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Luo Long seemed to be talking to Mr Lang. As he stared at those eyes, he seemed to be looking past Luo Qi and seeing Mr Lang instead.

Luo Qi had been imprisoned and lost all ability to fight back. He had been poisoned by Luo Long and shouldn't be able to move at all.

Luo Long knew that Mr Lang was the one in control of Luo Qi's body now. Nothing he said was going to help now.

Luo Qi had been practicing a demonic technique and had begun to behave like a crazed man. Luo Long didn't trust him to do the right thing. Everything would be for nothing if he affected Jiang Ning's plans.

Luo Long reached out and patted Luo Qi on his shoulder. "Be good and stay right here."

Having said that, he turned and left, ignoring Luo Qi's crazed howls.

"Luo Long, release me! Release me now! Tianlian Sect cannot do without me! It can't! You're a sinner! You'll be the downfall of Tianlian Sect!"

Luo Long shut the door and shut out Luo Qi's cursing inside the cell.

"Keep a close eye on him and don't let anyone near the cell."

"Yes, Elder Luo Long!"

Luo Long made sure that the cell was heavily

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guarded. He wasn't going to give Mr Lang a chance to save Luo Qi.

The man had tried to seize control over Luo Qi's mind and use Luo Qi in his attempt to gain control over Tianlian Sect, followed by all six sects. They had no idea what he had planned, but they were certain of one thing. They couldn't let him succeed.

The atmosphere in Tianlian Sect had transformed.

Because of the disrespect that Luo Qi had shown the sect's ancestors, the chief's reputation and honor had suffered a stain.

The disciples of the sect respected their chief, but they respected the deceased seniors who had made enormous contributions to the sect even more.

The blow to Luo Qi's authority was instantaneous and devastating.

Luo Long was trying to keep the situation under control, but it was obvious that they weren't doing very well.

"The sect leaders whom we imprisoned are back at their sects. I heard that they're going to seek revenge for what we've done!"

"Tianlian Sect humiliated them. Wouldn't you have done the same in their position?" Luo Long scoffed. "Alright, stop yammering and think of a plan."

What were they expecting?

The sect leaders of the other sects had suffered abuse and humiliation while they had been their prisoners. Luo Long had witnessed their abuse. They should seek vengeance for what they had suffered.

He eyed the other elders but they didn't say anything.

What plan was Luo Long talking about?

Were they supposed to tell the other sect leaders that they should be honored to have been made prisoners and that they should forget the episode ever happened now that they were free? They might as well be dreaming.

"Tianlian Sect is going to be in danger if we don't appease them," Luo Long said plainly.

Tianlian Sect was the source of their motivation and the reason why they worked so bad.

But the person who had issued the order to capture the other sects had been Luo Qi.

Handing Luo Qi over to the other sects might be the other way to appease them.

"Do you have any other ideas?"

The other elders dared not speak up. They dared not suggest anything. Luo Long would ask them to try again if they were to suggest anything right now.

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They wouldn't be able to think of a better solution even if their lives depended on it.

"We have no choice but to hand Luo Qi over then," said Luo Long with a great deal of reluctance.

He didn't want to do this, but there didn't seem to be any other way.

Tianlian Sect was doomed if they failed to appease the wrath of the other sects. They weren't Qingshan Sect, who had Jiang Ning as a formidable ally. They wouldn't be able to withstand a massive attack mounted by all the sects.

Tianlian Sect would perish should they be surrounded by the other sects.

Meanwhile, the six great sects had agreed to form an alliance.

But this time, Qingshan Sect had taken the place of Tianlian Sect as the sixth sect.

Such was the ways of this world. It was always changing except for its constant drama.

It hadn't been long since Tianlian Sect had formed an alliance with the other five sects to attack Qingshan Sect. Yet, now, Tianlian Sect had become the common enemy of the other sects while Qingshan Sect had become one of the sects attacking it.

What irony.

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The six sects had gathered their forces quickly. The anger that fueled them this time was different from the last.

Their disciples were brimming with murderous rage and ready to level Tianlian Sect as soon as the order was issued. In the previous battle, they had attacked Qingshan Sect for material gains.

