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Chapter 1621: Someone Behind his Back

Ye Xiao tidied things up and then calmly said, “We have been talking for quite a while now. How do you feel? I should let you rest. You shouldn’t get off the bed, and do not let your feet touch the floor yet. You know why? If you touch the ground, the Nine Sky Golden Qi will get back on you. I will take no responsibility if you choose to do the wrong thing.”

After that, before the old man had time to say anything, Ye Xiao left the room.

When Ye Xiao spoke, the old man was ready to get off the bed and step on the floor. As Ye Xiao spoke, he stopped his feet in the air.

‘The young man actually knew the Nine Sky Golden Qi well. How did he know the qi on the ground will trigger the Nine Sky Golden Qi? I guess he can be right, though. In the system of five elements, metal comes from the earth. The land is slowly producing golden qi... I have been trying to absorb the spiritual qi from the sky and the earth before I came here, but it never made me feel better... Now I know the reason... I should push the spiritual qi out of my body first and let the Nine Sky Golden Qi die out... The Nine Sky Golden Qi is known to be extremely difficult to overcome. The young man actually figured out the secret behind it. That is impressive!’

The old man moved his feet back on the bed and continued thinking. *‘The man is well-informed, experienced, and brilliant at medical techniques... His broad mind is impressive as well... It is good luck if I keep my word, and it is bad luck if I don’t. He takes it as a bet. If I turn against him, he takes it as something destined to happen to him... It is true. Only time can tell. I am responsible for my own decisions, and he is responsible for his treatment. That is brilliant... Hah hah hah...’*

Ye Xiao walked out and waved his hand. Du Qingkuang hastily came over.

Ye Xiao looked around and said in a low voice, “Qingkuang, keep an eye on the old man. Don’t let him step on the floor, and don’t expose him under the sun. Seal the window on the roof. Take care of him. Don’t piss him off. He is an old man after all.”

Du Qingkuang promised and then asked, “Lord Monarch, the old man is unacceptably arrogant... We have saved so many people’s lives since the Hall of Life and Death was established. I have never seen anybody as terrible as him. Do we have to treat him so politely? He owes us a favor for saving his life, and we don’t owe him anything!”

Ye Xiao said in a serious tone, “You help somebody, then you help him out. Since we gave him our treatments, we must make sure he is saved. We shouldn’t care about whether he is a nice guy or not. You must take care of him. We don’t need anything from him. Don’t think too much of it. Let’s make him well again and then he can go. Nothing else matters. Do you understand?”

Du Qingkuang said, “I see. Nothing else matters!”

Deep in his heart, he was still confused. *‘Since when did Lord Monarch become such a nice man? He used to be really arrogant when he faced his patients. Why is he so patient and nice now? He shouldn’t be a doctor with a soft heart, should he?’*

'This is weird!'

The old man peacefully lied on the bed in the room. His eyes glittered, and he humphed. After that, he started to murmur, "Humph... Do you think I can't hear you if you speak somewhere outside? Well... What an interesting kid!"

Ye Xiao returned to his own room. He closed the door and smiled. *'It wouldn't be interesting if you couldn't hear me, old man...'*

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Ye Xiao felt much better after having a conversation with the old man. Now, he decided to continue some serious business. To question Master Xiao should be serious enough.

Maybe Master Xiao already spoke out the words he felt most difficult to speak out. He was totally frank now. No matter what Ye Xiao asked, Master Xiao would tell everything he knew. Ye Xiao would feel annoyed sometimes because his answers were too long!

Ye Xiao knew more about Su Yeyue now. The king and queen of the East Sky adored her. She had become an influential figure because of the support from the queen. Her name—Fairy Yeyue—was known to everybody in the East Sky. She was such an important person there.

Her cultivation improved stunningly fast as well. She had reached the fifth level of the Saint Origin Stage, and she hadn't stopped improving. The queen liked her so much. If Su Yeyue left the queen for a while, the queen would send for her. She was like the queen's only child...

The princes and princesses in the East Sky were all jealous and angry...

Ye Xiao took a breath of relief when he heard that the girl was living well in this world...

However, Master Xiao also said something else about the lady. He had collected a lot of information about Su Yeyue, and he realized the lady was not very happy even though the queen liked her so much. Su Yeyue had been focusing on cultivating martial arts. The king and the queen were her only friends. She had nobody else close to her. The princes and the princesses weren't close to her. She didn't have many friends in the palace...

Ye Xiao felt distressed when he heard about it. Back in the Land of Han-Yang, the girl was such a vivacious extrovert. Now, she had to endure such a dull and lonely life!

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After questioning Master Xiao for the second time, Ye Xiao was lost in thoughts again. He walked around the Hall of Life and Death and flew up to the sky. He sat on the treetop and couldn't stop thinking about the lady. In the end, he powerlessly made a long sigh.

Power meant everything. If he was powerful enough, he wouldn't need to care about Ye Yunduan, the Great Ye Army, or any other forces in his way. He could have found and brought back Su Yeyue, Xuan Bing, Jun Yinglian, and all the others!

When was he going to be powerful enough to do that? When was he going to be powerful enough to protect the people he loved?

The Human Realm Upon Heavens was full of strong cultivators. He didn't have the confidence...

At the moment, somebody behind him asked, "Why are you sighing like that? You are still young..."

Ye Xiao was surprised. He turned around and found a man in a purple robe who was slim and spirited. The man's eyes glittered like two stars. The entire universe could be seen deep in his eyes.

Ye Xiao looked calm and steady, but in his heart, he was shocked. Since he reached the Saint Origin Stage, his sensation became sharp and powerful. He had met many powerful men, but none of them could escape his sense anymore. Even the Red Phoenix, Master Guan, and Bu Xiangfeng couldn't secretly approach him without being noticed.

In fact, even Yue Youyou wasn't powerful enough to escape his sensation. However, this man was able to approach him from behind silently!

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Chapter 1622: Purple Dragon; Golden Phoenix; Big Problem!

'I must be lost in my thoughts... but... It doesn't make sense... This man... Is he even more powerful than Yue Youyou? There are only a few people in this world who are beyond Yue Youyou's cultivation level. Who is this man?'

Ye Xiao kept thinking about it, and then he made a quick reaction.

"I am just expressing my feelings... I have been here for quite some time, and I miss my hometown." Ye Xiao smiled and said, "Where are you from, master?"

The man in purple robes blandly smiled and didn't answer the question. He just stared at Ye Xiao with a pair of glittering eyes.

Ye Xiao felt shocked. He started to feel dizzy as if he was going to lose consciousness soon.

The man in purple robes asked, "Are you the owner of this place? Are you Ye Xiao, who is called the marvelous doctor?"

Ye Xiao's face was blank. He said, "Yes. I am Ye Xiao."

The man said, "Have you met an old man earlier? He came to ask for treatment. I wouldn't say he is properly dressed. He is probably wounded, well... He looked like he was about to die..."

