

## **Firmament 1571**

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#### **Chapter 1571: Tragedy**

The comparison of Ye Xiao and Ye Yunduan made the old masters speechless.

Ye Xiao was ambitious and attentive. He always made smart moves and never took risks. Everything he did was a surprise that shocked the others at first but then convinced everybody.

Ye Yunduan pretended to be capable and elegant, but he was a foolish young lord who had filled his own head with impractical dreams.

Ye Xiao was obviously much better.

Comparison killed. No comparison, no feelings hurt. The old masters had followed Ye Xiao before they listened to Ye Yunduan, so they felt sick sometimes. Master Guan was not the only one who felt sad and disappointed, the other six old masters too!

Master Song, Master Yun, and Master Ju were lost in thoughts.

The other three old masters felt lost as well. They couldn't choose which side to support, so they had to figure out something to solve the problem.

After the discussion, Master Qi sighed and said, "I don't think we are going to get away from this. I guess I can go for the first strike. However, I am not sure if my clan alone can stop the Brotherhood Alliance's anger."

Master Qi decided to take responsibility and made a sigh in the end. Apparently, he was feeling extremely upset about it!

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The City of Chaos came to a huge change, and it shocked the entire Limitless Ocean.

The Brotherhood Alliance was ranked the third of the ten most powerful forces in the Limitless Ocean. It was under the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms. However, everybody knew that the Brotherhood Alliance was the biggest organization!

The House of Chaotic Storms and the Hall of Returning Nature had more powerful cultivators than the Brotherhood Alliance, but the Brotherhood Alliance had much more members than the other two sects.

The Brotherhood Alliance was an organization of itinerant cultivators, so they weren't as united as the other two organizations. That was why the Brotherhood Alliance was ranked only third.

In fact, the Brotherhood Alliance had been stepping back for the other two for those years.

First of all, the Brotherhood Alliance stepped back and let the Hall of Returning Nature take the seat of the most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean. After that, the House of Chaotic Storms took over one-quarter of the land in the City of Chaos, so the Brotherhood Alliance stepped back again and gave up the second position...

People also knew that the Brotherhood Alliance even made room for the Great Ye Army, because the Brotherhood Alliance never wanted a war.

Their compromise made people feel that they were weak. It seemed as if the opponent pushed harder, the Brotherhood Alliance would always give in.

Now, hundreds of the Brotherhood Alliance's businesses were ruined. What would they do now?

People in the City of Chaos were watching them.

If the Brotherhood Alliance still chose to give in, then maybe the Brotherhood Alliance should be ranked lower. In fact, the Brotherhood Alliance might fall to the bottom of the city. Everybody could step on it if they wanted.

The Brotherhood Alliance had made a compromise again and again. They could always do it one more time.

However, the Brotherhood Alliance knew it, so they knew they couldn't give in this time.

They wouldn't give in, so they had to face the army that was led by the descendant of the Great Master Ye.

The Great Ye Army.

It was a severe problem too.

If the Brotherhood Alliance lost, they would be wiped out!

The Great Ye Clan had vanished for one hundred thousand years, and they wouldn't spare anybody who might stand in their way to rise!

This was going to be the first war the Great Ye Clan would fight after its return!

Neither side couldn't escape!

Everybody was waiting for the Brotherhood Alliance's reaction.

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One day, things finally happened in the martial world.

Something was happening from somewhere far away.

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A huge flat had risen in the central area of the City of Chaos.

On the flag, there were some big words. "Brothers from the world!"

The flag was red, standing high.

Everybody was shocked when they saw it.

The Great Ye Clan had vanished for a hundred thousand years, and the main flag of the Brotherhood Alliance hadn't shown up for years as well!

All the members of the City of Chaos subbranch of the Brotherhood Alliance stood under the flag.

They stood side by side, wearing no tops, letting the cold autumn wind blow on their chests. They all held their weapons in their hands, showing a determined face. Over seventy thousand men occupied the central area of the city.

The Brotherhood Alliance had gathered everybody they had in the City of Chaos, including those who were in charge of managing the shops on the street.

They were protecting the flat.

The flat of all brothers in the world!

The Great Ye Army wanted to go in and push these men away, but they got resisted. They had fought over ten times in the day already. Nobody surrendered.

Ye Yunduan looked at the high rising flag with both eyes full of anger.

*'These f\*cking bastards! How ignorant!'*

*'They don't have backgrounds. They don't have power. How dare they fight against the Great Ye Clan?'*

*'Ignorant bastards!'*

"Go! Get that flag away!" He remembered how the seven old masters objected to his proposal earlier. He remembered being scolded by the seven old men. He still felt the humiliation in his heart...

He held grudge and anger buried in his heart, and they were coming out now.

Only victory could bring him absolute prestige!

Where was one's prestige from?

From the battles!

*'You don't trust me. Fine. I will let the truth speak for me. I will show you my true power. Just watch me break down the third most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean. Let me step on the dead body of this powerful force and tell you why you should have faith in me!'*

*'I have sent the message back to the clan. They will send me more men, and they will arrive in seven days.'*

*'Before they come, I must at least do something.'*

*'If the clan knows that I don't even dare to attack a subbranch of the Brotherhood Alliance, what would the elders think of me?'*

Ye Yunduan was determined.

"Attack! Get that flag down! At all costs!"

"Kill!"

The order was made. Tens of thousands of the Great Ye Army people attacked from everywhere.

The area was full of blood all of a sudden!

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#### **Chapter 1572: Brothers in the World**

The Great Ye Army had won every battle they had during those days. It was a glorious time. A few days earlier, they had taken over almost all the businesses of the Brotherhood Alliance. They were so overbearing at the moment!

Whoever saw the battle between the Great Ye Army and the Brotherhood Alliance would close their eyes.

It was such a tragedy that was rare in history.

The entire place was full of blood and dead bodies.

The Brotherhood Alliance had a lot of people to fight the battle, but most of them were low-level cultivators. It was only a subbranch of the Brotherhood Alliance after all, so they didn't have many superior cultivators. The Brotherhood Alliance had been developing all over the world, so their high-level forces were decentralized. The City of Chaos had been peaceful for a long time, and the Brotherhood Alliance was the local force in this city, so they didn't expect any battles in this place. Even the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms wouldn't easily start a war against them in this city.

As the Great Ye Army started the attacks, they were winning all the way into the central area.

From everywhere, people of the Great Ye Army rushed out, wearing black clothes, like fleeting boats marching ahead in the ocean. The Brotherhood Alliance people kept going up to stop them, but they just got knocked down one by one. They couldn't defeat the Great Ye Army.

Men were moaning and falling into the blood. Broken arms and legs were everywhere.

In the central area of the City of Chaos, there was only blood.

Even though the Brotherhood Alliance was losing so fast, people protecting the flag did not move away.

Their job was to keep the flag pole standing!

Their brothers were slaughtered, and the people who protected the flag were furious, but they still didn't move.

They knew the enemies would come to them, and the fight was unavoidable.

If they rushed forward to fight, the flag would be unguarded.

"We are brothers in the world!"

A tough guy shouted and then rushed into the crowd of enemies. A Ye Clan Army cultivator's blade cut into the man's chest and cause fatal damage. However, he didn't seem to feel the pain. He just kept shouting and holding the enemy.

He sacrificed himself to buy time for his brothers to attack, but soon, that Ye Clan Army cultivator had cut the tough guy into pieces.

“We are brothers in the world!”

Countless men rushed forward to face death, shouting the slogan which represented their belief and faith in their lives!

Thousands of men, who were guarding the flag, wept.

They wept and shouted in a hoarse voice,

“We are brothers in the world!”

A Divinity Origin Stage cultivator in the Great Ye Army suddenly shouted and turned around. The next moment, he moved his saber and put down about eight men of the Great Ye Army with a slash.

The Great Ye Army people didn't believe their own man would turn against them!

“Liu Dan! What are you doing? Have you lost your mind!” somebody shouted at him.

Liu Dan laughed and kept making slashes. Soon, he had killed several more of the Great Ye Army people. The high-level cultivators of the Great Ye Army fought back and put Liu Dan down. After more sword attacks on him, he shouted before he died, “We are brothers in the world!”

