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Chapter 1771: He Knows

The seven old masters were not young men anymore. People at their old age easily got ill. It was reasonable that the old masters fell ill. It was a bit unbelievable that the seven of them fell ill at the same time, but it was possible.

"In fact, Monarch Ye is a lucky man, and he is doing quite well, but he is still too young..." Master Yun sighed and said, "We have sent so many people to join the Monarch's Hall, but he doesn't know. He should be more alert. Ah, the young generation..."

"Doesn't he know? Too young?" Master Guan said, "Old Yun, let me tell you something. You can underestimate yourself, but never underestimate that kid. It would be absurd if he doesn't know the backgrounds of his people!"

"Old Guan is right. According to the information I have received, many people of our seven clans have joined the Monarch's Hall. Do you know any of them taking the important positions in the organization? Think about it... People from the same clan are always separated into different groups, following different leaders. It is difficult for them to keep communicating with each other. Do you know if Ye Xiao knows about our people's backgrounds? I think your heads are full of trash if you deny it!" Master Yue said.

"Humph!" The other people humphed and stared at Master Guan. "One of your men became one of the Seven Stars, and another became the leader of a unit... The others are just normal."

"The Guan Clan has one leader of a unit and one of the Seven Stars Warriors. The Yue Clan has two leaders of two units. The Song clan has one leader of one unit..." Master Ju said, "The other four clans have nothing..."

Master Guan looked happy. "Well, there is nothing we can do. You are not as close to the Monarch's Hall as we! Humph..."

Master Qin was obviously annoyed. "How come?"

"Old Song and I have supported Monarch Ye in the beginning. He trusts us. The great ancestor of the Yue Clan, Yue Youyou, has contacted Monarch Ye, and he protected the young man once. That is why he treats the Yue Clan better!"

Master Guan blandly said, "Old Yun, do you think the young man is stupid? Do you think he knows nothing? Do you really think that he doesn't know anything about our people?

"If he is really that ignorant, he is no different from Ye Yunduan! Let me tell you something. He knows everything about every single one of his men! He knows all!

"He has the capability!

"He keeps it a secret, because he shows us respect." Master Guan said, "Think about it. People would love to join the Hall of Life and Death. Why would he accept our children? Our children have to be loyal to the Monarch's Hall, don't they?

"He is truly a king!

"He is the man who does great things!"

Master Guan made the conclusion.

A king who did great things!

The old masters were all shocked.

He accepted the men from the seven clans because he respected the Seven Golden Lotuses, because he has the heart of a great man. He separated these men and gave them no chance to be united, because he was wise.

He was the man who could do great things!

The seven old men were all cunning old foxes, so they knew Ye Xiao's plan. When the seven clans secretly sent their people to the Monarch's Hall, Ye Xiao realized it and casually made an arrangement about it...

He kept his mind sharp, and did a great job.

Everything was under control.

The seven clans had a long history, and they had done such great jobs to secretly send their people to join the Monarch's Hall. They didn't even realize what each other had done!

However, Ye Xiao noticed, and he made great arrangements to deal with the possible problem!

"Such a genius!" Master Qin sighed.

"We must report this to the seven great ancestors."

Master Guan said, "We have a decision to make, but... Our decision is violating the rules of the Seven Golden Lotuses. We... We can't disrespect our ancestors."

"What if we break the vow? Are we to be blamed? Most importantly, I don't get any confidence from the Great Ye Clan..."

Master Yue breathed a long sigh and said, "Compared to Monarch Ye, the Great Ye Clan... I am afraid we are following the Great Ye Clan to destruction."

"We know... But... The seven great ancestors made their vows... Perhaps, it is more important for them to keep their words than survival." Master Qin showed a bitter face. "Otherwise, we don't need to hide this from them, do we?"

"The Monarch's Hall has grown strong. It is getting more and more powerful. We didn't give them help when they desperately needed some. If we even fight them when they really don't need help, I am afraid... We must make the decision soon..."

Master Guan said, "I am sure about one thing. When Ye Xiao attacks, he aims at the Great Ye Army, and Ye Yunduan!"

"I talked about Ye Yunduan earlier. The Great Ye Army was going to kill somebody, but Ye Xiao saved those men. In fact, Ye Xiao was so cruel, having over a hundred superior cultivators of the Great Ye Army killed! He is powerful!"

"That's right. He thinks he can defeat the Great Ye Army. That is why he saved the men!"

"It is a signal. He uses blood to make an announcement!"

"He is telling us that he is going to fight Ye Yunduan. We must make our choice now!"

Master Song sighed and said, "If we hesitate right now, or we decided to stand on Ye Yunduan's side, Ye Xiao will send our men back!"

"Well, it will ruin the connection between Monarch's Hall and us, which we earned by a lot of hard work. Our children will lose their bright future."

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Chapter 1772: No Thoroughfare

"I am not exaggerating it. I believe you all know what I am talking about. You all remember what levels your people were at when they joined the Monarch's Hall. Within less than a year, the best one of them was almost at the Immortality Stage... It is unusually fast in the history of the Human Realm Upon Heavens. Even the Great Master Ye or the five Sky Kings never improved that fast. If our men are banished, they won't be able to improve so fast anymore. They won't blame Monarch Ye, but they will blame us. What do you think?"

"That's for certain."

"However, this is difficult. The great ancestors won't give up Ye Yunduan, and we have to listen to the great ancestors..."

"Let's pretend ill first. Maybe things will change soon..."

Master Qin made a sigh. He really didn't know what to do now.

One was the vow that his great ancestor made, while the other was the future of his children!

The bright future was right there. Following Ye Xiao would lead them to a bright future. However, they couldn't go against their own ancestors... The biggest problem was that the great ancestors were all alive, so these seven old masters truly didn't have the right to make the final decision.

It was difficult.

The seven old masters were hesitating...

Ye Yunduan was already furious! The message was received. Ye Yunduan broke the entire study room to vent his anger when he heard that the seven old men fell ill at the same time!

'At the same time? Am I a fool to you? You don't want to fight Ye Xiao!'

Ye Yunduan gritted his teeth so hard.

The seven old masters hesitated for only two days because things did change...

Ye Xiao had sent a message to Master Guan.

It wasn't a surprise, because Ye Xiao and Master Guan had always been friends. However, what surprised Master Guan was what Ye Xiao said in the message. He wanted Master Guan and the other six old masters to secretly attend a meeting in the Hall of Life and Death.