Ye Xiao pretended to think for a while and then blankly shook his head. "The war is finished in the City of Chaos. People don't come for treatments anymore. I haven't seen any old men these days... I don't think I have met the person you want..."

"Are you sure?"

Ye Xiao thought for a while again and nodded. "I am certain."

The man in purple robes waved his sleeves and then flew up like a cloud. The next moment, he moved away quickly and disappeared into the sky.

Ye Xiao's face was still blank, staring at the sky as if his soul was taken away from his body.

The wind howled. The man in purple robes was still paying attention to Ye Xiao with his spiritual mind. He murmured, "Is he telling the truth? It seems like the old man didn't come to him."

He casually pointed out his finger and a strong flow of wind shot over to Ye Xiao. Ye Xiao was frightened, and he was awakened. He turned around and noticed nothing strange at all. The trees were shaking in the wind, and the sky was bright because of the stars and the moon!

Ye Xiao was even more scared.

'That was close!'

Ye Xiao thought to himself.

If Erhuo didn't notice the attack and dodged, he would definitely get hit.

Ye Xiao had a new impression about the horrible man in purple robes, not because of the attack, but because the man actually stayed safe beyond the Great Formation of Stars!

What did that mean?

It meant that the man was incredibly powerful!

Ye Xiao stood there and felt his back was soaked with cold sweat.

The man in purple robes was here to find the old man... That was obvious...

The man in purple robes was definitely at a high level in cultivation. Who was the old man? He must be as powerful as that guy!

Ye Xiao was shedding cold sweat, and he didn't dare to stay up in the sky any longer.

He got down to the floor immediately and directly went to the old man's room.

"Old man, who are you? Who is your opponent?" Ye Xiao's face turned pale, and he was a bit anxious.

He was always calm, but this was too horrible. The man in purple robes could be as powerful as the sky kings! How could he be that horribly powerful otherwise?

The old man was shocked, and then he looked at Ye Xiao. "Did anybody come for me?"

"A man in purple robes." Ye Xiao sighed and said, "He is horrible..."

"A man in a purple robe? What does he look like?" the old man asked.

"I don't remember the details. He is roughly a man who is tall and slim... He wears a purple robe. His eyes are so deep as if the universe were inside of it..."

Ye Xiao said.

"It is the Purple Dragon King!"

The old man was shocked. He said, "You... You met him... How could you still be standing here? How could you still remember what he looked like?"

The old man was surprised. The Purple Dragon King was good at mind manipulation. It should be easy for him to let Ye Xiao expose the old man's whereabouts.

Besides, the old man was just around, so the Purple Dragon King should be able to sense him!

Why was Ye Xiao still alive? How come he still remembered the Purple Dragon King's appearance? Why didn't the Purple Dragon King pursue him yet?

"I surely have my own ways to deal with these situations since I decided to take you in." Ye Xiao humphed and said, "The man, the Purple Dragon King, that you spoke of, is incredible. However, his manipulation technique isn't powerful enough to control me! I lied, and he is deceived!"

The old man's eyes lit up.

"Now, it is your turn to answer some of my questions. Shall we? Who is the Purple Dragon King?" Ye Xiao asked.

"You should better stop asking about this. It will bring you trouble..." The old man made a long sigh.

"Do you really think I can just walk away from this now? If I told the man you are here, maybe I could walk away safely. I have covered for you now, which means I am on your side. Most importantly, the trouble might come over any second now. I have to know who I am dealing with as soon as possible, so I can be prepared." Ye Xiao made a long sigh, too.

The old man stayed silent for a while and said, "Fine. It can't be stopped now. It is better to prepare for it earlier. The Purple Dragon King is with the Glaze Sky King, the strongest of the four Great Lordships."

"The Purple Dragon King is the chief of the Dragon Clan in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!" the old man said.

"Gulp!"

Ye Xiao took a gulp and asked blankly, "Your wounds... Your wounds were definitely caused by one man... There are over seven kinds of special poisons..."

The old man bitterly smiled and said, "The wounds... Well... The Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King led thousands of people to hunt me... I was surrounded... Cough, cough, cough..."

Ye Xiao nearly choked to death.

"I mean... Old man! What the hell did you do to piss these people off? Did you eat the dragon's liver or the phoenix's guts? Why would two powerful clans go after you?" Ye Xiao felt that his head was smoking...

He couldn't believe he saved such a troublemaker!

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Chapter 1623: Eggs of the Dragon and the Phoenix

"Stop the nonsense... I didn't eat anything from the dragon or the phoenix..." The old man weakly said, staring at Ye Xiao, "I am telling the truth. I didn't eat the dragon's liver or the phoenix's guts..."

"I doubt it! I deeply doubt it!" Ye Xiao was angry. "If you didn't mess with the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan, why would they send thousands of men to kill you? Look... Listen... How far away is the Glaze Sky? Who are the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King? Why would they come all this way to find you if you didn't offend them? Stop lying to me!"

The old man weakly said, "I... Well... I must have... I definitely didn't eat the dragon's liver or the phoenix's guts..."

"You didn't eat them. Fine. What do you mean?" Ye Xiao was surprised. 'Why does he keep mentioning the liver and the guts?'

"I did not eat any liver or guts..." The old man repeated, but this time, he sounded tougher.

Ye Xiao came up with an idea, and he said, "You didn't eat any liver or guts... Well... You must have eaten something that you shouldn't have, right? What is it? Say it!"

The old man turned weak as he heard Ye Xiao. With hesitation, he said, "Well... You're probably going to get something to eat when you are really hungry, don't you? What is wrong about that? Nobody should starve!"

Ye Xiao knew that he had the right guess, so he felt awkward. He said, "Go on!"

The old man became weaker. "Well... Is trying to get yourself fed that serious of an offense? I was so hungry... I was starving... And I heard that it was delicious... So... I just... I..."

Ye Xiao kept both of his eyes widely opened. He knew something must have gone wrong. "Can't you just say it? What was it? What happened? What did you eat? Just say it! Didn't you say you didn't eat any liver or guts? Was it even more serious than liver and guts?"

He was anxious!

"Well, it is not that important... I heard that the phoenix's egg tasted good..." The old man's lips twisted, and he continued, "So I thought I should get an egg for myself... I was just going after the phoenix egg, not the dragon's egg..."

Ye Xiao was shocked. He stared at the audacious old man. 'Did he mean he took the dragon's egg as well?'

"I didn't think that... Well... The egg... You know... I took the egg that belonged to the Golden Phoenix King..." The old man looked upset. "I thought it was some egg of some ordinary phoenix..."

"You f*cking bullsh*t!"

Ye Xiao couldn't help it anymore. "Some egg of some ordinary phoenix? Would you really risk that much to get some ordinary egg?"

He just wanted to scold the old man so much!

