharp and profound?"

"However, it seems the House of Chaotic Storms isn't going for a greater future after all. They have seized such a great opportunity, but turns out only holding the west city in their hands..."

Bu Xiangfeng seemed to be disdainful. He blandly said, "The leader is a great man, but he is not so wonderful. He is better than you, but not much. I don't think he is going to be great."

He must be addicted to attacking Ye Xiao. When they were talking about the House of Chaotic Storms, he intentionally satirized Ye Xiao!

Ye Xiao smiled, but then angrily said, "You know no sh\*t!"

Bu Xiangfeng was furious. "What did you just say?"

Ye Xiao frankly said, "I said, you know no sh\*t! Old Bu, this is not a virtue of yours. When you get abused, you don't ask for a second round. Don't do it again. People will know. You are my guard now. Maybe you don't care, but I don't want to be ashamed. If I knew you were like this, I wouldn't let you be my guard."

Bu Xiangfeng stared at Ye Xiao and angrily said, "Explain your words! Or I will not go easy on you this time! Nobody dares to humiliate me like this in my whole life!"

"Look. Here is my advice. Do not judge other people! Because you are narrow-minded. You don't know how to be profound. Twisting the truth is not a clever thing to do. I am serious."

Ye Xiao slowly said, "Don't be mad. You are a powerful cultivator, and you are experienced. However, you are just an itinerant cultivator after all. You never know how a leader think because you have never been one. You don't know, so you should stay humble. Don't fool yourself. It is stupid."

"The House of Chaotic Storms has taken a smart move. If I were him, I wouldn't make a better decision than this."

Ye Xiao thought for a while and said, "They have done a great choice to stop right at the good point. If they took less, they got less. If they took a little more, they would be a target to all the other forces... Having the west city in their hands and watching the others fight in the city is definitely the best choice."

"Other than that, they even set up a trap for their enemy. We will see who eventually fell into that trap soon."

"No matter who it is, it must be fatal!"

"The ranking list in the Limitless Ocean may have to be remade after the chaos ends!"

Ye Xiao's eyes flashed in dangerous lights. He thought, 'Master Bai is a capable man indeed. It was such a casual move, yet a trap was made for the big fish to bite the hook.'

'Maybe nobody would bite the hook, but somebody will definitely approach the hook. Whoever approaches the hook will get into big trouble! What a nice move of the House of Chaotic Storms!'

'If not that I have met Master Bai and fought him a few rounds in the Land of Han-Yang, if not that Zuo Wuji explained to me how a great leader thinks, I may not be able to figure out what he really wants now.'

Bu Xiangfeng said loudly, "I don't see anything good about that move. They could take much more places easily, yet they gave up the chance and left the territories for other people. How is that a good move? Absurd!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Truth won't lie. The Hall of Returning Nature, the Brotherhood Alliance, and the House of Chaotic Storms are the three most powerful forces in the Limitless Ocean. The fourth and fifth forces might have a chance to fight in the city, but eventually, the war belongs to the three most powerful ones."

"Everybody knows that the House of Chaotic Storms and the Xie League are alliance... The fourth and fifth forces would never dare to mess with the House of Chaotic Storms... Because nobody wanted to get two more enemies at the same time. They could be totally broken by the joint attacks of the two powerful forces."

"Only the Brotherhood Alliance and the Hall of Returning Nature dared to get to the House of Chaotic Storms."

"The Brotherhood Alliance is a group of itinerant cultivators who traveled all around the world. They ever go against other forces first. If the Brotherhood Alliance and the Hall of Returning Nature fought against the House of Chaotic Storms together, the House of Chaotic Storms wouldn't grow so fast."

"If the Brotherhood Alliance didn't care about the rise of the House of Chaotic Storms, why would they bother messing with the House of Chaotic Storms. Besides, the Brotherhood Alliance is powerful in the City of Chaos. They might be later than the House of Chaotic Storms, but they may still have the chance to be the most powerful one when the chaos ends. They wouldn't go hard on the House of Chaotic Storms too soon, because it will be stupid!"

"Apparently, the Brotherhood Alliance is not an enemy to the House of Chaotic Storms at the moment."

"The only force that will possibly attack the House of Chaotic Storms is the Hall of Returning Nature. The Hall of Returning Nature has been trying to suppress the House of Chaotic Storms since day one. The two of them were sworn enemies."

"The House of Chaotic Storms entered the City of Chaos and took one-fifth of the city under their control. The Hall of Returning Nature, as the most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean, will never let the House of Chaotic Storms settle easily and peacefully!"

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#### Chapter 1496: Intrigue Aboveboard

"The City of Chaos will be expecting the new order after the chaos. No matter how powerful the Hall of Returning Nature is, it has lost the initiative now. It was impossible for the Hall of Returning Nature to claim a territory that is as big as the House of Chaotic Storms."

"That is the reality, but the Hall of Returning Nature can't accept it, so they would definitely do something about it."

"When they do it, they fall into the trap that is set by the House of Chaotic Storms." Ye Xiao made a sigh.

Master Bai was even much cunning than before.

Ye Xiao did see through the plan of him, but he only stayed outside the battle to have a big range of view. If he truly had to face Master Bai in a battle like this, he wouldn't be sure that he could win!

"That is getting more and more ridiculous. I don't see all those inflections in it. Who has the bigger fist will control all. That's all." Bu Xiangfeng humphed.

"It is an iron rule in cultivators' world that the bigger fist has more power, but it doesn't fit the situation here. Think about it. The Hall of Returning Nature is the most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean indeed, but is it going to win a fight against the House of Chaotic Storms, the Xie League, and the Brotherhood Alliance together?" Ye Xiao asked.

"No. That's impossible. Even though the House of Chaotic Storms and the Xie League will fight together, what makes the Brotherhood Alliance join them? What you said is an absurd situation!" Bu Xiangfeng argued.

"That is just a metaphor. You said the Hall of Returning Nature is the most powerful, so it will get the biggest territory, and I just proved it wrong!" Ye Xiao said with a smile.

"Let's assume that you are right about this, but it doesn't mean everything you said is right. I don't think the House of Chaotic Storms made a good choice to stop there!" Bu Xiangfeng insisted.

"Hmm... Fine. Let's think this way. If you are the leader of the fourth most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean. Now, the House of Chaotic Storms has stopped expanding. Will you feel a bit better about them?" Ye Xiao said.

"Of course. They won't fight me for more of the land. I definitely will feel relaxed a bit." Bu Xiangfeng rolled up his eyes.

"That's good. Does it mean the House of Chaotic Storms has left you an opportunity? They left you an opportunity, so they have shown you respect, haven't they? They didn't say it out, but you know it, don't you?" Ye Xiao asked.

Bu Xiangfeng thought for a while and said, "I guess that is correct."

Ye Xiao said, "Good. That's enough for me. Now you have the opportunity to get a piece of land in the city, but you won't just wait for the land to come to you, will you? You surely will fight for it!"

"Absolutely! Only poisonous pies will fall from the sky. Only the pie I made for myself is safe!"

"Now, the Hall of Returning Nature comes to take a share. They are going to take some from the House of Chaotic Storms, even to kick the House of Chaotic Storms out of the city. Now, tell me, what would you think? Will you watch them? Will you just watch it?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Hm..." Bu Xiangfeng thought for a while, and said, "The House of Chaotic Storms has stopped expanding. They have obtained enough... Besides, there is still a lot to take out there, they don't need to get it from the House of Chaotic Storms... The Hall of Returning Nature could fight for their own land somewhere else... It is dishonorable to take things from the House of Chaotic Storms."

Bu Xiangfeng was an experienced cultivator. After Ye Xiao's questions, he had already guessed the result. Although he was stubborn, he wasn't a man without a conscience.

Ye Xiao nodded and said, "What else?"

Bu Xiangfeng thought for a while, trying to put himself into the position. He said, "If the Hall of Returning Nature is overbearing like that, I suppose they won't be satisfied even after they get the territory from the House of Chaotic Storms."

"What will happen if they are not satisfied? You are not an ally to the Hall of Returning Nature, so what is your thought?" Ye Xiao kept asking.

"Hmm... The Hall of Returning Nature is powerful. After it takes the territory from the House of Chaotic Storms, it becomes even more powerful. It is reasonable that it will keep taking more... I will have to worry about my safety." Bu Xiangfeng said.

"Will they attack you?" Ye Xiao asked.

"Yes, they will! I am sure! If the Hall of Returning Nature dares to fight the House of Chaotic Storms, they wouldn't care about us." Bu Xiangfeng started to sweat.