The sudden news shocked the seven old masters!

'What is this about?'

The seven old men discussed for a long time, but they couldn't think of a reason!

Ye Xiao had stopped contacting the old men since they left the Monarch's Hall. After he saved the Guan Clan and the Song Clan earlier, Ye Xiao and Master Guan started to contact each other again, but only a few times.

The old masters understood why Ye Xiao stopped contacting them, and they were grateful. If Ye Yunduan knew they were in contact, he would definitely be mad at the Seven Lotus Clans!

The seven old men were grateful but also regretful for what Ye Xiao did for them.

However, they didn't understand why Ye Xiao asked them for a secret meeting!

The seven old men were confused.

Ye Xiao had sincerely invited them, so they figured they shouldn't refuse it.

They didn't spend much time to prepare before they left for the meeting. The Hall of Life and Death was a familiar place to the seven old men!

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They were cautious, so they put on disguises and left from somewhere else other than their own houses. They met up in a tea house first and then hid in a carriage. In the middle of the night, they were going to the Hall of Life and Death secretly.

Ye Xiao was holding a secret meeting. It was necessary to be cautious.

After two turns, they would arrive at the fortress of trees.

They had already smelled the special scent of the plants...

It was about five miles away from the Hall of Life and Death. The old men were relaxed. They were still guessing what this secret meeting was about.

"Does he know that the Great Ye Army is going to attack him? Is he going to ask for our advice?"

Master Ju asked, but the other old masters gave him a disdainful look.

"The Monarch's Hall is definitely much stronger than the Great Ye Army. How would Ye Xiao want advice from us? Are you stupid?"

"Is that tofu inside your head?"

"Old fool!"

Master Ju was so upset.

Suddenly, the carriage stopped.

"What's wrong?" Master Guan asked.

"Somebody is blocking the road." A guard reported. "People of the Great Ye Army."

"The Great Ye Army?" The seven old masters were shocked.

'How come the Great Ye Army would set barricades here beforehand?'

'What is this about?'

'Do they know we are going to the Hall of Life and Death? Is that why they are stopping us?'

The old men were confused. Somebody on the road shouted, "The Great Ye Army sets barricades here! No thoroughfare!"

The old men were angry. 'The roads inside the City of Chaos are actually blocked? Since we became the chiefs of our clans, such things have never happened in the city!'

They couldn't expose themselves, so Master Guan told the guard, "Change our route."

The carriage turned back and made a turn to approach the Hall of Life and Death from another road. However, when they were closer to the Hall of Life and Death, the road was blocked again.

It was also men from the Great Ye Army.

"No thoroughfare! Forcibly pushing through the barrier is to stand against the Great Ye Army! We will kill those who try to go through here without mercy!"

The old men realized something was wrong.

Maybe Ye Yunduan knew about the secret meeting, so he blocked the roads beforehand.

Were they going to return?

Master Yue thought for a while, and then he sent people out to check other roads. After a while, he got the response. All roads to the Hall of Life and Death were blocked!

Master Yue sighed and said, "Ye Yunduan doesn't know where we are going. He did this for a different purpose. He is going to lock out the Monarch's Hall and besiege the Monarch's Hall, so no third party could come to rescue!" It was obvious. The Hall of Life and Death was locked.

"I think this is not all." Master Guan frowned. "This is too obvious. Blocking the Hall of Life and Death out, he must have some other plans. It seems he is stopping something."

Master Qin humphed and said, "I don't care what he wants. Let's show them who we are and get through this damn thing! Ye Yunduan suddenly started a war against the Monarch's Hall and told us to fight the Monarch's Hall too. We are always in good relation with the Monarch's Hall, so it is reasonable

that we need to talk to the Monarch's Hall before the fight starts! Ye Yunduan doesn't allow people to go to the Hall of Life and Death, but I don't think he would stop us too!"

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Chapter 1773: Are You Going to Rebel?

The old men nodded. 'Old Qin is right. Ye Yunduan has to show respect to us!'

'If we don't show ourselves, this is going to be a fight.'

The seven old men didn't want a conflict with the Great Ye Army after all.

They were still on the same side...

The carriage arrived at the barrier that was closest to the Hall of Life and Death.

"Blocked!" People around the barrier said.

Master Yun humphed and showed his head out of the window. He blandly said, "It's me. Move away."

Master Yun had shown himself, so they believed the guards would definitely let them through. Nobody dared to stop the chief of the Yun Clan.

However, the guard said, "Ah. It is Master Yun."

Master Yun said, "It is me. Whoever is in charge of this place, give the order to let us through. I got business to taken care of."

The man said, "I am sorry, Master Yun. We blocked the road under the Young Master's command. Nobody gets through. If you want to get past us, you must talk to the Young Master, so he will give you permission."

Master Yun was shaking because of anger. "What did you say? I can only get through this barrier with Ye Yunduan's permission. Is that what you mean?"

The man seemed decisive. "Please, Master Yun! It is my duty! I can't violate the orders given to me."

"That's bold!" Master Yun raged and said, "What if I have to get through now?"

The man coldly said, "We are told to stop anybody getting through the barrier and to kill those who dare to try!"

Master Yun was furious. "Do you mean... if I get through this place now, you will kill me?"

"I wouldn't dare!" The man lowered his head but didn't step away.

"Move away!" Master Yun got off the carriage and walked over. "I wonder how Ye Yunduan could stop me!"

The man still stood in the middle of the road and said loudly with his head low, "Please, Master Yu! Don't make me do it! I am only following orders!"

"Ye Yunduan's order means everything to you but nothing to me! I am going through. What can you do?" Master Yun was furious. He forcibly walked ahead.

"Please, forgive me! It is my duty." The man's voice turned cold, and his hand was on the handle of his weapon.

"F*ck off!" Master Yun walked over impolitely.

- Clang! -

With a clear sound, the man drew out his sword. He said, "Men of the Great Ye Army, prepare to fight! Kill whoever dares to break through the barrier!"

Master Yun stopped in shock. He stared at the shining swords. He couldn't believe it, and he almost passed out because of his extreme fury!

He never thought that these men dared to draw their weapons up against him!

Master Guan got off the carriage too, and he shouted, "What the hell are you doing? Are you going to rebel?"

More and more people of the Great Ye Army gathered around. Many superior cultivators were approaching.