"You can't blame me..." The old man said, "There were two eggs at the same place... A phoenix usually only lays one egg. I saw two eggs... so I guessed those eggs weren't that important..."

Ye Xiao felt something wrong, so he asked, "Did you say there were two eggs at the same place?"

“That’s correct... I thought they weren’t important, so I ate them both...” The old man looked sad. “That was followed by the tragedy... One of the eggs belonged to the Golden Phoenix King, and the other belonged to the Purple Dragon King... They put the two eggs together because they wanted to make the two babies a pair in the future... Well... I didn’t know, did I?”

Ye Xiao felt dizzy, and he finally fell to the floor and couldn’t get up!

‘Holy hell... It would be much better if you just ate some liver and guts... You ate a dragon and a phoenix! You killed the prince and princess of the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan! Give me one reason why they shouldn’t hunt you down! They have all the right to kill you!’

The old man complained and said, “Do you understand, kid? Come on. Tell me you understand. They shouldn’t put the two eggs at the same place! It was as if they were tempting me! People would definitely think they were some inconsequential eggs! Besides, I was starving... How was I supposed to control myself...”

Ye Xiao held his own forehead and said, “Stop! Stop now! Don’t you explain anymore! You can’t cover this up! You did it! You know it! You can’t explain yourself out of this!”

He was so sad about what happened. “I finally know what you have done... Please, don’t call me a kid anymore. I am scared. You ate a dragon baby and a phoenix baby! That scares the sh*t out of me!”

“How can you say that, kid! That is not what you said! I didn’t mean to kill anybody. Besides, those were eggs. I ate two eggs, not babies... There is a huge difference...” The old man still tried to explain. In fact, he knew he was fooling himself!

“No wonder they are after you...” Ye Xiao’s head was throbbing with pain. “I know what huge trouble I have brought myself into... Oh, heavens... Oh, earth... I shouldn’t have saved you... I am helping the bad guy...”

The old man seemed to be embarrassed too. He said, “Kid, don’t blame yourself. I did eat the eggs... Well, they have hunted me down... Thousands of them... I almost died... If you didn’t save me, I should have died!”

“Pah! They should do much more than just hunt you down! They should have killed you out there! You shouldn’t be alive! The world wants you dead!”

Ye Xiao was furious. “Even killing you with thousands of cuts and torturing you for ten thousand years is not enough to punish you for your sin! You have brought me, the Hall of Life and Death, and the Monarch’s Hall down to the trouble you made! I was wrong... I must be blind... Why would I decide to help you? I was blind... I thought too unbelievably high of you!”

The old man looked at Ye Xiao and gently said, “I am flattered... Well, you aren’t blind... I know you blame me! We are all cultivators in the martial world... We should always help the person in need in the martial world. You are a good kid. You would surely save me! Come on... There is an old saying, which is good... A smile erases all hatred...”

Ye Xiao gave up.

'Holy hell... If anybody dares to say that I am invincible as a talker, I would kill him immediately. This old man showed me what an invincible talker is like... He is more shameless than anybody else I know! His skin is thicker than the wall of the city!

'You actually ate the son and the daughter of others, and now you are telling me a smile erases all hatred...

'What the hell is wrong with you?'

Ye Xiao had a conclusion. If the old man's cultivation power was as strong as his shamelessness, he should be the strongest person in the Human Realm Upon Heavens!

"Fine... Let's move on... Just tell me... Who are you? I may go to hell because of you, but at least I deserve to know your name, don't I?" Ye Xiao weakly said.

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Chapter 1624: The Red Fire Lord of the Seven Colored Lords

"Ahem... It is not that... Well... You see... You fooled the Purple Dragon King away, kid. We are going to overcome this... We will be fine... I am just a nobody..." The old man said, "I am nobody... There is no need to know about me..."

Ye Xiao couldn't hold it anymore. He dashed ahead and pushed the old man on the bed. He grabbed the old man's throat and gritted his teeth. In a fierce voice, he said, "Do you think you are fooling a kid around here? Is that so? You are nobody, aren't you? The Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan must have protected their eggs well. You are a nobody, yet you can steal their eggs! You are a nobody, yet you survived the fight against thousands of superior cultivators led by the two kings in person! Are you really just nobody? You don't think I am truly just a kid, do you? Tell me the truth or you can burn in hell! Why wouldn't I kill you? Why not? As long as I kill you and give the dragon and the phoenix your head, the Monarch's Hall will be safe! You old bastard is full of bullsh*t! Go to hell!"

The old man was still injured severely inside, so he couldn't use any cultivation power. Ye Xiao grabbed his throat and he couldn't resist. All he did was groaning and rolling his eyes up. "Kid... Stop this... Stop... Careful... Cough, cough... Cough... I... I can't breathe..."

Ye Xiao knew the old man's condition very well, so he let go of him. He was still angry. In fact, it was not the old man who made him angry, but himself. He and his organization were in a dangerous situation, but he actually helped somebody, which broke the rules only because he pitied the old man. He got nothing good from that decision, and there was a huge problem ahead of him.

"Well then, the Nine Sky Golden Qi must be given to you by the Golden Phoenix King, and the Scorching Saber Qi must be from the Purple Dragon King. Am I right?"

Ye Xiao asked.

"Impressive. That is correct!" The old man said, "Those two bastards fought me together... If I can have a fair fight against each of them one by one, I will..."

“You are not their rival no matter how fair the fight is!” Ye Xiao disdainfully interrupted and said, “If you are really as powerful as one of them, you could at least easily escape the battle! You wouldn’t have been injured so severely if you were that good!”

The old man was embarrassed, and he said, “You are smart, and you obviously know a lot, but you shouldn’t be so frank when it may hurt an old man’s feelings. Oh heavens... Kids these days...”

Ye Xiao raged again and said, “Oh, I am such a bad guy because I said something to hurt your feelings! What have you done? Where is your dignity? If you want me to respect you, give it up! I want to kill you right now and end this stupid mess!”

The old man said, “I know you are trying to scare me. You wouldn’t do it! You are too kind to do it!”

Ye Xiao looked at the old man and said, “Tell me who you are! Just give me your name! Do not play your little games anymore! I am not going to go easy like this if you keep irritating me. I will put you down.”

“Kid... You can’t... Fine... I am Chihuo...” The old man sighed and said, “What happened... Well... It was an accident... I used to eat a lot of phoenix eggs, and nothing ever happened... Everything was fine...”

“Chihuo? As a man who is addicted to food? That is right! You are exactly who you should be. Now you get your punishment, don’t you?” Ye Xiao coldly said.

The old man hastily said, “I am Chihuo, as red fire, not as a guttler!”

“Chihuo? Well, you better change your name to Guttler now. If you were not so hungry for the egg, you wouldn’t have to make such trouble. Just listen to me. You should admit it...”