After that, he fell down and passed away!

Liu Dan was not alone. Hundreds of the Great Ye Army people got killed by their own men.

Those men used to be members of the Brotherhood Alliance.

Some of them were undercover as a spy in the Great Ye Army, and some of them joined the Great Ye Army for personal reasons... At this moment, when the people of the Brotherhood Alliance died to protect the flag, these men stood up. They were willing to die for their brothers like the others did!

That was the martial world. That was a man's courage and integrity.

They might have hidden among the enemies, and they wouldn't escape for their own survival. At least, they had the courage and integrity!

They were brave, loyal, and honorable!

They were brothers!

They were the Brotherhood Alliance!

People kept saying, “We are brothers in the world!”

People were coming from everywhere to support their brothers.

More and more people rushed into the city and started the killings.

*‘My brothers are here.’*

*‘We are brothers in the world.’*

*'I am here to support them!'*

*'I am here to help them!'*

*'I am here to die for them!'*

Men came from everywhere to fight against the Great Ye Army who had been gone for a hundred thousand years. They rushed into the city and died like moths flying into the fire. They knew they couldn't save the day, but they didn't dare to die.

They just kept coming from far away and died along with their brothers!

Blood continued to spill on the floor. More and more dead bodies too.

The Brotherhood Alliance seemed to have more people than anybody could count.

As the battle went on, people kept joining the Brotherhood Alliance!

The smell of blood filled the air in the city. Ye Yunduan had been smiling blandly at first, but then he lost it. His face turned colorless and he started shaking.

He was born in a powerful clan, but he had never seen so many dead people before.

He thought that he would win it after killing some of the enemies. He thought death would scare the itinerant cultivators of the Brotherhood Alliance. However, it wasn't as he expected.

It was a bloody war.

The Brotherhood Alliance people did not fear death. They just kept fighting.

Ye Yunduan realized that the war had become out of control. It became a tragedy that shocked the entire world... He was not sure whether he could still win the war!

What would happen if the Great Ye Army lost this battle?

Whose men were easily scared and would escape soon? Who was going to lose?

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#### **Chapter 1573: Shangguan Lingxiao**

"Who told you to do this?" The old masters got the message from the front line one hour after the fight started. They came as fast as they could, but it was already too late.

The war was unavoidable now. The old men couldn't stop anything!

Both sides had gone mad in killings.

Dead bodies were everywhere, and blood stained everything. It wouldn't stop until one side was wiped out. As time passed, the Great Ye Army seemed to be in a worse and worse situation!

Master Guan's eyes turned red and he grabbed Ye Yunduan on the collar, shouting at him, "Who told you to do this? Even if you want to do this, can't you at least make a plan? Why? Do you even know what you are doing? Why did you kill all those low-level cultivators like this? What is this going to bring you anyway?"

Ye Yunduan looked pretty scared, and he said, "I... I thought..."

"What do you think?" Master Guan shouted and said, "Do you know what they are shouting? Do you know they have brothers in the world? Do you know what is the morality of the martial world? Do you know what brotherhood means? Say it! Do you?"

Master Guan held his own chest and started to cough heavily.

After a while, he sighed and said, "This is over. It's all done..."

"Tell them to stop now!" Master Qin shouted angrily.

Ye Yunduan was shaking, and he hurriedly gave the order.

"Stop! Retreat!"

The seven old masters got down to the battlefield in person with the high-level cultivators of the seven clans to stop the killing.

The massacre was finally stopped.

The City of Chaos was full of blood. The smell of the blood stayed in the city for a long time.

On the ground, there were dead bodies everywhere.

Cultivators usually had more blood than ordinary men. Most of the men who died in the fight were low-level cultivators. Over fifty thousand men died. The blood of them stained everything!

It was such an image of hell in front of them. The seven old men were shocked. They did whatever they could to stop the fight, and they only had time to glance at the dead men. What they saw was horrible enough to shake them up.

*'What... What did I just see?'*

While blood stained the entire area, the main flag of the Brotherhood Alliance was still standing up high in the wind.

People were still guarding the flat, staring at their enemies.

The seven clans strongly stopped the fight, and nobody talked or moved anymore now.

After a while.

Zhu Zhe, the leader of the City of Chaos subbranch of the Brotherhood Alliance, walked down from the highest point of the battlefield. He looked sullen, walking slowly toward the blood on the ground!

"Master Zhu." Master Qin walked over to talk to him.

"Go away." Zhu Zhe shouted with an expressionless face.

Zhu Zhe was the leader of the members in the City of Chaos, but he was not a powerful cultivator. The City of Chaos was always a peaceful place, so the Brotherhood Alliance didn't need a powerful cultivator to lead their subbranch in this city. All the leader needed to do was to keep good relationships with the

other forces. In a place like this, it was not a good thing to have a powerful cultivator to be their leader. Zhu Zhe was only at level six of the Divinity Origin Stage.

Before this, when Zhu Zhe met Master Qin, he always smiled and stayed humble.

However, this smiling man had become cold and full of anger.

Master Qin understood, so he made a sigh and stepped away.

Zhu Zhe walked over the blood on the floor, and the blood actually stained his ankles.

His body started to shake.

He got down and took out a bronze basin from his ring. After which, he used a hand to move the blood into the basin and fill it up.

He then raised the basin and started to walk back slowly.

None of the blood dripped off the basin.

The brothers of the Brotherhood Alliance all stepped aside to let him through.

He walked to the flag.

Suddenly, he jumped up and raised the basin, sprinkling the blood onto the flag.

*'We are brothers in the world.'*

The flag was soaked, and it stopped flickering. Blood started to drip like tears.

The flag of the Brotherhood Alliance was stained with blood along with the tears of the brothers!

Zhu Zhe stood under the flag. The dripping blood was over his head, dropping on him and flowing down to his feet. He didn't move.

The clouds were rolling far away in the sky.

A long rainbow appeared in the sky.

A man arrived, with clouds and a storm following him.

A tough man with a big beard showed up in the sky.

He wore cyan clothes, with a fierce face and big, round eyes. He was tall and looked menacing.

People all felt shocked when they saw this guy.

"It is him!"

"The youngest leader!"

"The youngest of the ten leaders!"

"The Wild Leopard, Peng Zhuiyun."

Peng Zhuiyun saw the cruel scene on the ground, and he was shocked!



Apparently, he didn't expect to see this at all. In fact, nobody had seen this coming!

The next moment, Peng Zhuiyun turned around in the air, looking at the flag of the Brotherhood Alliance, which was stained with blood. He stayed silent for a while, and then abruptly shouted and spoke sadly, "Who slaughtered my brothers?"

It was so loud that it shocked the sky like a thunderclap!

The blood on the floor splattered up.

It was like the dead men complaining about the massacre to their leader.

"Ah!"

Peng Zhuiyun shouted in the air. His voice pierced through the clouds and became thunders striking back.

After that, he directly rushed down like a bolt of lightning.

He landed under the flag of the Brotherhood Alliance.

"What is this? How did things end up so bad?" Peng Zhuiyun's eyes looked crazy. He needed to do something to vent the anger.

"They did this. The enemies!" Zhu Zhe stared at the enemies. "We have been showing kindness to them. The Great Ye Clan people!"

"They are people of the Great Ye Clan!"

Peng Zhuiyun stood straight up, looking like a raging lion, staring at the Great Ye Army.

His eyes were fierce, and they were like two sharp swords.

"Why?"

His fierce eyes kept looking at Ye Yunduan. They were hundreds of feet away from each other, but Ye Yunduan still felt a stinging pain on the face when Peng Zhuiyun stared at him.

Peng Zhuiyun was actually that powerful!

Peng Zhuiyun looked at him for just a while, and then he looked at Master Qin, Master Yun, and the other old masters... In the end, he made a sad and angry laugh.

"Hah hah hah hah... Good! The Heaven's Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses! Are these the famous Lotuses and the Leaf?"

He stamped on the floor fiercely and then became a stream of thundering light, rushing over to the enemies!