After a while, the place, where the old masters were, was filled with people.

The nineteen warriors under Ye Yunduan's command and many other Saint Origin Stage cultivators arrived. It seemed a big fight was starting soon!

Superior cultivators of the Great Ye Army besieged the carriage, each of them held a weapon in their hands, full of killing intent.

The seven old men realized the problem now... 'This is not about stopping us... This is about killing us...'

The other five old men didn't hesitate to get off the carriage.

The old men looked at the men of the Great Ye Army, and they were in shock. Apparently, none of them had expected to be treated with such disrespect.

The seven of them were forced to leave in their own place! How ironic!

After Master Guan's harsh berating, nobody moved. The guard said, "Masters, please turn back. Please, don't make things difficult for us."

"What if we have to get through? Are you going to kill us? Are you?" Master Qin said.

The answer was obvious, but Master Qin would like to hear the man say it.

It was Master Yun alone earlier, and now the seven masters of the Seven Lotus Clans were together!

The guard hesitated and said, "Please, masters. I have my duty. I can't disobey it!"

"Good! Where is Ye Yunduan?" Master Qin raged. He shouted and both of his eyes turned red. "Send for him! I need to ask him what he is going to do to us! When is his order became an order to us?"

The men who stopped them suddenly moved aside. A man wearing a cyan robe appeared.

The man looked tall and handsome. It was exactly the commander of the Great Ye Army, the young lord of the Great Ye Clan, Ye Yunduan.

Ye Yunduan was walking slowly to the old masters. He blandly said, "How come you are here together, masters? Well, it is sure that nobody could stop you from going wherever you want. However, it is a special time... The Great Ye Army is imposing martial law on the entire city to find spies from the enemy... Masters, please return. You don't want to be used by the spies."

Master Qin spoke slowly, "What if I am not going to leave?"

Ye Yunduan said, "It is important that we catch the enemy's spies. It concerns the future of the Great Ye Army, and also the future of the clans... It is important. Please, you should forgive me."

Master Qin's face turned red. He said angrily, "Ye Yunduan, what did you say? I don't see how a spy could have such a great impact on the Great Ye Army or the Seven Lotus Clans! Let me ask you one thing. Just answer me. What would you do if we have to break through the barrier here?"

Ye Yunduan smiled and said, "I think you wouldn't do such a foolish thing because you are wise men, old masters. The Heaven's Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses are one for one hundred thousand years. How could you do such a reckless thing and ruin our relation? Well, if you insist, it will be difficult for you to face your great ancestors, won't it?"

Master Qin took a deep breath and said, "Lord Yunduan, I am not going to waste time talking about nonsense. Just answer me. We are going to the Hall of Life and Death. Are you going to let us through or not?"

Ye Yunduan stayed silent for a while and coldly said, "Oh... Are you, the Seven Lotus Clans, going to collude with the enemy? Is this a rebellion?"

The seven old masters were furious!

'Rebellion?'

'What the hell are you talking about?'

'When the governed ones rise against the governors, that is what is called a rebellion!'

Ye Yunduan had just defined the Seven Lotus Clans!

They were his subjects while he was the monarch!

He was their boss!

If they disobeyed him, then they were traitors!

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Chapter 1774: Rupture; Attack!

"Good. Good! Great!" Master Guan looked sad and angry. "The descendant of the Heaven's Leaf treats us like this. Back to the old days, the Great Master Ye and our seven great ancestors were brothers, who respected each other. In your eyes, we are just your servants, aren't we? For one hundred thousand years, we have been looking forward to your return, with humble respect to the Great Master Ye. We

never forgot our vows. Finally, after all of those tough years, the Great Ye Clan is back... However, because we won't accept being stopped, this becomes a rebellion? Good. Great job!"

Ye Yunduan coldly said, "What brothers? Ridiculous! The Seven Lotus Clans are always the subordinates, servants to the Heaven's Leaf. You disobeyed my orders. Isn't that a rebellion? Stop talking nonsense. This is shameless!"

The seven old masters were all furious!

'It turns out he has always treated us as their servants!'

"Master Yunduan, does every man in the Heaven's Leaf have the same thought?" Master Guan stared at Ye Yunduan.

"Isn't it just a simple fact?" Ye Yunduan coldly looked over and said, "What difference does it make?"

Master Guan took a deep breath. Before he said something, Ye Yunduan blandly continued saying, "You have been loyal to us, so I am giving you a second chance. Old masters, you should better go back home now. It has been over one hundred thousand years. I don't see why we should have such a rupture between the leaf and the lotuses. The Great Ye Clan doesn't want it, and the Seven Lotus Clans don't want it either. Just leave."

Master Guan coldly said, "Thank you for the advice. However, we have to get through the barrier today."

Ye Yunduan looked serious. With a strange expression, he looked over the old men and blandly said, "If you really want to do this and break the special bond between the leaf and lotuses, you will have to get over my dead body!"

After that, he moved back fast and stayed among the crowd.

"People of the Great Ye Army! Whoever dares to break through the barrier today dies! No exception!"

"Yes!"

Over a thousand superior cultivators answered at the same time.

The old men were frightened. They almost went crazy. They didn't dare to take the risk today!

The seven great ancestors of the clans valued their relationship with the Heaven's Leaf so much. They didn't dare to violate the ancestors' will.

If they attacked the descendant of the Heaven's Leaf, they would have to accept the punishment from the ancestors.

It would be a disgrace to the clans!

It would be disloyal, unfaithful, dishonorable...

They knew how things would end.

Besides, what they were going to do was exactly something that would hurt the Great Ye Clan. They didn't have strong proof to stand against Ye Yunduan. Ye Yunduan wasn't completely wrong!

"What should we do?" Everybody was looking at Master Guan and Master Qin.

The two masters looked expressionless. In their eyes, there was the flame of anger. They were thinking, 'We are going through! Come and kill us if you dare!'

However, they didn't dare to say it out.

It was too big a price to pay! The old men couldn't take responsibility!

Ye Yunduan hid among the crowd and stared at the seven old men coldly.

His eyes looked cold and fierce.

'The Great Ye Clan has already sent people over. The real Ye Yunduan is still alive.'

'Even though he was poisoned, and it was difficult to cure, Ye Xiao saved him! Nobody knows if the man will die!'

'What if Ye Xiao has cured him?'

'People of the Seven Lotus Clans are going to know the truth sooner or later. The seven old f*ckers are going to the Monarch's Hall together. What are they going to do? Why do they have to do this right now?'