Suddenly, Ye Xiao was shocked. He turned around abruptly and said, “What did you just say? Chihuo? Are you Chihuo as in the Chihuo? You are Chihuo!”

The old man looked upset. “Chihuo... The red fire... Not Chihuo the guttler...”

“One of the Seven Colored Lords? The Red Fire Lord?”

Ye Xiao was shocked.

‘I was wondering who he was! He is the Red Fire Lord! That makes sense!’

‘The old guy is one of the Seven Colored Lords!’

It was known that the most powerful men in the Human Realm Upon Heavens were the five sky kings.

Under the five sky kings’ leadership, there were a lot of capable cultivators as well. Some of these people were not included in any ranking lists in the martial world.

There was one man who was known to be as powerful as the five sky kings. It was the Great Master Ye.

He was the only one who could reach the height of the five sky kings.

Below Great Master Ye, there were the Eight Worlds Itinerant Cultivators, Seven Golden Lotuses, Four Great Swords, and Two Mad Sabers.

After that, it was the Seven Colored Lords.

The Seven Colored Lords were listed below the Seven Golden Lotuses, but that was just an official list.

The Seven Colored Lords were definitely great cultivators in the world!

“Are you really Chihuo, the Red Fire Lord of the Seven Colored Lords?” Ye Xiao grinned.

“Why should I lie?” Chihuo rolled up his eyes and said, “I stole the eggs from the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan! What? Am I not better than what they say?”

“Sure! You are!” Ye Xiao nodded and said, “There are people who seem to be better than you, but you are definitely the only one who is shameless enough to steal their eggs. You are definitely Chihuo.”

Chihuo humphed and said, “Is that a compliment?”

“A compliment? Oh heavens... You must have broken your brain... This is impressively stupid!”

Ye Xiao rubbed his own eyes and said, “Fine. I can’t kick you out, not before you are cured. However, behave yourself when you are staying in my place. When you are cured, leave as soon as possible! I will accept this bad luck!”

Ye Xiao did not want to be an enemy to the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan.

He used to think that the old man must be a powerful man who could help the Monarch’s Hall to a great deal. He even planned on recruiting the old man. Now, he just wanted to stay away from the trouble maker.

That was not a joke.

Being a friend of this old man meant becoming an enemy to the powerful Dragon Clan and the great Phoenix Clan at the same time!

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Chapter 1625: Fire of Dragon and Phoenix

The Glaze Sky was behind the two clans, which was incredibly powerful. In fact, either of the kings of the two clans was too powerful for the Monarch’s Hall!

It was a compliment to Ye Xiao to even mention them as possible enemies. The two clans could destroy Ye Xiao with a breath.

They were so much stronger!

“I am far from well at the moment. How can you treat me so ruthlessly? I like you...” Chihuo murmured.

“Come on. Cut it off. I don’t care what you say. I don’t want you to like me... Wait, why do you eat their eggs? You have eaten many phoenix eggs, haven’t you?” Ye Xiao didn’t understand. “You know it is not the right thing to do. Don’t you see what trouble it could bring you?”

Chihuo looked embarrassed. He kept his mouth open, but couldn’t say a word.

“The eggs of the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan were their babies...” Ye Xiao frowned and stared at the old man. “You have eaten their children... That is unacceptable and dishonorable... Now, all of a sudden, I am on your side. If you keep eating other’s children in the future, it will be my fault...”

“They will never forgive you for this! What is wrong with you?” Ye Xiao was upset.

The old man was one of the Seven Colored Lords, one of the most powerful and privileged people in the world. Why would he do such a stupid thing?

That was unacceptable and hateful!

No matter what the old man said, he was guilty!

“Oh... Let me just be honest with you. If I had a choice, I wouldn’t do that...” Chihuo made a long sigh and said, “But... My martial art... It reached a certain stage, and I needed the essence of dragons and phoenixes...”

Chihuo smiled bitterly and said, “People always think that we are equal, the Seven Colored Lords. They think we are more or less the same powerful, only slightly different in martial arts. Well, they don’t know... I have been stuck at this level for seventy-eight thousand years... The other six men have surpassed me a long time ago. Because of me, the Seven Colored Lords get lowly ranked in the Human Realm Upon Heavens...”

Ye Xiao was a bit shocked. He said, “Is it Fire of Dragon and Phoenix?”

Chihuo was surprised. He looked at Ye Xiao and said, “Kid, you are at a very young age, but you are already such a great doctor and you even know about the Nine Sky Golden Qi and the solution to resist it. Now, you are telling me you know about the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix as well! That is extraordinary! You must have collected a lot of information! I am impressed!”

Ye Xiao looked pretty depressed about it, but he smiled and nodded.

It was difficult to settle in the Human Realm Upon Heavens. People didn’t know how much Ye Xiao had worked for it.

Since Ye Xiao got the books about all those ranking lists in the Human Realm Upon Heavens, he had been learning and marked down every detail in those books. He remembered everything.

He had been trying to figure out the truth about every person that was recorded in those books...

He did it so carefully, and he had learned things nearly a million years earlier just to know better about what had happened in this world...

He learned about itinerant cultivators, famous cultivators, people who followed the sky kings, officials in the royal courts... He knew who had capabilities but didn’t have opportunities and who were much more talented than others in the same generation... He spent a lot of time to study it.

He had to do all these things in his spare time because he also needed time on cultivation.

He actually had spent nearly as much time on the study as on cultivating!

Most of the information he got was useless in his life, but he had to prepare. When something happened, it was always better if he knew what was going on.

The stories about the influential figures in the world...

Ye Xiao spent most of the time to learn it.

When Chihuo told Ye Xiao who he was, Ye Xiao knew it. It turned out the old man was cultivating the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix!

“I see.” Ye Xiao made a sigh and felt sorry for the old man.

There were a lot of martial arts in the world. The better martial art it was, the more difficult it was. When Ye Xiao cultivated the Pure Yang Martial Art, he had to stay a virgin for it. Once he had sex, he lost the martial art that he had cultivated for his whole life. That was why Jun Yinglian had stayed lonely for half of her life. If Ye Xiao didn't get the East-rising Purple Qi in this life, the tragedy might have to repeat. Not only Jun Yinglian but also the other ladies would have to be disappointed, too!

Ye Xiao knew how difficult it was, so he felt pity for the old man again!

When he liked somebody, it had no reason. When he knew what the old man did, he wanted to kill the old man. However, as he knew the reason, he felt sorry for the old man. Men changed, too, not just women. Ye Xiao changed and changed!

“I have chosen a difficult path to go. I don't want everybody to know it, so I tell them that I am hungry. Chihuo is a guttler anyway...” Chihuo made a long sigh. He was a bit blank, but at least he was serious now.

Because it was really a pain in his heart, so he became serious.