"Do you understand now? How is it? If the House of Chaotic Storms asks you for your support, will you go help them?" Ye Xiao asked.

"I will!" Bu Xiangfeng said, "We share the common fate. Helping the House of Chaotic Storms is helping myself. With the House of Chaotic Storms fighting in the front line, we will lose much less. It will weaken the Hall of Returning Nature for sure!"

"Isn't it simple?" Ye Xiao said, "If the Hall of Returning Nature attacks the House of Chaotic Storms, you will definitely make your move right away, won't you?"

"Absolutely!"

"What about the other forces? Do you think they have the same thought with you?"

"They do! We are not so different after all!"

Bu Xiangfeng was already soaked in sweats when he said the answer.

It was not easy to understand the truth without explanation. After the conversation with Ye Xiao, Bu Xiangfeng finally saw through everything. He was shocked!

"Now you are shocked, aren't you? But what comes next is even more shocking!" Ye Xiao smiled coldly.

"What? That is not all? What else?" Bu Xiangfeng looked awkward.

"Tell me. Now that the House of Chaotic Storms has set up the trap, will the Hall of Returning Nature fall into it?" Ye Xiao coldly asked.

"Well... If the Hall of Returning Nature has a wise man who sees the truth, they won't fall into it!" Bu Xiangfeng answered after thinking for a while.

"They won't? Is it possible that the Hall of Returning Nature escapes the trap?" Ye Xiao asked.

"No! They will fall into it!" Bu Xiangfeng was sweating heavily. He said, "They are the most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean, so they won't allow the House of Chaotic Storms to seize the highest point in the city! They know it won't be easy, but they will eventually fall into it."

"Okay. The Hall of Returning Nature will definitely fall into it, and the other forces will definitely help the House of Chaotic Storms. Isn't it a certain thing?" Ye Xiao asked. "Isn't it a trap to the Hall of Returning Nature?"

"Yes, it is!" Bu Xiangfeng got the sweat flowing down his face.

"If the Hall of Returning Nature attacks, will they get surrounded by the joint force of the other forces? Will they win the fight against all the other forces together?"

"No, they won't! But they have to fight! They have to show their people that they do not fear the House of Chaotic Storms."

Ye Xiao clapped and said, "That is what the House of Chaotic Storms wants. The west city is not the most important thing for the House of Chaotic Storms. What they want is to destroy their biggest enemy, the Hall of Returning Nature!"

Bu Xiangfeng was astonished.

'It seems to be such a simple move in territory competition... Are there really so many cunning plots in it?'

'What the hell are these people? Do they have to do it this way?'

'This young man here is definitely a monster! How does he see through the entire situation so clearly?'

"However... There are wise ones in the Hall of Returning Nature for sure. Perhaps, they can see the trap and keep away from it. The other forces are not a bunch of fools. They must know that it is a cunning plan of the House of Chaotic Storms. Perhaps, they wouldn't support it." Bu Xiangfeng thought for a while and still tried to argue."

"Well then, let's talk about the area taken by the House of Chaotic Storms."

Ye Xiao said, "The House of Chaotic Storms had taken the west city because they took the initiative. Nobody has a problem with it, except the Hall of Returning Nature. After all, the other forces have no reason to have a problem with the third most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean."

"These people will support the House of Chaotic Storms. If the House of Chaotic Storms didn't stop expanding, they couldn't have the chance to get themselves some land."

"They imperceptibly owe the House of Chaotic Storms a favor."

"The Hall of Returning Nature knows that it is a trap, but they still have to do it. They can't disgrace themselves. This is a fight that will surely happen."

"As long as the Hall of Returning Nature moves, the House of Chaotic Storms will ask for support. The other forces will move together to help. If the Hall of Returning Nature kicked out the House of Chaotic Storms, they might still keep expanding... They can easily swallow the entire city if the House of Chaotic Storms is out."

"The House of Chaotic Storms has shown everybody respect. If the other forces refuse to help, the House of Chaotic Storms will be provoked. Although the House of Chaotic Storms is not as powerful as the Hall of Returning Nature, it was much stronger than the regular forces."

"If they help the House of Chaotic Storms, they only have to deal with the Hall of Returning Nature. If they refuse to help the House of Chaotic Storms, they will have to face the expansion of the Hall of Returning Nature and the revenge of the House of Chaotic Storms at the same time. They know how to do the math."

"Therefore, they know the House of Chaotic Storms is using them, but they have to accept it!"

"There is no other way out! No matter how averse they are to it, they can't change the fact!"

"Only the Brotherhood Alliance can get over the trap! Nobody else can escape!"

Ye Xiao smiled and said, "That is what the House of Chaotic Storms is after!"

Bu Xiangfeng shed cold sweats and said, "Terrible! What a terrible intrigue!"

"Intrigue? I don't know!" Ye Xiao shook his head and said, "Everybody knows what this is about! It is clearly shown to everybody! That is why it is so good... You know it is a trap, but you have to jump into it! It is an intrigue, but only an intrigue aboveboard!"

"The key to the intrigue is the area that the House of Chaotic Storms takes... It is not a big area, but it is absolutely not small... It is the exact size that all the other forces can accept... If they took more, the other forces would attack the House of Chaotic Storms first. If they took less, the Hall of Returning Nature might not attack!"

"It is the perfect size! It is the core of the entire intrigue!"

Ye Xiao laughed.

Bu Xiangfeng tried to think of a reason to argue. "I don't think it is a sure thing. If the Hall of Returning Nature, maybe they will seize some places from the other four areas..."

"Absolutely not! They can't do it!" Ye Xiao confidently said, "If the Hall of Returning Nature can do that, why would the House of Chaotic Storms play all these?"

"Why?" Bu Xiangfeng didn't give up.

"Simple. The City of Chaos seems to be large, but not exactly. The House of Chaotic Storms has taken one-fifth now. Before that, the Brotherhood Alliance controlled most of the areas in the city. The prohibition is gone, and the House of Chaotic Storms is the first to move, so the Brotherhood Alliance will definitely be the second."

"The Brotherhood Alliance should have been the first, but the House of Chaotic Storms really did an incredible job..."

"However, the Brotherhood Alliance is still a local force, which is more powerful than the House of Chaotic Storms. It is not difficult for the Brotherhood Alliance to take at least one-fifth of the city."

"After that, no more than three-fifths of the areas are left. About five hundred other forces are fighting for the three-fifth, and the Governor's House might get an area as well."

"The Hall of Returning Nature did not make the first move, and they are not a local force in this city. No matter how powerful they are, they can't kill all the other forces, can they? Besides, the other seven of

the ten most powerful forces and the Governor's House are also in the city! For example, the Xie League, which is an ally to the House of Chaotic Storms!"

"It will be a great success for the Hall of Returning Nature to take one-tenth of the city. That is only half of the territory of the House of Chaotic Storms!"

"The one-tenth may cost them a lot of money, people, and resources. Besides, the Xie League is out there watching them. The Hall of Returning Nature could end up having nothing in their hands."

"How could they not attack the House of Chaotic Storms before it is too late?"

"The House of Chaotic Storms planned all this. All in all, it is a battle nobody can escape!"

Ye Xiao turned around and looked at Bu Xiangfeng. "Do you understand now? When I said..."

"You said I knew no sh\*t!" Bu Xiangfeng's face turned red. He raised up both hands and said, "I do know nothing. You are right..."

"It is not a humane job to be a leader of a big force. It is such a simple battle. They just fight for territories, and that should be all. However, the dirty plots play all the roles... I am done..." Bu Xiangfeng murmured.

"A simple battle... I don't think it is simple at all. At least..." Ye Xiao frowned said, "Over five hundred Divinity Origin Stage cultivators will die..."

"The divine weapons, dan beads, and other medical materials will be in great demand."

Ye Xiao took a deep breath and said, "Old Bu, it is dangerous. It is a danger, but it is also an opportunity. Perhaps, it is the biggest chance we have to accumulate wealth and to get an expansion..."

Bu Xiangfeng didn't answer. He was thinking.

Just as Ye Xiao said, it was an above board intrigue, but Bu Xiangfeng didn't see it, even though it was right before his eyes.

Ye Xiao was much better... He had just heard about the situation but then figured out everything behind the scenes.

It was not just about wisdom and schemes.

It was about vision, experience, and knowledge. He knew a lot about people's nature, different forces' territory division, relationships between every two different forces. He had such a smart brain.

It was all those advantages of him that gave him the capability of controlling all the information!

There was too much to learn.

