After Lu Ming-Feng and Xur Shao-Hua died, the once wildly successful Fenghua Group died along with them.

The skyscraper in the middle of Yunzhou's city center had the words 'Mufan Group' on it once more.

All the businesses that used to belong to Mufan Group went back to them.

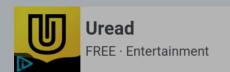
Everything seemed to have gone right back to what it was.

Fenghua Group seemed like nothing but an illusion.

The world was an unpredictable place after all.

Nobody would have thought that Mufan Group would make a comeback so quickly after officially announcing its total shutdown.

"Mr Chu is Mr Chu alright. He has used bloodshed and the cruelty of reality to show the world who is destined to be only a passerby in history and who is the true King of Jiangdong."



Li Er, Lei San and Wang Jie-Xi were having a rare gathering in Haiyuan Restaurant.

The three of them drank tea while reminiscing the recent events.

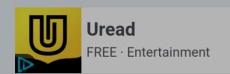
Li Er looked out into the distance.

Mount Yunding was still standing tall and its peak remained shrouded in clouds.

Downstairs, the wind blew across the surface of Yunwu Lake, causing the water to undulate steadily and sent sand flying over it.

"Indeed. Life is like that flowing river. We are just the sand at the bottom of the riverbed that gets tossed about and flows along with the water, but Mr Chu is like the pieces of gold that sink to the bottom and remains firmly in the ground. We're just passersby among the people who have risen to power in Jiangdong, but Mr Chu will be here to stay," sighed Wang Jie-Xi emphatically as he raised his cup of tea.

From the battle at Mount Tai to the fight at Dongchang Lake, the three of them had gone through a lot of ups and downs with



Mr Chu.

From the slaughter of Wu He-Rong to the chasing away of Zhao Wu-Ji, then to the elimination of the Meng family at the Feast of the Sea and Sky.

From the fall of Sword God at Dongchang Lake to the Wang family of Haozhou submitting to Mr Chu.

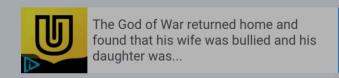
From the falling out with the Chen family of Jianghai to the deaths of the two scions from Yanjing.

Their enemies had changed again and again, but Mr Chu remained steadfast.

He was like an impassable mountain that stood over Jiangdong.

But even though Li Er and Wang Jie-Xi were both deeply in awe of Ye Fan, there was still a deep seated worry within Lei San's eyes that refused to go away.

"It's still a little too early to say all this now. The real crisis hasn't hit us yet. I wonder what Mr Chu intends to do next," said Lei San with a heart full of worries.



He was worried about the Lu and Xur families taking revenge.

Since their descendants had died here, Lei San was sure that these two powerful families would not just sit back and do nothing.

Jiangdong looked calm and peaceful now, but they all knew that this was merely the calm before the storm!

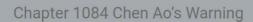
After hearing what Lei San said, Li Er's mood also dipped.

"It's true. Every time I think about this, I become too worried to sleep. Let's look for Mr Chu tonight? Let's go and ask him what he intends to do. After we settle on something we should be able to feel less uneasy," suggested Li Er.

Lei San nodded. "Indeed. We ought to talk to Mr Chu about this soon. Just sitting around and waiting to die is even worse."

While Li Er and Lei San were feeling anxious, Wang Jie-Xi turned out to be pretty relaxed. "I don't really think we need to be this panicky, actually. Mr Chu might be a rather







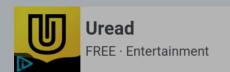


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arrogant sounding man, but he's not someone who does things beyond his means. I still think that since Mr Chu dared to kill Lu Ming-Feng and Xur Shao-Hua, it means that he has the confidence to fight against their families as well. We're worrying too much for nothing."

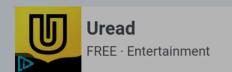
After hearing this, Li Er and Lei San rolled their eyes at him. "You're able to keep calm, huh. Then tell us, what does Mr Chu have that can fight against those two families? The two families control both the political and military circles of the country! So fighting them is like fighting the entire nation! No matter how formidable Mr Chu is, I can't see how he could possibly fight a country all by himself," said Li Er in a grim voice.

After that, he left with Lei San to prepare for the meeting with Ye Fan later.

Over at Jianghai.

A huge number of people stood outside the Chen estate and sealed the entire place off.

Nobody was allowed to enter or exit.



All the businesses and assets that used to belong to Chen Group were now taken over by Wang Jie-Xi.