The clouds and wind followed him. As he moved fast, two giant winds appeared on both sides of his body. The wings were a thousand feet wide, shining golden lights!

The wings of thunder and wind!

Peng Zhuiyun actually made his unique move to start the fight!

The people of the seven clans all got ready to defend themselves.

Peng Zhuiyun was going to kill hundreds of men with that move.

“Brother!”

Somebody shouted in the sky.

Peng Zhuiyun had decided to fight with his life. As he rushed over, he didn’t think of going back at all. Nobody had the power to stop him at this point.

When the man in the sky shouted at him, it was not loud.

However, Peng Zhuiyun immediately stopped. He actually forced himself to stop.

He stopped right there between the two sides of the battle.

The next moment, a man appeared in the sky silently. The man was in cyan clothes, looking down at the blood on the floor, and he was sad and angry as well.

He slowly moved down and stayed beside Peng Zhuiyun.

When he got close to Peng Zhuiyun, the others all had a feeling. *‘It is impossible to separate these two men. It was impossible to kill one of them without killing the other!’*

These two were like one!

“Brother!” Peng Zhuiyun turned around. He didn’t want to sound sad, but when he called the other man, his tears shed out. He started to cry.

“Over forty thousand men! Over forty thousand of our brothers!”

Peng Zhuiyun was in tears.

When he saw his brother, the third eldest leader, the Wild Leopard, who was always fierce and cruel, actually started to cry like a child.

“I know! I know everything!”

The man tapped Peng Zhuiyun on the shoulder and said, “Let me handle this. I am not going to let them go easily.”

“Okay.” Peng Zhuiyun sobbed and then stayed behind the man. He just let the older one take charge.

“It is the third leader of the Brotherhood Alliance, the wisest man in the Brotherhood Alliance. The Capable Hand, Shangguan Lingxiao. This is not going to end well today.”

Somebody said in a low voice in the crowd.

Everybody knew that the wisest man of the Brotherhood Alliance had come.

He could make a decision for the Brotherhood Alliance!

Shangguan Lingxiao was called the Capable Hand, the brain of the Brotherhood Alliance and one of the soul figures.

He was the one who built the entire manpower system of the Brotherhood Alliance. He knew everything about the organization. He could make decisions on all issues of the organization, including battles, management, finance, commanding, penalty, and reward...

He was famous as a wise man. He was among the wisest men in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

He actually showed up now for this battle. The Great Ye Army people, especially the men of the seven clans, were all shocked.

They couldn't believe the brain of the Brotherhood Alliance, the Capable Hand, had come for this.

It was not going to end well!

"There are two leaders of the Brotherhood Alliance here. The Capable Hand, Shangguan Lingxiao, and the Wild Leopard, Peng Zhuiyun. That is powerful enough..."

On a tower far away, a man in white clothes casually sat on a chair. The chair was at the window, and this man was watching everything on the battlefield. He seemed to enjoy the show.

"Master, what do you think is going to happen?" Beside him, there was a middle-aged man who looked vile. He asked the man humbly.

"What' going to happen? What can I say? There will be no fights anymore." The man in white clothes humphed and said, "Shangguan Lingxiao has shown up. He won't let the fight start again. This is the end. As the third leader of the Brotherhood Alliance, he is not simple.

"Do you really think the leaders of the Brotherhood Alliance did not know what is going on here? Why did they send the smartest guy to handle this? His appearance shows the attitude of the Brotherhood Alliance. They don't want it to go any further. They want to stop it now."

He paused and then continued, "I thought the Wild Leopard was going to stir up a more chaotic situation. I thought one of the two organizations would be destroyed and the other would be severely damaged. Well, now they got Shangguan, the clever bastard. This is it. There will be no more fights! However, it has been brutal enough. The Brotherhood Alliance may get to know the truth, but they are never going to get along with the Great Ye Army."

After that, he casually stood up and said, "Let's go. This is it. There is no need to stay any longer. Staying too long may lead to more unexpected results. Shangguan Lingxiao and the seven old foxes are cunning. They are all superior cultivators, too. They may figure out something wrong. That won't be nice... Let's just see how it goes next."

Before he finished talking, he stood up and walked away without turning back.

One of the two men on his sides left with him, while the other stayed in the empty room.

Down on the battlefield.

Shangguan Lingxiao stood right there. His eyes glowed with sharp lights, but then he calmed down. He said, "Leaders of the seven clans and the Great Ye Army, do you want to come out and give me an explanation?"

Shangguan Lingxiao sounded peaceful, even indifferent.

However, the uprightness was obvious.

As he finished the question, he turned around.

He looked at the flag of the Brotherhood Alliance, which was stained with blood. His mouth was twisted.

In his eyes, there was only coldness.

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#### **Chapter 1574: Why Kill Us?**

The seven old masters all looked embarrassed.

What happened was abrupt, and they didn't have time to handle it properly. In fact, they didn't even know how things ended so badly like this.

However, no matter what, the Great Ye Army started all this. The Brotherhood Alliance's men died under the men of the Great Ye Army. The Great Ye Army also took a lot of money and materials from the Brotherhood Alliance as well...

The old masters did not know what to say at the moment because they couldn't find an excuse to explain for the Great Ye Army at all.

The seven clans had barely interfered in the daily issues of the City of Chaos, but all the powerful forces knew them. Because the seven clans never claimed their authority in the City of Chaos, the powerful forces of the world did not want to fight against them. For a long time, the Brotherhood Alliance had started a lot of businesses in the City of Chaos, but they never broke any laws in the city. They had done nothing to offend the seven clans, which had shown the Seven Golden Lotuses enough respect.

The Great Ye Army was rising, and it was fighting against all the powerful forces in the City of Chaos one by one! The Brotherhood Alliance still had made compromises to it by giving up some of their lands. That was a big step to give in. However, Ye Yunduan thought the Brotherhood Alliance did it because they were weak, so he decided to push it further to the end. He gathered all his people to kill the men of the Brotherhood Alliance, putting on a massacre against the low-level cultivators, causing the tragedy in the end!

Everybody knew what had happened. The old masters were well known to the public, and they couldn't go against their conscience. That was why they didn't speak a word.

After a while, Master Qin moved over and looked embarrassed. He tried to smile and said, "Master Shangguan... You have come a long way... We should have shown you a warm welcome... Heh heh..."

Shangguan Lingxiao sounded indifferent and said, "I am shocked. The first thing I saw when I arrived was this. That is flattering. I don't think I can bear your warm welcome."

He pointed at the dead bodies on the ground and said, "How thoughtful! You used my brothers' dead and broken bodies to welcome me... Master Qin, you have shown me the biggest respect I have ever had."

"How I am flattered," Shangguan Lingxiao said.

Ye Yunduan stepped forward and said in a heavy voice, "Are you the third leader of the Brotherhood Alliance, Shangguan Lingxiao?"

Master Qin was shocked and so were the other old men.

*'Why did you speak at this critical moment?'*

Shangguan Lingxiao was having a conversation with the seven clans, and it was a conversation between two old forces in the city. Ye Yunduan was the leader of the Great Ye Army, but he should at least show some respect to others.

Shangguan Lingxiao laughed and said, "Look who is standing up there, acting like he is above the masses. I guess you are the descendant of the Great Ye Clan, who has been holding up beyond the clouds since you are a baby, aren't you?"

Ye Yunduan didn't look scared anymore. He was calm and peaceful and had a big smile on his face. As a member of a great clan, he did have the decency. "I have heard about the great name of Master Shangguan. Now that you are here, we can talk about how to solve the problem between us. I don't see why we should let more people die."

Shangguan Lingxiao looked confused, and he said, "The problem between us? Please, Young Lord Ye, what problem do we have? To be honest, I have no idea at all. What is it?"

The blood was right under his feet, yet he didn't see any problem between the two sides.

It seemed he did not see the blood.

Ye Yunduan's face turned red a little, and he said, "My clan, and your organization, we..."

Shangguan Lingxiao interrupted him and said, "It has been tens of thousands of years since the first day the Brotherhood Alliance set foot on the soil of the City of Chaos. We never made any aggressive expansion inside the city. Our sub branch here is more like a chamber of commerce. Do you know why, Master Ye?"