Bu Xiangfeng seemed to be quite an experienced cultivator, but he missed a lot. Ye Xiao was young, but he knew everything...

He knew so much about the relationship between different forces, and he knew how those powerful forces would react when things happened... Bu Xiangfeng wondered how Ye Xiao figured all those out!

He was great about it!

Suddenly, Bu Xiangfeng had another question in his head. 'Did he... Did he thought about doing the same thing?'

In those days, Bu Xiangfeng had been sneering at Ye Xiao all the time, but in fact, he was more and more impressed by Ye Xiao. He saw how Ye Xiao cure Qiu Luo step by step, who then had recovered to the second level of the Divinity Origin Stage. After some days, he would be fully recovered, even stronger than before. Bu Xiangfeng also saw how Ye Xiao improved the Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long as well...

Energy, martial arts, resources, and treasures...

Ye Xiao gave his people everything.

Bu Xiangfeng was jealous!

The other three men had become Ye XIao's loyal and reliable followers!

They would never betray this young lord ever!

Bu Xiangfeng was sure about one thing. 'If I attack Ye Xiao right now, those three guys would definitely come and try to kill me, even though they know they will only end up three dead bodies in my hands... They know it is impossible to defeat me, but they will still do it for this young man!'

'They will give up their lives to save Ye Xiao!'

'Even though they can only buy one second for Ye Xiao with their death, they would still do it without hesitation!'

After staying with Ye Xiao for a longer time, Bu Xiangfeng clearly felt the vibe of a great leader on Ye Xiao. He was such a great man whom people would die for.

He was just a level three Faery Origin Stage cultivator, yet he dared to recruit a man in Saint Origin Stage!

That proved his courage and wisdom.

The four followers around Ye Xiao were all dozens, hundreds, even thousands of times stronger than him...

However, he was always calm and steady. How incredible!

His sharp eyes, incredible wisdom, meticulous mind, steady mentality, and a great leader's charm...

He got them all!

There was only one thing he didn't have now. It was power—a power that was strong enough to support his ambition! What was his ambition though? They didn't know.

#### Chapter 1497: The Hall of Life and Death

When Bu Xiangfeng was lost in thoughts, Ye Xiao casually said, "In fact, there are ten most powerful sects of the Limitless Ocean, and the eight most powerful forces too... People keep talking about it. It

seems they have been fighting with their lives in the martial world... The truth is that only a few of the most powerful ones are truly spending their time in the Limitless Ocean."

"The Limitless Ocean is just a limited area of the world. The real ambitious people would never only focus on this place. What they do is simply improving themselves in this place, waiting for an opportunity to shine upon the masses..."

Ye Xiao blandly said, "These people are still here, making noises in the chaos, only because they are not good enough... Since they are not good enough, they have to compete... In the end, only a few of these people can get their talents revealed."

"While these people are refining themselves in the competition, I will be improving."

Ye Xiao casually said, "I am still weak. In fact, I am as weak as nothing. However, it still could be me who eventually reached the top of the world!"

'It still could be me who eventually reached the top of the world!'

What hid behind those words shocked Bu Xiangfeng!

He was thinking that this young lord was not ambitious enough because he didn't join the battle of chaos. Now he knew that he was much more than ambitious! He was too ambitious to live safely!

If Ye Xiao kept going on like this, Bu Xiangfeng might become nobody to him someday...

Bu Xiangfeng thought of the words Ye Xiao said to him. "Old Bu, just watch me. I will do it... You will beg to stay in the Monarch's Hall!"

As he thought of it, he didn't dare to taunt this young master anymore.

'What if he... What if he will make it?'

'Besides... His name is Ye.'

Bu Xiangfeng had a complicated feeling.

At this moment, some special birds that appeared to be in red color started to fly up to the sky from everywhere. It took them only one second to fly through the clouds.

What was left behind were some dim flickering shadows and the narrow spatial fissures.

"Divine Fleeting Bird! There are so many of them!"

Bu Xiangfeng was surprised. "It means people are asking for help. Many people need help. There are dozens of the Divine Fleeting Birds right there."

Ye Xiao nodded and said, "Old Bu, I need you to do one thing for me."

"What is it?" Bu Xiangfeng asked.

"I need you to let the high-level cultivators know that there is a place called the Hall of Life and Death... It is right here. We can turn death to life. We can cure those who are dying. However, we only do it for itinerant cultivators."

Ye Xiao said, "One more thing. Who wants me to save his life has to do one thing for me. He can either join us, follow me, and obey me, or he can kill one person for us, whenever, wherever, whoever it is!"

"I don't need any guarantee or mortgage. I only need the blood of their heart, and the vow to the heavens!"

Ye Xiao said.

"That is too much..." Bu Xiangfeng was surprised. "Most of the Itinerant cultivator wouldn't lose their dignity. I don't think they will accept the terms."

Ye Xiao blandly said, "I am asking you to do this. It is not your job to worry about their answers!"

"We can recruit people in many other ways. Why do you have to do it with cruelty?" Bu Xiangfeng didn't understand.

"This is a cruel time, and that is why we should do things in a cruel way. Itinerant cultivators have a lot of choices if they want to join an organization. Why would they choose me?" Ye Xiao said, "Who would join a group of messes?"

"That is why I only recruit those who are dying. I will save their lives, and so they will spend their lives to follow me."

Ye Xiao said, "I am not forcing them. I am offering a deal. It is a business! It is fair!"

Bu Xiangfeng made a sigh.

Ye Xiao was true.

A high-level itinerant cultivator was always prideful. If they would join any forces, they would have done it long ago.

If the itinerant cultivators did not belong to any organization, it was hopeless to recruit them. The big organizations must have tried to recruit these people and failed already.

What Ye Xiao did was to take advantage of others' misfortunes, but it was the only practical way he had to expand the organization.

Bu Xiangfeng had faith in Ye Xiao now.

No matter how those people joined him, they would naturally become loyal to him in the end!

Bu Xiangfeng knew it because he experienced it... He realized that he did not want to leave this organization now, even though he had just spent a short time... He just wouldn't admit it!

He would never cry in tears, begging Ye Xiao for a position to stay!

Well, wouldn't he really?

"When you do this, remember one thing... We need them to come to us, but you have to pretend that you are telling them a piece of secret information..." Ye Xiao said.

"Why?" Bu Xiangfeng was surprised. "Why do we have to make it look so mysterious?"

"It is too complicated to explain. Just do it as I say. I have spent too much time explaining things to you. I am not doing it again." Ye Xiao said, "All in all, just spread the message through some underground channels..."

"Only high-level cultivators who have reached at least the Divinity Origin Stage..."

"Just make it as mysterious as you can."

Ye Xiao looked at Bu Xiangfeng and suddenly lit up his eyes. He said, "Old Bu, I know you have a vicious tongue, but I am sure you have friends in this city. Just tell the message to three of them, and your job is done."

Bu Xiangfeng stared at Ye Xiao and said, "What? What did you just say? Who has a vicious tongue?"

Ye Xiao was surprised. 'Who has a vicious tongue?'

'What a question!'

'Your vicious tongue is killing everybody in the world. Are you sure you want to deny it?'

He said, "You don't have three friends? Well, that's reasonable. Maybe there are some people you know, but they just don't want to know you. Fine. They don't have to be your friends, just some people you know will do..."

Bu Xiangfeng smiled bitterly because of anger. "Fine. I will do it!"

Bu Xiangfeng questioned Ye Xiao only because he thought it was not a good idea. However, Ye Xiao said Bu Xiangfeng didn't have friends because he was mean.

That was quite a misunderstanding!

"Just do it as I say." Ye Xiao said, "The Hall of Life and Death, where it provides absolute survival. There is a cottage in the woods over there, a little far from this courtyard. I will make a sign and do some decoration. I will be expecting our guests to come."

Bu Xiangfeng felt a headache. 'Really? Is this going to work? Isn't it a bit too simple? Well, absolute survival seems to be resonant, but do you have the capability to guarantee absolute survival? What are you? A god of medicine?'

"Oh, right. There is one more thing. The three men that you are going to speak to must be beyond level six of the Divinity Origin Stage!"

Ye Xiao seriously said.

"Okay! I will make sure of it."

Bu Xiangfeng said, "I don't know whether it will work or not, to be honest."

"I said it. Just do as I say. It is not your problem to worry about." Ye Xiao was casual, looking confident like a god of medicine.

The walls around the area were half done now. Ye Xiao was excited. 'This will be the first step of my great glory! I will rush to the top of the Human Realm Upon Heavens!'