Chen Ao had betrayed Ye Fan during this most recent crisis in Jiangdong.

So all the power and wealth that Ye Fan gave him had been taken back.

Wang Jie-Xi had already moved into Jianghai the day before to replace Chen Ao in taking care of matters within Jianghai.

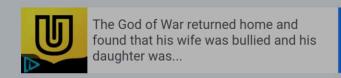
Chen Ao himself was placed under house arrest and was monitored round the clock.

Ye Fan didn't kill him and let him live for the time being.

He was going to let Chen Ao see for himself whether Ye Fan would perish or if the Yanjing families would bow to him in this upcoming battle between himself and the Lu and Xur families.

Chen Ao was now in his own room watching TV.

"After a dramatic series of events, Mufan



Group has reestablished itself."

"Mufan Group has emerged victorious in the huge corporate fight in Jiangdong between the two giants, Mufan Group and Fenghua Group."

The news was reporting on the tough fight within the corporate world of Jiangdong.

But of course, the media only reported what Li Er and the others allowed them to report.

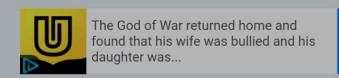
There were many details and events that only those who were present would know about.

But after watching the news, Chen Ao's expression shifted slightly.

He took his phone out and called Li Er.

"Li Er, tell me. Did Mr Chu seriously do something to Lu Ming-Feng and Xur Shao-Hua in the end?" asked Chen Ao anxiously without bothering with useless small talk.

The other side of the line remained silent for a long time.



After some time, Li Er's cold voice finally replied him, "Chen Ao, you should know that you've been kicked out of the higher circles of Jiangdong, so you don't actually have the right to know any of this. But since we're old friends, I'll tell you about it. Last night, the two of them died at Mr Chu's hands."

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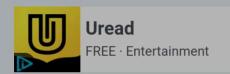
"They're dead?! Mr Chu really killed them both? How foolish! How foolish of Mr Chu! Li Er, do me a favor? I want to see Mr Chu. I need to see Mr Chu!" said Chen Ao in horror as his face immediately paled.

"Enough!" Li Er shouted back at him. "Chen Ao, do you think that Mr Chu will still be willing to see you? Do you think he wants to listen to a betrayer?"

Li Er's angry shout made Chen Ao freeze for a moment.

He started laughing and his eyes were filled with self-deprecation.

"Li Er, you're right. How could a betrayer like me be fit to meet with Mr Chu? But if you get the chance, please help me to tell Mr Chu



that he should leave before the Lu and Xur families get to Jiangdong. Those two families are really not people that he can fight against."



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Li Er nodded, then said coldly, "I will pass these words on to him." After a short pause, Li Er's tone of voice softened a little as he said, "Chen Ao, take care. This will be the last phone call between us. Don't contact me again after this."

After that, Li Er remained silent for a long time before letting out a sigh.

Then he hung up.

It was as if their friendship over the past few decades had ended with this call.

Chen Ao was no longer the King of Jiangdong nor the leader of Jianghai. He was now guilty of betraying Jiangdong.

He had betrayed Mr Chu.

Every important person within Jiangdong was avoiding Chen Ao like the plague.

Everyone was worried that he might implicate them and they would become a target of Mr Chu's.

Even Li Er didn't want to be too closely linked to Chen Ao either.

Li Er was now very close to Mr Chu and had to be careful of who he mixed with. If Li Er became too close to Chen Ao, Li Er was worried that Mr Chu might become suspicious of his loyalty.

Keeping his distance from Chen Ao was the best thing to do in this situation.

Chen Ao didn't blame Li Er for doing this.

It was only natural for him to behave this way.

Chen Ao could only blame himself for allowing his weakness to be exploited.

After hanging up, Chen Ao got up and started walking outside in his courtyard.

This estate used to be filled with guests almost all the time, but now it was lonely and empty.

Humans were like that. There were plenty who were willing to offer you the world when you were doing well, but few who were willing to offer help when you were down.

He was already very grateful that Li Er had



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even picked up his call in a time like this.

Back at the bungalow in the west.

Ye Fan had brought his mother over as well.

Xu Lei found an excuse to return to Yanjing since everything in Jiangdong had come to a close.

But Ye Xi-Mei knew that Xu Lei was just trying to make herself scarce because she was afraid that Qiu Mu-Cheng would misunderstand her and Ye Fan.

This kindhearted girl was always looking out for the feelings of others.