Ye Yunduan was shocked, and he said, "I would love to hear your instruction..."

"Well, the reason is simple. The City of Chaos is the great masterpiece of the Great Master Ye, Ye Hongchen. It is a legendary place that all itinerant cultivators respect. We know all the stories about the Heaven's Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses in the old days. We are all itinerant cultivators, and we respected these legendary itinerant cultivators.

"The seven golden lotuses had never claimed anything in the city after the Great Master Ye was gone, but still, we would never offend this city which is known as the city of no sins.

“The Brotherhood Alliance has never sent our main forces into the City of Chaos because of respect. We see this place as the territory of the Great Ye Clan that is guarded by the Seven Golden Lotuses.”

“For many centuries, we followed the rules in the City of Chaos. We do not want to break the order in this place.” Shangguan Lingxiao blandly said, “I think the seven old masters can prove my words. I am telling the truth, am I not?”

“Now, the descendant of the Great Ye Clan finally returns to this city, and the seven clans appear. The Heaven’s Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses are together again. Well, here is my question for you. What problem do you think is between you and the Brotherhood Alliance?”

Shangguan Lingxiao spoke clearly and loudly. Everybody could hear him.

He sounded indifferent but made people feel oppressed.

The seven old masters’ faces turned red. They didn’t know what to say. Ye Yunduan had nothing to say, either.

“When the rules of the City of Chaos were all gone, and the chaos returned to this city, we knew that the Great Ye Clan was coming back. We did not make any aggressive moves but only kept making compromises. We have given the land that we have ruled for centuries. Do you think we did it because we were weak? No! We did it because we respect the Heaven’s Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses, who were also itinerant cultivators like us!

“We are all itinerant cultivators, and we should support each other and respect each other.

“We never want to have any conflicts with any other forces in the City of Chaos. Even though the city has fallen into chaos, we still try our best to maintain peace just like the old days. Because we respect you!

“We always respect the Great Ye Clan. So tell me, what is the problem between the Brotherhood Alliance and the Great Ye Army? What is it? What could it be? How come?”

Shangguan Lingxiao was getting more and more emotional. “We are the Brotherhood Alliance. We are brothers from the world. Whoever offends the Brotherhood Alliance in the Limitless Ocean, we will fight back! We will fight with our lives! We won’t stop fighting; we won’t give up until the last drop of our blood was drained! However, in the City of Chaos, we never started a fight!

“What is the problem between us then?”

“Since the day the Young Lord Ye appeared in the city, the Great Ye Army has fought against many forces in the city. The Brotherhood Alliance respects the Great Master Ye, so we chose to give in. We have given so much more than we should to you because we think the Great Ye Clan was not an enemy. However, after what we did for peace, you still have a problem with us, don’t you?”

“It has been just a few months since the Great Ye Army was built. You have the name of the Great Master Ye, the Heaven’s Leaf, and you have the support of the Seven Golden Lotuses. Do you think that is enough to scare the Brotherhood Alliance? Do you think we give in because of fear? Hilarious! We have been compromising because we are slowly moving out of the City of Chaos! The Great Ye Clan has

returned with the Seven Golden Lotuses. The City of Chaos belongs to you, so even though we will suffer a great loss, we will give this place back. I don't understand. Why is there still a problem between us?

"Master Ye, you talked about the problem between us. You talked like you want to solve a problem that we both should take responsibility for. Well, I am confused. What is the problem?"

"How do you think we should solve it?"

Shangguan Lingxiao's eyes were sharp like a sword.

"Within a day, the shops were occupied by the Great Ye Army, and our money was taken by the Great Ye Army. The accommodations of our brothers were broken down. Did we fight back? Did we hurt any of your men? After what you did, we chose to let it go. If there is a problem, what is it? Where did it come from?"

"We have been making compromises. Today, all my brothers did was to protect the flag of the Brotherhood Alliance, yet they were butchered."

Shangguan Lingxiao looked at Ye Yunduan and said, "Is that it? The massacre, the blood, the innocent lives, my brothers, are these the problem you said, Master Ye?"

"Well..." Ye Yunduan didn't have a word to say.

Shangguan Lingxiao had a sharp tongue. Ye Yunduan couldn't say a word.

After all, it was his fault.

Now, how was he supposed to argue with the man who was known as the most skilled in a debate?

"Master Qin, let me ask you. For the last tens of thousands of years, did the Brotherhood Alliance offend your clan?" Shangguan Lingxiao looked at old Master Qin and asked.

His eyes were already red.

Master Qin sighed and closed his eyes. He slowly said, "No, you never did."

Shangguan Lingxiao nodded and looked at Master Guan. "Guan Tiemian, old Master Guan, for the last tens of thousands of years, did the Brotherhood Alliance offend your clan?"

Master Guan looked serious and said decisively, "No!"

Shangguan Lingxiao looked over to the seven masters and asked them the same question.

The seven old masters had different feelings but had the same answer!

There was never any conflict between the Brotherhood Alliance and any of the seven clans.

They couldn't lie about it because it only embarrassed them more!

In the end, Shangguan Lingxiao stared at Ye Yunduan and said, "I think the seven old masters are trustworthy enough. Now, let me ask you, Master Ye. You want to talk about the problem, and I am sure you have a reason to say so. Here, you have my word. If you can tell us one thing that the Brotherhood Alliance ever did to offend you, please do!"

“We will apologize for that and take this as our responsibility!

“Since you came to kill my men and talked like you had a reason for it, we must have done many stupid things that provoked you. Please tell us. At least the brothers who are killed today will die for a reason!

“If you can tell us one thing, I will leave right now and never step back to the City of Chaos again!

“Do you remember one?”

Shangguan Lingxiao shouted.

Ye Yunduan was a bit shocked, and he said, “Well... That’s...”

Shangguan Lingxiao asked again, “I am only asking for one thing. You will show respect to my right to know the truth, won’t you?”

Ye Yunduan wanted to argue but really couldn’t speak out the words. Everybody was watching him, and he didn’t want to be disgraced. He just stood there and didn’t say a word!

“Why don’t you just tell us? Does it mean we have done nothing that offended you?” Shangguan Lingxiao suddenly shouted and said, “If we have done nothing to provoke you, where is the problem? What is it?”

That shout was so loud that it shocked the sky, and the entire sky seemed to break into pieces. Everybody was shaken.

“No.” Ye Yunduan was lost, and that was the only thing he could think of.

“No!” Shangguan Lingxiao laughed out loud and sounded sad and painful. “Hah, hah, hah, hah... No, there is none! Hah, hah, hah, hah... Master Ye, how could you say that?”

“Look at the tens of thousands of men who died in front of you!” Shangguan Lingxiao stared at him and said, “How dare you say that?”

“No, we never offended you? Then what is this massacre for?”

Shangguan Lingxiao’s voice was overbearing and offensive. It was oppressing the young man.

“Since you do not have a reason to start this fight, let me ask you a question that my brothers who died here would ask.”

Shangguan Lingxiao stepped ahead and coldly stared at Ye Yunduan. It felt like his eyes were from hell. He asked, “Why did you kill us?”

“Why did you kill us?”

“We haven’t done anything to you. Why did you kill us?”

“There was no problem with us. Why did you kill us?”

“We have never offended any of you. Why did you kill us?”

“Why did you kill us?”



Shangguan Lingxiao's voice sounded so sad.

He kept asking and asking, like a question resounding from the underworld. It was echoing in the air.

The sound became waves moving out and shocked everybody's heart.

It felt like the spirits of the tens of thousands of men were back from the nether world, asking Ye Yunduan, "Why did you kill us?"

The sound reverberated again and again, and Ye Yunduan staggered backward. His face turned colorless, and he wasn't as elegant and decent as a young lord anymore.

In fact, not only Ye Yunduan but also all the others of the Great Ye Army were scared. Their faces were all pale. The army had lost sound before the fierce shout of one man!

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#### **Chapter 1575: Rules in the Martial World**

Ye Yunduan staggered back, and the three guards who were responsible for his safety stepped forward to keep him behind.