'I can stop them now, but what if they go again tomorrow? I can keep the barriers, but what if people of the Monarch's Hall come out? Qiao Wu and the other two men are still alive, and they were better than Ye Yunduan. If they recovered, none of my men can defeat them!'

'I can't hide it from these old men forever!'

'If they know the truth... What is going to happen to me?'

Ye Yunduan looked at the seven old men, and he came up with a vicious idea.

'This is it. Things have gone to an extreme. There is no turning back for me. I have to do this. I have to rise in the ruins! Maybe I will fail, but even if I fail, nobody gets what I want!'

On the other side.

The old masters were still hesitating. In the end, they chose to compromise!

Master Qin took a step forward and said, "Ye Yunduan, what happened is..."

Master Qin was going to submit. For the Seven Lotus Clans, it was such a great concession, because they had ruled the City of Chaos for over one hundred thousand years after all.

However, before he finished talking, Ye Yunduan suddenly shouted, "How dare you! Kill!"

Suddenly, shooting weapons shot over and covered the sky!

Fierce lights of swords and sabers were attacking the old men in lines. Over the sword lights and saber lights, there were a lot of flying arrows shooting to the old men like lightning!

Just a while ago, it was a sunny day, but now, it was hell!

The old men knew that Master Qin only wanted to say something to give both a good reason to stop the conflict. However, Ye Yunduan was contemptible! He started a destructive attack all of a sudden!

The attack wasn't going after Master Qin, but all the seven old masters!

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Chapter 1775: War of a Broken Heart

"Watch out!"

The old men shouted at the same time.

A wave of bright light shined up. The seven old men all showed their weapons and rose their spiritual energy. They were ready to resist the fierce attacks.

They were seven powerful cultivators. The weakest of them was at level nine of the Saint Origin Stage. That was incredible. No matter how many superior cultivators the Great Ye Army had, it wasn't easy to defeat the seven old men in a short time. However, it all happened too fast.

The old men had decided to give in and show Ye Yunduan respect, so they wouldn't know these men would suddenly attack. They didn't believe that the Great Ye Clan would actually kill them after waiting for them for one hundred thousand years!

After blocking off the sword attacks and the saber attacks, they couldn't block the shooting arrow attacks.

- Puff, puff, puff... -

Tens of thousands of arrows shot over.

The God Slaughter Arrow was specially designed to attack high-level cultivators. The old masters were facing a rainstorm of God Slaughter Arrows!

They did their best to defend themselves, but there were too many of them. Each of the old masters was hit by at least ten arrows.

Suddenly, the old masters were like hedgehogs. Their blood stained the floor.

"Kill them!"

"Kill the traitors!"

People of the Great Ye Army had gone crazy. They were rushing to the old men viciously. The sword attacks and saber attacks didn't stop. The bright lights lit up the sky. They were going to kill the old men in one hit!

The seven old masters were seriously injured, so they were badly weakened.

Master Guan looked so sad. Over ten arrows were stabbing inside his body. His long sword was shining brightly. He fought as hard as he could to escape the battle.

"Guys, let's rush out first!"

Master Qin shouted and then spat out a mouthful of blood.

His injury and his anger together made him spit out blood!

He was too angry!

Master Qin was standing in the front when the enemies attacked, so he was the main target. Within a short time, he became like a hedgehog. At least twenty arrows hit him!

Luckily, he was a powerful Immortality Stage cultivator. His spiritual energy automatically resisted the energy from the God Slaughter Arrows. However, some arrows shot through his body. Master Qin was covered by his blood.

Even though he was so severely injured, he fought like nothing could hurt him. The raging anger inside him had made him forget the pain!

"Kill!"

The old man who used to be calm and steady had lost his mind at the moment!

The extreme anger had filled his head and chest!

'We waited for you for one hundred thousand years!'

'We guarded the City of Chaos for one hundred thousand years!'

'We never changed! However, you actually want us to die because of this.'

'Yes. It is the Hall of Life and Death on the other side.'

'Yes. The Hall of Life and Death is the enemy of the Great Ye Clan.'

'So what?'

'Even if we have been to the Hall of Life and Death, it doesn't mean we would betray the Great Ye Clan!'

'Why? Why do you have to kill us? You didn't even ask what we were going to the enemy's place for!'

'Why?'

The arrows on his chest, his back, and his shoulders were shining cold lights. His blood kept running out. Three arrows had gone through his body at his left shoulder, right thigh, and the belly. The arrows were so dark and terrifying.

Master Qin didn't care. He kept shouting and fighting, moving around like the wind.

He was venting the extreme anger in his chest!

Wherever he went, the enemies' heads were crushed. With the wounds and arrows all over his body, he kept flying around his enemies.

The other old masters called him, but he didn't listen.

He was lost in it. All he wanted was to kill these men!

He especially wanted to kill Ye Yunduan!

The fight was getting more and more intense.

When the old men got on the way to the secret meeting, they didn't expect such things. It was a secret meeting, so the old masters only brought two guards each. They were cautious, but it ended up as a disadvantage.

Within a short time, all the people around the old masters were severely injured. The fourteen guards were good cultivators. After three of them died, the rest of them successfully helped the old masters get out.

However, not all the old masters were with them. As they looked back, Master Qin was still fighting the enemies. More and more enemies were coming, and they had besieged Master Qin.

"Kill our way back to help Old Qin!" Master Guan shouted. Without hesitation, he rushed back first.

The other old masters didn't hesitate either.

Ye Yunduan was hiding in the crowd, observing everything with a cruel heart. He waved a hand and said, "Gather our men from the outer range. Kill the old bastards here!"

"Yes!"

"It is good that you guys' bond is tight... Well, I shall send you to hell together!"

Ye Yunduan's eyes looked extremely brutal and blood-thirsty!

Fewer and fewer people were around him. The superior cultivators were going to join the fight.

"Kill!"

They rushed forward together, surrounding the seven old men.

The six old masters had already made their way out, so they got a few seconds to rest for a while. However, because they returned to help Master Qin, they were back to the fight again. Again and again, they were tired. They had largely consumed their spiritual energy. Their wounds were causing unbearable pain at the same time. They were aching.

'Poisonous arrows?'

"Puff!"

Master Guan couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood after blocking away some weapons that were attacking him. He had been suppressing the poison with his spiritual energy, but as he spat out his blood, he finally failed to stop the poison from bursting...