'If I miss this special time, it will be more difficult to rise.'

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That night.

Bu Xiangfeng went out sneakily like a cloud of smoke.

In a normal room of an ordinary inn.

A man in black clothes who looked normal sat in meditation with a normal dark sword on his knees.

He was breathing, but his breath was so weak. He just sat inside the room, and nobody outside the room could notice his existence.

When people looked through the window and saw the man inside, they would probably think it was a sculpture.

The wind blew outside the window.

The man suddenly opened his eyes and then stared at the window. He was calm and cold.

A shadow appeared near the window and said, "Ping Shanyue, are you truly still alive?"

The man in black clothes didn't move, just answered coldly, "A nasty man like you is still alive. Why would I die so soon?"

The shadow was exactly Bu Xiangfeng, who was moving slowly into the room with a smile. Ping Shanyue was still sitting in meditation. He didn't want to even look at Bu Xiangfeng.

Bu Xiangfeng got into the room and paced around Pin Shanyue. Suddenly, he sighed and said, "Ping Shanyue, I cut you with my sword one hundred and seventy years ago. How are you? Does it still hurt?"

Ping Shanyue peacefully opened his eyes, looked at Bu Xiangfeng, and said, "Why don't you let me cut you back now? You will know whether it still hurts after one hundred and seventy years."

Bu Xiangfeng laughed loudly. Apparently, he wasn't angry about it.

"Why are you here?" Bu Xiangfeng asked. "How much do they pay you? I guess it must be a lot!"

"It is none of your business." Ping Shanyue blandly said.

"It doesn't concern me. I am just curious. You are such a man who thirsts for blood. How do you survive this? This is incredible." Bu Xiangfeng chuckled, sat down, and started to drink tea by himself.

Ping Shanyue didn't cave in. "It is not a surprise that I can survive. It is you that surprise me. Considering how mean and shameless you are, I can't believe you are still alive. I think it surprises many people, not just me."

"You are mean! You are shameless! You whole family is." Bu Xiangfeng laughed and said, "Ping Shanyue, I am here to tell you something big."

Ping Shanyue said, "Speak."

"We are not friends. I know that. Well, but you are a tough man. I don't want to be your friend or your brother, but... I have to say I admire you. I guess you have the same feeling about me."

When he said so, he meant it.

Ping Shanyue thought for a while, didn't speak and just nodded.

They both did something great in their lives, and they were so similar to each other. It was not a surprise that they admired each other.

"You shouldn't have come to the City of Chaos. You really shouldn't." Bu Xiangfeng said, "The city is now a powder magazine full of bombs... Once it is triggered, the world will be turned over. Most of the cultivators in the city will be killed. I have no idea why you came, but here is something I want you to know. I hope that you remember what I am going to say, because it may save your life! One should always try to live on first!"

Bu Xiangfeng was solemn and serious. Ping Shanyue was serious too. He said, "Okay, I won't forget. Say it."

It must be something important.

"If you are dying because of any severe injury... go to the Hall of Life and Death!" Bu Xiangfeng took a breath and said, "That place can give you a second opportunity to live. It can cure you no matter how severely you are injured."

Ping Shanyue raised his eyebrows and stared at Bu Xiangfeng.

"I am serious!" Bu Xiangfeng said, "I don't want you to die. I hope that you don't need to go to the Hall of Life and Death. It is not an enjoyable place after all. There is always a price to pay for a second chance. I feel lonely in this martial world. Knowing that you are living in the same world, I feel better. I hope that you won't get hurt. Trust me. It is not a good place to go..."

Ping Shanyue looked at Bu Xiangfeng and said, "What? Do I need to go to the Hall of Life and Death? What is the price?"

Bu Xiangfeng said, "To get their aids, you will make a promise. You can choose one from the two options. First, you can choose to stay and serve the man who cures you. You will become his follower for the rest of your life. You won't need to pay anything if you choose this one. Second, you can pay the extremely high price, and promise that you will do one thing for the Hall of Life and Death. You will have to vow with the blood of your heart. To be honest, the second choice is selling your good life out. This is all I know."

Ping Shanyue nodded and said, "That is cruel."

"I know. I am warning you. Don't get yourself hurt too bad. Before you make sure you are absolutely dying, do not go to the Hall of Life and Death. The owner of that place never does charitable things. He is a marvelous therapist, but he is not a man with kindness. All he is after is a benefit." Bu Xiangfeng said, "If you truly are dying... and if you don't want to die, just go to the Hall of Life and Death. Remember this. It is in the city. It saves lives! It brings you back from death!"

Ping Shanyue stayed quiet for a while and then murmured, "The Hall of Life and Death, in the city."

After a while, he nodded and said, "I will not forget it. Old Bu, if I am dying, and eventually get saved by the Hall of Life and Death, I will owe you big time."

### **Realms In The Firmament**

### **Chapter 1498: Water of True Spirits**

"It is the most difficult thing to pay the debt of gratitude. Just forget it, and stay alive!" Bu Xiangfeng laughed and said, "I am off now. Take care."

"You too."

Ping Shanyue said.

Before he said it, Bu Xiangfeng was already gone.

Ping Shanyue quietly sat down and said in a low voice, "In the city, the Hall of Life and Death. That's right. In the City of Chaos, the Hall of Life and Death."

After that, he closed his eyes and became like a sculpture again.

People like him were always high above ordinary people as if they could do whatever they wanted.

However, they knew how difficult it was.

Because they were powerful, what they had to do in their lives were much more dangerous than others!

In the Limitless Ocean, who was more powerful always met bigger dangers in daily life.

If there was a place that could save their lives, they would definitely keep it in mind.

Just as Bu Xiangfeng said, one should always keep alive first. How did a dead man talk about anything?

No matter how big a price they had to pay, they would pay it to continue their lives!

Everybody wanted to live!

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The most famous inn in the City of Chaos was Brothers Drink, which belonged to the Brotherhood Alliance!

Brothers Drink was the name of the inn.

It was not only a hotel but also a restaurant. It was a huge building, where almost all the itinerant cultivators would stay at when they came to the City of Chaos.

Bu Xiangfeng's second target was right in this place.

He came here for three men.

People called these three men—Three Poisons in Lian Mountain. They were sworn brothers, also disciple brothers in the same sect.

Before Bu Xiangfeng entered the room of the First Poison, he knocked on the window.

When he got in, the three men were all sitting in the room, staring at him with caution.

Their eyes were like sharp swords pointing at Bu Xiangfeng.

"Old Bu, it is you!" The First Poison seemed to be more cautious. "What are you doing here?"

The other two men both put their hands together, looking cautious.

They knew about Bu Xiangfeng. They were not friends but knew each other.

That was all. However, at this dangerous time, nobody knew what Bu Xiangfeng was after! What if he was here to kill the three brothers?

"Relax. I am here to offer you life. Well, one life, or three lives. How generous I am." Bu Xiangfeng laughed.

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After a while, Bu Xiangfeng left.

"Brother, what do you think? Is this guy telling the truth?" The Second Poison was in thoughts.

"Bu Xiangfeng is much more powerful than us. He doesn't need to fool us. It won't hurt us, and doesn't benefit him either." The First Poison said.

"I think Old Bu is acting weird, but he has shown us kindness. It is always a good thing to have somewhere to save our lives. I don't care how much it costs." The Third Poison said.

"Well... Let's not forget about that place then." The First Poison took a breath and said, "One will always get hurt in the martial world. Just in case... It is always good to have a place that can save us."

"That's right. In the city, the Hall of Life and Death. I have marked it down!"

"Second, listen... Go to Master and his wife, and tell them the message." The First Poison said.

"What? Tell Master and his wife? Who can possibly hurt them anyway..." The Second Poison was surprised.

"You fool! They don't need it, but our disciple brothers and disciple sisters do. Are you going to tell them one by one? Just tell Master and his wife, and they will do whatever should be done!" The First Poison stared at the Second Poison.

"Yes. That's right. I'm on it." The Second Poison looked upset.

"No matter how much it costs, it is a chance to live. Life is much more important than anything else."

The First Poison saw the Second Poison off and murmured.

"I don't think Old Bu would lie about this."

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In the end, Bu Xiangfeng had told three groups of people. He should have done a great job, but he wanted to do better, so he told two more men. After that, all the people that he knew that had arrived at the city were informed.

So he started to go back.

"I truly don't know what it can actually bring us." Bu Xiangfeng was confused. "If you want to let more people know, you should tell as many people as you can. Why did he only want me to tell a few people? What is that about? If these people don't get hurt, I have wasted my time over there, haven't I?"