However, Shangguan Lingxiao was aggressively asking questions that were fiercely shaking their hearts with the grievance of tens of thousands of souls of the dead men. The three guards didn't feel easy. Their faces turned green.

No matter what, Ye Yunduan finally had a chance to take a breath now, and at the same time, he felt annoyed and humiliated.

*'I'm a descendant of the Great Ye Clan, and this man, a leader of some organization in the martial world actually frightened me!'*

*'This is absurd! This is unbelievable!'*

*'This is unforgivable!'*

He coldly said, "The City of Chaos, the city of no sins, has been the territory of my clan since the day it was built. It is the truth. Nobody could change that. Now, the Great Ye Clan has returned, and the City of Chaos should return to our hands.

"The Brotherhood Alliance has occupied our land for so many years. You should be satisfied. It is reasonable that you give me back what belongs to me.

"As we are taking back the city, we surely will take over the businesses that you run in this place. I don't see why it is unreasonable. You have said that the Brotherhood Alliance has lived in the City of Chaos for centuries. You have gained more than you deserve from the city. Isn't that enough?

"The massacre is not what we wanted. However, this is the martial world. This is how things must be in the martial world. I think you should understand this rule. If I have to give you an explanation about the problem, this is it. The rule of the martial world is the reason, and it is the problem!"

He might be giving a fallacious point about that, but he did have a quick mind. He was obviously the unreasonable one, but no matter what, he got his own way to go back on the track to reasons!

People on his side, especially the seven old masters, weren't so happy about it though.

Shangguan Lingxiao turned solemn, and he made a long shout, "Hah, hah... Master Ye, is that what you think? We are in the martial world, so we should always do things by the rule of the martial world. Is that what you said?"

Ye Yunduan apparently knew he had provoked Shangguan Lingxiao. At this moment, he couldn't surrender, so he said, "That's right!"

He was scared by Shangguan Lingxiao's power, but the Great Ye Army was obviously stronger than the people on the Brotherhood Alliance's side in this place. More importantly, he still had the support of the seven clans. Since the seven old masters were here, Ye Yunduan believed the old men would save him no matter what happened. Once the seven masters made their move, the Brotherhood Alliance could never hurt Ye Yunduan!

The seven old masters were all great cultivators!

Ye Yunduan had pushed it to an end. Master Qin was worried. He just wanted to say something, but Shangguan Lingxiao didn't let him.

"Since you want to do this in the martial world's way, so be it! The stronger one wins, and the weaker one dies!"

Shangguan Lingxiao said, "I was wrong. The Brotherhood Alliance is a bunch of itinerant cultivators staying together! The Seven Golden Lotus used to be itinerant cultivators, too. We should always follow the rule of the martial world!"

"Since you have made your point, let me make an announcement for the Brotherhood Alliance here. The Brotherhood Alliance has done something stupid. We gave in for somebody else, and we should take responsibility for our stupidity! I am one of the leaders, and I apologize to my brothers! These brothers are our martyrs, and we will give their families top-level death benefits.

"From now on, the Brotherhood Alliance will never step back even one step!"

"The brothers we lost today died because of me. I should have seen our enemies!"

"We will submit to what we suffer today. However, we always pay our debts. We follow the rule of the martial world!"

"In the name of the Brotherhood Alliance, I announce, from now on, the Heaven's Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotus are the Brotherhood Alliance's enemies forever! We will fight them with our lives!"

"What they did to us today will never be forgiven!"

When he said that, the seven old masters were all shocked. They knew that it was impossible to make peace with the Brotherhood Alliance...

The Brotherhood Alliance could have become an ally...

Shangguan Lingxiao stood up and shouted, "Zhu Zhe!"

"Yes!" Zhu Zhe was shaking, and he stepped ahead.

“Count!” Shangguan Lingxiao looked at the ground. “Remember every brother who died down there. I want their families’ names. I need to know how our brothers died today!”

“They died because of me!”

“Each one is a blood debt!”

“We will let them pay one day!”

“Yes!” Zhu Zhe stood straight up.

“Go!” Shangguan Lingxiao was expressionless.

“Yes!” Zhu Zhe turned around and said, “Brothers, come with me!”

Peng Zhuiyun stepped forward to stand on Shangguan Lingxiao’s side. They were standing in the middle of the blood pond. The two brothers had their arms on their chests, staring at the Great Ye Army with coldness and fierceness in their eyes.

Shangguan Lingxiao had shown a clear attitude. *‘Go down there and do the counting. Nobody can hurt you. If they attack, we will protect you!’*

Everybody was filled with emotions in their hearts.

Six of the seven old masters had closed their eyes.

There was nothing they could do now.

Nobody won!

The Great Ye Army had lost its fame, and the Brotherhood Alliance had lost their brothers!

Master Guan was staring at Shangguan Lingxiao in the eyes. He saw the sadness in the man’s eyes.

Master Guan sighed.

He understood.

In fact, only a few people knew the truth behind the tragedy, but it wouldn’t make any difference if they let it out.

It was done. There was nothing to be said!

Why only the third and the youngest leader of the leaders of the Brotherhood Alliance showed up?

Those men, who were more like warmongers, why didn’t they show up?

Master Guan knew that there was an intrigue behind the tragedy.

If nobody plotted behind everything, if nobody infected Ye Yunduan, this massacre would never take place. Even if a fight broke out, it wouldn’t end up into a tragedy like this!

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**Chapter 1576: Fall Out and Become Enemies**

The old masters had thought of something that the leaders of the Brotherhood Alliance had in mind as well.

The Brotherhood Alliance only sent two leaders to deal with this, including Shangguan Lingxiao, the smartest one. It was obvious. They did not want anybody to play intrigue. If Ye Yunduan was clever enough to slightly give in when Shangguan Lingxiao appeared, things would end in a better way.

Nobody wanted to be used.

When Shangguan Lingxiao arrived, the first thing he did was to stop his brother, the youngest leader. After that, he started to talk to Ye Yunduan and showed respect to the Great Master Ye. He had made a compromise. If Ye Yunduan was clever, things should end quite well. However, Ye Yunduan was stupid and arrogant, so it was ruined. What he said to Shangguan Lingxiao was truly provoking!

It was done.

Shangguan Lingxiao knew that somebody was behind this. He knew that it was a plot, but the Brotherhood Alliance had lost so many people. He couldn't give in anymore!

Ye Yunduan said it was the rule of the martial world.

The Brotherhood Alliance had no choice but to stand tough!

Ye Yunduan left the Brotherhood Alliance no choice. The Great Ye Army and the Brotherhood Alliance were sworn enemies now!

Shangguan Lingxiao was right. If the Brotherhood Alliance followed the rule of the martial world, things wouldn't end up like this. The Brotherhood Alliance wouldn't lose so many people!

In fact, Ye Yunduan did not follow any rules of the martial world at all. He was just using it to explain his improper act as following the rule of the martial world.

What choice did the Brotherhood Alliance have?

Ye Yunduan wanted to follow the rules, and the Brotherhood Alliance had to follow the rules!

Somebody on Ye Yunduan's side suddenly shouted, "We are strong! We have all these powerful men! They only have two powerful cultivators at the moment! We are going to be enemies, anyway. Why don't we kill those two men now? That will weaken the Brotherhood Alliance for us!"

"That is correct! Shangguan Lingxiao is a powerful man and sparing him will lead to great danger in the future!"

"Even if we can't defeat them, the seven old masters will help us! It should be easy!"

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People all echoed the opinion in the crowd.

Ye Yunduan's eyes were glittering. He obviously had that thought in mind.

"Nonsense!" Master Qin couldn't stand it anymore. He was shaking, and he said, "Shut up, you idiots!"

Shangguan Lingxiao and Peng Zhuiyun looked indifferent. They were standing over the blood, acting like they didn't hear the voice of the Great Ye Army. They glanced over and looked at the man who talked first.

Ye Yunduan frowned and said in a low voice, "This is a good opportunity to kill the enemies! Why shouldn't we do it?"