"Lei, take care. Once you reach home, give us a call." Ye Fan, Qiu Mu-Cheng and Ye Xi-Mei waved goodbye to Xu Lei outside the bungalow.

After they saw Xu Lei off, Qiu Mu-Cheng cooked an entire table of food for Ye Fan.

After so many months, the three of them were finally able to sit down together for a

meal.

"You weren't around for Mum's birthday the last time, so this is to make up for that night's dinner. But if you dare to scare us like that again, we won't let you off!" snapped Qiu Mu-Cheng angrily at Ye Fan after she had removed her apron and taken a seat at the dining table.

Nobody knew how hard it had been on Qiu Mu-Cheng over the past few months.

She felt that none of the pain and suffering she had experienced in her life was as bad as what she went through in just those few months.

Over those few months, Ye Fan had supposedly died and Mufan Group collapsed. Qiu Mu-Cheng had gone through a huge change in her life, as well as a huge upheaval in her emotions.

It felt like a terribly long nightmare.

But thankfully, she had woken up from that nightmare and the one she loved was still alive.

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"Alright, alright, I was in the wrong, okay? I'll punish myself by downing three cups of wine! That's my apology to my lovely wife and my poor mother," laughed Ye Fan as he held up his cup and apologized to Ye Xi-Mei and Qiu Mu-Cheng.

The 7PM news was showing on TV, the fragrance of Qiu Mu-Cheng's cooking efforts filled their nostrils and the laughter around the table filled their ears.

The most blissful moments of life were really just so simple.

Ye Fan enjoyed this moment very much. Nothing was better than eating and drinking with the people he loved the most.

All the tiredness he felt over the past months disappeared as he immersed himself in the warm laughter of his family.

"You don't need to apologize to me. The one you need to apologize to the most is Mu-Cheng. While you weren't around, everything fell on Mu-Cheng's shoulders. She's cried so much for your sake, so you really should make it up to her," said Ye Xi-Mei.

Qiu Mu-Cheng quickly shook her head and said, "Mum, it's all over, so let's not talk about it anymore. Besides, Ye Fan and I are husband and wife, so we shouldn't talk about making it up to each other and all that. It makes us sound very estranged instead."

But Ye Fan looked at Qiu Mu-Cheng and his voice became a lot gentler, "Mu-Cheng, it has really been very hard on you during these past couple of months. Since we're actually quite free now, I intend to hold our wedding again. It will also be a good chance to tell everyone that I, Ye Fan, is back! That would also make up for what I owed you three years ago."

Qiu Mu-Cheng was stunned by these words.

She stared at Ye Fan dazedly as her eyes reddened slightly.

She never thought that Ye Fan was still thinking of holding another wedding ceremony after so many years.

"Ye Fan, there's no need to. I'm already happy enough that you thought about it. We're married for so long already, so there's no need to waste money on doing another

wedding."

The wedding ceremony Qiu Mu-Cheng went through three years ago was something that used to be a thorn in her heart.

It was such a sacred moment in one's life, but Qiu Mu-Cheng had gone through it so sloppily.

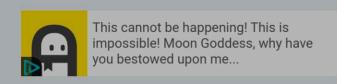
She hadn't given out any invitations, neither had she held a wedding banquet nor a grand ceremony. It hadn't held in a luxurious venue and she hadn't invited any of her friends.

Her wedding ceremony had been really just a change of clothes.

In the past, Qiu Mu-Cheng used to think that that pathetic wedding was her greatest regret in life.

After Ye Fan had become the King of Jiangdong, she had thought about asking Ye Fan to hold another wedding.

But after she thought about it, she felt that so many years had passed already anyway, and Ye Fan was so busy, so it was better not to worry him with such things.



So every time she thought about it, she would decide against talking about it, and she never eventually asked him about it.

But today, Ye Fan had unexpectedly brought it up first.

But actually, Qiu Mu-Cheng was already very happy to hear Ye Fan even just talk about it, because it meant that this man cared about her feelings.

"Mu-Cheng, you don't have to say anymore. I've already decided that in three days, I will give you the grandest and most opulent wedding ceremony in the world!" Ye Fan's voice echoed resolutely and his low voice allowed no room for negotiation.

Qiu Mu-Cheng smiled with tears in her eyes as she nodded at Ye Fan.

There was a joy in her heart that was too difficult to describe in words.

But while the three of them were enjoying their meal inside the house, a few hurried footsteps could be heard coming towards the bungalow.





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Li Er's voice soon rang out from outside the door, "Is Mr Chu in?"



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