"I really wonder what is in the young man's head."

Ye Xiao was watching the construction going with both hands behind his back.

The high walls were rising up. He was the owner of them. That made him feel proud.

Everybody would have this feeling. Whoever had bought a house and watched the workers decorating the interior could feel the same feeling.

The walls seemed to be big and tall, but could only keep normal people out. They wouldn't stop the cultivators. With a jump, most of the cultivators could get over the wall. Some of the cultivators could even easily destroy the wall with one hit.

However, without the walls, Ye Xiao just didn't feel like he owned the place. It was all about a sense of security.

The walls were almost finished. It reminded Ye Xiao of the legend in the city, Ye Hongchen. 'Perhaps, when the Great Master Ye built the City of Chaos, he had a similar feeling as I do now.'

"The Hall of Life and Death should be separated from the mansion."

Ye Xiao looked at the woods not far away from the mansion.

He decided to make it an unattached place. The Monarch's Hall would become a large organization, and he didn't want the patients staying in the yard of the mansion...

It just didn't look good.

After making the decision, Ye Xiao slowly entered the woods alone.

When he came out of the woods, everybody else was shocked.

The workers, the Dark Evil Spirit, and Bai Long were all shocked.

The woods had changed!

When they first saw the woods, the biggest tree among all was only as thick as two men holding hands. It was not allowed to let the trees grow as big as they could in the city after all.

However...

After Ye Xiao got in and out, the trees became taller and bigger.

After a while, when Bai Long looked at the trees, he was shocked.

The construction of the Monarch's Hall had started for quite some days. There were people sweeping the floor every day. The fallen leaves on the ground would be cleared every time, and a small path into the woods was revealed... Now there was a thick layer of leaves on the floor all of a sudden...

The leaves had covered the ground, and it was a few feet thick...

It was surely abnormal. Something must have happened. What was it though?

The trees still got more leaves falling. From time to time, when the wind flew over, the falling leaves were like heavy rain. As the leaves fell so fast, the trees should be bare, but they weren't. That was weird!

The leaves on the trees were all green and heavy.

The trees only became even more lively.

Bai Long was happy, so he jumped up to a big tree.

With his eyes widely opened, he watched the tree change.

He saw the branches growing out on the trunk and started to grow bigger and bigger...

After a while, leaves grew up on the branches, and then grew bigger, and then fell off. After that, new leaves grew up fast. The branches were becoming bigger and bigger...

Bai Long was concentrated on watching the trees grow until he felt something sticking on his behind. As he looked down, it was a branch growing under his behind... If he didn't notice it early, he might get his behind hooked by the fast-growing branch...

After that, he realized that the small branch had already grown as big as a human arm.

The leaves on the floor became thicker... It was quite a heavy layer now...

After that, the leaves had already grown so heavy around him, as if he was going to be sealed in the woods...

He didn't dare to stay any longer. Branches kept growing up around him. He might really get hooked inside his behind by a new branch. It would be a huge humiliation if it truly happened...

Bai Long waved apart the branches and escaped the encirclement of the leaves. When he looked back at the big tree, the tree was already too thick for five men to hold around hand in hand...

Not only one tree, but many trees in the woods were the same. A forest of giant trees was forming up.

Bai Long felt muddleheaded, and he staggered ahead.

Within the time of a few blinks, he felt like he had been through centuries in this place.

The feeling was too real. He observed the leaves, branches, tree trunks growing bigger and bigger...

Bai Long grabbed the Dark Evil Spirit's arms and said, "How long have I stayed on that tree? How many years? Tens of years?"

The Dark Evil Spirit looked at Bai Long like he was a lunatic. He said, "What the hell are you talking about? Did you get drunk? You stayed up there for no longer than one hour. What the hell makes you think it is years? What are you? God of dreams?"

"One hour... Only one hour..." Bai Long was blank.

He thought he had at least stayed up there for years. Otherwise, how come the trees grew so fast?

Bai Long was totally lost. The Dark Evil Spirit touched his chin and stared at the woods. He nodded and said, "You know what? Master has chosen a good spot here. Look at the view here... It is rare to see a beautiful forest like this in a city."

Bai Long twisted his mouth.

He was totally awkwardly speechless about how indifferent the Dark Evil Spirit was.

'He actually hasn't realized the huge change here... It is so obvious!'

When he turned over, trying to talk to Ye Xiao and ask for the reason, Ye Xiao was already gone...

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Ye Xiao knew that he had gone too far on that, so he hurriedly ran away.

He really didn't want to answer the question!

He did too much about it this time!

The Water of True Spirits he accumulated in the Water Space had become a small lake now.

Since he arrived in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, he drank the water in that lake, because the desolate area didn't have water. After drinking the Water of True Spirits for some time, he notices some changes in himself, but he didn't know exactly what it was. He just felt it.

One day, he used the Water of True Spirits to water the plants in the Space. He had only splashed a little on the plants, and the plants actually grew much bigger!

After that, Ye Xiao kept watering the plants in the Space with the Water of True Spirits. If he felt that something grew too slowly, he would water it with the Water of True Spirits. He had a lake of it after all.

The Wood Space became a forest of medical plants now, only because of the Water of True Spirits.

Since he came to the City of Chaos, especially after he studied the Medicine Ranking List in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, he had moved the plants that were so valuable in the world to one piece of land in the Space.

When he did it to the woods in the real world, he had a simple reason. He just wanted the trees to grow bigger, so it could make the area more covert...

When he entered the woods, he watered the trees. Before he did it, he even diluted the Water of True Spirits.

He truly had diluted the Water of True Spirits a lot. When he finished watering the trees, he even thought about watering them again the next day, because he believed it wouldn't be so effective.

He was weak as a cultivator, but he was strong enough to be a gardener anyway. After a while, he had finished watering thousands of trees.

When he finished the last tree, he stood up and looked around—he was shocked.

Behind him, there was a tree, which had been cut when it was small, so it only grew as thick as the leg of a man after many years.

However, as he turned around and looked at the small tree, it was a big tree that was as thick as his waist now.

There were some branches growing out fast from where the tree got cut. The branches kept rushing up, making shooting sounds.

Ye Xiao knew he had done something terrible!

'This has gone too far...'

'I can't explain this.'

The trees around him started to grow fast, rushing up to the sky. It became a dense forest now...

Ye Xiao had missed one thing, which was important. The special plants in his Boundless Space, even those from the Qing-Yun Realm, were incredible plants in the world. It took them a thousand years to grow one inch.

Most of the plants in his Boundless Space grew extremely slow.

Even to water the plants with the Water of True Spirits, they still wouldn't grow much faster. In fact, it was impossible to see it grow.

The Water of True Spirits still accelerated the growing speed of the incredible plants in the Boundless Space after all. It was fantastic for plants.

When it was used on the plants outside the real world, it worked too well.

The trees in the woods were all Iron Maples, which were hard, but useless. When autumn came, they became red, which made them look beautiful.

A few hundred years of time was all they needed to become huge trees.

When Ye Xiao watered the trees with the Water of True Spirits, even though the Water of True Spirits was diluted, the trees immediately grew one thousand years in advance!

What would that look like?

All those trees grew up one thousand years without any pullback!

The Iron Maples had gone crazy!

Ye Xiao was standing in the middle of four trees, which should give him a few feet of empty space. However, after the crazy growth, there was only one foot long between two trees, and it was getting smaller...

When Ye Xiao looked up, he couldn't see the sky anymore.

That was why he decided to run away as soon as he could!

If he stayed any longer, Bai Long and the others would definitely ask him about the crazily growing trees. He didn't want to waste time explaining something he couldn't clearly explain...

In fact, even if he could explain it, he wouldn't do it. If Bai Long and the others knew that he watered the trees with that valuable Water of True Spirits, they would be utterly pissed, and they might even beat him to death! After all, he had wasted something quite valuable!

'Oh, holy heavens...' Ye Xiao wiped the sweat on his forehead. 'I think I should stop using things from the Boundless Space in the outside world... That is very dangerous.'

### **Realms In The Firmament**

# **Chapter 1499: Grey Parasol Sword Sect**

The next morning, the forest had become a miracle.

Wind rose.

Wild wind.

Red leaves falling off the trees flowing along with the wind, and it almost dyed the entire City of Chaos red. What a unique scene in the world!

Nobody would spend one thousand years on some Iron Maples to create a view like this!

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The trees almost became a strong wall. Tree trunks almost touched each other, densely covered the entire place.