Master Qin talked to him angrily through mind connection. "You idiot! Who do you think they are? Shangguan Lingxiao is an incredibly clever man, and he never takes risks! Do you think he would just come here without any backup plans? He came, so he must have a plan... I am sure if we attack, the City of Chaos will be ruined today!"

Ye Yunduan was shocked. "Really? Is he really that good?"

At this moment, Zhu Zhe's voice sounded. "Master!"

"Speak!" Shangguan Lingxiao said.

"We have lost thirty-five thousand four hundred and eighty-seven brothers today! Thirteen thousand two hundred and ninety-one brothers are severely injured!" Zhu Zhe was so sorrowful as if his heart was bleeding.

"Take the bodies home! We will bury them in a good place, and we will make no tombstones for them until we avenge them. After that, we will make the tombstones and let the world memorize them! People of the Brotherhood Alliance, let's leave the City of Chaos. This city is no longer the city we admired!"

Shangguan Lingxiao's voice was loud and clear.

"Yes! Master!"

Shangguan Lingxiao flew up and stayed in the sky while looking down at the dead bodies on the ground. The dead bodies were all taken into the space rings by the people of the Brotherhood Alliance. Shangguan Lingxiao wept and then made a long shout to the sky.

"We are brothers in the world!"

People of the Brotherhood Alliance responded loudly, "We fight together!"

"We fight together!"

Shangguan Lingxiao shouted and landed on the floor, stepping on the blood. As he walked, he said, "Let's go!"

Peng Zhuiyun made a shout after that and followed Shangguan Lingxiao off.

People of the Brotherhood Alliance followed the two leaders without any hesitation. They were leaving.

"Master Shangguan, are you leaving just like that?" Ye Yunduan looked cold and indifferent. He stared at Shangguan Lingxiao with fierceness in his eyes.

Shangguan Lingxiao coldly said, "In the Limitless Ocean, wherever it is, I will come and leave as I wish! Nobody has the power to stop me. Master Ye, do you want to try?"

Ye Yunduan wanted to say something, but the old masters stared at him and made him stop. Ye Yunduan smiled and said, "I guess I can trust you. Well, goodbye. We will meet again."

Shangguan Lingxiao stared at Ye Yunduan for a while and sneeringly smiled. He looked at the young man as if he was just a moron. Shangguan Lingxiao indifferently said, "That's right. Master Ye. We will."

"We definitely will meet again!"

Shangguan Lingxiao led his men toward the south gate of the city.

The people of the Brotherhood Alliance walked after him, gritting their teeth silently.

Everybody, including the Brotherhood Alliance people, the Great Ye Army people, the seven clans people, and the others who knew about this battle, all clearly felt the sign of war.

A storm was going to hit the city.

In fact, the storm had been there for quite some time!

Now, it was going to burst!

The wind was howling among the clouds in the sky.

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While people of the Brotherhood Alliance were moving quietly, Peng Zhuiyun angrily asked Shangguan Lingxiao, "Brother, why didn't we attack? We could have ended this right here and right now! Why should we retreat? Our brothers are dead!"

Shangguan Lingxiao kept walking, and he answered through mind connection, "The City of Chaos is their place."

"So what?" Peng Zhuiyun was angry. "I can easily kill them all!"

"Fool!"

Shangguan Lingxiao said, "You and me, we can easily wipe out the entire Great Ye Army. The seven old masters of the seven clans are not too powerful to defeat. We can surely kill Ye Yunduan by just waving one of our hands... However..."

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### **Chapter 1577: Absolutely Irreconcilable**

Peng Zhuiyun said, "However what? The seven old men always pretended like they were some honorable men. Look at them now. They protect their own people instead of justice. Did they ever say any word for us? If you didn't stop me, I would..."

“Brother, you are reckless. As I said, it is not difficult to kill the seven old men. What then? The ancestors of the Seven Golden Lotus would appear if the old men died...” Shangguan Lingxiao coldly said, “Those seven freaking old men are the really powerful ones. I am not sure we can defeat them. I am afraid we would all be killed if those seven showed up and fight!”

“The City of Chaos is their place.

“They are dishonorable, so we can say whatever we want and make as much noise as we want. If we kill them and cause damage to their foundation, the old men would have to step out and fight against us for the young man, no matter how contemptible he is.

“That is the bottom line. We must be careful not to cross it.

“We must save our power so that we can defeat them someday.

“If we made any reckless moves and died here, what is the point? Do you want us to die and fail to avenge our brothers, who were killed?”

Shangguan Lingxiao humphed and continued, “Can’t you at least think for a bit? The Seven Golden Lotus are seven great cultivators who reached their prime when the five sky kings rose. Do you think you can defeat anyone of them? Do you think the Heaven’s Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotus were just stories?”

Peng Zhuiyun became silent. After a while, he said, “Maybe we can kill their people somewhere else, but are you sure they won’t get back on us if we do it elsewhere?”

“We follow the rule of the martial world.” Shangguan Lingxiao coldly said, “The young man said so. They want this. Why blame us? The old men have to protect their dignity after all. Besides, outside the City of Chaos, the seven old men won’t attack together. If any of them moves alone, we can... At the very least, if the ten of us stay together, we can easily defeat the seven old men! I have explained enough. Do you still have questions?”

“No. I get it now.” Peng Zhuiyun was convinced.

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“Brother, I still think it happened too abruptly. Why was it so sudden? I just don’t feel right,” Peng Zhuiyun said.

“Apparently, some capable man is behind all this,” Shangguan Lingxiao coldly said.

“Who?”

“The Hall of Returning Nature!”

One asked, while the other answered.

Shangguan Lingxiao didn’t need to think before he gave the answers. It seemed he had already known everything.

“If you knew the truth, why didn’t you point it out?”

“What for?”

“At least we couldn’t get set up like that!”

“Our men won’t die for nothing. Well, Ye Yunduan may lose some for nothing.”

“How come?”

“We know the Hall of Returning Nature is setting us up. The seven old masters of the Seven Lotus Clan know it too. Ye Yunduan doesn’t. He will make more mistakes like this. If we pointed out the truth, we would be helping him out.”

“Oh... We can’t help him. Let him be the stupid one!”

“I know everything. He doesn’t. He is too arrogant to listen to others’ advice. Ye Yunduan will lead the Great Ye Army to their end soon.”

“That’s right. We must be careful now. We must defeat Ye Yunduan.”

“Ah...”

“What bothers you, brother? You haven’t sighed for a long time!”

“Brother, what I said to the young man, I said it to earn advantages for our side. In fact, I wasn’t lying. I never underestimate myself, but I do respect Ye Hongchen, the Great Master Ye, so much. I was weak while dealing with the City of Chaos issues...”

“No way, brother. The Great Master Ye is an inspiration for all itinerant cultivators. What happened back there was an accident. You can’t blame yourself!”

“As I think about it now, a legend is a legend indeed, but the hero’s descendant is not always a hero. The Great Ye Clan has returned to the world after a hundred thousand years. If the Great Ye Clan let that stupid young man represent the clan to return, the Great Ye Clan is done!”

“Well, then the seven old men are all done as well.”

“Absolutely. As long as they follow Ye Yunduan, they will be done soon.”

“I am not so sure... I mean... Ye Yunduan is an arrogant asshole, but he has to respect the old men. The old masters will help him, and maybe things won’t end up so bad!”

“Haven’t you noticed? The Heaven’s Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses were all cultivators in the martial world. Look at the young man. He is a typical young lord.”

“Oh? So?”

“That is a big difference. A young lord of a clan may not be useless and foolish. In fact, Ye Yunduan is quite a capable man. If he had experienced the martial world for a few years, he would have become great.

“However, the Great Ye Clan has made the biggest mistake. They have put the raw jade stone into the martial world.



“A young lord like him has all the good qualities of a great man, but he has never been trained in the real life of the martial world.

“He is arrogant, and he will always be arrogant.

“Ye Yunduan is a typical failure. What happened today has shown us all the shortages of him.

“They just push him to the martial world, and he will make mistakes. One mistake is all it takes to cause the worst outcome!”

“That is right... What should we do next?”