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Chapter 1776: Ye Xiao Showed Up

A lot of weapons shined with horrible light and slashed down on the old masters.

Master Guan breathed a long sigh. His dantian was empty, and he was too weak to even hold his weapon. He was in despair...

"Fine!

"The Heaven's Leaf and the Seven Golden Lotuses! The Seven Golden Lotuses rose because of the Heaven's Leaf. Today, the seven lotus clans have given you back everything! From now on, the Seven Golden Lotuses will never follow the Heaven's Leaf!"

Master Guan laughed loudly. He let go of his saber, and he closed his eyes.

When he was so close to getting killed, he heard somebody's voice.

"A bunch of disgraceful and disgusting dogs!" A cold voice could be heard in the distance. After that, a flash of white shadow arrived and stood in front of Master Guan like a bolt of lightning.

Whoever it was, he looked casual.

When he was talking, he was about a thousand feet away, walking slowly somewhere. As he finished speaking, he suddenly appeared under the saber attacks and sword attacks.

That was in front of Master Guan.

The man casually raised one hand.

Several weapons slashed on his hand. The attacks were made, so they all hit the man on the hand.

His hand was beautiful, which didn't seem to be the hand of a cultivator. However, that pale hand blocked the attacks from all those weapons and it was unharmed. The weapons were blocked off, some even broke into halves.

It felt like some wooden weapons cracked on the iron hand!

His hand was dozens of times tougher than iron steel!

The attackers were all frightened, and they looked at the man.

The man casually moved his hand again. The broken swords and sabers all flew up. He raised up his hand one more time, and the broken pieces of the weapons flew out. Many people exclaimed in pain.

As he stepped ahead and stood up, he kept Master Guan behind him. He took three steps forward while making casual moves with his hands. Flows of lights shined up.

Over ten people were put down with a bloody hole on their throats.

The next moment, the man casually but quickly moved to Master Qin. With a simple hand gesture, he blocked off a giant saber. The owner of the saber spat out a mouthful of blood. The man who blocked off the attack said, "Master Qin, forgive me. I am late."

The next moment, a flow of sword light flashed. A sword appeared on his side. The sword moved in the air as if an invisible hand was holding it. As the sword moved around within a hundred feet, people exclaimed and screeched around him. He then held Master Qin's arm.

Master Qin's eyes were red. He said loudly, "Kill them! Kill them all! I will kill every single one of these bastards before I die today! I will show them who is the weak one!"

Apparently, Master Qin had lost his mind a little. He didn't recognize Ye Xiao.

Ye Xiao sighed and pointed on Master Qin's chest to block its vein. It slowed down the loss of blood. He blandly said, "We will kill them all, but not today.

"It is too easy for them to die just like this!"

After that, he walked away.

People from the Monarch's Hall suddenly appeared in different directions, approaching fast. They were under the leadership of the heads of the units, rushing toward the thousands of men of the Great Ye Army.

Bu Xiangfeng and Meng Youjiang were killing their way forward in the enemy's crowd.

Chihuo didn't join the fight. After all, he was too powerful for this. The only thing he did was to protect the seven old masters just as Ye Xiao did. Some of the enemies were so stupid that they actually tried to attack Chihuo and the seven old masters. Chihuo killed them with just a few casual moves!

Ye Yunduan's cold eyes suddenly became flurried. He gritted his teeth and nearly bit his own lips. The hatred in his heart was driving him mad at the moment.

People of the Monarch's Hall were approaching. Ye Yunduan knew that it was obviously impossible to kill the old masters now.

He knew that the seven old masters were already going to turn against him. When the real Young Master Yunduan appeared, he would be ruined, so he decided to kill the old men!

As he planned, he would kill the seven old men first. He knew that the seven old men were going to meet Ye Xiao, and he believed nobody in the seven clans knew where the old masters were going. Once the old men were dead, he would cast the blame on Ye Xiao. After all, it was Ye Xiao who invited the seven old masters to come. It made sense.

Ye Yunduan even made up a story about it. The old masters didn't take Ye Yunduan's advice, so they went to the Monarch's Hall, trying to convince Ye Xiao to surrender. Ye Xiao went mad and killed the seven old men... Ye Yunduan showed up too late, so he failed to save the old masters...

As long as the old men were dead, Ye Yunduan could easily make up a story to deceive the people of the seven clans. The great ancestors would seek for revenge, so the seven clans would fight the Monarch's Hall along with the Great Ye Army. He could pretend to get injured badly, so the seven great ancestors might think even highly of him!

If he got the support of the Seven Lotus Clans, he could save himself when the Great Ye Clan sent people over to call him to account. The real Young Master Yunduan was going to die in the fight between the Monarch's Hall and the Seven Lotus Clans. The Great Ye Clan would definitely choose to believe Ye Qingyun because he had the full support of the Seven Lotus Clans!

If his plan worked, Ye Changqing could become the real and the only Young Master Yunduan!

As a matter of fact, he could only enjoy it in his own imagination... because that was never going to happen!

Now, Ye Xiao's appearance broke every bit of his illusion.

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Chapter 1777: Why Disappeared?

Ye Xiao was going to save the seven old masters. The real Young Master Yunduan was going to live. Ye Changqing was probably going to die instead!

Things were out of his control!

He was confused by one thing though. 'I have given the order to many superior cultivators. Some of them haven't shown up yet!'

Ye Yunduan gritted his teeth.

Suddenly, a long flow of sword light shot over to Ye Yunduan. People of the Monarch's Hall attacked him now.

Zhao Yi humphed and swung his sword. It blocked the sword light attack. He said, "Master, let's go!"

Ye Yunduan humphed and turned around.

"Ye Yunduan! Where do you think you are going?"

Master Yue, who was resting on the floor, suddenly shouted as he saw Ye Yunduan. He wanted to jump up but failed. Chihuo stopped him and poured a stream of strong spiritual energy into Master Yue's body. He blandly said, "Let him go. After today, he will be as pathetic as a wild dog in the Limitless Ocean! It is good to let him feel the pain!"

Master Yue didn't understand why Chihuo would say so, but he knew who Chihuo was. Master Chihuo was as famous and powerful as the great ancestors. Yue Youyou used to mention Chihuo to Master Yue, saying that he should respect Chihuo. As he saw Chihuo in person, he would definitely follow Chihuo's instruction.