Ye Xiao was thinking about building walls for the Hall of Life and Death...

Now he didn't need any walls!

Branches of the trees were dozens of feet thick, crossing each other, and the leaves on the trees made a perfect giant roof.

The trees crowded together as if nothing could get through the wall of trees, not even an ant.

There was only one opening where one might get into the forest.

Two giant Iron Maples, which were dozens of feet thick, standing on both sides of the opening like two giants guarding the entrance.

Ye Xiao, who was fully responsible for this miracle was doing the toilsome work by himself inside the woods.

This place had become the most important part of his great plan. It was safe and covert... He had to make it as good as he planned.

He wouldn't let others do this work, because any tiny mistake could ruin the plan, or even get him killed.

He did trust the Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long, but they just knew too little about making array formations.

The forest had become a strong swarm of trees with huge branches and chunks, covering dozens of miles of land!

There were still some cracks that connected the inside to the outside, but they were closing up bit by bit.

He hadn't expected this. He didn't know that this mistake he made actually created such a splendid thing. He was confident that nobody in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, not even the five sky kings, could do what he had done!

'Five sky kings? Humph...' Ye Xiao twisted his mouth. 'Does any of them have the Water Space?'

'Does any of them have the Wood Space?'

'Does any of them have the Gold Space?'

*'...'* 

'Does any of them have the Mountain of All Medicines?'

'They are way below my league...'

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While he was working hard, he was murmuring, praising himself shamelessly, gloating about the Boundless Space he had.

The one thousand years old Iron Maples are rare things in the world, but the tree trunks weren't that tough. Ye Xiao was only at level three of the Faery Origin Stage, but he could cut the trees. It wasn't difficult to cut the trees, but it took him time to do it little by little. The problem was that there were too many to cut by himself!

He had sent Erhuo to check every important spot to make sure the tunnel he made was connecting the right places. Otherwise, he wasn't sure how to get it done correctly!

In the end, Ye Xiao had created one hundred and eight caves inside the swarm of trees. After that, he used the East-rising Purple Qi to connect the caves. In the end, he took out one hundred and eight pieces of Chaotic Purple Crystal that were as big as a human head and buried one piece of them into the floor of each cave!

In the middle of the entire forest, he buried a huge piece of Chaotic Purple Crystal to guard the entire area!

After the huge piece of Chaotic Purple Crystal was set, a special energy flow appeared between the sky and the earth, but then disappeared before anybody noticed it.

In fact, what Ye Xiao did was to set up the Great Formation of Stars, and it was perfectly finished.

Once the Great Formation of Stars was activated, as long as over half of the one hundred and eight caves were maintained undamaged, Ye Xiao was confident that even the Saint Origin Stage cultivators could never break this fabulous fortress of trees!

Even the branches of the trees were impossible to break!

The Great Formation of Stars was connected to the real stars in the sky by the East-rising Purple Qi and the incredible energy of the Chaotic Purple Crystal.

To break this fortress was as difficult as to break the stars in the sky!

Who on earth could do that?

Ye Xiao learned about this array formation from a book that he found from the fifth layer of the Mountain of All Medicines.

After he memorized the content of the entire book, he destroyed it.

'The Key to Great Array Formations!'

After he got this book, he became extremely confident, as if he could go anywhere he liked in the universe.

After he read the book, he had one thought in his head. 'Who is the author of this marvelous book? I will formally acknowledge him as my master if I meet him! He is awesome! It is hard to believe that there is actually such a capable man! He is like a god in the world!'

That was right. He thought the man was a god. That was how he worshiped the author!

When the Great Formation of Stars was activated, Ye Xiao casually took out a lot of small pieces of Chaotic Purple Crystal and set up some killing formation inside the Great Formation of Stars.

One's Death Formation, Two Dragons Slaughter Formation, Killing Strike of Three Men Formation, Four Elephants Smashing Formation, Five Striking Elements Formation, Six... There were ninety-nine murderous array formations...

All in all, he had planted all the array formations that could kill the invaders inside the fortress to keep himself safe.

If somebody came to break the great formations, when he was attacking one of them, the others would attack him at the same time!

The energy all came from the Chaotic Purple Crystal, the most expensive energy crystal in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

If somebody saw through the formations and knew that they were driven by the Chaotic Purple Crystal, he might kneel and worship Ye Xiao as his master, begging Ye Xiao to give him a piece of the Chaotic

Purple Crystal. 'Can you be more luxurious? I understand that you use the Chaotic Purple Crystal to build the array formation, but why do you use it to drive the formations? Do you even know how valuable the Chaotic Purple Crystal is?'

"I am weak. This is the only way I can think of to protect myself. It must be extravagant, but I have no choice." Ye Xiao found himself a good reason while he was working on the formations.

That was it, the most famous wonder in the world, the Primordial Destiny Trees Set was finished.

Ye Xiao was weak, ignorant, and inexperienced, so he didn't know how ridiculous this was. If he knew, he would punch himself to death.

It wasn't until many years after, he realized what he had just done!

The Chaotic Purple Crystal was an energy crystal that could automatically absorb the spiritual qi from the world and turn it into purple qi. It took a long time for the crystal to convert the energy, so the energy was always used up before the new purple qi was produced. Otherwise, it would be an incredible lasting energy source.

However, the Chaotic Purple Crystal Ye Xiao used in the formations were enhanced by his East-rising Purple Qi and were connected to the stars in the sky, so they became several times faster in absorbing energy. The crystals could even absorb energy from the stars in the sky. In other words, these were exactly some everlasting energy sources!

The price of a piece of Chaotic Purple Crystal was unbelievably high. A small piece of Chaotic Purple Crystal in the size of a human fist could be sold for the sum of all the five pieces of rare metals altogether!

What Ye Xiao did in these formations was burying thousands of billions of purple spirit coins into the ground!

In fact, that was not true! After all, that huge piece of Chaotic Purple Crystal was way much more expensive than the others!

Even the five sky kings would be shocked if they knew what this young man just did!

However, Ye Xiao didn't know. He had no idea.

Because of the stupid thing Ye Xiao did, these Iron Maples lived forever in the Human Realm Upon Heavens... As they grew even bigger, they became even more impossible to destroy...

These trees were all full of spiritual qi, so as the spiritual qi accumulated enough... something changed...

The swarm of Iron Maples eventually became one great Iron Maple!

Because of this Iron Maple, which was known as the Tree of the World, the elf clan appeared.

A new species appeared in the Human Realm Upon Heavens.

Well, that was a long time after the story...

It should be millions of years after this...

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When Ye Xiao finished the formations, he made the last tunnel by himself which led to the Monarch's Hall. When he went out of the trees, the swarm of trees had become the most wonderful fortress of trees in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

Staying inside this fortress should be absolutely safe!

Even though an army of a million men couldn't get anybody in the fortress!

However, Ye Xiao killed whoever in this fortress with just a thought in the head!

'I am weak, but my formation is powerful.' Ye Xiao thought. 'Mister Destiny is so right...'

The fortress of trees extended in all directions. Inside the fortress, it was all bright, because Ye Xiao put so many luminous pearls inside...

When Bu Xiangfeng finished his job and came back, the first thing he saw was this fortress of trees. As he entered the fortress, he was almost blinded by the lights and luxuriousness inside!

For the first time, he felt that he was working for the world's richest man!

Rich was not enough to describe this wealthy man.

"How did he do this? How on earth did he do this?" Bu Xiangfeng opened his mouth, stared around, and heard his own lower jaw falling off.

That was astonishing!

Within one night, the young master had turned the entire forest into a strong fortress of trees!

'This is... Even if this is an illusion, it is a marvelous illusion...'

"No, no, no. This is nothing. Don't mention it."

Ye Xiao politely smiled and waved one hand, and then a signboard was set over his head.

"The Hall of Life and Death!"

Words appeared on each of the giant trees on both sides of the entrance.

"Life and Death are separated here!"

"I will decide which stays!"

That was absolutely domineering!

Those were some powerful words!

Bu Xiangfeng saw it, and he couldn't stop his mouth twisting...

'Isn't that too early? I am not sure anybody will come, yet you have made such a scene here...'

'Do you really think you are a god of medicine? Do you think you can really bring the dead to life?'

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The fortress of trees looked great, but the huge walls were still under construction. Ye Xiao had made up his mind. To make this place the headquarters of the Monarch's Hall, he must strengthen this place with the formations after the walls were finished.

This might be the beginning of his great journey to the top of the world!