“Next... We will follow the rules of the Brotherhood Alliance.” Shangguan Lingxiao coldly smiled and said, “We send messages out to the Limitless Ocean and the world!”

“What are we saying?”

“We will tell the world our hostility and hate on the Heaven’s Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses! An enemy’s enemy is our friend. An enemy’s friend is our enemy!” Shangguan Lingxiao said, “We will tell the world that we will seek vengeance!”

“Our brothers’ won’t bleed for nothing! We will make no compromise!”

“Yes!”

“Let’s go!”

The men of the Brotherhood Alliance moved ahead and disappeared outside the south gate of the city.

The sky became red like the light of the falling sun stained the clouds.

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#### **Chapter 1578: Chaos of War**

The message about what happened between the Brotherhood Alliance and the Great Ye Army reached Ye Xiao.

“That is none of my business,” Ye Xiao said.

The Monarch’s Hall pretended like nobody knew anything about that!

After the tragedy, the Great Ye Army seemed to find the right direction. They kept expanding like crazy.

“We will rule the martial world! Those who obey will live, and the others will die!”

Ye Xiao was surprised by that.

*‘Ye Yunduan, you are only good at boasting!’*

Blood and fire filled the City of Chaos. Things were getting worse and worse.

The Monarch’s Hall was becoming stronger as well. As the war went on, more and more people got severely injured.

The Hall of Life and Death became busier and busier, and Ye Xiao recruited more and more men.

One day, the Great Ye Army finally got their first failure after their crazy expansion!

They had never been so frustrated before!

This time, they fought against the House of Chaotic Storms.

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The Great Ye Army had been marching smoothly, but all of a sudden, they got attacked and lost hundreds of men.

It was quite a loss, but the Great Ye Army was alerted and was provoked. Since day one, the Great Ye Army always attacked others, not attacked by others. They wouldn't let it go!

Before Ye Yunduan knew what happened, a leader of a team in the Great Ye Army had already fought back. The attackers left some sign of the House of Chaotic Storms. It was enough to be proof.

The Great Ye Army was a lot stronger now after defeating many other forces. They had seized the territory of the Brotherhood Alliance, which meant the Great Ye Army had controlled two-fifths of the city!

Because of the rise of the Great Ye Army, the City of Chaos had only five powerful forces left. The House of Chaotic Storms and the Xie League were two of them, who occupied a quarter of the city together.

The Monarch's Hall was controlling one-sixth of the city, but it was more like dead meat to the others. The Hall of Returning Nature was the fifth who had less territory than the Monarch's Hall!

The Great Ye Army was surely the most powerful one, and the alliance of the House of Chaotic Storms and Xie League was the second. The House of Chaotic Storms was known as the most powerful force in the Limitless Ocean, but in the City of Chaos, it was the third.

The Monarch's Hall was a dead but tasty meal for the others. Nobody reached their hands over yet because it was more like an award for the winner in this war! The three other forces were busy fighting each other, so none of them had time to do anything about Ye Xiao!

The Great Ye Army had become the most powerful force in the city, so they couldn't tolerate being attacked. The leader of the team fought back and attacked a branch of the House of Chaotic Storms with hundreds of his men. Well, the House of Chaotic Storms was much more powerful than the Great Ye Army knew. The Great Ye Army lost over four hundred men in that fight. Nobody survived.

Dozens of men of the branch of the House of Chaotic Storms died in the battle. That was the beginning of the war.

The House of Chaotic Storms denied the sneak attack. The sign of the House of Chaotic Storms was fake. However, it didn't matter anymore!

Both sides had lost their men. That was unacceptable.

The Great Ye Army wanted the House of Chaotic Storms to explain, and the House of Chaotic Storms wanted the Great Ye Army to apologize. How was that possible?

Both sides felt offended. The House of Chaotic Storms did not attack the Great Ye Army first, and the Great Ye Army people attacked them before clearing out the truth. The House of Chaotic Storms only killed their men to protect themselves. It was reasonable.

The Great Ye Army people were all angry. *'We found your sign from the attackers! That is the proof! You can't deny the truth like this! We are not fools!'*

Nobody gave in, so it only developed into violence.

There were rational men on both sides after all. They realized that something didn't make sense. However, people died. None of them wanted to make the first step back right now. Even though they knew it was wrong, nobody would admit it first.

It was going to be a fight that never ended.

At this moment, a branch of the Hall of Returning Nature was attacked. The attacker was extremely powerful, who left unharmed after killing dozens of good men. The only thing he left behind was a piece of cloth from his sleeve. People of the Hall of Returning Nature got the cloth and saw the sign. It was the pattern of a leaf, just like the pattern on the clothes of Ye Yunduan and his guards.

It pointed at the Great Ye Army this time.

A day after that, while the Great Ye Army was fighting against the House of Chaotic Storms, the headquarters of the Great Ye Army was attacked. A lot of people rushed in and killed a lot of people before they all left.

It was such a perfect attack because nobody left anything this time!

In other words, nobody knew who they were. Were they from the House of Chaotic Storms? Were they from the Hall of Returning Nature? Or were they somebody else?

It was getting intense now.

Things happened abruptly. Ye Yunduan was anxious. Suddenly, he realized one thing. *'It is not easy to rule the Limitless Ocean. Life in the martial world isn't as easy as I thought!'*

However, he had to go on negotiating with the House of Chaotic Storms.

Well, it wasn't like a negotiation at all just like most of the negotiations in the martial world.

"What are you going to do, Great Ye Army?"

"What do you want to do?"

"We will do what you don't want us to do!"

"Just tell me what you want!"

"Did you do that?"

"Did you do that then?"

"Are you denying it?"

“No! You are denying it!”

“Cowards! You don’t even admit what you have done?”

“Bullsh\*t! Wait! Did you just admit that you did that to us?”

“We did, and we didn’t! So what now?”

It was never going to end well!

The only result they could get from a negotiation was to end everything by having a contest!

What was that? That meant a fight!

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#### **Chapter 1579: Seeking for Treatment**

In the City of Chaos, in the Limitless Ocean, even in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, who had the bigger fist had the bigger power!

The Great Ye Army had completely taken over everything the Brotherhood Alliance had in the city!

The City of Chaos was a chaotic city.

Since the two powerful forces started to turn against each other, the City of Chaos fell into its doom.

Since the Brotherhood Alliance left the city, the three powerful organizations in the city started a chaotic war. Master Bai, who was controlling the House of Chaotic Storms from far away, couldn’t avoid the troubles.

Meanwhile, the Hall of Returning Nature had been doing everything to stir up the disturbance, so they could get benefits from the chaos. However, they eventually got themselves involved and became the main force in the war.

Ye Yunduan was facing two of the three most powerful organizations in the world at the same time. The Great Ye Army seemed to be powerful but got beaten up soon. The seven clans had no other choice but to join the war. No matter how they disagreed with Ye Yunduan, they had to support the Great Ye Army. Those were the men of the Great Ye Clan after all. Ye Yunduan was the descendant of the Great Ye Clan, and they couldn’t let him get hurt or killed.

Everybody was in a killing mode. It was possible that Ye Yunduan got killed in the battle.

The old masters couldn’t let that happen. At this moment, the seven old men truly had a complicated feeling in their heart, causing pain.

There was no other way out.

Things were more and more intense. The House of Chaotic Storms, the Hall of Returning Nature, the Great Ye Army, the seven clans, and the Xie League... They had sent their good men out to fight the war.

Because of the big fight of these powerful forces, the other organizations all had left the city. These people were all smart men, and they knew it was impossible to get any benefits from the chaotic war like that. They had no choice but to lead their men out.

There was one organization that was irrelevant to the war who chose to stay. It was the Monarch's Hall.  
In fact, it was the Hall of Life and Death.

The Hall of Life and Death was the most peaceful and warm place in the city at the moment!

People got hurt in the war!

Superior cultivators always got severely injured in the battle, and most of them needed to rest for a long time and would recover after having a lot of valuable medicines... However...

The Hall of Life and Death changed everything. It could cure the high-level superior cultivators quickly and completely. Within a few days, severely injured cultivators were back to the prime. That was unbelievable!