“Does it really taste that good? Well, perhaps... A great cook must be able to make it into delicious dishes. I am just a cultivator. I worked so hard and spent a lot of time to search for the eggs, and I had to tell people that I love to eat it. I can't complain, can I? Who would understand?” Chihuo sighed and said, “There are many species in the monster clans... Many of them have the blood of dragons and phoenixes... They must have the same ancestor... They share the same bloodline...”

“I have been searching for these species and tried everything to extract the essence of their blood... I did it for the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix... That is all... However, after eating a lot for many years, after all the hard work, nothing changed...”

“In the recent thousands of years, it stopped improving... I am totally stuck...” Chihuo sighed and said, “I am nearing my death. If I can't make progress in three years, there will be only Six Colored Lords, not seven anymore...”

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Chapter 1626: Difference

“If I ever had a choice, I wouldn't take that risk, would I? I don't want to be a sworn enemy to those two powerful clans.

“If I had another choice, I wouldn't have... I wouldn't want to be an enemy to the two clans, would I? I just... I thought maybe I could seize the good luck. If I got through the barrier in my cultivation, I could solve things out... Well, if I failed, I died...”

Chihuo sighed. It seemed he became much older now.

Ye Xiao was surprised. "Why is it all just you? The Seven Colored Lords are seven men. You share the same honor. You should be close to each other, and they should help you get the essence of dragons and phoenixes. It should be possible. If the seven of them went to the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King for a favor, they might offer you something. I don't think you have to take the essence of their royal blood. You could try some ordinary essence as well. Why did you do it in such an extreme way?"

"You are right, kid. However..." Chihuo's face looked even worse. He made a bitter smile, and he sounded powerless and piteous.

"You are young, but you know so much about history. You must be better than most of the people at your age. Well, but you don't know everything. The Seven Colored Lords aren't like the Seven Golden Lotuses. We are not sworn brothers. We are just a group of people who decided to be a team. Our martial arts give us different colors... People always talk about us together, so we decided to be the Seven Colored Lords.

"Not all the other six men are close to me. Only two or three of them are my friends."

"Day after day, the other six are all much more powerful than me. I am just as weak as the old days..." Chihuo laughed and said, "I guess I have lost them now..."

"They are beyond the clouds. Why would they help me?"

Ye Xiao didn't know what to say.

"Friends look after friends..." Chihuo shook his head and sighed. "Well, you must be roughly at the same level to stay friends. You can't be too much worse... Otherwise, there won't be equality in the relationship.

"Friendship between cultivators is especially so. If two cultivators want to make friends, they must be in the same league. If one party is too weaker than the other, it won't work out. One is high upon the clouds, while the other is low in the dirt like an ant. How is that going to be possible? It is absurd..." Chihuo said, "The weak helps the strong, and people call it kissing asses! The strong helps the weak, well, and people call it pity."

"Kid, you must not have a different opinion with me on this matter. Ask yourself. If an ant keeps fawning on you, what do you think? Just think about it. I don't see why they should help me with this..." Chihuo looked at Ye Xiao and sighed. "Kid, if you want to survive in the martial world, remember this. You can only have friends that are equal to you... If one of you is much stronger than the other, you are not friends."

Ye Xiao was solemn. He blandly said, "Maybe you are right..."

Ye Xiao couldn't deny it. Chihuo was telling the truth. It had been proven in many cases.

It was in the nature of people.

"However, there is always true love in the world." Ye Xiao said, "If you are truly brothers, you don't care about the difference."

Chihuo coldly smiled and said, "I am not going to argue with that. At least, I have never seen anything like that in my life."

"Sure. You haven't seen any, so you won't believe it. However, it doesn't mean that there isn't real brotherhood. It doesn't mean we can deny it." Ye Xiao blandly smiled and said, "I have brothers. Good brothers. Some of them got wasted and now have been working really hard to catch up. Some are much weaker than the others. Some aren't even cultivators. However, we never changed. We are brothers. My father has brothers. They trust each other with their lives!"

What Ye Xiao talked about was definitely the relationship between Ye Nantian and Song Jue. These two were truly close to each other. Trust was not enough to describe their relationship. They would die together!

Chihuo smiled and said, "Really? Is there truly such a pure relationship between two people? I hope you and your brothers can go on and become better brothers than your father and his brother!"

Ye Xiao said, "I don't know if we are better than them, but I am sure my brothers and I will support each other to the end of the world!"

Chihuo said, "Ah... You have that special charm out of your personality. Maybe you are good enough to attract a bunch of trustworthy brothers. The Great Master Ye did it too. The Seven Golden Lotus followed him with loyalty. A hundred thousand years have passed, the story of them is still famous in the world! However, a great leader is the key!

"A great leader must always be selfless. He must lead the others forward... Only with a leader like that will the brothers be able always support each other.

"I think you can be a great leader as well.

"However, it is a shame that the Seven Colored Lords don't have such a leader. We fight for our own purpose in the martial world. We are not brothers, and we are more like opponents to each other. Everyone wants to take the title as the leader of the Seven Colored Lords."

Chihuo frankly said, "It is also the truth."

Ye Xiao stayed silent for a while and said, "There must be a selfish leader. It is true. Master Chihuo, everything needs good management. Business and friendship are not so different.

"As long as you treat your friends with honesty and a pure heart, the team will follow you. They will be willing to support each other.

"To build a strong brotherhood with a pure heart, it would be even stronger than brothers who simply share the same bloodline. I think you wouldn't deny this."

When Ye Xiao said these words, he was pretty serious.

"No, I won't." Chihuo said, "Devotion is needed. The true heart brings purity."

He made a deep sigh. He could see Ye Xiao's confidence and pride.

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Chapter 1627: Who was the Murderer?

He didn't want to hurt Ye Xiao's feelings, but he didn't tell Ye Xiao what he really thought. 'You are making too many good friends, who are all different from each other. One day, when you can't give them anything good, you will lose many of them!'

However, he didn't say it. He didn't want to break the confidence and pride of this young man.

There was still a long life ahead of him!

Ye Xiao looked determined. He thought of Liu Changjun, Ning Biluo, Zhao Pingtian, Li Wuliang, Shangguan Zhuifeng, Lan Langlang, Zuo Wuji, Wan Zhenghao, and many others...

"My brothers will stay with me forever. They won't leave me!"

He believed it. "There are ugly things in the world, but there are also good things."

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Something happened in the City of Chaos again.

One night.

Many people of the Great Ye Army were assassinated that night. The assassins must be good because there was no trace left behind as if they didn't exist. They always disappeared before people noticed them—whether they killed the target or failed to do so didn't matter.

The assassins weren't going after the leaders. They just killed those who were in charge of small groups, like the head of a squad. Among the men who were killed, there was a captain, and that was the highest position. Nobody at a high position got harmed.

That was the problem...

People who died were not powerful. They were all below level nine of the Divinity Origin Stage. That was all.