The walls represented the face of the Monarch's Hall. If people could easily destroy them, it would be disgraceful. He had to make sure it wouldn't happen. After all, he had plenty of Chaotic Purple Crystal. Even if he didn't have that many Chaotic Purple Crystal, he could use the Golden Crystal or the Water Crystal. He had many of these things...

(Author: What do you think? I think Ye Xiao should be beaten up to death. This is unbelievable!)

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Ye Xiao did not think that he would stay in this place for a long time.

He always just wanted to find his ladies and his brothers!

He wanted to travel the world with his beloved ones!

He had never thought that he would settle in the City of Chaos.

However, on the first day he arrived at this city, he felt affected by something strange in this city... Maybe it was the soul or just some thought...

Something was telling him to stay.

It was his destiny!

The special feeling hit him and followed him when he saw the illusion of the man in white clothes. He couldn't get rid of it, as if it was growing inside him.

Destiny was something one should follow. Everybody had a destiny, but people fulfilled their destiny in different ways. One could be supported by destiny, obey the destiny, fight against destiny, but nobody could destroy destiny. It was not something a man could choose. The only thing a man could do was to accept it or not!

The reason was the origin of destiny. Ye Xiao came to the City of Chaos, and that was the reason. He saw the man in white clothes, and that was another reason. What he was doing was the reason. It could be good for him and also could be not.

Under the effect of destiny, he chose to settle in this place, to make money, to recruit his men, to build the headquarters of his force... He even wanted to conquer the world!

Everything just happened as it happened. Suddenly, he had some feelings... He did what he had done only because he got help from the Boundless Space, the East-rising Purple Qi, and the Destiny Array Formations... He knew it, but he was still surprised about it. He just did what he had done.

It seemed there was a voice that kept resounding in his head.

"This is your place!"

"This is where you should stay!"

"This is your territory!"

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In the City of Chaos, some native residents who lived close to the Monarch's Hall, who wanted to live a peaceful life, were all curious about what happened... They were all watching over at the moment...

They were too weak to find anything though.

Some guards who were hiding in the city wanted to investigate it, but their leaders stopped them.

"Why so curious? Just focus on your job and that is all!"

"The Human Realm Upon Heavens is a world beyond heavens! There are so many strange things in this world. Are you going to check them all out?"

"If you think you are idle, go lock yourselves up and meditate!"

"Or just keep cultivating!"

"Stop thinking about the investigation! Humph! If you die in the martial world, your curiosity must be the reason!"

Everybody was curious, not only the guards, but they also got scolded by their masters. They had to give up the idea and focus on their cultivation...

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The Hall of Life and Death was ready. Ye Xiao could take patients now.

Well, there was one more thing he needed to do. He had the place, and he had the people, but he still needed something that could bring his patients back to life from death. Therefore, Ye Xiao started to urge Erhuo to make more supreme dan beads that were exclusive in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

Erhuo didn't feel resistant at all. Ye Xiao had been improved greatly. For Erhuo, it was a good opportunity to digest the great amount of spiritual energy while making dan beads. That was why it wouldn't feel resistant at all! Instead, it would love to do it!

Everything was ready now. Fights could be heard all over the city. Erhuo sat on his chair and patiently waited for his customers.

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However, before anybody came for treatments, trouble came first.

Was it the heaven's will to send somebody to make trouble for Ye Xiao, so that things wouldn't be too smooth for him?

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"Qiu Luo!"

A shout cracked in the sky. Suddenly, a lot of glittering lights shined up. There were fourteen men who were flying over, and they accidentally saw Qiu Luo who was supervising the construction work of the walls.

That was why they shouted and landed around Qiu Luo.

Qiu Luo saw those men, and his eyes were quickly filled with hatred.

The fourteen men were all wearing grey robes with dark golden patterns on their sleeves. On each of their chests, there was the image of one white parasol trees with two swords on the root.

That image proved that these men were all disciples of the Grey Parasol Sword Sect!

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# Chapter 1500: In Full Sail

The Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long saw what happened, and they stopped what they were doing right away. They stood straight up and looked at the fourteen men who were coming down obviously for fights. Bai Long had automatically put his hand on the handle of his sword.

Bu Xiangfeng half-closed his eyes, looking lazy and indifferent, but he was also keeping an eye on the fourteen men.

"Look at you. Destiny makes us meet again." Qiu Luo slowly stood straight up. He was fully recovered, but because of being sick for so many years, he was used to stooping down a bit. After all, he had experienced too much in his life, so he didn't look as vigorous as a young man anymore, but appeared old.

At this moment, as he slowly stood straight up, he became strong and tough. He didn't stoop down anymore, but became like a spear standing up pointing at the sky!

Ye Xiao and the others who were watching him all had the same feeling as if they were watching Qiu Luo getting better and better from sickness, from despair to hope!

It seemed they could feel the pain and sorrow during the days he had suffered!

Whoever saw this scene, would be moved.

Everybody felt the distress in his heart.

The leader of the fourteen men in gray clothes stared at Qiu Luo with sneer and disdain in their eyes. With two hands behind the back, he casually walked over, looking at Qiu Luo from head to toe, and said, "Look at you... Qiu Luo, I can't believe it is you... I heard that it is difficult for a tortoise to turn over, but I see a different answer in you... What a miracle! A salted fish can actually turn around."

"Qiu Luo, it seems you are living such better days now." The man paced around Qiu Luo and said, "I wonder who on earth actually wasted that much to cure the Heaven's Corrupting Worm in you. Who dares to recruit you, a man with no decent reputation?"

As he was speaking, his voice became cold and vicious. His eyes were cold, and he said, "Who is in charge of this place?"

He disdainfully looked over the Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long. He said arrogantly, "Is it you? The Dark Evil Spirit? Bai Long?"

The Dark Evil Spirit half-closed his eyes and coldly said, "So what? What if we are? Who are you? The Grey Parasol Sword Sect? Elder Gui? Heh heh heh... Look at you. I thought it was the first guard of the five sky kings..."

The man, Elder Gui, kept smiling with disdain. He glanced at the Dark Evil Spirit and said, "Dark Evil Spirit, you have spent quite some years in the martial world... What a shame! You should have learned that one can always die because of a reckless tongue... Now, let me give you a lesson. Let's say I am helping your master to discipline you! Maybe you should learn something!"

The Dark Evil Spirit was ready to respond to him, but a lazy voice sounded. "What is it? Why did you stop working? We are running out of time here. What is your problem? Do you want me to cut your food for today?"

The others all looked over. It was a young man in white clothes who talked so arrogantly. The young man was extremely pretty, who was walking over while frowning.

He was annoyed, but as he walked, it looked like he was walking on the clouds, like a god.

People saw him and all couldn't help praising him in their hearts. What a handsome man!

The Dark Evil Spirit slightly bowed and said, "Young Master, these people are from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect... They are here to..."

"To what?" Ye Xiao frowned and interrupted. He said, "I don't care who they are. Do you think you can stop working just because of these people? No excuses! Go on with your work now. We don't have much time to waste. You should focus on your work, not on some trashy people and some trashy talks... I wonder what you are thinking. If you keep wasting time to talk to these useless junks, you won't get your food today! My place never welcome useless men!"

Useless junks!

The fourteen men from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect were all shocked.

'Who is this man?'

'Does he know what he just said? If he likes to threaten his man with food, I don't care. If he wants to humiliate us, we won't bear it!'

When they were going to speak, Ye Xiao started scolding again.

"And you!" Ye Xiao turned to Bai Long and looked at him fiercely. "What have you done, Bai Long? Are you going to talk to every useless animal? Can't you spend your time on something meaningful? If they truly are people who want your company, why don't you go get them some ladies from the brothel? They will love the ladies for sure. Even if they don't like ladies, just get them some pimps or something!

They will be fine! Do I pay you to talk here? Can't you use your brain sometimes? Why do you have to waste time on these stupid morons?"

Useless animal? Moron? These stupid morons?

The Grey Parasol Sword Sect people weren't stupid. They knew what Ye Xiao was talking about! They were all angry!

Ye Xiao frowned and scolded his men with a cold face.

It seemed he was reproaching his men for delaying the construction work...

However, the Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long were so happy to hear it. They just felt so good.

'Master is shouting at us, but he is actually humiliating the guys from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect!'

'He is abusing these people like they are nothing!'

"Go to work now! Come on! Go!" Ye Xiao impatiently waved his hands and said, "If I ever see you slow down again, you won't have your lunch today. I will even deduct the money for the time you spent on this useless talks!"

"Yes, master."

The Dark Evil Spirit and Bai Long tried not to laugh and then started to supervise the construction.