This time, they were seeking vengeance.



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Their chief and elders had been imprisoned, enslaved and treated inhumanely. They had suffered great humiliation. The perpetrators had to pay for that.

The six great sects gathered at the foot of the mountain where Tianlian Sect was situated.

“We will attack in the afternoon and destroy Tianlian Sect by nightfall,” growled Li Xuan furiously. “I’m going to make Luo Qi pay for what he’s done.”

“That’s right. He’s insulted and humiliated us. We have to make him pay for what he’s done a hundredfold!”

“Talking isn’t going to get anything done now. Let’s move!”

The others voiced their views as well.

The look of rage on their faces was genuine.

They still remembered how they had been abused and humiliated by the disciples who had delivered them their meals while they had been imprisoned.

Luo Long might have killed those fellows, but that didn’t mean that the sect leaders could forget what they had suffered so easily.

Everyone began to talk at the same time while Jiang Ning simply sat there silently.

“Mr Lang’s not making any move. Jiang Ning, I’m worried that something unexpected might crop

up.” Worry lined Liu Chuandao’s face.

He was a formidable opponent and they knew nothing about him. They had no idea how they were supposed to fight him when the time came for that.

“Let’s wait and see. We’ll deal with whatever comes at us when it comes.” There was nothing else that Jiang Ning could say.

He knew nothing about Mr Lang as well. He wasn’t prepared and couldn’t prepare himself for the fight that was to come.

They should count themselves lucky if they managed to get the man to reveal his true identity.

Jiang Ning paid no attention to the sect leaders. He knew that they were genuinely angry and that their fury would add a great degree of realism to their performance.

What he had to consider now was how they were to deal with Mr Lang. Even though they had no information on him, they still had to prepare themselves somehow.

Their enemy had concealed his true identity and tried to gain control over Tianlian Sect. Why had he done it?

Had he really done everything so that he could get his hands on the Extreme Fist Technique Manual?

Could he be trying to find a way out of the mountain? Perhaps he was searching for

something that lay outside the mountain.

Why hadn't he left the mountain then? It should be a piece of cake for him. Who could stop him once he was outside?

There were no answers to these questions.

Jiang Ning knew nothing now. All he could do was slowly dig out the truth.

"Sir!" Someone entered the tent and reported loudly. "Sect leaders, Elder Luo Long from Tianlian Sect has sent someone to negotiate a truce!"

"A truce? In their dreams!"

"Killing Luo Qi is the only way I'm going to be appeased!"

"They can forget about a truce. Tell Luo Long that we're coming for them right now!"

The sect leaders were livid. How dare Tianlian Sect attempt to seek a truce after what they had done to them?

What an insult!

Did Tianlian Sect think they were pushovers?

"Elder Luo Long said that Tianlian Sect is willing to do anything to appease your wrath and that includes killing their chief, Luo Qi."

The sect leaders did not say a word when they heard that. Instead, they turned towards Jiang

Ning.

Jiang Ning was the one who made the call.

“Tianlian Sect seems earnest in their request,” he said calmly. “What does everyone think? Do we charge up the mountain and kill every last member of Tianlian Sect and let blood stain their halls or should we only punish the perpetrator, Luo Qi, and have him killed and pay for what he’s done to you? I should remind you that while Tianlian Sect will fall if we attack, you too will lose many disciples in the fight.”

Having said that, Jiang Ning simply sat there and looked at the rest patiently as they made a decision.

“Luo Qi must die,” said Li Xuan. “There’s no point in destroying Tianlian Sect if he lives!”

“The perpetrator must pay for his crimes. Luo Qi must die. He’s the one we should kill!”

“That’s right! We won’t attack Tianlian Sect if they execute Luo Qi and make him pay for his crimes.”

The other sect leaders voiced their views as well.

They looked at one another. Even though there was no expression on their faces, everyone could see the light glimmering in everyone else’s eyes.

This had been a performance all along. They had merely been performing the script that Jiang Ning had written for them.

“In that case, we’ll let them have our reply. We are open to discussion as long as Tianlian Sect kills Luo Qi right before our eyes,” said Jiang Ning calmly.



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