Second Mizukage - Zeno Hozuki - Dead

PREDECESSOR	Blare Yuki
SUCCESSOR	Orb Hozuki [Contended]

Early Life and Rise to Power

Zeno Hozuki emerged into the turbulent world of the ninja during the era of clans, his destiny intertwined with the formidable Hozuki Clan . From the beginning, Zeno displayed exceptional prowess, earning him a reputation as one of the strongest members within his clan. Despite his innate abilities, he maintained a reclusive demeanor until the advent of unity under the leadership of the First Mizukage, Blare Yuki. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of Zeno's journey into greatness.

Under the mentorship of Blare Yuki and his first assistant, Chaos Hoshigaki, Zeno underwent extensive training, evolving into a skilled and powerful shinobi. His achievements culminated in a swift ascent through the ranks during the Chunin exams, solidifying his status as the most formidable Chunin in his village.

The Jonin Exams and Confrontation with the Reibi Cult

Zeno's prowess extended beyond the borders of his village as he became a primary participant and survivor in the first official Jonin Exams, hosted in the distant Land of Mountains. His unparalleled skills earned him a notable distinction – the sole individual to escape the treacherous Catacombs of the Reibi cult, albeit at the cost of losing one of his arms.

Key Figure in the Land of Iron War

The Land of Iron war against the Elite Kenrai marked another chapter in Zeno's legacy. A close ally of the First Shogun, Valentine Kurogane, Zeno played a pivotal role in the conflict. Despite initially wielding a sword, he relinquished it to a fellow shinobi, showcasing a selfless commitment to the greater cause. Zeno's ruthless reputation grew as he eliminated numerous Kenrai and engaged in fierce battles across different villages.

The Tragic Turn and Vengeance

However, fate took a dark turn for Zeno when he couldn't be present for his Kage during a critical moment, returning to find Blare Yuki dead. Fueled by anger, Zeno assumed the mantle of the

second Mizukage, transforming the village into the infamous Bloody Mist Village. Carrying Nuibari on his back, he harbored a deep guilt but succumbed more to his overwhelming rage.

Zeno's primary objective became a quest for vengeance against the First Hokage, Vane Senju, and the Third Tsuchikage, Yujin Miyajima, blaming them for the demise of his mentor and father-figure. Building a formidable force, though weakened in numbers, Zeno clashed with Iwagakure, leaving a trail of destruction in his wake. His brutality extended to the weaker villagers, demonstrating the consequences of perceived weakness.

Demise and Legacy

Zeno's journey, marked by strength and naivety, ultimately met its tragic end at the hands of the Third Tsuchikage. Facing a swift death, he left behind a legacy as a leader who, driven by vengeance, led his village to doom. Zeno Hozuki's tale stands as a cautionary narrative of the consequences of unchecked anger and the delicate balance between strength and leadership.

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