Chihuo must have his reason to let Ye Yunduan go... That was the power of a powerful man. Even if he was wrong, nobody would easily question him. Even Ye Xiao didn't have such prestige... Well, if the Flower King returned, he probably had the prestige too!

As people of the Monarch's Hall arrived, Ye Yunduan's men were losing the fight.

Ye Yunduan had already gone.

An order sounded in the distance.

"Retreat!"

People of the Great Ye Army heard the order and felt like they were spared. Everybody started to run for their lives. Within a few seconds, they were all gone.

The fight had only lasted for a short time, but hundreds of men died.

These men belonged to the Great Ye Army. The Monarch's Hall only had a few wounded men; nobody died!

It was a latent rule in the Monarch's Hall. People would fight with their lives but always tried to keep their last breath. No matter how badly they were injured, they could be saved. No other organizations in the world could provide such medical service!

"Monarch Ye..." Master Guan was holding Ye Xiao's back, and he breathed a sigh. "You..."

Before saying anything, he already passed out.

Master Guan was terribly injured. His spiritual energy had run out. As he saw Ye Xiao, he finally took a breath of relief, so he couldn't hold himself up anymore!

Only Ye Xiao could make Master Guan feel relieved!

"Help the old masters! Take every wounded man back to the Hall of Life and Death!" Ye Xiao gave the order. "Master Chi, please look after them. Do not draw the arrows out. I will take care of their wounds when we are back."

"Lord Monarch, Master Qin is..." Somebody exclaimed.

Ye Xiao turned over and saw Master Qin in a coma. The old man was twitching. Blood was running out of his mouth.

The old man was covered by death qi. He was dying.

Master Qin was too angry, so the anger in his chest hurt him. He kept fighting in full power, and it was beyond his tolerance. Besides, he was much more seriously injured. Ye Xiao had already poured a stream of spiritual energy to steady his heart, but the wounds were too severe. Master Qin had lost the capability of self-healing. He was going to die soon.

- Shoot! -

Ye Xiao quickly broke a Temporary Life Dan bead and convert the vapor in the air into water, and then he fed Master Qin the dan bead.

"He is stable now. Let's go home first!"

Ye Xiao held Master Qin and Master Guan and jumped up to the sky. The priority was to save these old masters, so he didn't care about disrespecting the old masters now.

The others were holding the other old masters and were following Ye Xiao back to the fortress of trees.

People of the Ox Unit stayed to clean the battle.

Within a short time, the place was empty and clean.

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"Where are they?" Ye Yunduan was back to the headquarters of the Great Ye Army. He was angry.

Something happened in the fight that frightened Ye Yunduan.

Ye Yunduan believed that the Great Ye Army was powerful enough to defeat most of the organizations in the Limitless Ocean. They had over a hundred high-level Saint Origin Stage. That was powerful.

Ye Yunduan was quite proud of turning the Great Ye Army into such a powerful force in the city within such a short time.

That was why he dared to start the fight.

Normally, with all the superior cultivators and the God Slaughter Arrows, it should be easy to kill the seven old men!

However, Ye Yunduan realized something terribly wrong when the fight started.

He was shocked, just like the seven old men were shocked when Ye Yunduan actually attacked them. He was shocked.

He had recruited so many Saint Origin Stage cultivators... However, when he needed them the most, many of them were gone!

It almost drove Ye Yunduan mad!

He had already made a perfect arrangement. He was so confident that his men were in the right positions. As he gave the order, he realized many superior cultivators on his side disappeared.

Ye Yunduan had nineteen warriors, thirty-six Sky Lords, seventy-two Land Fighters, twenty-eight guardians, and eight Great Lords...

These men were the main force of the Great Ye Army.

The seven old masters were level-nine Saint Origin Stage cultivators, but Ye Yunduan had quite many level-nine Saint Origin Stage cultivators and some Immortality Stage cultivators.

That gave Ye Yunduan the confidence.

Because he had all these superior cultivators, he dared to make the attempt of killing the real Young Master Yunduan!

However, as the fight started, he realized... Most of the superior cultivators disappeared!

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Chapter 1778: We are not Your Men!

'I have about two hundred superior cultivators. Over one hundred and sixty are gone! One hundred and sixty of my best men!'

'Where have they gone?'

Ye Yunduan was almost driven crazy!

He was hoping that these lost cultivators had returned to the Great Ye Army before he gave the order to retreat. It wasn't a good thing that these men disobeyed his order, but it wasn't the worst. As he returned to the headquarters, he was disappointed.

"Where are they? Where?" Ye Yunduan ran around in the headquarters like a mad man, from one room to another.

However, he found nobody he wanted!

Over twenty Saint Origin Stage cultivators were with Ye Yunduan, and they all looked unhappy.

The finished battle was too surprising.

In the beginning, everything was optimistic. The first wave of God Slaughter Arrow attacks was a great job. What they needed to do was to run out and fight in full power, so the old men would all be killed before Ye Xiao arrived!

However, instead of charging forward for a fight, many of their men were gone...

In fact, if Master Qin didn't go mad and keep the fight going, the old men should have escaped the battle before Ye Xiao showed up to help them!

"Well..." Zhao Yi was lost in thoughts. He said, "When we went out, nobody was missing... When we made the arrangement for the attacks, everybody was with us... However, when we rushed out for the attacks, they were gone..."

Ye Yunduan suddenly turned around. He stared at Zhao Yi and shouted, "Why are you telling me this? What is the point? Don't you think I know it too? This is bullsh*t! I am asking... Where the hell have they gone? Why? Why? Why? Why is this happening? Why?"

Zhao Yi tolerated the saliva attacks... but he still stood straight up. He said, "I don't know."

Ye Yunduan searched around again and then finally closed his eyes.

He was sure now. Those men were gone.

In fact, he believed they chose to abandon him...

Ye Yunduan felt so cold... 'Am I not the chosen one?'

It reminded him of something. He raised the flag and created the Great Ye Army in the name of the Great Ye Clan because people kept giving him courage...

Because of those superior cultivators, he started to stay distant to the seven clans... Because of those men's advice, he decided to attack the real Young Master Yunduan...

Those men also urged him to fiercely attack the seven old masters!

He believed these men would always stand on his side, and he would eventually be great in the world... He believed that with these powerful men, even if he failed, it would be easy to rise again!