None of the assassins were normal. Some people were found dead a long time after the assassination...

Within one night, the Great Ye Army had lost over five hundred men!

It wasn't a lot. The Great Ye Army had a lot of people. However, these hundreds of men were all middle-level leaders. Without these men, the manpower system of the Great Ye Army couldn't run!

Ye Yunduan knew how serious it was, so he gathered people up for a meeting.

"Where did the assassins come from?" It was apparently the first thing they must find out.

If they knew where the assassins were from, they could make preparations to prevent further damages. They could even figure out the reason for the assassination. This must be the first step of an intrigue. They should do something in advance in order to face the possible dangers!

The meeting fell into silence. Nobody said anything.

The Great Ye Army had been expanding faster than people had expected. The three guards of Ye Yunduan became three great generals. The seven old masters were surely not satisfied with such an arrangement.

The Great Ye Army was just a local force of some unruly men. Ye Yunduan called the three guards Great Generals... That was embarrassing... It would upset the five sky kings...

Ye Yunduan promoted the three guards of him, and also promoted some Saint Origin Stage cultivators. He set these men into the Great Ye Army to control everything.

The old masters had no power outside their own clans. They seemed to be as prestigious as before, but they were not. People all behaved humbly in front of the old masters, but their words wouldn't affect any decision Ye Yunduan made.

The seven old masters were not happy about it. They were disappointed.

Ye Yunduan wasn't completely foolish, though. The twenty-eight Saint Origin Stage cultivators under his leadership weren't ordinary people. The weakest among them was at level six of the Saint Origin Stage. The strongest was already at level eight.

Ye Yunduan called them the Twenty-eight Generals upon Clouds.

These twenty-eight men were standing in the hall for the meeting.

"Master, please listen to me. I think... these assassins are from either the House of Chaotic Storms or the Hall of Returning Nature. I am not just making a blind guess. I have reasons. In fact, I think it is most likely the Hall of Returning Nature."

A man with big beards stood out and expressed his thoughts.

The others either nodded to agree or were lost in thoughts.

Master Qin raised his head. It seemed he wanted to say something, but then he lowered his head. 'Well, if you are so certain that it is the Hall of Returning Nature, I wonder what proof you have.'

Ye Yunduan seemed to be satisfied. He said, "Well, you must have your reasons. Tell us!"

"There are three. First, we have lost many people this time, who were all middle-level leaders. They were capable men, but none of them were able to warn the others before they died. Some of them were killed at the same time. There must be many assassins working at the same time. They are powerful. It must be a powerful force that did that to us.

"The Hall of Returning Nature has a department in charge of assassination, which has thousands of assassins. They can do this! Second... The Hall of Returning Nature had tried to kill Master Guan and Master Song once. Well, we killed them and kicked them out of the city. The master of the Hall of Returning Nature is a proud man. He will definitely try to do something to take his revenge. I don't see why they wouldn't do this to get the revenge they want. Third, the Red Phoenix is one of the most important people of the Hall of Returning Nature. She failed last time, so she wouldn't just let it go, would she? She is narrow-minded! She must have persuaded the Hall of Returning Nature to run this assassination..."

Many people nodded while listening to this man.

That wasn't so absurd after all!

Ye Yunduan nodded. He wanted to praise the man, but another person stood up all of a sudden. "I think it is not that simple."

Ye Yunduan agreed with the man with big beards, so he was surprised somebody didn't. He asked, "Why?"

"I mean... I don't think the Hall of Returning Nature is the only organization behind this assassination... There were two assassins who met each other and... It seems their codes didn't match... Anyway, they had a fight. Many people saw it. They fought in a short time and then immediately ran away. They were not from the same organization.

"In other words, they should be assassins from the Hall of Returning Nature, but there was also another force involved. I think it was the House of Chaotic Storms."

Ye Yunduan frowned and said, "The House of Chaotic Storms? What is your proof?"

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Chapter 1628: Isn't It Weird?

The man was excited. "I certainly have strong proof to support my point. The House of Chaotic Storms hasn't risen in the Limitless Ocean for a long time, but it has been rising incredibly fast. It is now one of the most powerful organizations in the Limitless Ocean. It has challenged the Hall of Returning Nature several times, and it has occupied one-quarter of the land in the city for a long time. However, they met their only failure recently. We destroyed their subbranch and kicked them out of the city. How could they just suck it? When the House of Chaotic Storms left the city, they didn't lose any important men. They didn't want to fight. They don't want to fight, but they want revenge. What would they do? Assassination would be the best choice!"

"The people they killed were all at low positions in the Great Ye Army. It didn't cause any serious damage to us, but it surely vents out the anger of the House of Chaotic Storms," the man spoke loudly.

"That makes sense..." Ye Yunduan rubbed his chin.

People started to discuss it in the room.

Another person said, "If it is a powerful organization taking revenge on us, it could be the Brotherhood Alliance too. They definitely have the power to do this as well... It is not sure, but it is possible..."

After discussing for a long time, they finally narrowed it down to two suspects, the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms.

"What do you think, old masters?" Ye Yunduan humbly looked at the old masters.

Master Qin and the other old masters shook their heads at the same time. They were powerless.

"Well, that's it then. Strengthen the security. We need actual proof, and we will fight back when we have it." Ye Yunduan gave the order.

“Yes!” Everybody bowed.

Ye Yunduan looked pretty satisfied with this.

People followed his orders. It made him feel powerful.

All he needed was to give an order, and thousands of people would fight for him!

That was absolute prestige!

“Masters, if we are going to fight the House of Chaotic Storms or the Hall of Returning Nature, the Great Ye Army is not powerful enough to win... Heh heh... I need the seven of you to do your best.” Ye Yunduan held Master Qin’s hands as he gently said it.

“Of course.” Master Qin was expressionless. He said, “The lotuses always stay by the leaf’s side.”

Ye Yunduan nodded and said, “Thank you, master. Well, you don’t need to do much. All I need you to do is to send one thousand men of each clan. That will be enough... Thank you for your support. The Great Ye Clan never forgets. When the army from my clan comes, it will be much easier to deal with any fights...”

After that, he warmly sent the seven old masters off.

The others hadn’t left yet. They stayed to discuss with Ye Yunduan for further plans.

The seven old masters left the room. None of them said a word.

As they made a turn somewhere, they were still silent.

“Come to my place. Shall we?” Master Qin broke the silence. His face looked solemn.

The other six old men nodded.

“The man is seeking death!” As the seven old men sat at the table in Master Qin’s house, Master Song slapped on the table and shouted.

Master Guan smiled with a sneer. He decided not to talk.

“They have no proof at all, yet now they started to aim at the two most powerful forces! He is going to mess with the two organizations at the same time. That is bold... but extremely stupid!” Master Song was so angry, and he didn’t pretend to be nice and polite about it!

“Well, these two forces are suspicious,” Master Yun casually said.