The two of them left, so Ye Xiao started to shout at the third man.

"Qiu Luo, what are you doing here?" He stared at Qiu Luo and said, "What? Are these your old friends? Do you think you can stop working just because of your friends? Come on, Qiu Luo. I shouldn't judge you, but you truly don't have bright eyes. What are these people? Look how ugly and stupid they look! None of them seems to be a good one. You must pay more attention! Learn to be smarter while staying with me!"

He stared at Qiu Luo and said, "Qiu Luo, don't feel bad. Don't blame me for telling the truth about your friends. You must know what kind of people they are before you become friends with them! Look at them! What the hell is that? They are ugly, fierce, vicious, domineering... They are not good people. They must be some bumpkins from some small towns who haven't seen much of the real world yet... Qiu Luo, you are playing quite an important role here... How can you hang out with a bunch of trashy bumpkins? That is such a shame!"

Ye Xiao spat on the floor and said with disdain, "You are working for me now... If you still hang out with these people, you are disgracing me! Maybe it is fine for you, but I don't like it. Just give them some money and send them away. I don't care what you guys usually do in your daily life, but just don't disgust me with these things! Go on! Say goodbye! Send them away! Or you are not going to get your lunch today!"

Qiu Luo was so enjoying this right now. He lowered his head and pretended to apologize. "Master, I am wrong. But... These are not my friends... They are not..."

Ye Xiao seemed to be happier, and said, "I knew it! You are not blind like that! You won't make friends with these useless things... Steward!"

Bu Xiangfeng was watching the show in a distance, wondering who was better at trash talks, him or Ye Xiao. However, Ye Xiao started to show him a gesture to call him over.

He walked to Ye Xiao and said, "Master, what can I do for you?"

Ye Xiao turned around with a disgusted face, waved his hand, and pointed at the people behind him. "What do you think I want you to do? Can't you see? These vagrants have come to our place and stopped our work. What do you think I need a steward for? Just come over and kick them out now! If they stay here longer, my place is going to stink! You know I like my place clean. I don't like nasty things. I just can't stand looking at them. What a day..."

'If they stay here longer, my place is going to stink!'

'I don't like nasty things. I just can't stand looking at them.'

'Vagrants!'

That was mean and vicious.

Bu Xiangfeng nearly cracked out a laugh.

The man, Elder Gui was shocked by the strong vibe of Ye Xiao when Ye Xiao walked out like pacing on clouds. It was not something a regular man could pretend after all...

However, Elder Gui never expected that such a decent man was actually so mean and vicious while talking!

He felt that this young man's tongue was sharp enough to cut through people's throats!

After he showed up, every word he said was a blaring slap in the fourteen men's faces.

When he spoke, he said the words with disdain, indifference, and taunt... However, he talked like it was just the usual thing. That provoked the fourteen men to the most...

Elder Gui was already lost in fury after Ye Xiao spoke. He must have an ill temper, so his heart was beating fast, and he was so emotional at the moment.

"Wait!" Elder Gui shouted. His entire face had turned red like blood. He was almost spitting out blood. "You f..."

When he was about to speak out some abusive words, a middle-aged man on his side grabbed his arm.

That was a clear hint. 'He knows we are from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect, yet he still did that to us... He may not be just a man we can mess with. What do you think?'

'We must find out who he is... I don't think it is a clever move to offend someone important.'

'Look at this place... I think he could be some influential figure...'

Elder Gui swallowed the abusive words back down to his throat and said in a deep voice instead. "May I have your name, young master?"

Ye Xiao had walked out ten meters when he heard Elder Gui, and he chose to ignore the question. He didn't stop, but waved his hand and impatiently said, "What are you doing, steward? Kick them out or you won't get lunch today!"

Elder Gui heard it and he was so angry that he almost spat out his heart with blood. The other people from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect all felt humiliated as well. They all stared at Ye Xiao's back with anger in their eyes.

Bu Xiangfeng, the steward, walked over and frankly said, "Why are you still standing here? Just go... What are you standing here for? There is no food for you beggars! Do you want more humiliation?"

'There is no food for you beggars!'

'There is no food for you beggars!'

That wasn't abusive words, but it truly humiliated those guys!

The fourteen men from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect became beggars now. Only Bu Xiangfeng could think of such humiliating words to say. Ye Xiao had said a lot of words, but Bu Xiangfeng was obviously better at a sneer!

He was truly a master of trash talk!

People from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect had never thought that they would be in such an embarrassing situation.

Not long before, a report in their sect pointed out that Qiu Luo had gone missing.

Their prime master gave them an order to torture Qiu Luo, but now the guy was missing... It was a big deal. If Qiu Luo died somewhere, it should be fine. If he left the city and went somewhere, these men would be punished. Besides, unusual things kept happening in the city. That was why these fourteen men were cautious.

The Grey Parasol Sword Sect was one of the two hundred most powerful forces in the Limitless Ocean. It was a mid-level force. They surely must come to the city to try their luck. This time, the Grey Parasol Sword Sect had sent many good men to the city.

Elder Gui was the leader of one of the three squads of the Grey Parasol Sword Sect.

He had taken part in the act of capturing Qiu Luo back to the old days. In fact, he was one of the leaders of that operation.

In those days, the prime master of Grey Parasol Sword Sect was still a young master. If he didn't have the support of Elder Gui, it wouldn't be that easy to capture Qiu Luo and defeat him!

On Qiu Luo's vengeance list, the prime master of the Grey Parasol Sword Sect was the first, and Elder Gui was surely the second. Qiu Luo hated this man so much!

When Qiu Luo was gone, the prime master of the Grey Parasol Sword Sect was angry. Elder Gui was anxious. He decided to kill Qiu Luo when he saw Qiu Luo!

However, he never expected to find Qiu Luo so soon in the City of Chaos.

The others didn't know that the middle-aged man was the old useless Qiu Luo, but Elder Gui recognized him. Qiu Luo looked exactly the same as the old days, although he was not as powerful as before. When Elder Gui saw the man, he was shocked!

He knew better about the situation of Qiu Luo than the prime master of the Grey Parasol Sword Sect. Qiu Luo was dying, so it was hard to believe that he looked so healthy and young!

At least, Elder Gui didn't believe there was anything that could save the old man!

He led the other thirteen men down to the ground to check on Qiu Luo. If possible, he would kill Qiu Luo immediately. If not, he must figure out what had happened. However, things didn't go as he expected. The fourteen men had kicked on an iron plate this time!

After Ye Xiao, the young master showed up, the fourteen men started to endure the humiliation from the abusive words from Ye Xiao...

Ye Xiao's domineering arrogance was rising upon all!

The more domineering Ye Xiao acted, the more cautious Elder Gui was.

Nobody believed that such a domineering man was just an ordinary man in the world!

The Grey Parasol Sword Sect was not weak, because they could easily defeat a Divinity Origin Stage cultivator after all. However, if compared to the great forces in the Limitless Ocean, the Grey Parasol Sword Sect was nothing.

Other than the great forces, there were still people like the five sky kings in the world.

The five sky kings were powerful, and their subordinates were also incredibly powerful. A second-league sect like the Grey Parasol Sword Sect could never afford to mess with a young lord from the house of a sky king's subordinate!

The Grey Parasol Sword Sect could be rooted out in one day.

There were people who could casually kill the Grey Parasol Sword Sect, just as easily as they killed Qiu Luo's wife and tortured Qiu Luo for many years!

"Master Steward..." Master Gui took a breath and tried to hold down the anger in his chest. He tried to be peaceful, and said, "We are from the Grey Parasol Sword Sect, and we..."

"What gray? What paranoid? What salt?" Bu Xiangfeng impatiently interrupted Elder Gui and waved a hand like waving off a fly. "Get the f\*ck out of here now. If I miss my lunch today, I will cut your mouths and let you starve to death! Look at your ugly faces. Disgusting!"

That was new, cutting one's mouth and starve until they die!

Elder Gui was shaking because of anger. He shouted, "There are rules in the martial world. The thing between our sect and Qiu Luo is our business, not others. I don't care who you are, where you are from, you can't get between us like this and talk nonsense! Why are you doing this?"

As he said so, the other people behind him agreed and cheered for him.

"Shut up! All of you, shut your mouths! I guess you do want me to shut your mouths for you!" Bu Xiangfeng looked down upon them and said, with both hands behind his back, "I don't care what is between you and him. You are standing in the territory of the Monarch's Hall. I can do whatever I want! I am this domineering! I am getting between you and him! What can you do about it?"