In fact, he was right. However, there was one thing he didn't think of. Those men could always leave him! He was great only because he had those men under his command!

Finally, he had ruined every possible way that could save him.

The real Young Master Yunduan and the guards from the clan were still alive...

The seven clans were his enemies now... He actually tried to kill the seven old masters... He had done all the unforgivable things...

After that, those men he had been counting on were gone!

It was ironic!

"Why? Why? Why is this happening?" Ye Yunduan shouted to the sky painfully. He was mad.

His heart was chilled.

Three of the people behind him looked at each other and then stepped out. "Master Ye, the Great Ye Army is dead. We must leave now."

Ye Yunduan stared at them and said, "What did you say? Are you leaving me too? I haven't lost it yet!"

The three men blandly smiled. It was a sneer. "Master Ye, you are wrong. It is always wise to choose the better tree to stand on. In fact, you have never been a good tree. We never wanted to follow you to any bright future. In fact, we are never with you, so we are not leaving you..."

"You are never with me..." Ye Yunduan murmured. Suddenly, he looked ugly and vicious. "Before you go, tell me why?!"

"Why?" One of the three men, who was tall with a big beard, blandly said, "Well, since you asked... Let me tell you the truth. Look. You are never good at the game in the martial world."

Ye Yunduan viciously stared at the man. The man wasn't scared at all, and he said, "You are too stupid. You are unforgivably stupid! I can't believe the Great Ye Clan actually has a descendant that is actually so stupid. You are a joke. The Great Ye Clan is probably just a joke now... You are the perfect proof that it is a joke..."

Ye Yunduan was shaking. He gritted his teeth and said, "How dare you?"

The man laughed and said, "What? Speak of garbage? Why can't I? I think many people have the same opinion. They just don't want to say it out."

Ye Yunduan was extremely angry. He shouted, "Take this man down!"

He had given the order, but nobody did anything.

Apart from Zhao Yi, the others all stared at him with a pair of cold eyes. Nobody moved.

They all looked at him as a fool.

"You... You were never... Even you..." Ye Yunduan was shocked, but he was enlightened soon. He felt so cold. The despair was even deeper inside his heart. It was like a bottomless sea, and he was drowning in it...

"We never have been loyal to you." The tall man seemed quite pleased and also disdainful. "We have our own plans to be here. Do you really think you can be our leader? You are just a piece of sh*t!"

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Chapter 1779: It was a Setup!

"Why did you come? Why don't you keep lying?" Ye Yunduan hysterically shouted at the others. "Why do you have to play me around like this? Do you even enjoy it?"

"Certainly not. It is boring to fool a useless man like you. It really has been a pain to stay with you!" The tall man coldly smiled and said, "Why did we come? Why were we still following you? Why didn't we leave when those men left? Well. There is still something we have to do..."

He paused and then suddenly shouted at Ye Yunduan fiercely. "Ye Yunduan! Do you remember the forty thousand innocent lives that died in the City of Chaos? Do you remember the forty thousand men of the Brotherhood Alliance?"

The forty thousand men!

Ye Yunduan remembered. When he was encouraged to fight the Brotherhood Alliance, he killed several thousand of their people before they left the city.

He shivered as he thought of it.

He raised up his head and stared at the tall man. "You... Are you..."

"That's right. I am a brother in the Brotherhood Alliance. Do you remember what you owe us now? Heh heh... Blood for blood." The man looked so angry. "Ye Yunduan, it is too easy for you if I just kill you with one saber attack. That isn't enough to avenge our fallen brothers!"

Ye Yunduan took three steps back. His face turned pale.

"I was sent to join the Great Ye Army. I have stayed on your side only for this moment! You... We wanted you to go against the entire world. We wanted you to be pushed to the end!"

The tall man fiercely said, "We want you to die. We want you to be everybody's enemy. I know you are a coward who would never end his miserable life. I know that you will live on like a wild dog!"

Ye Yunduan was shaking. He wanted to say something, but he couldn't.

"Don't you agree? You don't think you are useless? Do you really think that the name of the Heaven's Leaf could bring you so many superior cultivators? Before you killed our men, maybe you could recruit some men with the great name of the Great Master Ye. After you brutally killed our men, there were only some dishonest people who still dared to join you. You were actually lost in your good dreams. You actually thought you were the chosen one! You truly are good at dreaming!" The tall man laughed and said, "Let me tell you more thing. Forty percent of the superior cultivators you recruited were from the Brotherhood Alliance; thirty percent were from the House of Chaotic Storms and the Xie League; twenty percent were from the Hall of Returning Nature! Only ten percent of your men were really under your command!" After that, he started to laugh again.

"You... You are lying! Zhang Yuan! You are lying! Are you telling me all the superior cultivators on my side are enemies? That is impossible!" Ye Yunduan's eyes turned red.

"You can't accept the truth, can you? It is right before your eyes. Do you want to keep living in your stupid dreams? Hah hah hah... Today, I am going to break your dream! That must be entertaining. I don't mind wasting some time to explain everything!"

Zhang Yuan coldly smiled and said, "When you came to the City of Chaos, you were proved the descendant of the Heaven's Leaf, and the Seven Lotus Clans started to support you. The Seven Lotus Clans are world-shockingly powerful even without the seven great ancestors. If you were patient enough, step by step, you could have ruled the entire Limitless Ocean!

"Everybody knew it, so the Hall of Returning Nature took the first move. They sent over ten superior cultivators to join you. It was a simple plan. They wanted you to overestimate yourself!

"If you were not too arrogant, you wouldn't do those stupid things. If you weren't arrogant, you would listen to the advice of the Seven Lotus Clans! When you just arrived at the City of Chaos, the Hall of Returning Nature gave you the power to make you think you were already a great man. You started to believe that you and your loyal followers are even more powerful than the Seven Lotus Clans.

"You had an illusion... You thought you could rise without the Seven Lotus Clans! You started to believe you were the chosen one!

"You started to neglect the seven clans. You made decisions without telling the seven clans. Well, soon, the men from the Hall of Returning Nature gave you the advice to rule the City of Chaos! That was when you killed our people and drove the Brotherhood Alliance out!

"Why would they do that? First of all, the Brotherhood Alliance and the Seven Lotus Clans were in good relation. The Brotherhood Alliance was very likely going to become your ally! Think about it. For the past one hundred thousand years, the Seven Lotus Clans officially ruled the city, but the Brotherhood Alliance became the most powerful force in the city because the seven clans were supporting them!

