

## HOU YI SOLUTION – OLD MAJOR

Attacks eliminate the suns' entries, but they mostly have to be modified according to the individual suns' maneuvers before this can happen; the maneuvers given suggest how these work. Each sun will have one word left unattacked.

SYNONYMS (STAR)	
ANIMATION	CARTO(-O)N
DEFAMATION	(-I) SLANDER (-S)
INEXPENSIVE	CHEAP / PEACH
KLEENIX	(-T) ISSUE
ID BADGE	NAMETAG / GATEMAN
SOARED	SWORD
SCOUR	SCRUB(S)
CRAZE	MANI(L)A

BIGRAM BEHEADMENT (N)	
INAUGURAL	AUGURAL / ARUGULA
THROBBED	ROB(-B)ED
TWENTY-ONE	BLACKJACK
KLEENIX	SE(A)TTLE
EXPUPILS	PUPILS / SLIP-UP
ENGLAND	GLAND / ELAND
JESUIT	SUIT(S)
WEEVIL	(-D) EVIL (-S)

ODD LETTER ONLY (SN)	
PROTOPLASM	POOLS / SLOOP
LION'S DEN	LOSE / SLOE
BORDEAUX	BROADAXE
FRILLIEST	FILE (-T)
COOKOUT	CO(-O)T
REUNION	(-B) RUIN (-S)
OZARKS	OAK / YAK
BROWNIE	BONE(S)

ATTACKS
Becomes new word if reversed
Becomes new word if one letter from a pair is deleted
Can be anagrammed into a fruit or vegetable
Can have a letter inserted to become a major city
Can have a letter removed to become a thing you might read
Can have its first letter changed to become a mammal
Is the name of an NHL team missing its first and last letters
Would be the name of a TV series with an S added to the end

DELETE LETTER AND ANAGRAM (US)	
REPLICATE	(-P) ARTICLE
STRICKEN	STINKER / REKNITS
OVERAWE	WEAVER / BEAVER
BALANCE	LANCE
REFINED	FRIEND(S)
COWBELL	BEL(-L)OW
GLIDE	DEL(H)I
GRAVEN	(-R) ANGER (-S)

NO CHANGE (SUN)	
RETURN CARD	RED CURRANT
PSALM	PALM
BILLION	BILLION(S)
Q AND A	PANDA
RAKE	(-K) RAKE (-N)
DELBERT	TREBLED
MIMI	MI(A)MI
HUSH	BOMB

HOMOPHONE (SON)	
SCORPION	SCORPION
THROUGH	THREW / SHREW
SERAPH	SERIF / FIRES
CHEWS	CHO(-O)SE
LOUSE	LA(G)OS
KNUTES	NEW (-T) S
TAHR	(-S) TAR (-S)
SINK	CINQUE / QUINCE

CAESAR SHIFT (YAT)	
SULPHUR	PRIMER (-O)
JOLLY	CHEER(S)
RAIN-FILLED	RIFLE
APPLY	REMIT / TIMER
JIMMY	POS(-S)E
SATIN	MUN(I)CH
LATEX	SHALE / WHALE
CUBED	MELON / LEMON

CONSONANTCY (EOSINE)	
TERBA BUENA	RIBBON / GIBBON
PAY RAISE	PAR(I)S
SOAP OPERA	SUP(-P)ER
SEDATION	(-S) EDITION
PRISMATIC	SCIMITAR
ANTIHERO	(-P) ANTHOR (-S)
REGRET	RUGRAT(S)
NEVADA	ENVIED / ENDIVE

The leftover word in each sun will each become a weapon if one of the other suns' maneuvers is applied. Use the center number in the new sun to index into the weapon, moving the weapon currently in that sun to the next appropriate one, etc., forming a chain:

HUSH	Caesar shift	BOMB	2	O
RAIN-FILLED	Odd letters only	RIFLE	4	L
BORDEAUX	Consonantcy	BROADAXE	5	D
PRISMATIC	Transdeletion	SCIMITAR	4	M
BALANCE	Bigram beheadment	LANCE	2	A
TWENTY-ONE	Synonym	BLACKJACK	6	J
SOARED	Homophone	SWORD	3	O
SCORPION	No change	SCORPION	4	R

Starting point and direction must be determined. Indexed letters spell the answer OLD MAJOR.