“Sure. They are. However, we can’t just aim at them! We can’t make a move against them just like that! Who the hell does he think he is? Is he the Great Master Ye? No!” Master Song hit the table and said, “He is simply messing around!”

“At the very least, Master Bai of the House of Chaotic Storms is a proud man! Why would he play the game of assassination on the Great Ye Clan?” Master Song was so angry. “Somebody set this up on purpose. Whoever did that, they want Ye Yunduan to mess with the House of Chaotic Storms! He actually jumped into the pit that people dug to set him up!”

“It shouldn’t be the Hall of Returning Nature, either.” Master Yue humphed and said, “The Hall of Returning Nature is a powerful organization. It is so easy for them to destroy the entire Great Ye Army. They don’t need assassination... The Great Ye Army in the City of Chaos... If not for the great name of the Great Master Ye, nobody would pay attention to this Great Ye Army at all!”

“I think it is most likely the Brotherhood Alliance. They must have sent some itinerant cultivators who aren’t related to the organization to do the dirty job... That is why they didn’t kill the good ones of the Great Ye Army. They had to succeed, and they didn’t want to be recognized...”

Master Yun said, “I think they also have other purposes, which we are not sure about yet.”

Master Qin made a sigh.

“I mean... You have been talking about this one thing for such a long time. Aren’t you bored?” Master Guan finally talked.

“F*ck you! Pretentious prick! Don’t you dare pretend to be so leisured here! Whatever is in your head, just speak out! Aren’t you bored?” Master Song was impatient.

“Well, I want to say... If we can see these obvious facts, why can’t they? How come they just pointed out the House of Chaotic Storms and the Hall of Returning Nature so easily?” Master Guan said, “If one or two of them said so, they must be the less intelligent ones. However, they oddly held on to the same conclusion! It is obvious that the Brotherhood Alliance is the most suspicious one, but they denied it at the same time! Isn’t it weird?”

The other old masters were all silent.

That silence almost choked them.

Master Guan smiled and said, “Are you going to keep neglecting it... One man said something, and the others all hastily agreed... What are they playing? You know it, don’t you?”

After a while, Master Qin said, “They are trying to control the leader’s opinion!”

He was quite certain!

“Ye Yunduan is a foolish and arrogant young lord. The Twenty-eight Generals upon Clouds...” Master Guan spoke like it was just something to joke about, but the others were all worried.

“Think about it. The Great Ye Army is a new organization. Sure. The name of the Great Master Ye is good... However, how did the young man suddenly recruit so many Saint Origin Stage cultivators who are all loyal to him? Twenty-eight! They are all at high levels! How many Saint Origin Stage do we have in the seven clans?”

Master Guan smiled and said, “Our great Lord Ye Yunduan actually got twenty-eight powerful Saint Origin Stage cultivators within six months! That is impressive. That is extraordinary, isn’t it?”

The other six old masters looked pretty sullen.

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Chapter 1629: All were Spies!

“Let’s think further... When a few of these men joined us, the tragedy of the Brotherhood Alliance happened...” Master Guan said, “As more and more of them joined us, we messed with the House of Chaotic Storms and the Hall of Returning Nature...”

“There is something even more frightening... After many fights, our clans have lost a lot of people, and that is all... The others did not lose many high-level cultivators. Guys, are you sure you are going to neglect these facts?”

“When the Great Ye Army fought against the Hall of Returning Nature, it seemed the Hall of Returning Nature lost a lot. Was it really? Think about it... When the Red Phoenix retreated, it seemed those poisonous needles were in their plan... That was it. They just left... Disappeared... None of the high-level cultivators of the Great Ye Army or the Hall of Returning Nature died. Think about us. Each of us has lost one Saint Origin Stage cultivator in that fight!”

Master Guan coldly smiled and said, “After that, we started to fight against the House of Chaotic Storms. Oh, the House of Chaotic Storms is fast. They gave us the toughest reaction. I am sure that it was Master Bai in charge or somebody followed his command to lead the fight. Well, Master Bai was not in the city! No matter how powerful he is, he could never foresee the date of the fight, could he? How was he going to make such a perfect plan to save all his people? They left the city unharmed, all of them!”

The other six old men were all silent.

Master Guan was telling them a horrible truth!

The old men didn’t want to admit it, but it was cruel and undeniable!

“Look at you. I don’t want to say it out now... Well, I can’t stop now, can I? Let’s just be frank.” Master Guan sat down and continued, “You don’t want to face the truth. I will do it for you.”

The six old men turned over and looked at him!

“One hundred thousand years have passed. The Great Ye Clan actually sent only one young lord and four guards back to the city. Why? That is an important question for us, and for the others in the world as well,” Master Guan said.

“You may explain that this is just the first step of a great plan. Fine. I assume it is true. The Great Ye Clan sent one talented young man back to do some research. Let’s say they want to test the seven clans. They want to know if we are still loyal to them. Fine. What now? It has been half a year now! The young lord has done quite a lot of things in the city. That is a big noise, isn’t it? The other forces all noticed him. Shouldn’t the Great Ye Clan take the second step now? Where is the backup?”

“One hundred thousand years, the world has changed. How come our great ancestors didn’t appear, either? Master Yue Youyou showed up once, but he is gone again!”

“Let’s not talk about the great ancestors’ attitude. Let’s talk about the Great Ye Clan. It is about time, isn’t it? Even though the Great Master Ye doesn’t want to show up yet, shouldn’t they send us a message or something? I don’t see any message from the clan at all!”

“The Great Ye Clan is back after all those years. Really? Are they just going to depend on this foolish young man?” Master Guan coldly smiled and said, “That man over there, if he is in the seven clans, do you think he can be the descendant of us?”

“The Great Ye Clan... Such a great clan! Are they all blind? Have they all lost their minds? Are you telling me this young man is the best they have after all those years? Is that a joke?”

Master Guan humphed and said, “I can’t believe it!”

“Well...” The other old men were all shocked, and they had no words to say.

What Master Guan said was cruel and true. The old men were all blank at the moment.

“Great Ancestor Yue did the bloodline test himself... It can’t be wrong...” Master Qin said.

“He did, but what else? He hadn’t done anything else afterward, did he?” Master Guan said, “Besides, I never said that he isn’t the descendant of the Great Ye Clan...”

“We don’t understand.” The other old masters were confused. They didn’t know what Master Guan truly wanted to say.

“I don’t understand, either, so I decided to wait...” Master Guan humphed and said, “I would rather believe that Ye Xiao is the true descendant... Ye Changqing doesn’t deserve the name Ye Yunduan! The name is too good for him!”

“Lord Monarch is truly an extraordinary man. We don’t doubt it!” the other old masters said at the same time.

Apparently, they all recognized Ye Xiao as a brilliant man!