"As long as you attacked the Brotherhood Alliance, most of the itinerant cultivators in the world would turn their backs on you. When you decided to start the fight against the Brotherhood Alliance, it was the men of the Hall of Returning Nature who led your people out to kill our brothers!

"Nobody could stop it!

"When there was a chance to negotiate, they intentionally caused further damage to our side. So it was done. Our men were slaughtered. The Great Ye Army became the enemy of all itinerant cultivators!

"After that, our masters arrived. However, there was nothing they could do anymore. Nothing was more important than our forty thousand brothers! In the end, the Brotherhood Alliance left the City of Chaos.

"Our third master knew that somebody set us up. However, if you weren't so arrogant and stupid, you wouldn't be used. The Brotherhood Alliance decided to not be associated with you in any form. Not long after that, my brothers and I joined the Great Ye Army. After that, you kicked away the Hall of Returning Nature and the House of Chaotic Storms...

"It is your stupidity which has led you to the present. I pity you because you actually haven't noticed anything at all. When the House of Chaotic Storms left the city, nobody got hurt. When the Hall of Returning Nature left the city, only a few men got hurt. Think about it! You were so powerful! How could they easily leave the city without anybody getting hurt? They both have their people in your Great Ye

Army! In fact, they knew when and how you were going to attack, even better than you did! You were nothing but a complete stupid puppet!"

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Chapter 1780: Betrayed by All

"You have taken the City of Chaos on your own hands. You were enjoying it. You started to neglect the Seven Golden Lotuses. Because of the truth that you knew about your identity, you were so eager to get rid of the problem.

"It was possible for a man to fight destiny, but not the retribution. You wanted to hide your true identity, so you actually tried to kill the real Young Master Yunduan. That was the last hope of yours that you ruined. Today, because you didn't want the seven clans to meet the real descendant of the Heaven's Leaf, you ambushed the seven old masters! Well, that was when you lost your only hope in this city!

"Well, the three organizations knew about your little plan. You wanted to kill the seven old men and frame the Monarch's Hall, didn't you? Let me tell you something. Even if the old men died, your plan would only fail earlier. The great ancestors of the seven clans were beyond the Undead Stage. They had lived for over a hundred thousand years! Do you really think your little trick could fool them?

"Oh, there is something you don't know... The Monarch's Hall has recruited a super-powerful cultivator. When the Purple Dragon King and the Golden Phoenix King came to the city, they were chasing after this man, Chihuo, the Red Fire Lord! The Seven Golden Lotuses and the Seven Colored Lords used to be equally famous in the world. Think about it! Why would the Monarch's Hall kill the seven old masters? You are the only man who is stupid enough to do such a stupid thing. Oh. We wouldn't tell you the Red Fire Lord joining the Monarch's Hall. We are not that friendly to you!

"You have no power, no men, no money, no support from your own clan. You are done in this city. We have done our job now. Tell me. Why should we follow you?

"Do you know why we didn't kill you? It's because we don't want you to die that easily!

"We want to watch you suffer. We want to enjoy hearing your groan. We will enjoy watching you live in shame... Hah hah hah...

"That is the pleasure I would like to share with our forty thousand fallen brothers!

"Do you look forward to it? Well, we do! We would like to see that day come!"

Zhang Yuan laughed.

Ye Yunduan looked so upset. He staggered backward. His eyes became colorless.

He stared at Zhang Yuan and then looked around the others. He didn't even have the thought of taking revenge.

He was hopeless.

When he saw the Saint Origin Stage cultivators who were still standing on his side, his eyes lit up. He crazily laughed and said, "Absurd! Hah hah hah... Zhang Yuan! Do you think I am a fool? Do you think

you can play me around like this? Do you think everything goes as you wish? Hah hah... I still have seventeen brothers here! They are not from the Brotherhood Alliance, or the House of Chaotic Storms, or the Hall of Returning Nature! They are loyal to me!

"These are my true brothers! Do you think you can break me down with stupid lies? You are wrong! I will never surrender! I will never regret! I will rise again!"

He laughed, and actually stood straight up a little.

He was so comforted. In fact, he was satisfied even if he had only one man left who was loyal to him!

'I am not defeated! I still have my own men!'

Zhang Yuan looked at the seventeen guys and coldly smiled. He said, "That's true. They are not our people, but I am not sure if they are from the other two organizations. Anyway, it doesn't mean anything, does it?"

"It does!" Ye Yunduan laughed and said, "It means I..."

"Ahem... Well..." One of the seventeen men coughed and said, "Master Zhang was quite right about the better tree and all... The Great Ye Army is done. I am leaving..."

Ye Yunduan was surprised. "Wang Liu, what are you doing?"

"I am off too."

"That's right. An honorable man does not stand under a falling wall. I am not even an honorable man. Farewell."

"Come on. Let's just go before it is too late!"

Wang Liu was the first, and fifteen more followed.

Wang Liu was dragged by Ye Yunduan because he was the first to go.

"Why? Tell me why!" Ye Yunduan was almost mad. He stared at Wang Liu and said, "Why? You are not from the Hall of Returning Nature or the House of Chaotic Storms. You are not one of the Brotherhood Alliance people. Why are you leaving? Why?"

Wang Liu felt awkward. "Master Ye, I am not from the Hall of Returning Nature, or the House of Chaotic Storms, or the Brotherhood Alliance... I am an itinerant cultivator."

"Then why? Why are you leaving?" Ye Yunduan was confused.

"I don't belong to any other forces, but I was never here with my heart. As Master Zhang said, I came here for the great name of the Heaven's Leaf. I wanted to earn a bright future for myself.

"If you are generous, wise, brave, and competent, I may devote myself willingly to you.

"However, as a matter of fact...

"A man in the martial world should be honorable and honest, but I have to be honorable and honest to a man who is great.

"Master Ye, you are not great.

"You had a great start. Your background, your power, your support, you had everything. What have you done though? You have been fooling around. How could I give my soul to a man like you?"

Wang Liu said, "To be honest, you are at the end of your path. You are lost. I... I don't want to die with you."

"It doesn't have to be difficult." Wang Liu held his hands before his chest and respectfully said, "I didn't choose to hide beside you. I could take you down and give you to your enemy for a reward, but I didn't want to do that. Take it as a payback. The world is big... We will... We might meet again."

After that, he left.