The Hall of Life and Death was already famous for its incredible treatment. Ye Xiao was the only great dan maker in the history of the Human Realm Upon Heavens. That meant he was important and powerful!

No matter how Ye Yunduan hated Ye Xiao, he didn't dare to mess with Ye Xiao anymore.

If Ye Xiao refused to cure the people of the Great Ye Army, Ye Yunduan would lose a lot of men fast.

The House of Chaotic Storms and the Hall of Returning Nature didn't dare to do anything to Ye Xiao, either. If any of them did anything to hurt Ye Xiao, the other forces would fight to save him. "He is the only one who can save our men! How could you hurt him? I am going to kill you!"

It was this weird balance that kept Ye Xiao and his Monarch's Hall alive. In fact, because the Monarch's Hall had a huge territory, it was actually the third biggest force in the City of Chaos at the moment!

Ye Yunduan was still confused about one thing. *'Where is Fang San?'*

*'It has been such a long time... He must have been killed. Who did that?'*

*'However'*

*'He was sent to deal with Ye Xiao. The Monarch's Hall was too weak to fight Fang San!'* Ye Yunduan couldn't think of any possibility that Ye Xiao had something to do with Fang San's disappearance.

It was a good excuse for him to start a fight against Ye Xiao, though.

But, he didn't dare to do it now.

The Hall of Life and Death was a judge of life at the moment.

One day, before the gate of the Hall of Life and Death, something happened, which was rare.

Four groups of people stood in line.

They were from the Great Ye Army, the House of Chaotic Storms, the Hall of Returning Nature, and the Xie League.

The four organizations all had fought in the battle, and hurt each other so badly. Now, as they stayed at the same place, nobody attacked anybody. That was like a miracle. They all came here to get proper

treatment, so they knew it was not a smart move to fight here. The Hall of Life and Death was more like the fourth most powerful force in the City of Chaos now!

In fact, the Monarch's Hall people did not realize it yet. They thought they were struggling under the oppression of the other three forces. When the war was over, they would be the next target.

When Lei Dongtian saw the men from the battle, he was frightened and shocked.

*'These are people from all the three parties in the war... Is this going to be the end of the war?'*

The first in the line was a man of the House of Chaotic Storms.

The man looked strong with a pair of big eyes. As he stood there, he was like a tower. He was an unruly man, apparently.

"When will Master Ye show himself?" The man was impatient.

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#### **Chapter 1580: Red Phoenix**

"There is a rule here. When the sun rises, and the purple qi arrives, the world returns to the light, and all the evil beings are gone! That is when Master Ye will show up, and the door of the Hall of Life and Death will open." Lei Dongtian blandly said.

"Why so late?" The man angrily said, "Our man is injured. He can't wait that long. Every second matters! What if anything happens and our man dies?"

Lei Dongtian indifferently said, "So be it. That is your own business. The Hall of Life and Death always save those who are a part of us and those who will never turn against us. We never want to save the world. Now, we give you the chance to pay for the treatment, only because we are too nice and generous. Don't you think a doctor needs rest, too? Do you think we will keep our Lord Monarch working all the time without taking a rest just for your man?"

He rolled up his eyes and said, "If you want everything to go as you plan, you can always go somewhere else. It is your freedom to go. Besides, whether your man can get our master's treatment only depends on his own fate. It has nothing to do with me!"

"You!" That tough man angrily stared at Lei Dongtian.

However, Lei Dongtian was calm and indifferent.

*'This is the Hall of Life and Death.'*

*'Anybody who dares to attack here will never get treatment in the Hall of Life and Death!'*

*'I don't care how severely injured you are. If you attack me, you'll never get the treatment.'*

That was not personal. Anybody who messed with the Hall of Life and Death would lose the chance to get help here. Not only the man himself but also everyone from his organization would lose the chance. Who dared to offend the Hall of Life and Death then?

The tough man was so angry. He fiercely said, "I'll remember you, young man! I, the Cold Blood Wild Saber, will never forget this!"

He was the Cold Blood Wild Saber.

Everyone was shocked.

The men from the Great Ye Army heard it. *'It is him! It truly is him!'*

As people knew it, the House of Chaotic Storms belonged to Master Bai, who had two powerful assistants, Wan of the Clouds and Xiu of the Heavens.

Under the two ladies, there were One Peak, Two Murderous, and Three Wilds.

Yuan Tengxiao, the Cold Blood Wild Saber, was the last of the Three Wilds.

The Three Wilds had done a great job to help the House of Chaotic Storms become one of the three most powerful organizations in the Limitless Ocean.

The three of them were the Wild Butcher, Cloudy Wild Sword, and Cold Blood Wild Saber.

The Wild Butcher was a mystery to the public. Nobody ever saw his face. Whenever the House of Chaotic Storms needed them, the Cloudy Wild Sword and the Cold Blood Wild Saber were good enough to get the job done.

Nobody had thought that the House of Chaotic Storms would send Yuan Tengxiao to the city this time!

Lei Dongtian's eyes glittered. He apparently didn't know that he had just offended such a powerful man in the world. In the old days, he would have bowed and humbly sent his respect. At this moment, he blandly said, "I have heard the great name of yours. It is my honor that the Three Wilds remember my name."

Yuan Tengxiao humphed and didn't speak anymore.

In the group of the Hall of Returning Nature, two men stared at Yuan Tengxiao with hate and fierceness in their eyes. When they were fighting the Great Ye Army, the House of Chaotic Storms suddenly showed up and attacked both sides.

The two men were injured by Yuan Tengxiao and nearly got killed.

"One of the famous Three Wilds is here. No wonder... Humph..." One of them said.

Yuan Tengxiao blandly said, "Well, they say the Eight Stars of the Hall of Returning Nature are powerful. I don't see how."

The two men laughed and wanted to say something, but another clear voice disrupted, "The Three Wilds seem to be better. Yuan Tangxiao, since you are here, I should come as well." It was the Red Phoenix.

As a red shadow flashed in the sky, a charming lady in beautiful shape appeared with a special scent.

The beautiful lady was standing right there, wearing red clothes. She dressed in good taste. Her long and dark hair flowed down casually. On her face, there was a red silk mask. Her big and clear eyes blinked in glitter.

Yuan Tengxiao saw the lady and humphed. "How come you are here?"

"Well, if you can be here, why can't I?" The red-clothed lady smiled. Nobody saw the smile, but they felt it from the charm in her eyes.

Yuan Tengxiao heard the lady's voice, and he was alerted.

The House of Chaotic Storms and the Hall of Returning Nature made an intense circumstance, and it embarrassed the Great Ye Army.

The man who was leading the group of the Great Ye Army was the eldest son of Master Song. He did not dare to look at Lei Dongtian in the eyes.

Master Song joined the Monarch's Hall right after Master Guan. Back in those days, Master Song wanted to be closer to the Monarch's Hall and Ye Xiao, just like Master Guan, so he had brought mostly his own men. Song Keshou was one of them, Master Song's eldest son.

Song Keshou was the young master of the Song Clan, but he was humble and kind. That was why he became good friends with Lei Dongtian and the others in the Monarch's Hall soon. He was one of the men who wanted to be Lei Dongtian's child's godfather. Now, things were changed, and these two were not friends anymore. Song Keshou came here for treatment, and he couldn't stop feeling awkward and embarrassed.

Lei Dongtian was talking to the Cold Blood Wild Saber and the Red Phoenix, so it seemed he didn't notice Song Keshou yet. Song Keshou took a breath of relief, and he felt grateful for it.

He knew that Lei Dongtian pretended not to see him so that he didn't need to be embarrassed.

The four forces met outside the Hall of Returning Nature. These people were all-powerful cultivators. The three wounded men of the Great Ye Army were all middle-level Saint Origin Stage cultivators. The House of Chaotic Storms got two wounded men, who were also middle-level Saint Origin Stage cultivators. The Xie League had one man of a high level of the Saint Origin Stage. The Hall of Returning Nature had the most wounded men this time. There were five of them, including two of the Eight Stars. That was quite a great loss.

No wonder the Hall of Returning Nature would send the Red Phoenix out to help.