“Is he just an extraordinary man? All the other organizations are kicked out of the city except the Monarch’s Hall!” Master Guan smiled and said, “It is the weakest organization, but nobody dares to attack it... Do you really believe it was just Ye Xiao’s good luck?”

“Lord Monarch has nothing to do with the Great Ye Army. Let’s not talk about him now.” Master Qin was troubled. “Let’s talk about spies. What should we do?”

“Spies? What spies?” Master Guan rolled up his eyes and said, “When did I say there are spies? Besides, even if there are, it has nothing to do with me!”

Master Qin was annoyed.

There was nothing he could do, even though he didn’t agree with Master Guan.

‘Everything you said indicates there are spies in the Great Ye Army! How can you deny it?’

‘Unbelievable!’

“Do you know how to clean the spies anyway?” Master Guan said, “Do you know who exactly is a spy?”

Master Qin was speechless and embarrassed.

"I am sure. Every ten of the high-level leaders had at least two spies from the House of Chaotic Storms, and three from the Hall of Returning Nature! Three more are from the Brotherhood Alliance! In fact, the Brotherhood Alliance has more than the other two..."

Master Guan said, "If you ask me, I believe there are two from the Hall of Returning Nature, one from the House of Chaotic Storms, and five from the Brotherhood Alliance! Only twenty percent of those people in Ye Yunduan's trusted group are honest and loyal!"

"That's it!"

Master Guan said, "The high-level leaders are almost all spies... Qin, tell me, how are we going to clean these people?"

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Chapter 1630: From the Dragon and the Phoenix

Master Qin was shocked. "It can't be so bad, can it?"

"To be honest with you, I would believe there is nobody around Ye Yunduan who is truly loyal. They are all spies!" Master Guan coldly smiled and said, "The Brotherhood Alliance has never been beaten so badly since it was built. However, after what had happened, they just sent a Brotherhood Decree. They barely did anything practical. Do you believe it is normal?"

"Let me be honest. The Brotherhood Alliance hasn't done anything that we can see, but I am sure that they have done something to help the Great Ye Army expand. That is why the Great Ye Army suddenly recruited over a hundred thousand men. I believe the other forces have been working on this together!"

"Do you think it is Shangguan Lingxiao?"

The other old masters were all frightened.

If Master Guan was right, the Great Ye Army would collapse at any second!

"Whenever Shangguan Lingxiao gave an order..." Master Guan humphed and said, "The Great Ye Army seems to be domineering now, but it will collapse just after Shangguan Lingxiao says a word!"

"If we attack the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms, we will be safe. If we start a war against the Brotherhood Alliance now, the Great Ye Army dies..." Master Guan said, "You know how capable Shangguan Lingxiao is, don't you?"

The old masters all nodded.

That was right. Shangguan Lingxiao was definitely capable of it.

The old masters knew about it now, so what? There was nothing they could do!

The seven old men were all angry. Suddenly, the moon shined brightly in the sky.

The moon was so big that night. It appeared in the sky and brightened up the entire City of Chaos.

The seven old men all felt scared and rushed out to the yard immediately.

Somebody started talking in the sky with a clear voice, "Oh, I had a feeling today that something was going to happen. Brother Dragon and Lady Phoenix have come! Greetings!"

Under the bright moon, it was the great ancestor, Yue Youyou, who was wearing cyan-colored clothes.

The seven old masters were shocked!

'Ancestor Yue appears!'

'What is happening?'

In the sky, under the moonlight, there was a purple cloud appearing with a glowing stream. The next moment, a man in purple robes and a lady in golden clothes appeared in front of Yue Youyou.

Yue Youyou smiled, and he was obviously surprised, too. "What is the problem? You don't seem to be happy."

The Purple Dragon King smiled and said, "Brother Yue, to be honest, we are here for something personal. We want your help, you and your old brothers."

Yue Youyou became solemn immediately.

The Purple Dragon King actually asked for help in public!

That must be a huge favor!

Whatever it was, it must be extremely serious!

The Purple Dragon King was not asking for only Yue Youyou's help, but also the other great ancestors.

Yue Youyou was shocked.

What was the problem? How come the Dragon Clan and the Phoenix Clan together couldn't solve it?

What was so important that they needed the Seven Golden Lotuses to return to help them?

Yue Youyou was astonished. He asked, "Are you going to attack a sky king?"

That was absurd, but it was reasonable to ask. After all, there was nothing else that could be this difficult and important.

The great cultivators of the two clans with the help of the seven golden lotuses, they could even defeat a sky king...

That was true. That could be a match!

The Purple Dragon King coughed and said, "That's a good imagination of yours, but no!"

The Golden Phoenix King covered herself behind the golden robe. She didn't say anything, but the murderous intent made her point.

"Good. As long as you are not going to kill a sky king! Please! Come inside and we will talk." Yue Youyou led the way and said, "My brothers are ready."

"Thank you so much!"

The Purple Dragon King cupped his hands. The three of them started to get down.

At the same time, the bright moon in the sky disappeared.

It was weird, though. The three of them talked in the sky and everybody knew about it. In fact, almost everyone in the City of Chaos knew it. It was the meeting of the three legends! They even heard their conversation!

It was a sleepless night.

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Ye Xiao was standing on top of the Hall of Life and Death. The leaves of the trees covered him up.

At this moment, he felt the depression. The covering of the leaves made him feel safer.

He was such a brave man, but he was scared. The problem had become more serious. Ye Xiao was nearly broken down!

After talking to Chihuo, Ye Xiao chose to stand on the old man's side, and he thought he could be lucky to get away from the problem. With Erhuo's help, he fooled the Purple Dragon King. He thought he could fool him again and keep the old man safe!

At this moment, he didn't believe it anymore!

The leaders of the two powerful clans showed up to ask the Seven Golden Lotuses for help. They did it in the public!

They were determined and furious! They must be!

They were here for a person. Ye Xiao knew it.

Only one person

Chihuo!

The man who started all this, Master Chihuo, was in the Hall of Life and Death, under Ye Xiao's protection.

When Chihuo came to the Hall of Life and Death, Ye Xiao knew that he must be someone influential. However, he had no idea that the old man would bring the Hall of Life and Death into such a disaster.

In the City of Chaos, if the Seven Golden Lotuses wanted to find somebody, they would surely find him.

Ye Xiao didn't think he could keep Chihuo hidden from the seven great men!

What should he do?

Ye Xiao was anxious. 'The Boundless Space contains beasts. Why can't it contain human beings? Oh, the old man Chihuo... He ate all those beasts... He cultivated the Fire of Dragon and Phoenix! Why can't he just become a dragon or a phoenix? I can hide him in the Boundless Space if he can! Things would be much easier!'

Ye Xiao walked to Chihuo's room, and he saw the old man absorbing the spiritual qi to cultivate.

He saw Ye Xiao, so he slowly opened his eyes. "It seems I can't stay here any longer."

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